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Enrollment, concessions bolster district's budget

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

More students and employee concessions have helped improve the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' bottom line for fiscal 2013-14.

The district finished the 2012-13 budget year more than \$400,000 better than expected and, coupled with an increase of \$642,549 in revenue and a \$211,524 drop in spending, it projects to have a fund balance of \$3.2 million for 2013-14.

Jim Larson-Shidler, deputy superintendent for business services, attributed the uptick in revenue to district's expansion of its Schools of Choice program to include the two high schools and the dissolution of the Inkster Public Schools, which brought in an additional 43 students.

"The actual enrollment decline was nine FTEs (full-time equivalent) students vs. the 250 that was projected," Larson-Shidler told the school board in presenting a budget amendment to the board at its meeting Monday. "We also received a \$60 per-pupil increase in State School Aid, from \$7,013 to \$7,073."

The district will receive \$101.7 million in revenue for 2013-14. Spending will come in at \$103.6 million, down from

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Westland Mayor William Wild fires up the crowd as he officially announces his campaign for Wayne County executive. KATHY HANSEN

WILD ANNOUNCES RUN FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE

'What we did in Westland, we'll do at Wayne County,' mayor says

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

See related story on the Wayne County Executive race on Page A3. Officially kicking off his campaign

to run for Wayne County executive at North Brothers Ford, Westland Mayor William Wild cited inspiration from the auto company's successful turnaround and also the hiring of a new coach for the Detroit Lions, owned by William Clay Ford Sr.

"There were better known names. They (the Lions) didn't care about that. They didn't care about the color of his

skin. They found the right guy," Wild said. "I think Wayne County needs a new head coach. I need you to get on my team."

The football metaphor was apropos. The crowd of supporters that filled the dealership showroom was loud, enthusiastic and had signs proclaiming they

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Lutheran Westland grad stars among the cars

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Cars are obviously the stars of the 2014 North American International Auto Show.

But accentuating many of the newest vehicles — and having a glow of their own — are models and product specialists from all over the United States.

Rachael Adams, who graduated from Lutheran High School Westland, is one of the local models working the auto show for Japanese automotive supplier Aisin.

She donned a white dress, blue high heels and a sparkling smile at the opening day of press preview week in Detroit, chatting with employees, press and all others interested in Aisin's booth on the main floor.

Adams is an auto show regular, having worked shows all over the world for various companies, and just recently finished up touring with Chevrolet Racing for NASCAR and the IndyCar Series.

"I love it because it is different all the time and I love people," she said. "I try to be really down to earth and put myself in the other person's shoes and treat them how I want to be treated."

Adams has made quite the name for herself in the area as a model, actress and spokeswoman who goes by the name of "Rachael Adams of Detroit." Her film and television experience includes minor



Models Jessica Carraway, left, and Rachael Adams perform publicity work for Plymouth Township-based Aisin at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. Adams is a Lutheran High School Westland graduate. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

roles in *Real Steel*, *Five Year Engagement* and *Detroit 187* among others.

She also has been a spokesperson at AutoRama, the Novi Bridal Expo and various charity events.

On top of that she owns a painting company, helps her fiancé with his business and is a mother to two children.

"My motto is life is short so I try to live every minute as if it is my last day," she said. "So if that means I am going to

wake up at 6:30 in the morning to try to get beautiful and work an auto show, then leave here and go get the kids and take them to dance and feed them and help them with their homework before bed, then that is what I am going to do."

Adams said the key to being a successful auto show model is being outgoing and always smiling — two things that come easy to her.

"I love to help people and I love to learn about people,"

she said. "I always said when I was younger that my goal was to be friends with the world."

Adams will be working the Aisin booth on the main show floor for the public show from 2-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 2-10 p.m. next Friday and Saturday and finally from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. next Sunday.

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MAN FACES CHARGES IN 'ROAD RAGE' SHOOTING

By LeAnne Rogers
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A Westland man is facing multiple felony charges after a gun was fired at a vehicle.

Westland Police said an incident began about 5:35 p.m. Jan. 12 as a traffic altercation in the area of Michigan Avenue and Newburgh in Wayne.

The vehicles — an SUV and a motorcycle — continued north on Newburgh into Westland. It is alleged that as the vehicles continued traveling a couple of miles, the motorcyclist tried to get the SUV to pull over.

When the SUV didn't stop, the motorcyclist continued to pursue the SUV eastbound on Palmer. In the area of Palmer and Stieber, it is alleged that the motorcyclist fired a shot at the rear of the SUV, striking it. Police noted the bullet struck inches from where the driver's two children, ages 7 and 10, were seated in the rear seat of the SUV.

Steven Lavigne, 22, was arraigned Tuesday in 18th District Court on three counts of assault with intent to murder, three counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, three counts of felonious

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BUDGET

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the original budget number of \$103.8 million. The decline is due to employee concessions, including a 5-percent wage cut effective this year. According to Larson-Shidler, the district had budgeted \$60.3 million for salaries last year, but actually spent \$59.8 million. This year's figure is \$56.9 million, for a savings of \$3 million.

Saving money

The district also is saving on health care. It moved to a hard cap, limiting the amount it will pay for insurance premiums. Under state law, those caps are set at \$15,500 for a family, \$11,395 for an employee plus one and \$5,700 for a single employee. The

district is paying less than those caps and as a result is making two contributions of \$250 to \$700 into employee Health Savings Accounts.

As it stands, the district will spend \$12.1 million on health insurance this year, as opposed to \$13.3 million last year.

Wayne-Westland also is benefiting from a 4.56-percent levy from the state to pay for current pensions. The state gave the district \$3.6 million to off-set the cost. The amount was based on last year's salaries before the concessions took effect. The retirement costs, based on a percentage of payroll determined by the state, is 24.79 percent. The district paid out \$16.2 million last year. This year's bill will be \$16.9 million.

"We're paying a little

more, but we're getting additional funding," Larson-Shidler said.

Larson-Shidler also told board he hopes to have the fund equity higher than the \$3.2 million.

"You always budget at hopefully the 99-percent level," he said. "If 99 percent of \$100 million is \$1 million, I'm hopeful we'll be closer to \$4 million at the end of the year."

When questioned by Trustee Carol Middel on the possibility of other revenue sources through such things as the sale of property, Larson-Shidler told her that there are not talks about leases or land sales at this time.

Superintendent Greg Baracy added that there's money in a legislative bill that the district anticipates getting, but that it would be used to off-set the ex-

penses of doing something with Blanchett Middle School, which it acquired through the dissolution of the Inkster School District.

W-W language

In response to Trustee John Goci, Baracy said the district is continuing to push to get back the Wayne-Westland language, money the district received in lieu of millage not used in calculating its per-pupil funding in 1994.

"We've been relentless in talking with our legislators and with the governor's office," Baracy said. "Hopefully, sometime in the future they will look at making it right. There have been no promises, we're continuing to work on it like we did in the past. It didn't come easy in the past and it won't come easy this time."

Middel also asked how long the district will remain out of deficit. Larson-Shidler said that "it looks like the district will make it to 2015-16."

Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin pointed out that the district is receiving less school aid than what was given out in 2001-02 by the state and that the school board and administrators were willing to make tough decisions to keep the district afloat when it lost \$8 million in revenue several years ago.

"We don't have an emergency manager in this district, we manage our own affairs," he said. "I admire the people who were here before me. This board and these administrators have done a great job and I think that's why we have gained students."

Larson-Shidler acknowledged that the fund

equity is below the level generally targeted for districts the size of Wayne-Westland. It represents 3.1 percent of expenditures and is below the board's parameters of 5-10 percent. It represents enough money to keep schools open about two weeks or one payroll.

Board Vice President Thomas Buckalew was thankful for a good report and praised the work of the administration in bringing in 251 students and additional school aid.

"It's fairly clear good things are happening here," he said. "We need to continue to push the idea of schools of choice and ... Westland as a place where people want to be."

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Free throw championship

The Knights of Columbus St. Damian Council is hosting its first annual Free Throw Championship event Sunday, June 26, at St. Damian, 30055 Joy, west of Middlebelt, Westland. The event is free for children ages 9-14.

Registration is at 11 a.m. The contest starts at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Tony Vela at 734-525-8475.

Free program

Expert psychologist Dr. Phil O'Dwyer, clinical director of Garden City Hospital's Center for Counseling, will offer tips on how to focus on changing the inner you in 2014 during a free program at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, in the East Court of Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road. O'Dwyer will discuss the importance of mental health on your well-being, how to improve your approach to life, and why it is important to welcome 2014 with a positive attitude.

The free event includes the question-and-answer lecture, lunch, giveaways and raffle prizes.

Gospel Meetings

Ministers Matthew Jensen and Alijah McCormick are holding

gospel meetings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Feb. 5, at the Wayne/Westland Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne.

The meetings will emphasize the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The goal of these meetings is to inspire greater faith and commitment in Christ. No collections will be taken.

For more information, call 515-851-2939.

History Lecture Series

The Friends of Nankin Mills will explore the history of Hines Park in a lecture from 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Nancy Darga, former Wayne County Parks historian, former director of Motor Cities National Heritage Area and current director of Piquette Plant, will share her vast knowledge of the history and development of Hines Parkway. She will introduce the key players, including Henry Ford and Edward N. Hines, as well as many others who shaped the history of our area.

Preregistration is required and can be completed by calling the Wayne County Park Office at 734-261-1990. The program is free and sponsored by the Friends

of Nankin Mills.

License Plate Meet

The Southeast Michigan License Plate Meet will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Jan. 25, at the Romanowski VFW Post, 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, in Westland.

Tables are \$5 each or six for \$25. Vendors should bring their license plates in through the post's back door. For more information, contact Scott "Ohawkeye" Olson at 734-421-1599 or at ohawkeye@yahoo.com, or visit the website, vfw6896.com/LicensePlateMeet.html.

Admission will be \$5 per person with children under 12 years old and veterans with a VFW Membership card or VA hospital ID free. Free coffee and donuts will be available.

All proceeds go to the veterans, including what is paid for Ohawkeye's license plates.

Date nights

The annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne.

The cost is \$12 per couple or \$16 per dad and two daughters. Non-resident fees are \$13 for a couple and \$18 for a dad and two daughters. Cost includes snacks, square dancing and a memory photo.

The community center also is holding a Mother-Son Sports Night from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27. The evening of sports, games and food is for mothers and their sons ages 5-12. Cost is \$12 for couples and \$16 for a mother and two sons and \$13 for and \$18 respectively for non-residents. For more information, call 734-721-7400.

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assault and one count of felony firearm. Police confiscated the gun from

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were "Wild for Wayne County."

"I'm running on the transformation of Westland, the 10th largest city in the state and the third largest city in Wayne County," Wild said. "We are Wayne County. We have weathered the financial storm in Westland."

Westland mayor since 2007, just before the financial crisis started, Wild said the city auditors asked for a meeting in 2009 to discuss the city budget.

"In 2010, we would be broken and busted. In 2009, we had a projected \$60 million accumulated deficit," Wild said. "That's our (general fund) budget."

Adjusting spending

Working with the city council and city employee unions, all of whom were under contract, as well as residents, Wild said Westland downsized its operations to reflect the city's revenues.

"We downsized in a compassionate way. We have 125 less employees. We had five layoffs," Wild said. "We had no union problems. We laid out the finances. Now we have a balanced budget and a \$5.5 million surplus. We lived within our means. What we did in Westland, we'll do at Wayne County."

In traveling around Wayne County, Wild said he finds people are frustrated with scandals and mishandled projects like the Wayne County Jail.

"What I bring to the table more than any of the other (expected) candidates is that I'm a hands-on guy," Wild said. "I'm a 24/7 guy as mayor and I'll be the



Westland Mayor William Wild and his wife Sherri, who introduced her husband as he kicked off his run for Wayne County executive. KATHY HANSEN

same as county executive."

As mayor, Wild noted his name appears on signs all over the city, something that draws some criticism.

"Some people think that's bad. It's because I'm accountable. It's what people expect as mayor," Wild said. "I've not met a mayor, city manager or township supervisor who has a direct line to the county executive. That will change Jan. 1, 2015."

With an international crossing, Detroit Metro Airport, professional sports teams and other features, Wild said Wayne County should be a leader in the state and nation.

"You hear a lot about Wayne County, but you probably don't hear about the people who were out there plowing the snow," he said. "It's about the residents. We'll prioritize services. The people (working) at Wayne County are there to serve residents. I'll bring customer service

back to Wayne County."

First candidate

Wild, who was introduced by his wife Sherri and Doug North of North Brothers Ford, is the first candidate to officially announce his candidacy for county executive.

Current Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano hasn't announced his plans. Others expected to enter the race include state Rep. Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford, and Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, D-Belleville.

McNamara, son of the late former Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, is scheduled to make a "special announcement" Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Wayne County Community College District's Downriver Campus in Taylor. It's expected he will enter the county executive race.

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Lavigne, who was allowed to carry the weapon through a concealed permit license.

"This is an example of a road rage incident that went too far by an irresponsible gun owner/CPL holder," Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said.

A not guilty plea was entered for Lavigne. A \$30,000/10 percent bond was set and a preliminary examination scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 23.

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Challengers lining up to face Ficano – if he runs

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Publicly, Robert Ficano is not saying whether he will seek a fourth term as Wayne County executive. But several potential foes have been working behind the scenes for months now and are just about ready to declare their intentions.

Westland Mayor William Wild has announced and state Rep. Phil Cavanagh and Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara appear just about ready to get in the race to succeed Ficano, regardless if he runs or not.

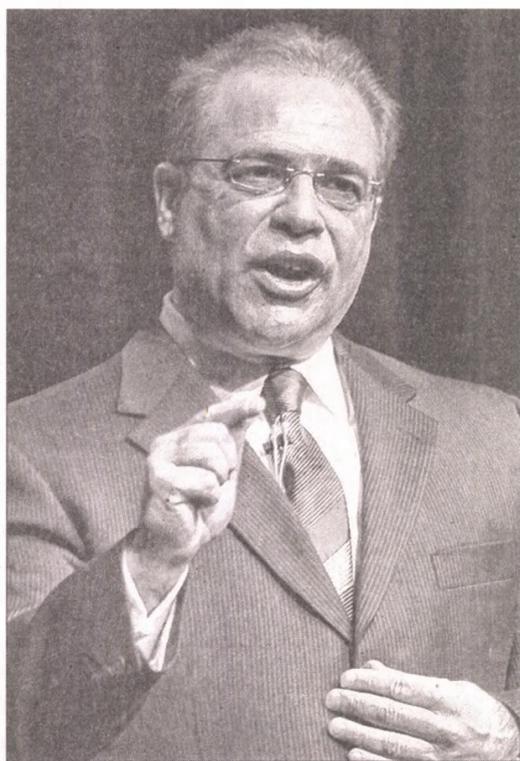
McNamara, a 56-year-old Belleville resident and the son of former Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, is scheduled to make a "special announcement" Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Wayne County Community College District's Downriver Campus in Taylor. While he won't say what the announcement will be, indications are he will declare his candidacy for county executive.

Wild, 45, who is in his second full term as mayor of Westland, said his exploratory committee has already raised \$225,000. He made his official announcement Wednesday at North Bros. Ford in Westland.

"I've always had an interest in the job," he said.

Cavanagh, the son of former Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh (1962-70) who, like McNamara, has set up an exploratory committee, said he has been spending considerable time "garnering support" for a run.

"The feedback I'm getting is people are looking for new leadership," the 52-year-old Redford Township resident said. "With the experience I have at the county, state and federal levels, I believe I can make a difference and provide



Robert Ficano hasn't indicated if he will seek a fourth term.

the leadership people are looking for."

Ficano, 61, who was first elected county executive in 2002, said it is too early to make any announcements about his intentions.

"It's premature right now to even talk about it," he said. "The political season is still a ways away. Right now, my focus is on the issues impacting the county. And bringing in jobs is our No. 1 priority."

Ficano pointed to the recent GE research facility Downriver and Ford Motor Co. plant in Wayne as examples of how the county has worked with the private sector to bring in new jobs.

Early polls

Due to the fact that his administration has been mired in a litany of well-documented issues dragging down his electability, it's not surprising Ficano doesn't want to discuss the race. Among

those issues is a failed jail project that has cost county residents nearly \$160 million to date. Several of Ficano's appointees have been sent to prison for crimes, including obstruction of justice and taking bribes. Others have walked away with lavish retirement or severance packages that have angered taxpayers. And then there is the fact that the county is facing a \$225 million budget deficit.

Early polls show him trailing all of the likely candidates in the race. In fact, a MIRS News survey commissioned in December indicated more than 80 percent of Wayne County voters are looking for new leadership. Another poll, conducted in October, showed Ficano coming in tied for last place (with Wild) among five possible candidates, which included McNamara, Wild, Cavanagh and former Detroit Mayor Dave



Cavanagh



McNamara



Wild

Bing, who most political observers believe has no interest in running.

Both McNamara and Cavanagh said their internal polls show Ficano earning no more than 18 percent, if he were to run.

So the question is whether or not Ficano has enough time to repair his image before the August Democratic primary. McNamara, for one, doesn't think so.

"Whatever fix that happens in Wayne County is going to take some state help, not necessarily money. They are going to have to give us the time to let us change the way we operate. As of right now, the state will not work with us. Bob has been damaged enough that they won't even talk to him," said McNamara, who has been a member of the county commission since 2006. "Everyone I've talked to believes the time is now for new leadership."

Ficano, however, says he has been working closely with Gov. Rick Snyder's office to reduce the burdens created by some state regulations that are costing the county money. Other ways he is cutting costs is through layoffs — he said the county workforce has been reduced by 2,000 — and implementing 10-percent budget cuts across the board to all county departments.

Fixing the problems

Wild said if people are seeking fresh leadership, they should take a closer look at him. He said the city of Westland, like the county and most municipalities, went through some difficult times during the recession that

saw property values and subsequent tax revenues plummet. However, his administration was able to balance the city's budget.

"I believe the skill set I bring to the table would be beneficial at the county level. I think we could replicate what we were able to do in Westland," said Wild, who was re-elected to a new four-year term in November.

"The biggest task at hand is balancing the budget. In Westland, we have had a 40-percent property value loss, but we still have a two-year running balanced budget," Wild said.

Both Cavanagh and McNamara believe the key to balancing the county's budget is dealing with the large deficits in public safety (jail, sheriff, prosecutor and courts) and feel tough decisions are going to have to be made.

Cavanagh, 52, said it's no surprise that the prosecutor's office, sheriff's office and circuit court have all sued the county to try to protect their turf — their budgets.

"We really need to change the philosophy in Wayne County. If we are going to solve these problems, we need all the different departments to buy in — everyone should be part of the solution, not if you don't like it, sue us," said Cavanagh, who is serving his second term in the state House after serving four terms as a Wayne County commissioner.

"We need everyone to sit at the same table and hammer out some agreements on how we get the situation fixed. You can't do this piecemeal," he said.

McNamara said he would really focus on the courts, which he said haven't made any cuts in recent years.

"It's time they join the rest of the world," said McNamara, who noted savings could be gained through more video arraignments, cutting bailiffs and outsourcing some services. He also believes overtime needs to be cut in the jails, which he said is costing taxpayers \$20 million annually.

"It's going to take some real courage to do what needs to be done to bring fiscal responsibility back to the county," he said. "We need to reinvent and rebuild Wayne County for the next 25 years. A big part of the problem is we have too many people rooted to their piece of the pie. But it's time to change the way we do business."

Cavanagh said it isn't lost on him that the race seems to be coming down to "four guys from western Wayne County duking it out." However, he thinks the key to winning the race will be who can garner the most support from Detroit voters. With his deep ties to the city, he feels he will be that candidate.

One of the concerns Wild, McNamara and Cavanagh share about this race is that they will divide the vote to such a degree that Ficano might be able to squeak out a victory.

"I don't think there's any doubt that a crowded field will help him, but I think the recent election in Detroit where Mike Duggan won showed people want change," Wild said. "People are more concerned than simply voting for someone with name recognition. They want someone with a proven track record and somebody who has executive experience."

Prospective candidates have until April 22 to file the necessary paperwork to run for the office.

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Woman gets probation for theft from dementia patient

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Westland woman who police say stole jewelry from dementia patients at a Canton assisted living center has been placed on probation for 18 months and ordered to pay restitution and court fees totaling \$2,473.

Gail Lynn Good, 45, avoided a potential four-year prison term when



Good

records show.

Good's sentencing came after she pleaded guilty in November to one count of larceny in a building for an incident police say occurred last

fall while she was working as a health care employee for Crystal Creek, an assisted living facility on Lilley north of Warren.

Authorities dismissed a second count of larceny after Good agreed to plead guilty to one charge, according to Wayne County Circuit Court records.

Good was arrested at work following allegations she stole gold neck-

laces, one with a diamond, from elderly women who have dementia, Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said.

Good had been released from custody while she awaited her sentencing and had shown up for her court dates, officials said.

Relatives of the victims had notified Crystal Creek administrators about the thefts. Baugh commended the facility

for contacting Canton police rather than handling the matter internally.

Baugh also said jewelry shops in Westland, where the necklaces had been taken, were cooperative. Police were able to

recover one necklace, but one already had been melted down for money, Baugh has said.

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Westland MLK Day ceremony scheduled for Monday

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Noted for his reenactment of Dr. Martin Luther King's speeches, Greenfield Village presenter Anthony Lucas will again be part of Westland's annual MLK Day Ceremony.

The ceremony will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at Annapolis Park Church of Christ, 30355 Annapolis, south of Michigan Avenue, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt.

"It is so important that the work and sacrifice of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. are honored each year to remind

adults and to teach our youth about the history of civil rights," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "The City of Westland is proud to be hosting this event for the communities of western Wayne."

The ceremony will reflect King's vision for a nation of equality for all races and religions through inspirational performances, artistic representations and historical perspective by Lucas, who will be delivering excerpts from King's most famous speeches.

To honor the day, city and county dignitaries are inviting community members to join them for

this free and public event. At the conclusion of the ceremony, guests are invited to stay for light refreshments.

City offices will be closed for the MLK holiday. Trash collection and emergency services will not be affected.

In celebration of MLK Holiday, United Sonz will take over Wayne Bowl on Sunday, Jan. 19, with Bowl It Out.

A \$15 advance admission fee includes open bowling and pool, along with an 11 p.m. comedy show hosted by local comic Gordon "Big" Dooley and featuring the winner of Toledo's Funny Bone Clash of the Com-

ics, Kelly Williams and BET Comic View All Star Martini Harris.

There will be a disc jockey, food and raffles. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to United Negro College Fund

Wayne Bowl is located at 36900 Michigan Ave. in Wayne. The event is 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. and is for people age 21 and older. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at door. The comedy show begins at 11 p.m.

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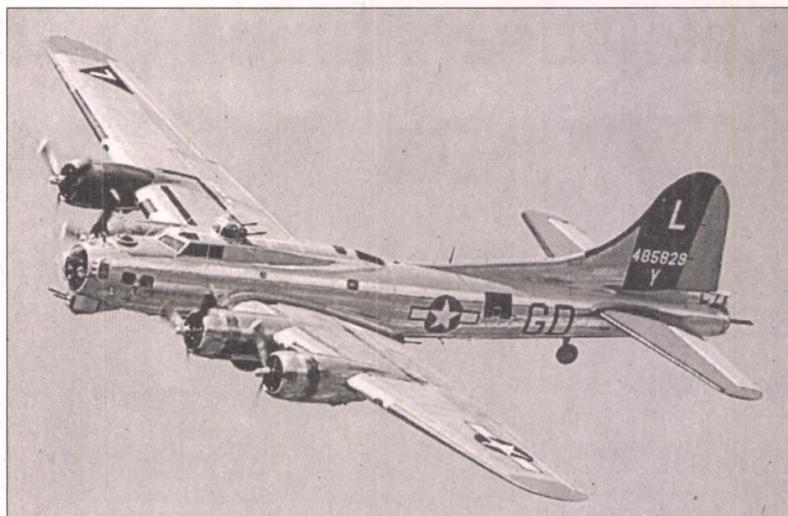
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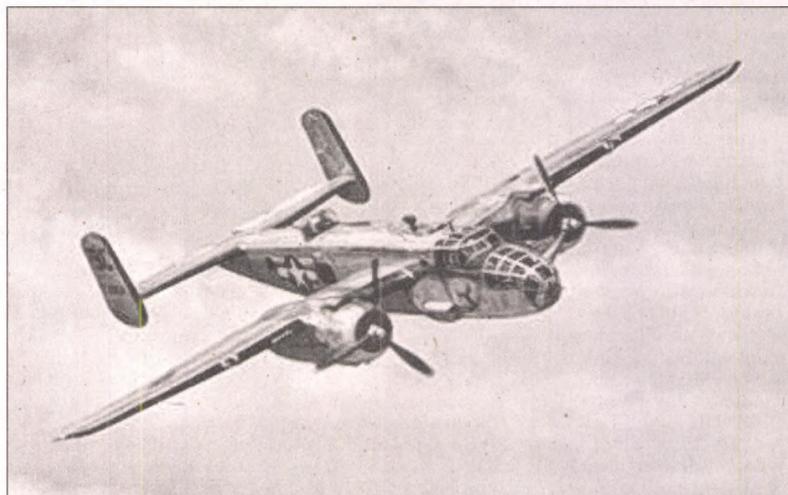
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The pride of the Yankee Air Museum is its fully restored B-17 bomber, Yankee Lady.



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Air museum offers flight experiences for WWII vets

The Yankee Air Museum is going where it's never gone before by offering its first ever Flight Experience (FLEX) recognition season.

In 2014, YAM is honoring World War II veterans with free rides on the B-17 Yankee Lady and the B-25 Yankee Warrior when a paid rider accompanies them. This special two-for-one pricing is effective for the season beginning in May and running into October.

"All of us feel the deepest honor when a World War II veteran steps aboard one of our aircraft," said Kevin Walsh, YAM executive director. "We want as many World War II veterans as possible to have the opportunity to fly on the B-17 or B-25. This is a special offer for them and an imperative for us."

Next year, the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II will be observed and with America's Greatest Generation now in the upper 80s and 90s, Walsh said it's an opportunity to continually pay tribute to these veterans.

"This year it's time to take dad, or grandpa, back through time to the era and skies where heroes have flown," Walsh said. "And it's time to go with him."

While some WWII veterans fly in the Yankee Lady and Yankee Warrior every year, and are usually accompanied by a son, daughter or grandchild, Walsh hopes this incentive will bring them out in scores.

'It's all good'

"We've flown a lot of vets, especially airmen and many who were shot down and taken prisoner," said Norm Ellickson,

"This year it's time to take dad, or grandpa, back through time to the era and skies where heroes have flown."

KEVIN WALSH,
Yankee Air Museum
executive director

crew chief of the B-17. "It's impossible to imagine the thoughts they have during these flights. For some it's a last hoorah, I'm sure. For others it's more somber, like a final farewell, closing a clasp on the mission well done. One thing is sure, in every case, it's all good."

Ellickson said that a veteran's presence on any flight enriches the experience for everyone on board. He added that veterans from all branches of the military are interested in the bombers, but especially those from the Army Air Forces.

"We work very hard to get it right, so our Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and North American B-25 Mitchell are kept in top flight condition," Ellickson said. "The museum spends thousands of dollars and volunteers donate hundreds of hours to maintain these planes. We pass every inspection."

Rates for FLEX rides on the B-17 Flying Fortress heavy bomber are \$450 and \$425 for the B-25 Mitchell medium bomber. YAM members get a \$50 discount on flights.

A FLEX ride is a 45-minute experience with approximately 30 minutes of air time. FLEX rides are being booked

now for select Wednesday evenings out of YAM's home base at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti and other venues in the region.

"Although we're fortunate to have some exceptional engineers, mechanics and craftsmen donate their skills to keep costs down, we still need the revenues provided by full flights," said Dave Wright, Director of the FLEX ride program. "This year, more than ever, we need people to scratch 'a ride in a B-17 or a B-25' off their bucket list."

To book a date

People who are interested in booking a FLEX Ride and flying with their WWII hero are encouraged to plan early. Some of the premium dates may sellout early, Wright said. To order a FLEX ride or to obtain a gift certificate, call Wright at 734-483-4030, ext. 236.

Donations are tax deductible within the limits of the law and will directly support the B-17 and B-25. Certain restrictions and limitations apply and WWII veterans may be asked to provide documentation of their service. Veterans from all branches of the military are eligible to participate.

Established in 1981, the Yankee Air Museum is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. Visit the www.yankeearmuseum.org website to learn more about the museum and how the USAF Thunderbirds demonstration team will Thunder Over Michigan, Aug. 9-10.

Also visit YouTube and view "Where Heroes Have Flown" for a 90-second glimpse of a B-17 or B-25 Flight Experience.

Youth Symphony Orchestras holding open auditions

The Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestras of Michigan are holding open auditions by appointment for their 55th spring concert season from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 15.

Rehearsals are held Saturday mornings at Madonna University, and the spring concert is

scheduled for May 10.

Ensembles are available for wind musicians, string musicians and percussionists of nearly every experience level. There are two young strings groups, a flute choir, a reed choir, a brass ensemble, a wind ensemble and a full philharmonic orchestra.

Placement auditions are performed and heard by highly experienced conductors to ensure proper placement to challenge the musicians without overwhelming them.

To schedule an audition, email dlindenm@me.com For more information, call 734-634-5250.

Boyfriend faces charge in death

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

An elderly Westland man, in custody in connection with what authorities believe was an assault on his live-in girlfriend, is scheduled to be arraigned today (Jan. 16) on murder charges now that the woman has died.

Police were called to a home in the 6600 block Chirrewa on Dec. 31 for a death investigation. Diane Labute, 71, was reported non-responsive but resuscitated after being transported to Garden City Hospital.

Suffering from numerous injuries, Labute remained hospitalized and died Jan. 13 after being removed from life support.

The boyfriend, Orlando Caruso, 78, was arrested Dec. 31 and charged with aggravated assault. A not guilty plea was entered and he has been jailed in lieu of \$500,000 cash bond since his arrest.

"They had been together seven years but only lived together for the last several months," Westland Police Lt. Todd Adams said. "She had broken ribs in different stages of healing, broken toes, black eyes. She had a wound on her buttocks that was either a bad burn or a bed sore."

With the injuries suffered by Labute and statements made by Caruso, Adams said he was arrested.

Labute had previously been living in Melvindale. She had some family but Adams said they reported being unable to contact her.

"He (Caruso) would make excuses that she wasn't able to come to the phone when her family would call," Adams said.

Caruso is scheduled to be arraigned on upgraded charges before Westland 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell.

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Trailer stolen

On Jan. 14, a resident in the 34000 block of Glover told police someone stole his 6-foot by 10-foot wooden utility trailer overnight from the driveway. He built the trailer, which was valued at \$300.

Vandalism

A resident in the 34000 block of Phyllis told police Jan. 14 that someone put scratches all over her 2002 Dodge Ram sometime between Jan. 11-13.

On Jan. 13, a resident in the 4100 block of Hayes told police she had driven her brother's 2002 Pontiac Bonneville to the store, then parked on the street. A witness later

alerted them that a window on the car had been smashed, causing \$100 damage.

A resident in the 38000 block of Parkview told police Jan. 13 someone smashed her vehicle window.

Stolen vehicles

A 2005 Dodge Magnum station wagon was reported stolen from a home in the 4300 block of Eastlawn Jan. 14. The owner told police the car, valued at \$5,000, had been parked in the garage. When his girlfriend left for work just before 5:30 a.m., he said she noticed the car was gone. The owner told police the car was paid for and he had the only keys.

A Wayne man told

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police he left his 2009 Mercury Mariner running and unlocked outside 7-Eleven, 32324 Annapolis, for about 10 minutes just after 4:30 a.m. Jan. 14 and someone stole it. A person described by witnesses as wearing a tan Carhartt jacket was seen getting into the vehicle and driving away.

On Jan. 10, a resident in the 36000 block of Thinbark reported a 2004 Mazda valued at \$4,000 stolen. She said she had both sets of keys and added that a second vehicle had been ransacked.

Documents stolen

A resident at the Wayne Towers Apartments, 35200 Sims, told police Jan. 11 someone

stole her birth certificate and her mother's death certificate from her apartment. She said she thought someone entered with a master key since other residents reported similar problems.

Marijuana possession

A Romulus man was arrested for marijuana possession, driving with a suspended license and held on a warrant after a traffic stop near Howe and Myrtle on Jan. 9. The vehicle, which was registered to someone the man identified as his boss, was impounded.

Break-in

A maintenance person for Hickory Hollow Co-Op, 5757 W. Hickory

Hollow, told police Jan. 13 that he opened the storage shed to find three 5-gallon gas cans, two spade shovels, four snow shovels, two salt spreaders and a golf cart valued at \$8,200. The employee said the roll up door had been locked Jan. 10 when he left work but was now damaged and apparently had been forced open.

A witness told police that about 4 a.m. she saw a man drive the golf cart near the east entrance, park it and get into a blue pickup truck driven by a second man. The pair left and returned 30 minutes later. At that time the passenger got back into the golf cart and drove away while the truck also left.

By LeAnne Rogers

WESTLAND COP CALLS

made a loud noise when she started it and took it to a muffler shop where the theft was discovered.

Stolen vehicle

A 2002 Ford F250 Super Duty truck with a snow plow and salter was reported stolen early Jan. 9 from a home in the 200 block of Stephanie. The truck was parked on the street.

A resident of the home told police she was in the garage when she heard the truck start and drive

away.

Break-in

On Jan. 11, police were called to a home in the 32000 block of Birchwood after a witness spotted a glass door wall had been smashed. The home was reported to have been vacant for over two years. Copper piping was missing from the basement.

Vandalism

A Plymouth woman told police Jan. 7 that

someone threw a brick through a window of a rental home she owns in the 30000 block of Avondale.

The owner told police she had last been at the home Jan. 3. The home is currently vacant.

Hit and run

A resident in the 90 block told police Jan. 10 that during the night someone damaged the front end of his 1992 Lincoln Mark VII while it was backed into his

driveway.

The officer noted minor damage to the front end. He also surmised someone had turned around in the driveway which is at the end of a dead end street.

A tow truck driver told police he was at Riverbend Apartments, 6804 N. Merriman, Jan. 9 when a Ford F-150 pickup truck backed into the tow truck. The front bumper received minor damage. The pickup fled.

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Fraudulent 911 calls

A resident in the 31000 block of Barton reported to Garden City police that since summer, someone has called in about 20 fraudulent 911 calls to the fire department using his address.

The caller summons the fire department to his home when there is no fire. The unknown caller says that the Barton Street resident's garage is on fire when it isn't.

The resident said he has a wood burning stove in his garage to heat his vehicles and a recreation area in the garage. He admits that smoke is emitted from a garage chimney. The owner maintains he has been told that the situation is within code.

What brought him into the police station Jan. 3

was when he was notified by DTE Energy that someone called them using his name and said there was a gas leak at the home.

The owner commented in the police report that every time the fire department arrives, a certain neighbor always seems to be outside.

Stolen giraffe

The Garden City Police Department is seeking assistance in recovering "a very special sculpture" that was stolen from a yard in the 32000 block of Warren Road last week.

The theft occurred sometime between Jan.

7-8. The giraffe, which stands about 7 feet tall and was hand carved and painted by the owner, has sentimental value to the victims.

Anyone with information is asked to call the GCPD Investigations Bureau at 734-793-1710. If you wish to leave an anonymous tip, call 734-793-1718.

Home invasion

A representative from a property management company reported a home invasion in the 30000 block of Brown on Jan. 8.

He said an unknown person stole the central air conditioning unit as

well as the copper plumbing from inside of the house.

Theft

A resident in the 1500 block of Harrison reported Jan. 3 that someone stole his snow blower after he left it in an open garage.

The owner said he'll check area pawn shops to possibly find it.

Attempted theft

A medical professional in the 27000 block of Cherry Hill reported Jan. 3 that someone tried to steal his air conditioning unit because he found it on the ground.

Property damage

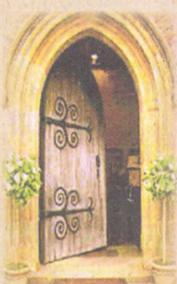
The owner of T Snap Towing, 115 Merriman, reported Jan. 5 that someone damaged the steering column of a truck parked in the lot for two weeks. The owner was notified of the damage.

Fraud

A woman who resides in the 18000 block of Alvin reported that she heard from a collections department about a PayPal account.

She was told that she incurred charges which she said that she never made.

By Sue Buck



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AUTO BRIEFS

Million-dollar baby

The new Porsche 911 Targa 4, with its fully retractable glass roof and starting price tag of \$101,600, was unveiled to the world at the auto show Monday.

But the real star in the room is the Porsche 918 Spyder, which has a base sticker price of \$845,000. Add in all the options and the price tag climbs close to \$1 million. Only 918 cars are being made – period. One of the cars is on display in a large glass room for the public to enjoy.

Red or blue?

Mopar has a cool lineup of monster trucks on display. The Chrysler company also has a neat iPad program that allows the public to customize the exterior of a 2014 Dodge Ram 1500. Change the tires and hubcaps. Try a different coat of paint. Add some running boards. The program allows you to tweak the model and design your own Dodge Ram.

Start your engines

If you love speed, the auto show has plenty of interactive racing games that allow you to slip into a race car and navigate the curves at speeds greater than 200 mph. Ford, Mazda, Toyota and other displays have some super simulators for the public to enjoy.

The trick, of course, is to slow down at those curves. Otherwise you crash, over and over again.

Just build it

The granddaddy of exhibits is the giant robotic assembly line that Ford built for the auto show. On display for the first time, the exhibit will show the public how a car is assembled. It took several weeks to assemble and several of the parts are being shipped to plants in Dearborn and Kansas City once the auto show is over, where they'll be used for actual production.

Shaking hands

Vice President Joe Biden is scheduled to attend the show Thursday. Earlier in the week, U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, Sen. Debbie Stabenow, Gov. Rick Snyder and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan were on hand.

In addition to Biden, the following were scheduled to attend:

- » U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx
- » U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Thomas Perez
- » U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker
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Under the hood

Ever wonder what a Corvette looks like under the hood? Chevrolet has a cool exhibit on display that strips away the metal frame and shows the body of the car. For Corvette lovers still celebrating the Stingray winning North American Car of the Year, it's the perfect exhibit.



This Corvette is one of the more revealing displays.

Lou LaRiche Chevrolet: 'Keep the foot on the pedal'

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

It didn't take long for Lou LaRiche Chevrolet to announce it has plenty of Stingrays and Silverados in stock.

The two vehicles were named 2014 North American car and truck of the year at the North American International Auto Show this week. Ron Chaudoin, general manager of the dealership, applauds the choices.

"They're two outstanding vehicles and I think it's just great they received this recognition," Chaudoin said. "The Corvette is the only true American sports car made – and who wouldn't want a Silverado in their driveway? It rides like a car, but can do just about anything."

Just in time for the auto show, the family-owned dealership at 40875 Plymouth Road in Plymouth announced \$500 rebates for purchases or leases on the Traverse, Equinox, Cruze or Malibu.

"They're our four core products – that's 80



Some of the Lou LaRiche Chevrolet sales staff pose for a quick photo - next to the 2014 Car of the Year - the Corvette Stingray coupe - in their Plymouth dealership. From left: Debbie Dowling, Joe Wendt, and Ron Chaudoin. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

percent of our volume," Chaudoin said. "That means 80 percent of our customers will get an additional \$500 off between now and the end of the month. That lowers a monthly lease payment by \$15 to \$20."

As the business climate is expected to con-

tinuing improving, Chaudoin said the dealership anticipates an increase of 15 percent or greater in sales for the upcoming year.

"We just renovated the entire dealership," he said. "We ordered a significant number of vehicles, so we're keyed

up. We believe this economy will seriously start to percolate."

Asked what makes the dealership so successful, Chaudoin credits the LaRiche family for being involved in the daily operation of the business.

"They're here on the

premises, so I don't have to wait on a decision – I can get an answer for a customer right away," he said. "The eyes are on the customer. When you come in, we'll get you some coffee and a snack. We'll introduce you to the store and make it a completely good experience. We've got some great products and we're very excited to show them off."

Chaudoin said the auto industry just survived an incredibly brutal economic downturn, leaving it leaner and better positioned for a successful turnaround.

"I'm still amazed that GM, Ford and Chrysler made it through," he said. "I think it shows we can build a car that's equal or better to any car imported. The challenge now is to remain ahead. We fell behind the eight-ball because we stopped paying attention to the competition – we're ahead of them now, so we have to keep the foot on the pedal."

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Aisin makes most of spot on main floor at NAIAS

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

It's hard to believe the fifth largest automotive supplier in the world has a problem with visibility.

But that is one of the many areas the Plymouth Township and soon to be Northville Township-based Aisin is focused on as it enjoys main floor space at the 2014 North American International Auto Show.

"I think one of the issues for us in North America is the supply base is very well-established for the Detroit customers," said Chuck Sanders, vice president of sales and marketing. "They aren't necessarily looking for a new supplier, so we have to bring them new technologies and new ideas that put us to the forefront in their mind."

The company hopes the move of its North American headquarters to Northville Township, with the benefit of a \$1.2 million Michigan Business Development Grant, will help with that as it will allow the company to expand its research and development and create more than 50 new jobs.

Officials expect to invest nearly \$8 million into the facility and have additional room to expand.

Growth has been steady for the company over the years, trending up from between \$400 million to \$500 million in sales 20 years ago to an estimated \$2.4 billion. Globally,



Aisin automotive technology personnel gather at the show. Currently based in Plymouth Township, the company will soon move to Northville Township. From left are President/CEO Masayasu Saito, Vice President of Sales/Marketing John Clark and President Takashi Aoyama. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

sales are about \$3.5 billion and still growing.

Sanders said the company's facilities are "nearly running at full" and expansion is happening globally to meet the needs of the customer.

"As fast as (the economy) came back and as fast as things have grown for us, it has been a little hard to keep up so we have to be continually looking for where we are going to expand additional production," he said.

Aisin serves as the largest transmission supplier in the world, but still that only makes up about 40 percent of the company's sales. It also makes products for the drive train, engine, electronics, body, brakes, chassis and more.

"There are so many other products we make and so many other things we do," Sanders said. "We pretty much cover the gamut of the vehicle."

The company also wants to use its floor space at the auto show to get feedback on some of its new technologies and possibly attract new engineers at industry days.

"It's very tight," Sanders said of the job market in Michigan. "Right now as everyone is rapidly expanding and with the talent pool being very shallow, it is hard to find people. We are always looking for engineers."

On a personal level, Sanders said he enjoys seeing all the new cars, concepts and technologies on display.

"Even if it never goes into production, some of the ideas out there and the way we can keep advancing always continues," he said. "You think you made this next big breakthrough and then a couple years later, it is old technology. It's amazing to see how we can keep improving."

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From Jan. 18 through 25, shows

hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (no admittance after 9 p.m.) and until 7 p.m. Jan. 26.

Ticket are \$13 for adults; \$7 for senior citizens and children aged 7-12. Youths age 6 and under are admitted free with a parent or guardian.

For group discounts and other ticket information, contact the ticket office at 248-283-5173 or go to www.naias.com.

While the hundreds of vehicles on display are the stars of the NAIAS, there is plenty

of additional family fun planned for the public viewing, including the all-new Paradeland in Michigan Hall's new Kids' Area. In Paradeland, visitors will experience larger-than-life props from the 2013 America's Thanksgiving Parade, including sections of floats and the popular "Big Head" collection of famous Detroiters. The vehicle and parade excitement will continue on the main show floor with two daily NAIAS parades at 3:30 and 7 p.m.

ZF Group fine-tunes its growth for success

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

It's getting a little cramped in the Northville Township offices and North American headquarters of ZF Group, as the German company's worldwide success continues into 2014.

The big news last year for the automotive supplier was the introduction of the new nine-speed automatic transmission and, as a result, the news this year is the growth of the company in North America.

Currently, Chrysler and Land Rover have applications with ZF Group for the transmission and CEO Stefan Sommer said a third customer will "launch a big project this year."

"We are at close to 8,000 employees in North America, so that is a significant growth for us," said Bryan Johnson, a Canton resident and manager of marketing and communications for ZF Group. "In our Northville office, we have seen a lot of growth there in different areas and are almost at capacity in our facility, which is a good thing."

Sales revenue for ZF Group, which develops and produces transmissions, steering systems, axles and chassis components, as well as complete systems for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and off-road machinery, increased by almost 10 percent in 2013 to \$23 billion – including \$4.2 billion in North America – and almost 5,000 jobs were created worldwide.

It has 121 production companies in 26 countries and eight engineering centers in four countries.

"The North American market in the future will be even more important," Sommer said. "We are

seeing it now as a very successful and growing market with a huge demand for high technology and very efficient cars."

And as demand is increasing and the market has stabilized, Johnson said it is important for suppliers like ZF Group to have "controlled growth" and be targeted about the market.

"We have all learned lessons about growth and growing too fast and that is part of the problem everyone had," Sommer said. "Now everyone is going to be a little more cautious with their growth and are finding better ways to be more efficient with their production so you can produce with the same capacities."

ZF Group has a spot on the main show floor at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit and hopes to use it to create partnerships and improve relationships.

"And then when the public comes, it allows them to understand what technology might be coming," Johnson said.

The Detroit-based auto show also has a more intimate feel because it is the Motor City.

"For me, it's more about the people than the cars," Johnson said. "I'm so emerged in the car thing every day and this is my industry and these are my people and it's great getting all these people in one place."

Johnson joked that he has colleagues who won't even walk the show floor with him because he stops and talks to someone every 10 feet.

"The way relationships work, that is how you do business," he said.

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Bryan Johnson, Canton resident and manager of marketing and communications for ZF Group, takes in the auto show. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Visitors browsed the artwork on display at Thursday's Reflections event at Stevenson High School.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS HONORED FOR REFLECTIONS WORK

Livonia Public Schools students captured the theme, "Believe, Dream, Inspire," in a variety of artistic expressions for the PTSA Council's annual Reflections program.

The National PTA Reflections program is held at the local, state and national levels and is designed to promote an interest in the arts, outside of the classroom setting.

Livonia Public Schools PTSA Council celebrated its 35th Reflections year with Thursday night's awards ceremony, which was held at Stevenson High School.

Students throughout the district submitted their best entries in photography, literature, musical composition, visual arts, film/video production and choreography.

The entries were judged by members of the Livonia Arts Commission and now have the opportunity to move on to state and national Reflections contests.

Cyndi Pierzynski, Livonia PTSA Council Reflections chair, said she enjoys seeing all of the creative works that surround this year's theme.

"We have so many creative students in Livonia, who put a lot of time and effort into their work, even down to the youngest ones," she said. "I think the arts are very important for all students, and Reflections offers students ways to express themselves outside of the school."

"As funding for school programs decreases, programs like Reflections are even more important, as an avenue for children to express their talents."

Visual Arts Awards

Grades K-two Award of Excellence:

Bostyn Beal, kindergarten, Coolidge Elementary, for "Winter Wrap Up Butterfly, Giraffe"

Sam Reina, grade two, Kennedy Elementary, for "The Impossible Touch-down"

Grades three-five Award of Excellence:

Max Reina, grade five, Johnson Upper Elementary, for "Flight of an Eagle"

Megan Pribak, grade five, Riley Upper Elementary, for "Bright Flower"

Grades six-eight Award of Excellence:

Maria Emdanat, grade eight, Frost Middle School, for "The Lonely Blue Planet"

Rachel Connolly, grade eight, Frost Middle School, for "Moonlit Waters"

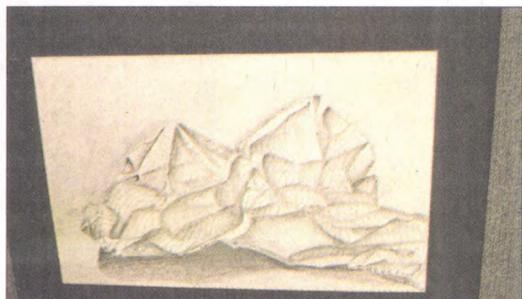
Grades nine-12 Award of Excellence:

Julie Kotronis, grade 11, Franklin High School, for "Sense of Sight"

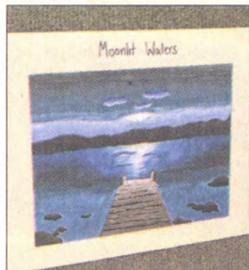
Abigail Olenczuk, grade 11, Stevenson High School, for "Dreaming Feet"



Evelyn Edwards, from Franklin High School, was recognized with a Merit Award for her photo, "Remembering Lost," which is displayed on the screen.



Pencil sketch, "Plan B," by Andrea Wickens, of Franklin High School.



This "Moonlit Waters" piece was created by Rachel Connolly, a Frost Middle School student.

Dance Choreography Awards

Jenna Ference-Salo, grade four, Webster Elementary, for "Empower"

Literature Awards

Grades K-two Award of Excellence:

Audrey Rutterbush, grade one, Coolidge Elementary, for "Princess Fairies"

Grades three-five Award of Excellence:
Kiera Zager, grade five, Webster Elementary, for "Home for Bailey"

Sarah Zager, grade four, Hoover Elementary, for "Dream of Becoming a Pop Star"

Grades six-eight Award of Excellence:
Sirhari Srinivasan, grade seven, Frost Middle School, for "Big Endeavors, Small Principles"

Dillan Pribak, grade seven, Holmes Middle School, for "Up North I've Learned ..."

Grades nine-12 Award of Excellence:
Mirna Balaghi, grade 12, Stevenson High School, for "Creative Sin"

Faith Ureel, grade 11, Stevenson High School, for "Don't Underestimate the Tarnished Brass"

Photography Awards

Grades K-two Award of Excellence:
Alyssa Schroeder,

grade one, Grant Elementary, for "Sweet Dreams"

Grades three-five Award of Excellence:
Colette Zager, grade five, Webster Elementary, for "The Amazing Tree"

Colette Zager, grade five, Webster Elementary, for "Monarch Magic"

Grades six-eight Award of Excellence:
Alexa Pierzynski, grade eight, Holmes Middle School, for "Reaching For ..."

Evelyn Sowerby, grade six, Johnson Upper Elementary School, for "Dreaming of the World"

Grades nine-12 Award of Excellence:
D. Pisano, grade 11, Franklin High School for "American Dream Laid to Rest"

Maddie Rae, grade 11, Stevenson High School for "The Tracks Lead Somewhere"

Musical Composition Awards

Grades six-eight Award of Excellence:
Ben Griffith, grade eight, Holmes Middle School, for "Dreams"

Ben Griffith, grade eight, Holmes Middle School, for "Dreams - Full Orchestra"

Film/Video Production Awards

Grades three-five Award of Excellence:
Colette Zager, grade five, Webster Elementary School, for "Legimals"

Grades nine-12 Award of Excellence:
Mirna Balaghi, grade 12, Stevenson High School, for "More than Just Dance"

Dominic Lutz, grade 12, Stevenson High School, for "No Fear, No Doubt"

Awards of Merit were also given in each age group and category.

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BILL BROWN FORD: A MODEL OF SUCCESS

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

What makes Bill Brown Ford so successful? "The people," Sales Manager Mike Schriber said about the popular Ford dealership at 32222 Plymouth Road in Livonia. "Everyone here understands it's all about the customers. Most of our sales people have been working here an average of 15 years. They've built up tremendous relationships with their customers. And when people are happy, word-of-mouth can go a long way."

Heading into 2014, Schriber believes the family-owned dealership is positioned for an exceptional year in sales.

"We have the highest amount of leases coming back that we ever had," he said. "We have some phenomenal products and we're offering great prices and terrific deals. I really believe we'll see a combination of new customers and returning customers because of all the deals we're going to be able to offer."

Two of the hotter lease deals he mentioned are a 2014 Fusion for \$212 a month or the 2014 Escape for \$228 a month.

"So we're talking incredible payments here," Schriber said. "We're excited — these



The sales staff at Bill Brown Ford on Plymouth Road in Livonia is prepared for an exceptional year. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

are some of the best products we've ever had. And we're able to make some great deals."

As the Detroit auto show gets into full swing next week, Schriber said the auto companies did a great job of turning themselves around from fi-

ancial dire straits, and are now in a position to grow their businesses and expand.

"We're very fortunate with Bill Brown Ford and the Livonia area that we still were able to remain one of the top three dealers in the nation through

the worst of times — so we're fortunate we have great customers," he said.

"I think there are a lot of people who have put off buying cars the last few years — and they're now in the market to buy a car. All the companies

are putting out great products right now. I just happen to think the Ford products are a little better."

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Patronage dividend

For the eighth consecutive year, DFCU Financial has rewarded its members with a Special Patronage Dividend, which pays significant cash back to its qualified members. The 2013 dividend is the largest in the program's history, at \$23 million, and was distributed in cash to more than 100,000 members, based on their total relationship with DFCU Financial. This puts the total dividend payout since the

program's 2006 inception at \$157 million.

"Having distributed \$157 million since the announcement of this program in 2006 means that today the dividend program is not only flourishing, but it is making a significant financial difference in the lives of our members," said Mark Shobe, president and CEO of DFCU Financial.

The payout to members is calculated based upon each member's total relationship with DFCU Financial. Qualifying

members receive a .50 percent dividend on their average yearly loan and deposit balances, with each eligible member receiving at least \$50. This includes all checking, savings and loan balances.

For example, a member with a \$150,000 mortgage, \$2,000 in savings, \$1,000 in checking and a \$12,000 auto loan received a Special Patronage Dividend of \$825.

DFCU is the only financial institution in the nation to pay members

an average of nearly \$20 million for the last eight consecutive years. Shobe pointed to the dividend as a significant differentiator between the \$3.5 billion credit union and other financial institutions.

"There is not another financial institution that is able to provide such a significant benefit," he said. "Outstanding financial performance combined with member loyalty makes this possible. We invest in our members and their families, and they invest in us. It's a relationship of mutual success."

DFCU Financial is Michigan's largest credit union with \$3.5 billion in assets. DFCU Financial currently operates a full-service branch in Garden City. For more information and to find out how you can join, call 888-336-2700 or visit www.dfcufinancial.com.

Excellence award

Great Lakes Caring Hospice and Home Health has presented a 2013 Award for Excellence to Hope Healthcare Center for providing quality care to their residents and patients.

From over 1,200 candidates — skilled and assisted living facilities, doctors, and hospitals — in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, 118 were selected for the annual award in recognition of their collaborative efforts to help determine in a timely manner home health and hospice-appropriate patients in order to provide meaningful and helpful quality care.



Hope Healthcare Center Administrator Donald Mass, Social Worker Erin Barker and Registered Nurse Unit Manager Danielle Dreameer received the 2013 Great Lakes Caring Hospice and Home Health Award for Excellence.

"It's important to recognize these partners who committed to their residents' and their patients' best interests," Great Lakes Caring Chief Executive Officer William Deary said. "This is the sixth year Great Lakes Caring Hospice and Home Health has recognized outstanding partners for their care."

The honorees were chosen based on three specific criteria: 1) believing in the importance of good communications amongst the Great Lakes Caring and partner staffs; 2) keeping in mind the needs of residents/patients and the importance of making timely referrals; and 3) for supporting and understanding of the importance of collaborative care.

Tax preparation

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's Tax Preparation Program is hosting two "Show Me the Money" events to kick off the tax season. The events will

offer free tax preparation, tips for managing money and credit, community resource information and more.

The events will be held:

» 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at Wayne County Community College, 21000 Northline, Taylor.

» 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers, Detroit.

Free Tax Preparation is available to individuals and families earning up to \$50,000. Individuals should call 734-284-6999 to make an appointment.

Individuals earning up to \$57,000 can take advantage of free tax preparation through the self-prep option. Individuals are asked to take a short survey and once completed, will be linked to a free online tax preparation website.

For more information, contact Miryam Lulion atmlulion@waynemetro.org.

Be careful writing emails

Here's some food for thought. Imagine that every email you sent yesterday just got published on the front page of today's newspaper.

No problem? Great! Because although that scenario might sound far-fetched, in today's electronic world it's not just celebrities and politicians whose texts and emails can bounce back to bite them. In the business world, it's just as easy for emails to get accidentally or maliciously sent to unintended recipients, wreaking havoc on businesses and individuals. We can help protect ourselves with this simple tip.

When in doubt leave it out.

Email is not the place for venting, reprimanding or transmitting sensitive information. If it's genuinely confidential, or if we'd simply feel ashamed to see our choice words published on the front page, then put down the mouse and slowly back away from the keyboard. If it still needs to be said, then fortunately there are other more appropriate, more sensitive and/or more secure ways of communicating those types of messages.



Clarity Newhouse
A SUNNY NOTE

Let's "think first" — and have a sunny day.

Clarity P.S. "If we could measure the damage to

corporations from gossip, it might be more than the GNP of the Third World."

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IGNORING MOTHER NATURE

Crowds brave the weather to enjoy ice festival

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Mother Nature did her best to spoil the 2014 Plymouth Ice Festival party, dumping steady rain on festival goers and carvers during the event's first two days Friday and Saturday.

But even two days of poor weather did little to throttle the enthusiasm of those who did brave the elements to see the 32nd annual festival in downtown Plymouth.

While crowds were down from previous years, first-year organizer James Gietzen was still ready to declare the mainstay event a success.

"I think things went extremely smooth," said Gietzen, hired last fall to organize the festival. "It was pretty seamless, especially for putting everything together in under four months."

Professional sculptors actually started carving ice a couple of days before Friday's opening ceremony. Despite the rain, the opening ceremony, the annual Fire & Ice display and the popular Dueling Chainsaws competition drew solid crowds Friday night.

Other popular attractions included the live entertainment and the Sun & Snow cross country ski track set up in Kellogg Park. It all combined with the sculptures to provide a family-friendly environment.

Cathy Florn of Westland had her kids in skis

for that activity and the family enjoyed the festival despite the weather.

"It was a great day to walk around downtown Plymouth to see all the ice sculptures," Florn said. "The cross country skiing was an added bonus. My kids loved it."

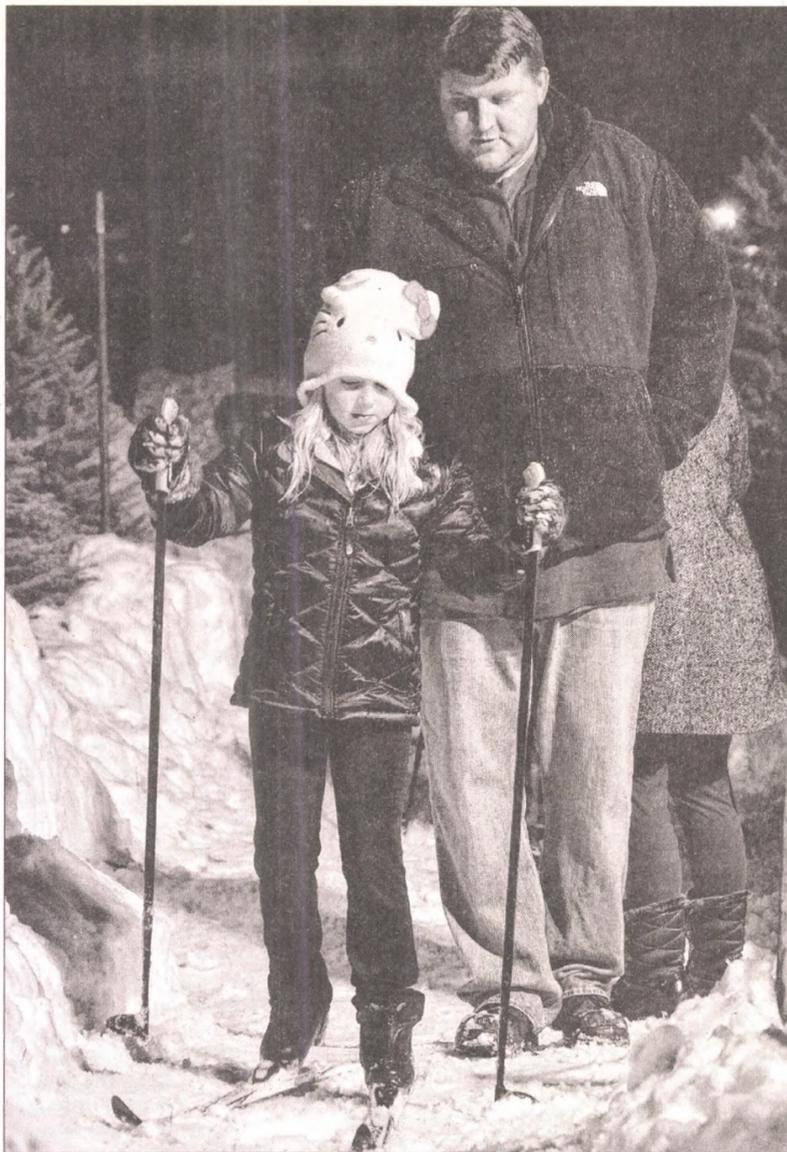
Gietzen was appreciative of the folks who ignored the weather and strolled through Kellogg Park admiring the work of first the professionals and then the college students carving in individual and team competitions Saturday and Sunday.

He's been around the festival before, so he knows weather is often troublesome, with bitter cold temperatures and snow among the weather impediments in the past. He also knows the weather is something he can't control.

"The rain came and came and then it would stop and then it came some more," Gietzen said. "It was a challenge watching these artists spend eight to 10 hours sculpting and then watching the rain just wash away all that detail."

"Our crowds were definitely down from what they usually are," he added. "People can deal with the cold and they can deal with the snow, but when you put cold and rain together, people just don't want to deal with it."

The college students carving in the competitions had no choice but to deal with it, because the rain seemed to just keep coming Saturday. While the weather was better Sunday, it was still a tough weekend to carve. "(Sunday's) weather



Seven-year-old Alexa Curtis of Novi practices cross country skiing with her dad, Ray Curtis, as backup. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

was perfect," said Gerneil Franklin of Highland Park, who coached the Oakland Community

College team in the carving competition. "In the rain like (Saturday), it's horrible."

Jennifer Watkins of Southfield saw a story on the television about the festival and decided it

might be a good thing to do with her son, Jacob Fines. While sipping a cup of hot cider Sunday (Jacob opted for the hot chocolate), Watkins said she decided it might be something Jacob would enjoy.

"We thought it would be something fun to do," Watkins said. "And it was fun."

Laura Carlin of Ann Arbor used to come to the festival when she was young, but hadn't been back in years. She decided it was something she wanted her children to experience, so she came back.

"I haven't been here since I was little," Carlin said. "I wanted the kids to have some fun."

Gietzen, who wanted this year's festival to get its focus back on the ice, understands crowds were down this year, although website traffic was up, indicating there's still great interest in the festival. He said next year he'll try to do two things: Take advantage of more time to prepare (he figures he'll start in a few weeks) and strive for "bigger ice" next year.

He knows the festival is unlikely to return to the kinds of sculptures it used to feature years ago, when the Japanese teams were brought in to carve, but he figures organizers can still do better.

"The sculptures were bigger than they had been the last couple of years, but they definitely need to get bigger," Gietzen said. "We need to recommit to being 'all about the ice' and we need to get the sculptures bigger and bigger to 'wow' the crowd."

Redford resident, 102, regales friends, family with stories

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Rie Amberg successfully hid her husband from the Nazis in the attic space of their home in Amsterdam for a couple of days during World War II, worrying all the time he might snore and give himself away.

When the Nazis finally imprisoned him for working underground as a journalist for the Dutch government, she tricked the guards into thinking she was pregnant by putting a pillow around her belly so they would release him.

At one point, she was imprisoned, too, being fed only bread and water.

But the Redford resident has no bitterness, only a positive attitude.

"She's happy; she's been through so much, she probably can't cry about things," said her son, Ozzie Amberg of Canton. "She's got just a very positive attitude."

That positive attitude and some good genes are what Ozzie Amberg believes have allowed his mother to live such a long, healthy life.

Rie Amberg celebrated her 102nd birthday Jan. 2. She still drives to the hair salon and the grocery store, knits, keeps up on current events, maintains her own home and re-



Rie Amberg used a pillow to look pregnant in order to persuade the Nazi guards in Holland to release her husband from prison during World War II.

gales her neighbor, Janet Rayl, with her amazing life stories.

"She tells me about her life in Holland as a young girl during World War I and all about her family there," Rayl said. "She recalls a lot during her very young years," including a time when

she almost drown and a soldier pulled her out of the water.

"She is still in very good health and is as pleasant and humorous as she could be. She is truly an inspiration and a rare jewel to me."

Rie Amberg is a little hard of hearing and has some arthritis, but otherwise is in great health. She wasn't interviewed for this story because her family and friends wanted to surprise her with it as a birthday gift.

Rie Amberg was born Anna Marie Helena Symons on Jan. 2, 1912, in Amsterdam, the second oldest of five girls. Her father was a teacher, her mother a homemaker.

Rie, a shortened version of Anna Marie, is her nickname. She graduated high school and married Martin Hans Amberg, a German Jew who had defected to Amsterdam.

They didn't have much money, so she wore a black velvet dress instead of a wedding gown.

They had one child, Ozzie, now 68.

She rode through snow on a bicycle with wooden wheels to the hospital to give birth to him. "There were bombs all around and she wasn't even supposed to be on the streets," her daughter-in-law, Kathy Amberg, said.

After he was born, she knitted him a pink outfit because that was the only color of yarn she had.

Kathy Amberg is impressed with her mother-in-law's bravery in going up against the Nazis.

"She talked to the guards," playing on their sympathies, asking them if they would want to be imprisoned when their wife or daughter was

about to give birth. "She got (her husband) out."

The family came by boat to the United States 66 years ago, when Ozzie was 2. Ozzie Amberg was still wearing his little wooden shoes when they disembarked.

They settled in Detroit before moving to Redford in the 1950s, where Rie Amberg has lived ever since. Martin Amberg became vice president of a tool and die shop on the east side of Detroit, while Rie Amberg worked at a knitting shop in Southfield, taking young Ozzie along because they couldn't afford a babysitter.

She is a masterful knitter, who created stunning women's fashions out of yarn, including suits, coats and even a black cocktail dress with white flowers cascading down the side, her daughter-in-law said.

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Martin Amberg died at age 80 after 52 years of marriage.

Rie Amberg has outlived all of her sisters except the youngest, who is in her mid-80s and living in California. Their mother died while in her early 90s.

Ozzie Amberg said his mother would attribute her longevity to doing everything in moderation: "She doesn't do anything to excess."

And her positive attitude, despite all the adversity she went through.

"She has the best attitude about life and we are grateful to have her in our lives," Ozzie Amberg said. "She truly is a blessing."

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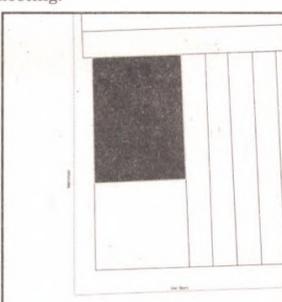
ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2014-01
January 7, 2014
A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVED: minutes of the special & regular meetings of December 14 & 17; Martin Luther King Jr. Resolution; 2014 dues to SEMCOG; PSA with Vincent Pastue for budget consulting services; monthly financial reports prepared by the Finance Dept.; calling a Special Meeting for Feb. 11, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:22 p.m.
Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk
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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
RECORD OF ATTENDANCE
1/1/2013 - 12/31/2013
Pursuant to City of Westland Council Resolution No. 8-85-441, the following record of attendance of Council members at regular and special meetings is published for the year 2013

| Councilperson | No. of Meetings | Meetings Attended | Percentage |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Christine Cicirelli Bryant | 24 | 21 | 88% |
| James R. Godbout | 24 | 21 | 88% |
| Adam Hammons | 24 | 24 | 100% |
| Bill Johnson | 24 | 20 | 83% |
| Meriem Kadi | 24 | 23 | 96% |
| Michael Kehrer | 24 | 23 | 96% |
| Dewey K. Reeves | 24 | 22 | 92% |

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CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 1 1/6/14
Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves
02-J. Godbout declared Council President.
04-A. Hammons declared Council President Pro-Tem.
05: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 12/16/13.
- Appr. bid for Off. City Newspaper to Observer; amt \$4.75 per col. in.
- Appr. 1 yr. contract w/Detroit Salt for 7,500 tons of rock salt; amt. \$38.26/ton.
- Appr. contract w/C. Stoddard & Sons Inc. for waste control collections.
- MDOT Contract for Newburgh Road reconstruction; City's share \$129,000.
- Adopted. Ord.109-F-2-A, an ordinance to amend Ch. 62, Art. IV of the City Code by amending Sec. 62-97 defining disorderly persons.
- Adopted Prep. Res. to recognize St. Theodore Men's Club as a Civic Charitable Organization to obtain gaming license from State of Michigan.
06: Appr. spec. land use for prop. commercial building addition & renovation; 1870 S Wayne Road.
07: Conf. re-appt. of J. Fauson as City Atty., thru 12/31/15.
08: Conf. re-appt. of B. Thompson as Planning Dir., thru 12/31/15.
09: Conf. re-appt. of N. Adams as Parks & Rec. Dir., thru 12/31/15.
10: Conf. appt/re-appt. of T. Bailey, R. Graunstadt, B. Prough, G. Green, R. Froreich, M. Londeau & T. Edwards to Parks & Rec. Advisory Council.
11: Appr. checklist: \$ 1,964,745.75 Prepaid for 12/13, 12/20, & 12/27 of 2013
\$623, \$390.59, \$456,759.50 & \$261,320.89 respectively.
Mtg. adj. at 7:46 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.
James Godbout
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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF MEETING
A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:
Case #2188B, Proposed Land Division, Parcel #081-99-0021-705, East Side of Merriman Road, North of Van Born Road, Jeffrey J. Wild
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2014.
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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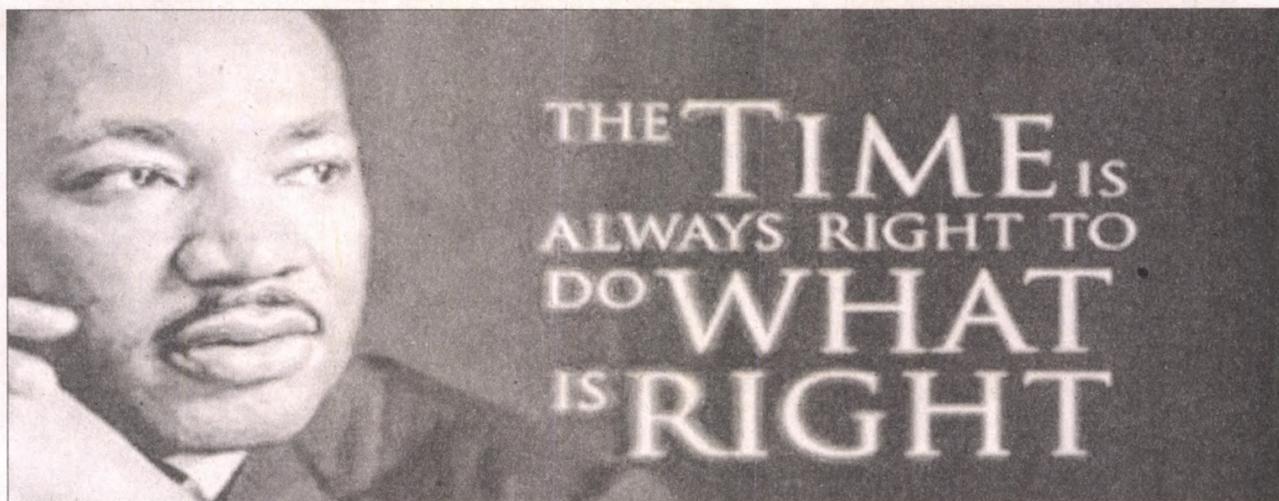
Recommit to finishing King's work

The year 1968 was a watershed year in American history. In a span of two months, the country lost two charismatic leaders — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy — to assassins' bullets.

The losses came at a time when the fabric of life in the country was being ripped apart. Opposition to the Vietnam War was increasing and confrontations over the push for civil rights were escalating. Americans in their 50s and older, who lived through those turbulent times, remember the rallies and marches, the mass of people who descended on Washington, D.C., to demand jobs and equal treatment.

But for the younger generations, there is a disconnect. Everything that happened is simply information found in history books. King and Kennedy are names under photographs and what they did or hoped to accomplish are just words on a page.

An advocate of non-violence, King was a transformational figure in American history. He sought "to make real the promises of democracy." He called on the country to "rise up from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice ... to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children."



He challenged America to fulfill the promise of liberty and justice for all. Under his leadership, change came and blacks experienced more progress toward racial equality than had been seen in many, many years. He came to forefront with the Birmingham, Ala., bus boycott and stayed there until his death, leading blacks and whites in peaceful protests to end segregation.

His August 1963 speech given on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington was a defining moment of the American civil rights movement. The 1963 rally on the mall in Washington was instrumental

in the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In looking back, it appears that segregation as it was existed in the 1950s and 1960s is all but gone. People of all colors live and work together. They attend the same schools and colleges. There is no separate seating in public places or on public transportation or separate bathrooms and drinking fountains.

But before we pat ourselves on our backs for a job well done, we need to ask ourselves what King would think. Would he see us at the end of the journey he started? Or would he tell us we need to do more?

Would he say that segregation has not gone away, that it has taken on a new form, fueled by poverty and lack of access to a quality life?

On Monday, the nation will pause to remember King. There will be marches, there will be speeches about his life and his vision of social and economic justice for all people. There will be ceremonies remembering what he did so many years ago.

Monday is MLK Day. It isn't a black holiday, it's an American holiday, a time to reflect on the commitment of one man to bring equal opportunity to all people. Through his words and his actions, we now can

step up to the ballot box and vote without the fear of threats and intimidation. We cannot be discriminated against because of who we are, what we believe in or the color of our skin.

Communities from Westland and Canton to Southfield and beyond are holding events to celebrate the life and work of King. Let them be the opportunity to reflect on King's vision of liberty and justice for all and recommit to making that happen.

Let Monday be the starting point for change, not another day off from work or school. King did not tolerate inequality and we shouldn't, either.

LETTERS

Fiscally responsible

At last week's meeting, the Westland City Council took bold steps to save the citizens of this city millions of dollars in legacy costs. Though it's hard to vote against yourself, City Council President James Godbout boldly passed the gavel to Councilman Adam Hammons, as he proposed a change from Defined

Benefit pension to a Defined Contribution, for all future new mayors, directors and clerks.

The current pension system was a formula based on a combination of the highest average salary and years of service. In the real world this no longer exists because of the huge burden placed on the taxpayers and businesses. The change in legislation also

squashed the double and triple dipping of future politicians using the system to feather their nests.

Thank you City Council for putting fiscal responsibility as your goal!
Antoinette Martin
Westland

Supporting Slavens

I was very pleased to read in the *Canton Observer* that State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, will run for state Senate in the 7th District.

I have known Dian Slavens and her family for over 20 years. We both attended the same church on a weekly basis. Dian Slavens was very active in teaching Sunday School. She showed her interest in children and education.

In addition, she has a background as a health professional. She was a respiratory therapist. I believe she will be a forceful advocate on men's, women's and children's health issues. The 7th District would be well-served by electing Slavens as its next State Senator.

Thomas Hartnett
Canton

Tobacco battle not won

It's been 50 years this month since the Surgeon General first informed the public that smoking was linked to increased risk of cancer and other chronic diseases. Since then, we've come a long way in reducing tobacco's grip on our country; restricting sales to children, passing comprehensive smoke-free laws in 30 states, including Michigan, increasing the average price of a pack of cigarettes and cutting the national smoking rate in half.

But if you think the battle is won, think again. There are still millions of smokers in the country, and more than 3,000 kids nationally try their first cigarette every day. Tobacco remains the leading preventable cause of death.

It's time to finish the fight against tobacco. It's time for Michigan to increase funding for our tobacco prevention and cessation programs. Doing so will save thousands of Michigan's lives and millions of dollars in tobacco-related health care costs.

Liz Paruch

Canton

Privatize programs

Let's privatize health insurance. Start with Medicare. Average annual spending per beneficiary is about \$10,000. Give every senior that \$10,000 to deposit into their Health Savings Account managed by the Medicare Bank.

The bank, in size and cost, would be a shadow of the former Medicare bureaucracy and a productive member of the financial community.

More than 49 million new customers would have insurance companies salivating. A senior already spending \$4,000 or more annually for Part B, D and a Medigap policy would have \$14,000-plus to buy insurance of their choice.

Do the same thing with Medicaid. Privatizing it would also solve the doctor shortage due to low pay and bureaucratic hassles.

In lieu of paying for "Obamacare," employers contribute to an HSA the employee uses to buy coverage that meets their needs, not what government dictates. Change jobs? Take your insurance and HSA with you.

With millions of consumers capitalized, making health care choices and the industry competing for customers, lower cost and improved service is a given and government won't have their noses in our wallets and examination rooms.

Jack Belisle
South Lyon

Review policies

I recently was involved in a car accident. I was driving on the expressway, maintaining speed with the flow of traffic and within the speed limit and was rear-ended by a speeding, out-of-control driver.

I filed a damage claim with my auto insurance carrier, which agreed to pay for the repair of my car, as required by the policy and the state's no-fault insurance law. Last year, my wife's car was parked in the Kroger parking lot and suffered extensive damage when another car smashed into it while she was shopping. In that case, too, our carrier paid for the repairs to the car.

The surprise came when our carrier informed us that our insur-

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review and reassess the policies that carriers are using in deciding to raise premiums for individual drivers, with the end that such decisions would be made in a more just manner.

John Grissim
Milford

Nerd, egghead or twit?

Being a member of an older generation when "nerd" became part of the American vernacular, I was inclined to equate it with an older appellation, "egghead." In my youth, an egghead was considered an intellectual. Weird? Perhaps, but brain, nevertheless.

When considering the convoluted, asinine, illogical argument of Gov. Nerd supporting anonymous slander squads, one cannot possibly confuse egghead with nerd. Twit? Yes, but not egghead.

Snyder would have flunked Socrates' Logic 101 class.

Patrick Downey
Novi

Require helmets

I am writing in return to the article that you published (hometownlife.com) Dec. 11, about the motorcycle helmet debate. I question if we should have passed this law. There has been an increase in the number of motorcycle accidents and fatalities since the law has been passed. Not requiring people to wear helmets while riding a motorcycle isn't the best idea; there is no positive outcome if people don't wear helmets. The law was in place to protect riders and their passengers while on streets and state highways.

Some people might say that they have a right to make a decision on whether they want to wear a helmet or not. I don't understand why you wouldn't want to wear a helmet. It could be a matter of life and death if you don't wear it.

What we need to do is revoke the law and require people to wear helmets again to save more lives. If more people started wearing helmets again, we would have fewer annual deaths from motorcycle crashes. If we don't change this now, the death rates on motorcycles could keep going up and up.

James Ciolli II
Novi

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you plan to attend the North American International Auto Show in Detroit?

We asked this question at the Garden City Public Library in Garden City.



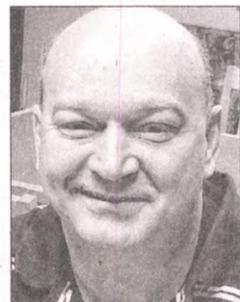
"No, I can't afford to buy a new car so it doesn't interest me."

Claudine Wooley
Garden City



"No, I don't have the time."

Lindsay Fricke
Plymouth



"Yes, I'll be going this weekend — my son and I."

Mark Fleck
Garden City



"I have never gone downtown for the auto show."

Barbara Custard
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Local teen seeks sponsorship to accelerate racing career

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia resident Garrett Rons is hoping a local auto parts supplier will help sponsor his racing career. But he needs a little help from the public.

Rons has entered a contest through Southfield-based Federal Mogul and its spark plug brand, Champion, that could provide him up to \$50,000 in sponsorship money to put toward his racing career, which he does in a non-winged sprint car, a small motorized vehicle used to race on dirt or paved tracks.

"It would mainly help us pay for a new car and new trailer so we can travel to different races and different tracks to racing," said the 13-year-old eighth-grader at Holmes Middle School. "Getting the money from the contest would help us go farther in racing and go to bigger tracks."

Rons is asking for support through votes on the contest's website to help reach his goal. Those interested in voting for Rons can do so by visiting alwaysachampion.com and searching for Rons' video to cast a vote. Voters can cast one ballot per day and the contest ends Feb. 2.

Rons has been racing since he was in kindergarten, moving up from go-karts to sprint cars. He currently competes at Jackson Speedway and finished fourth out of 10 drivers in the overall standings in 2013.

If he wins the contest, he and his family hope to purchase a bigger vehicle and move up to the highest sprint car class. There, he would face tougher competition from both older teenagers and adults. He currently competes regularly against people who are much older than he is.

Audra Rons, Garrett's

mother, said the entire family supports his racing dreams and careers and hopes the contest goes well so that her son can compete against stronger competition.

"He actually wanted to move up for 2014, but we can't afford it right now," she said. "All votes are appreciative, because anything he gets as far as sponsorships is just huge for us."

Garrett Rons said it's a great working with his family members in his racing endeavor, saying all his accomplishments are a team effort.

"My dad and my grandpa are big supporters. Every weekend, they're out with me racing. They're also my crew," he said. "My mom and grandma and sister are all there every weekend. Having them support me is really nice."

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Be proactive, protect yourself from fraud

Most have read about or heard about the story of more than 100 million people who had their credit card, debit card or other personal information stolen by hackers who hacked into Target's database.

Target is not the first company that this has happened to and it certainly won't be the last. In fact, Neiman Marcus just announced that its database was also recently hacked and there are also rumors that two other large retailers will soon be announcing their sites were also hacked.

This should be a reminder to all that we live in a technology-based world and it is extremely important to be aware and on guard in order to protect ourselves. Although, there is nothing to guarantee that information won't be stolen by hackers,



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

there are things to do to minimize the effect it will have.

What can hackers do with the information? With your charge card number, expiration date and security code these crooks can go to town at your expense.

Although there are laws that protect you and minimize your losses, you have to be proactive and notify your bank or charge card company when there is a fraudulent transaction. When you receive your charge card statement or bank statement, it is important to review them immediately for accuracy. If there is a charge that is not yours, immediately notify your bank or charge card company.

Don't assume that the bank or credit card company will catch these inappropriate charges because they don't. If you do not notify them, you could be held liable for unauthorized charges.

These crooks also use the information to get more information on you. Hackers typically have a few different ways which they can contact you for the information. For example, they may contact you through email seeking the additional information. Typically, they will send an official looking email that asks you to click on a link for further information. Once you click on the link, the hackers can get more information from your computer.

If you get an email from Target, for example, don't click on the link. The better way to

do it is to go directly to Target's website and type the information in the browser yourself.

Hackers will also attempt to contact you by telephone claiming that you have been affected by the hacking and that they need additional information to protect you. If you receive one of these calls, hang up. If you do receive a call, the better way to deal with this is to contact your bank or credit card company after you hang up.

My recommendation for Target customers and others who shopped at retailers who have been hacked is to be proactive and notify your bank and credit card company. Let them know that you've shopped at Target and you may be at risk for a fraud. In addition, it is not a bad idea to change your passwords and pin numbers.

We live in a world where every aspect of our financial affairs is affected by technology. Whether it's direct deposit of paychecks, filing tax returns or paying bills online, technology is a key ingredient.

Although banks, credit card companies and other financial institutions have improved their security, the hackers have also gotten more sophisticated. Because of that consumers need to recognize they are the last line of defense and must always be on guard.

If you see something you're unsure of in any financial statement - credit card, bank or mutual fund - don't ignore it or assume that it must be right.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com. Send him questions at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Lutz catalyst once again in Stevenson 3-1 triumph

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Before the crowd at Plymouth Cultural Center could get comfortable Saturday night, Livonia Stevenson's Dominic Lutz again showed why he is a world-class player.

Lutz ripped a slap shot over the shoulder of Salem senior goalie Parker Godfrey just 2:09 into the KLAA cross-over boys hockey matchup to open the game's scoring.

It was Lutz 2, Salem 0 before the end of the opening stanza when the forward banged in a rebound for his 29th of the season and that proved to be enough as the defending Division 2 champions tallied a 3-1 triumph.

Stevenson's third goal was by Michael Sinclair into an empty net with 14 seconds to go.

"Dom is just a special player, he's a guy we'll all see at the next level," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "He popped a couple early, and had all kinds of chances the rest of the night, and

battled through and through."

The lone Salem goal was scored early in the third period by senior forward Jake Sealy, who sent a seemingly harmless shot from the left circle that bounced off a Stevenson defenseman past netminder Andrew Rozenbaum (21 saves) to cut the deficit to 2-1.

Salem (5-6) put on plenty of pressure in an attempt to force overtime, but could not do so — following a recent trend so far this season of having trouble cashing in scoring chances.

"They had two goals, one off a face-off and another just off a rebound," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "... For us, we had a ton of chances, I don't know how many empty nets we missed again tonight but it happens. Right now pucks just aren't bouncing are way."

Ossenmacher said his team played much better than Friday night against Livonia Churchill (a 4-2 loss) and the competitive tilt against the 13-1 Spar-



Salem's Jack Newel (left) and Stevenson's Dominic Lutz battle for the puck in Saturday's game at the Plymouth Cultural Center. BRIAN QUINTOS

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Rob Woodson has stepped into a starting role nicely for the Grand Valley State men's basketball team. DOUG WITTE | GVSU ATHLETICS

Woodson lesson in perseverance

Wayne grad starts as 5th-year senior

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

While most would have fallen by the wayside, Rob Woodson waited four years for this chance.

And the senior point guard from Grand Valley State is making the most of his opportunity and proving he belongs as a starter for the Lakers, who stand 10-2 overall and 6-2 in the North Division of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Woodson, a preferred walk-on from Wayne Memorial High, played just 27 total minutes as a true freshman before red-shirting during the 2010-11 season.

During his sophomore year, Woodson appeared in all 27 games, while averaging 1.6 points per game.

Last season, Woodson broke into the lineup and served as a reliable backup, averaging 6.2 points and 2.7 rebounds in 19 minutes per game.

Fast forward to 2013-14 as Woodson improved to 12.4 points per game, while averaging a team-best 3.5 assists along with 3.3 rebounds per game. He's also logging a career-best 30 minutes per game.

"It's really a great story, and more and more, a bit of an unusual story," Grand Valley coach Ric Wes-

ley said. "In this day and age, particularly in our sport, there's such a lack of commitment, patience, perseverance, if you will ... Rob is all those things and more. And it's great to see that it's paying off for him."

Waiting game

Woodson, now in his fifth season, was able to bide his time while backing up Breland Hogan for three years.

"I have a totally different role that I've had the past four years,"

Woodson said. "I'm a leader, people depend on me every game. I have to make sure I come to play in every practice and every game, too."

"Coach (Wesley) has given me a little more freedom this year to run things. I come down and run the team the way I want to. 'I haven't had this kind of role since I played in high school at Wayne. I kind of like it. My teammates look up to me. They kind of feed off my energy that I bring every day.'"

Wesley says Woodson has always blended in well with his teammates and coaches.

"I feel like his play is really a reflection of his personality," the Grand Valley coach said. "He's kind of fun-loving type kid who really connects well with people. He has a warm fuzziness about him. He's

kind of a glue guy and everybody on the team has liked Rob since he's gotten here. He's probably one of our most popular guys across the board. And I think he plays the same kind of way. He has a good time and a natural feel for the game. He has the ability to get in the lane and really create opportunities for himself and for others. But he's very much of a team guy."

Among the starters, Woodson is also shooting a team-best 52.5 percent from the floor and has committed just 22 turnovers on the season.

Room to grow

"My hope is that he'll continue to build upon the things he's done already," Wesley said. "He's really become a consistent scorer for us. Obviously he's a great facilitator. He's leading the team in assists. We just hope he can continue to grow in confidence, stay healthy and just continue the way he's played. He's played a lot of minutes. He's handling the ball a great deal for us and most of what we do with him is on the offensive end. It kind of revolves around his ability to just be just an effective offensive player."

On Jan. 2, Woodson scored a season-best 16 points in a 81-76 home victory over perennial NCAA Division II power Findlay (Ohio). He also dished out seven assists in a 64-57 win Dec. 15 at Tiffin (Ohio).

The Lakers currently sit in sec-



Woodson

BOYS BASKETBALL

Rocks cut Stevenson like a knife

Salem rolls to 71-45 triumph

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The pace was fast and furious during the first two quarters Monday night between KLAA Central Division boys basketball rivals Salem and Livonia Stevenson.

Salem had a 36-32 advantage at halftime before putting its game into another gear while leaving the host Spartans in the dust en route to a convincing 71-45 victory.

The Rocks, who improved to 7-2 overall and 3-0 in the Central, out-scored Stevenson 19-4 during the third quarter while holding their opponent scoreless for a span of 5 minutes and 52 seconds.

Salem's game plan was simply to contain Stevenson's guard combo of Jailen Webber and Noah Campbell. The junior duo wound up with 14 and 10 points, respectively, but shot a combined 9-of-28 from the field.

"I thought we took them out of their game, we knew who their two scorers were," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "We put a lot of heat on them and got help from the other players. We tried to limit them to one scoring opportunity at a time. That's all they got for the most part."

Meanwhile, Salem's twin senior backcourt tandem of Connor and Brady Cole wreaked havoc on both ends of the floor as the pair proved to be highly efficient combining for a total of 26 points with 16 and 10, respectively.

Eight other Rocks also scored including senior center Mike Hoover (11 points) and junior guard Allante Wheeler (eight).

"That's the type of players they are," Brodie said of the twins. "But our team is a good, balanced team. They like to run and play at that pace. Stevenson tried to do the same thing and I think we just outplayed them tonight."

Salem, which did not deviate from its first-half scheme, went on an 18-2 third-quarter run and held the Spartans to 1-of-14 shooting from field.

"We just said, 'Stay solid in what you're doing,'" Brodie said. "We told them to do the same thing they had been doing defensively. The plan was to get to those two shooters and help off, and hedge, and continue to push the ball offensively. Not hold the ball, just go after them. They did a good job with that."

Salem was able to beat Stevenson's three-quarter court press with relative ease.

"It's something the kids work on," Brodie said. "They accept that challenge. They know where each other are. They find open players so well. They catch the ball, square and find players. When you start burning them long, the pressure tends to lessen a little bit and they come off of it because they've got to respect that long pass. I think that happened tonight a few times."

Ironically, Stevenson (1-6, 0-2) stayed close for two quarters despite shooting 13-of-36 from the floor (36.1 percent).

"I thought we put ourselves in position," Spartans coach Brandon Sinawi said. "The first three minutes of that third quarter were huge."

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PREP WRESTLING

Lutheran Westland garners dual mat crown

A lot of things went right Saturday for host Lutheran High Westland in its own invitational dual meet wrestling tournament.

The Warriors finished 5-0 on the day to earn the title which included victories over runner-up Flat Rock (48-35), third-place Dearborn Divine Child (56-16), fourth-place Redford Union (66-12), the fifth-place Dearborn Heights Crestwood "B" team (48-30) and the sixth-place Southfield "B" squad (54-26).

Caleb Richter, the lower weight MVP at 140 and 145 pounds, was among seven Warriors going undefeated on the day along with Andy Faith (119-125), Jacob Bavol (135-140), Connor Even (140), Wes Warren (145-152), Nic Garber (189) and Thomas Krueger (215).

Meanwhile, Jonah Lambart (171-189) recorded his 100th career victory while taking only one loss on the day.

Also among those in the one-loss club included with Kole Niemi (152-160), Joey Seta



Lutheran High Westland, coached by Joe Schmidt, finished 5-0 Saturday to win its own invitational dual meet title.

(125-130) and Ethan Becker (125-130).
 "It was nice to see two of the younger wrestlers go undefeated with Wes (Warren) and Andy (Faith)," said Lutheran Westland coach Joe Schmidt, whose team is 12-2

overall. "Wes had five pins without giving up a point on the day. The last meet with Flat Rock was very exciting. The turning point was Newman Harper at 160, who fought off his back twice and then recorded a fall."

Trojans wind up 1-4

Livonia Clarenceville finished 1-4 on the day in Saturday's Wayne Memorial team tournament beating Romulus Summit Academy (46-21), while losing to Walled Lake

Western (38-24), Melvindale (67-12), Dearborn Heights Annapolis (54-23) the host Wolfpack (60-20).

The Trojans, who slipped to 5-10 overall, were led by Dommanick Slagle (152) and David Curvin (215) as both went 5-0.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

GARDEN CITY NOVICE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Jan. 10 at Garden City H.S.
SOPHOMORE TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 190 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 167; 3. North Farmington, 92; 4. Livonia Franklin, 84; 5. Dearborn Fordson, 75; 6. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 73; 7. Farmington, 63; 8. Grosse Ile, 61; 9. Belleville, 56; 10. Westland John Glenn, 40; 11. Northville, 39; 12. Annapolis, 33; 13. Salem, 27; 14. Divine Child, 24; 15. Lincoln Park, 22; 16. Canton, 17; 17. Southgate Anderson, 10; 18. (tie) Clarenceville and Plymouth, 9; 20. W.L. Central, 7; 21. (tie) Garden City and Wayne Memorial, 3 each.
INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
103 pounds: 1. Dan Manier (Farm.) pinned Amar Ghaleb (DF), 1:10; 3. Josh Filban (DCC) decisioned Rocco Ciaramitaro (LF), 6-4; 5. Vallen Woodward (WR) p. Nathan Wilson (GC) in 2:29.
112-1: Doug Williams (NF) p. Freeman Ramsey (NF), 0:45; 3. Jared Bowers (LF) won by major dec. over Tommy Dye (DCC), 14-3.
119-1: Spencer Blanchard (LC) p. David Connolly (DCC), 1:03; 3. Justin Kabara (Bell) dec. Russell Gaubatz (S), 10-9; 5. Joe Bates (WJG) p. Nate Lawler (NF), 2:29.
125-1: Matt Anderson (DCC) p. Tanner Coolsaet (GI), 3:50; 3. Colton Thompson (WR) dec. Jacob Brewer (Farm.), 7-2; 5. Devin Patrick (Salem) p. Caitlin Crutcher (Farm.), 0:59.
130-1: Jacob Barwickowski (GI) dec. Tyler Johnson (DCC), 7-3; 3. James Kelly (LC) p. Kevin Marzolo (C'ville), 1:58; 5. Noah Burrill (N'ville) won by major dec. over Lance Blair (WJG), 9-1.
135-1: Brian Papin (Bell) dec. Michael Wickowski (GI), 4-2; 3. Gysai Davis (Farm.) p. Thomas Eschelbach (P), 0:50; 5. Corey Gustad (DCC) p. Majai Lesch (WM), 0:49.
140-1: Nathan Cascarelli (DCC) p. Kristo Cule (LF), 3:40; 3. Jaylan Carter (LP) won by technical fall over Ian McKeever (DC), 26-10; 5. Austin Hayek (N'ville) dec. Nick Terry (SA), 8-6.
145-1: Chase Gardner (LC) dec. Nick Joseph (DCC), 8-3; 3. Brennan Boyd (N) dec. Andres Garza (LF), 5-2;

5. Rodney Miracle (LP) p. Darrion Parker (B), 2:49.
152-1: Ryan Delp (LC) dec. Collin Gustad (DCC), 6-2; 3. Peter Dulzo (N) p. Domanique Reynolds (A), 2:50; 5. Brendon Godin (DCC) won by major dec. over Will Stark (CNT), 8-0.
160-1: Mike Trame (DCC) dec. Colin Englehart (LC), 7-0; 3. Moe Hamka (DF) p. Andrew Ferguson (LC), 4:05; 5. Eric Youngs (WR) dec. Adam Akers (WR), 3-1.
171-1: Matthew Compeau (WR) dec. Aldo Bella (LC), 8-2; 3. Alec Dirette (WJG) p. Jared Leach (WLC), 4:35; 5. Ben Vitek (DCC) won by void.
189-1: Hussein Malki (DF) p. Desard Devirshi (LC), 2:17; 3. Ryan Tracy (LF) won by major dec. over Dylan Yaldo (NF), 10-2; 5. Gage Brent (F) dec. Anthony Lamonic (WR), 7-5.
215-1: Joe Fortin (LF) p. Nate Penny (NF), 5:30; 3. Avery Casey (WJG) p. Moe Abdallah (DF), 5:20; 5. Joshua Walker (LC) p. Armando Chacon (CNT), 3:29.
285-1: Geno Crenshaw (A) p. Chris Nader (NF), 4:38; 3. Donovan McCoy (B) p. Gabe Currie (DC), 1:45; 5. William Boda (SA) p. Matt McNeff (DC), 0:55.
FRESHMAN TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Millford, 147 points; 2. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 141; 3. Westland John Glenn, 113; 4. Livonia Churchill, 107; 5. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 98; 6. Dearborn Fordson, 97; 7. Canton, 66; 8. Southgate Anderson, 62; 9. Belleville, 59; 10. Plymouth, 45; 11. North Farmington, 39; 12. Wayne Memorial, 37; 13. Livonia Franklin, 36; 14. Farmington, 28; 15. Annapolis, 28; 16. (tie) Grosse Ile and Clarenceville, 27; 18. Lincoln Park, 23; 19. (tie) Northville and Salem, 18; 21. (tie) A.A. Skyline and W.L. Central, 11; 23. Garden City, 10; 24. Divine Child, 7.
INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
103 pounds: 1. Josh Mussen (LC) pinned Dylan Neal (WR), 1:54; 3. Luke Joyner (M) won by technical fall over Logan Krauthofer (Farm.), 18-3; 5. Solomon Johnson (Farm.) won by tech. fall over Robert Ujkaj (GC), 17-2.
112-1: Ethan Englehart (LC) p. Essa Ghaleb (DF), 3:19; 3. Devin Ogg (M) p. Seth Wickham (M), 3:20; 5. Ryan Demers (Canton) p. Luke St. Germain (DCC), 1:50.
119-1: Warren Stanfield (NF) won by tech. fall over

Aaron Young (WR), 20-5; 3. Brian Walrad (LC) p. Zack Richards (C'ville), 3:20; 5. Martin Bustos (WR) p. Cole Rorabacher (DCC), 2:30.
125-1: Dillon deJong (DCC) p. Zach Lefler (WJG), 3:15; 3. Jeremy Vanberkel (Canton) p. Domenico Pelle (LF), 3:40; 5. Cheyenne Christlip (WR) p. Jack Schultz (NF), 1:25.
130-1: Charles Anderson (WJG) dec. Genaro Acerrano (WJG), 9-4; 3. Matt Denison (WR) dec. Seth Swihart (DCC), 4-3; 5. Jared Hill (WLC) dec. Marc Scabassi (M), 5-2.
135-1: Amir Nasser (DF) dec. Chris Bain (S), 8-5; 3. Ben Wiseley (DCC) won by major dec. over Salvatore Vitale (WR), 10-0; 5. Gage Tyrell (LF) p. Justin Hadyniak (WJG), 0:20.
140-1: Grant Trotman (Canton) p. Zack Buhro (B), 3:07; 3. Jakoby Fields (M) p. Jordan Beverly (C'ville), 0:40; 5. Horatio Ozozco (LP) p. Austin Mauldin (WM), 0:45.
145-1: Andrew Ritchie (M) p. Jared Merrow (LC), 4:19; 3. Andrew Beaudoin (WJG) p. Jeremy Johnson (B), 0:35; 5. Chris Cowgar (WR) p. Philip Trujillo (DCC), 1:30.
152-1: Holden Green (GI) won by major dec. over Mark Rodriguez (SA), 19-9; 3. Keyvon Smith (B) won by major dec. over Niko Noga (M), 14-8; 5. Hussein Sarieni (DF) p. Donny Terry (LF), 2:49.
160-1: Joey Ahearn (P) p. Brendan Adams (M), 3:03; 3. Malek Mansour (DF) p. Zack Diroff (SA), 2:10; 5. Nick Evans (SA) won by major dec. over Drew Calhoun (DCC), 13-1.
171-1: Conner Curmette (DCC) p. Ali Hamka (DF), 1:09; 3. Ethan Schulaw (P) p. Ethan Caruana (LC), 0:45; 5. Ben Goedert (M) won by tech. fall over Max Marco (P), 15-0.
189-1: Jawaun Peete (WJG) p. Jack Ross (DCC), 3:45; 3. Hunter Goodman (AAS) p. Zack Marks (JN), 2:35; 5. Robert West (DC) p. Enrique Ortiz (LP), 2:55.
MVP: Ethan Englehart (Churchill), 112.

PREP BOWLING

Glenn girls capture P-C-S Tournament

Westland John Glenn captured its second major girls bowling title in as many weeks by winning Saturday's Plymouth-Canton-Salem Tournament held at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

The Rockets, on the heels of their Livonia Ladywood Holiday Tournament crown, scored a team-best 3,391, including a 2,660 in the four-game regular set along with a 731 in the four Baker sets.

Coach Ralph Cabildo's squad posted a high regular game of 896 and a Baker best of 193.

Canton and Wayne Memorial finished a distant second and third, respectively, with 2,875 and 2,873. Ladywood was 10th with a 2,505.

Wayne's Christina O'Harris was the individual leader with a 623 three-game series including a tournament high game of 235.

Glenn had three bowlers in the top 10 led by Jessica Pate, third (182-214-179-575); Julia Huren, fourth (159-180-226-565); and Olivia Cabildo, tied for sixth (189-189-179-557).

Glenn's Emily Dietz was 13th with a 506 series including a high game of 177, while teammate Ashley Kolb was 22nd with a 457.

Other top scorers for Wayne included Hayley Gilbert (475) in 17th and Gabby Charron (471) in 19th.

Ladywood's top finisher was Sabine Hutter, who took 10th with a 531 including a 177 game. Teammate Veronica Estiogy added a 13th with a 506, including a 186 game.

Rocks rule boys side

Salem emerged the winner of the P-C-S boys title Saturday with a 3,704 total followed by Novi Detroit Catholic Central (3,520), Canton (3,499), John Glenn (3,402), University of Detroit Jesuit (3,343) and Wayne Memorial (3,279) rounding out the top six in the 14-school field.

Wayne's Kody Wojewski was the individual winner with a three-game series of 664, including tourney best high game of 257.

Glenn's Steve Brusseau and Nick Bell finished fourth and fifth, respectively, with series of 620 and 619.

Bell also recorded the high game of 240, while Brusseau's top game was a 235 game.

Mike Russom added a 21st for Glenn with a 530, while Wayne's Conner Weber was 31st with a 502.

PREP BOWLING ROUNDUP

Wayne boys strike through Glenn

By Brad Emons
 Staff Writer

Strikes were aplenty in Monday's boys bowling showdown between Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

The rivals went back and forth before Wayne emerged with a 17-13 victory to improve to 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA's Central Division.

The Zebras captured six points in the two-game Baker set with a 169-191-360, while Glenn settled for four with a 181-174-355.

In the regular games, Wayne scored 964-1,115-2,079 to the Rockets' 985-1,032-2,017 for an 11-8 advantage.

Brandon Woods led the way for Wayne with a 206-247-453 two-game set followed by Kody Wojewski (213-234-447); John Willet (244-189-433); and Conner Weber (190-241-431).

Nathan Van Meter also added a 204 game.

Billy Wicker paced Glenn (1-2, 2-3) with a 212-212-424. He

was followed by Mike Russom (200-215-415), Nick Bell (234-177-411), Dante Fischer (236-163-399) and Steve Brusseau (368).

Wayne's five bowlers averaged 223 per game, while Glenn averaged 206.

"We had a chance to win both Bakers and missed a critical spare to lose the total pin count," Glenn coach Ron Staples said. "Give Wayne all the credit. After not being able to close out the match early, Wayne out-bowled us and deserved the hotly contested victory."

Glenn girls triumph

The John Glenn girls continued their early season push improving to 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA's Central Division with a 23-7 win Monday over Wayne at Super Bowl Lanes.

High scorers for the Lady Rockets included Julia Huren (225-200-425), Jessica Pate (205-195-400) and Emily Dietz (191-173-364).

High scorers for Wayne (2-3, 1-2) included Shaelyn Wojewski (161-171-332) and Christina O'Harris (168-163-331).

Glenn won both Baker games with a 200-156-356 (six points) to Wayne's 170-173-343 (four points).

The Rockets then outpointed Wayne in the regular game sets, 17-3.

Rocket boys prevail

On Tuesday, the Rockets (3-3, 2-2) rebounded for an 18-12 KLAA Central Division win over Canton (3-3, 2-2) as Billy Wicker led the way with a 192-212-404 series at Novi Bowl.

Glenn jumped to a 6-4 lead in the Baker sets and won four of five matches in the first game before holding on.

Other top bowlers for the Rockets included Steve Brusseau (222-180-402), Nick Bell (377), Mike Russom (360) and Dante Fischer (326).

Mike Richards (215-220-435) paced the Chiefs.

PREP HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Blazers skate to 8-3 victory

Freshman Katie Hayward had four goals and two assists as Livonia Ladywood clinched a spot in the Catholic League championship later this month with an 8-3 victory Saturday over rival Farmington Hills Mercy in a game played at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

The Blazers, who now stand 2-7 overall and 2-7 in Division 1 of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League, overcame a 2-0 first-period deficit by outscoring the Marlins 4-0 in the second period.

Freshman CeCe Werner's goal started the rally.

Others getting into the scoring act were junior Jackie Kristofik (one goal, two assists), senior Abby Pelon (one goal, one assist), freshman Mikayla Pearson (one goal) and senior Sabrina Alafita (one assist).

Sophomore Michaela Warner made 25 saves to notch the victory for the Blazers, who will play in the league championship game Saturday, Jan. 25, at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.

na. (Time to be announced.)

The loss drops Mercy to 2-2-1 overall and 2-2-1 in Division 2 of the Michigan Metro. **BRIGHTON 8, FRANKLIN 0:** Eight players scored Monday as the host Bulldogs (9-4, 4-1) downed Livonia Franklin (2-9, 1-7) in a KLAA Kensington Conference boys crossover at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

The Patriots held Brighton to one goal in the first, scored by Troy Marrett late in the period.

"They were packing the middle and their goalie was doing good things," Brighton coach Paul Moggach said. "After we figured out how to get away from their jamming the middle, we opened things up."

"We had good speed and good jump in the first. I thought they did a good job even though it was only 1-0."

Brighton added five goals in the second and finished it with Lee Pietila's power-play goal midway through the third period.

"We had eight goals by eight different players, and from a coaching perspective, that's something you love to see," Moggach said. "It shows we had a team effort, we're sharing the puck and we were doing a good job of sharing with each other."

Brighton goalies Jimmy Millett and Jake Price combined for 10 saves and the shutout.

LIGGETT 7, LADYWOOD 0: On Monday, Riley Marchin's hat trick and Allison Stapleton's four assists propelled host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (6-1, 6-1) to a Michigan Metro Girls Division 1 victory over Livonia Ladywood (2-8, 2-8) at McCann Arena.

The Knights, who led 3-0 after one period and 5-0 after two, also got a goal and three assists from Ania Dow.

Danielle Lorant chipped in with a goal and assist, while Mary Hillier and Molly Murphy also tallied goals.

Liggett starting goaltender Olivia Portillo made 18 saves over two periods before giving way to Haley Malewicz, who completed the shutout with five saves.

Glenn girls bowling team slides by Canton

It's been a banner season thus far for the Westland John Glenn girls bowling team.

The Rockets, defending regional and Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division champions, improved to 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the division Tuesday with a 21-9 triumph over Canton in a match held at Novi Bowl.

Canton led 6-4 after the Baker set, but could only muster three points during the last two regular games as Glenn won going

away.

Olivia Cabildo posted a high game of 224 for the Rockets followed by Julia Huren (200), Jessica Pate (194) and Emily Dietz (184).

Canton's Megan Macunovich, the KLAA's individual leader this season with a 223 average, posted games of 219 and 244 en route to a 463 series.

The loss drops the Chiefs to 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the KLAA Central.

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tans indicated the home stretch could yet be fun.

"These are the type of games that help you at the end of the year, you hope," Ossensmacher added. "They're the No. 1 team in Division 2 for a reason, we play the No. 1 team in Division 1 team (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) on Tuesday. If

we bring this effort tonight we have a chance."

Keeping it close

Lutz nearly registered a hat trick when he broke in on Godfrey during a Salem power play with less than four minutes to go in the third.

Godfrey challenged Lutz and dove toward the speedy skater to poke the puck off his stick. It probably was Godfrey's biggest save — he made 26 — because it kept the Rocks

within a goal.

"Parker's a good goalie," Ossensmacher said. "In a game like tonight you're going to need a good goalie to stay in the game. I think they've probably merced half the teams they've played this year, so to keep them to two goals for most of the game, you're happy with that."

Mitchell said it was key for the Spartans to start strong and they did just that when Lutz scored off Devin Kelly's

face-off win. Tyler Irvine and Ray Chartier collected the helpers on Lutz' second of the night with 3:01 left in the opening stanza.

"We're a team that likes to prepare and likes to make sure we're ready to play and that's been a good thing for us," Mitchell said. "We knew we were going to be in a hockey game. We knew that Salem's a solid, solid hockey club so we knew we were in for a battle for us."

He also pointed out that it was a good test for his team to have to fight and scrap until the end, particularly with so many of Stevenson's games being lopsided affairs.

"Our work ethic showed tonight," Mitchell said. "We battled and it was good to play a nice, close hockey game against a real solid opponent and get a solid road win against Salem."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Stevenson wins at Thomann's tribute

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Before Tuesday's tribute game to Fred Thomann, Salem senior Kayla Kavulich read a speech about going full tilt until the final buzzer.

The Rocks tried to honor Thomann's memory with such an effort, but so did the visiting Livonia Stevenson girls basketball team — and the Spartans came away with a 39-27 KLAAs Central Division win.

"I tried to keep it loose before the game, I didn't even give them too much," Salem interim coach Lindsay Klemmer said. "I just said 'I want you guys to go play.' That's what Fred always said.

"The first half was all right but then they came out in the second half flat and that really hurt us. It's usually the second half that we play better, actually."

Klemmer said the final outcome was a disappointment, given the fact so many Salem basketball alums from over his storied, 41-year coaching career were on hand.

"But am I ecstatic at the outcome of everybody that showed up? All the support of the teams and the community? Absolutely," Klemmer said. "He was a great man. We just got to take this and

learn from it, that's what he would do." Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said her team was honored to be part of the Thomann tribute and she was proud of how the Spartans (4-2, 1-1) responded on the floor.

The Rocks led 9-5 after the first quarter, but then Stevenson took control with an 8-0 run midway through the second to go up 15-14 at halftime. Stevenson's 14-5 edge in the third pretty much sealed the fate of the Rocks (5-4, 0-3).

"They wanted to honor his memory, too," Knoph said. "I thought they recognized that it was going to be about the 32 minutes, not everything else that was around. They did a really good job of that, of focusing. I was just really proud of them, that was the best I've seen them getting on the floor for loose balls and the rebounding was great."

Leading Stevenson with eight points was senior Rosemary Morse, one of the post players (along with Charlesann Roy and Kyra Johnson) that kept Salem players away from the rim.

Roy tallied seven points and six rebounds. Others chipping in were Johnson (six points, eight rebounds, four steals) and Arryn Dochenetz (four assists).

Klemmer lamented too many times where Stevenson players got multiple

chances around the Salem basket.

"I feel we came out focused and with a spark in the first half," Klemmer said. "Our shots weren't falling (20 percent range), and I just told them to keep playing defense and our offense will come. But then in the second half it was kind of like we almost got in our own heads. We let them dictate the tempo, I don't know how many missed box outs we had that led to a basket."

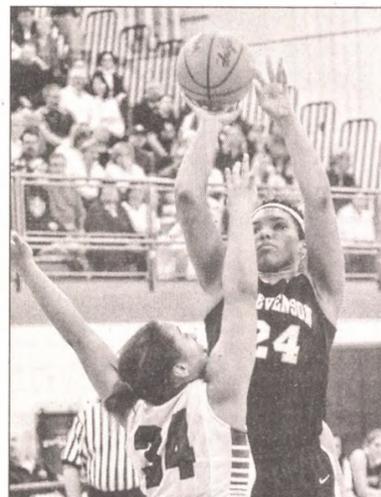
Top scorers for the Rocks were junior forward Shara Long (11 points, eight rebounds) and junior guard Janyra Wilson (seven points).

Salem did have some moments in the first half where it looked like it might be a magical night on the court, too.

With the first quarter closing out, Rogers stole the basketball in the Stevenson end and dished it to Kavulich — who sprinted the length of the floor for a layup at the buzzer.

And late in the first half, Wilson threw a no-look shot from the side of the key that hit high on the glass and dropped through the cylinder to make it 13-13.

Unfortunately for the Rocks, any good feelings from the halftime ceremony honoring Thomann did not last long as Rachel Wilkinson's trey with 6:40 left opened up an 18-14 Stevenson lead.



Stevenson's Charlesann Roy (24) goes up over Salem's Shara Long. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rogers did answer with a triple to make it 18-17, but that was about it for the home team as Stevenson took a 29-19 edge into the final frame.

Thomann's niece, Tanya Thomann of Berkley, laughed following the contest that "He would not be pleased. He'd be back in there chewing those girls' ears and telling them they have to get some stuff taken care of so they can get out and finish their season successfully."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Bland's 35 not enough as Wayne loses

Wayne Memorial guard Ashley Bland put on a show Tuesday night, but Westland John Glenn walked out of the Zebras' gym with a 70-56 KLAAs girls basketball victory.

Bland, heroic in defeat, finished with a game-high 35 points, making 15 field goals and 5-of-7 free throws. But the only other Zebra in double figures was Shukeina Willis, who added 10.

Glenn, which improved to 3-6 overall and 2-1 in the division, was led by senior guard Kaira Barnes (19 points) and R Mani Garrard (18 points, 18 rebounds).

Recent JV call-up Kimah Stribbling, a sophomore, added 13 points, while 6-foot-4 junior center Diamond Jordan added nine points and nine boards.

Glenn, which trailed 36-34 at the half, went on a 19-9 third-quarter run to take control.

"We had a bunch of defensive lapses in the first half and that's where she (Bland) did the majority of her damage," Glenn coach Derrick Jordan said. "Ashley is extremely tough to guard. She had a good game and I can't take anything away from her. She made

some shots where everybody in the game said, 'Wow, she made that shot.' We had good defense on her at times, but she made shots. But it got to the point where nobody else could help her out."

Glenn was 10-of-20 from the foul line, while Wayne made 9-of-15.

CHURCHILL 51, FRANKLIN 29: Junior center Hannah Pummill pumped in a game-high 21 points and junior guard Natalie Spala chipped in with 11 points as Livonia Churchill (4-4, 1-2) rolled to a KLAAs South Division triumph Tuesday over Livonia Franklin (0-8, 0-2).

Churchill led 24-16 at halftime and put it away with a 14-5 third-period run.

Erin McNally led the Patriots with five points, while Yonna Tate and Jessica McNally each added four. Churchill shot 16-of-32 from the foul line, while Franklin was 11-of-21.

CLARENCEVILLE 48, FORDSON 30: Senior center Ayanna Buckley led the way with 26 points, 20 rebounds and eight blocks as Livonia Clarenceville (5-4, 3-0) earned a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division triumph Tuesday at Dearborn Fordson.

The Trojans also got 13 points from Mikala Kielsing, who made four 3-pointers.

Manan Foraj had seven points for the Tractors, who trailed 25-10 at halftime.

Clarenceville was 15-of-25 from the foul line; Fordson was 16-of-27.

REGINA 56, LADYWOOD 23: Erin Nelson scored 13 points to lead Warren Regina to a Catholic League Central Division win Tuesday at Livonia Ladywood (0-9, 0-3).

Nikki Ratusz and Marissa Lesch added nine and eight, respectively, for the Saddlerites, who put the game away with a 14-2 third-quarter run.

Freshman Ally Audia led the Blazers with nine points, while sophomore Erika Selakowski added six.

The Blazers return to action 7 p.m. Thursday at Pinckney Livingston Christian.

HURON VALLEY 36, LUTHERAN SOUTH 17: Senior guard Sarah Setian had 12 points and three steals,

while freshman guard Sam Golchuck added 10 points off the bench to lead Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (4-1, 3-0) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory Tuesday at Newport Lutheran South (2-4, 0-2).

Ashley Hester, Julie St. John and Dayna Schroeder all combined for 24 rebounds and helped limit South's top scorer center Kristi Smrcka to four points. Kyleigh Christenson had seven to lead South.

"We still need to find more consistency on our offense," said HVL coach Kris Ruth, whose team outscored South 12-2 in the third quarter. "We had way too many unforced turnovers tonight and need to show more composure in the half-court set."

BAPTIST PARK 33, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 28: Becky Posont scored 14 points as Taylor Baptist Park (2-3, 3-0) came away with a MIAA Red Division triumph Tuesday over host Lutheran High Westland (2-5, 1-3).

Mikaylah Thompson added eight for the Wildcats, who led 17-9 after one quarter and 26-22 after three quarters.

Bethany Hoehne paced the Warriors with 10 points. Leah Refenes added six.

"It was another frustrating game with the same turnover issues," said Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade, whose team committed 31. "We just have to keep working in practice. We had a good third quarter, but we need to play four quarters of a game to get the win. I have patience and faith in my girls. We'll fight through this."

MARIAN 63, LADYWOOD 25: Freshman Samantha Thomas paced a balanced scoring attack Sunday as state-ranked Birmingham Marian (8-0, 2-0) routed host Livonia Ladywood (0-8, 0-2) in a Catholic League Central Division make-up game.

Thomas was one of four players in double figures for the Mustangs, who jumped out to a 25-0 first-quarter advantage. Elizabeth Grobbel, Brittany Gray and Kara Holinski each added 10 points for Marian.

Sophomore Erika Selakowski scored eight points and added seven rebounds for the Blazers.

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Credit to Salem. They came out and executed. They made the shots. We missed shots. We had a couple of set plays that weren't run correctly. Mental errors all night, especially in the second half. It was a very tough half of basketball to watch."

Stevenson made just 4-of-25 from the field in the second half.

"I think we forced some shots," Sinawi said. "I think we had a couple of players that felt they had to take the ball in their own hands and force too many shots. It was that, plus the turnovers, not getting back on defense. It was a combination of things and it just snowballed."

Salem also got a game-high 12 rebounds from junior center Ty-

ler Brooks and six assists from Wheeler.

"We pressed toward the latter end of the first half and we continued to do it in the third quarter, but again, we weren't executing it well," Sinawi said. "It was one of those nights where nothing was falling for us. They (Salem) had chances and they finished. They finished tonight and we didn't."

And it just wasn't the Spartans' night even though they stayed close for a half.

"The first quarter we missed a lot of shots," said Sinawi, whose team trailed 18-15. "I think we missed probably seven or eight inside the paint. That kind of set the tone. I said, okay it's going to be one of those nights, but we still could get back and play some defense, but we didn't do that either."

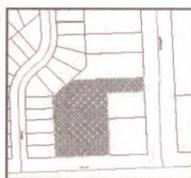
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #2026E, Proposed Land Division, Parcels #008-99-0004-000, West Side of Middlebelt Road, North Side of Warren Road, John C. Baumann

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2014.



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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ORDINANCE NO. 109-F-2-A

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE IV OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 62-97 DEFINING DISORDERLY PERSONS

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 62, Article IV, Offenses Against Public Peace, Section 62-97, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows: Sec. 62-97.- Disorderly Persons.

- (a) It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to be a disorderly person.
- (b) A person is a disorderly person if the person is any of the following:

- (1) A person of sufficient ability who refuses or neglects to support his or her family.
- (2) A common prostitute.
- (3) A window peeper.
- (4) A person who engages in an illegal occupation or business.
- (5) A person who is intoxicated in a public place and who is either endangering directly the safety of another person or of property or is acting in a manner that causes a public disturbance.
- (6) A person who is engaged in indecent or obscene conduct in a public place.
- (7) A vagrant.
- (8) (Reserved)
- (9) A person found loitering in a house of ill fame or prostitution or place where prostitution or lewdness is practiced, encouraged or allowed.
- (10) A person who knowingly loiters in or about a place where an illegal occupation or business is being conducted.
- (11) A person who loiters in or about a police station, police headquarters building, county jail, hospital, court building, or other public building or place for the purpose of soliciting employment of legal services or the services of sureties upon criminal recognizances.
- (12) A person who is found jostling or roughly crowding people unnecessarily in a public place.
- (13) A person who is engaged in fighting or fisticuffs in a public place which directly endangers the safety of another person or of property.
- (14) A person found urinating or defecating in any public place within the city, except within an appropriate toilet facility.

Section 2. That all other provisions of this Chapter of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

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

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective on publication.

ADOPTED: JANUARY 6, 2014
EFFECTIVE: JANUARY 16, 2014
PUBLISHED: JANUARY 16, 2014

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance Amendment to Sections 15:3.2, 15:6.3, 15:6.9 and 15:6.10 of Westland Zoning Ordinance No. 248 to Provide Standards and Requirements for Signs in Accordance with the Purpose of Sign Regulations as Stated in Section 15:1 of Ordinance No. 248

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2014.

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 CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION RECORD OF ATTENDANCE 1/1/2013 - 12/31/2013

Pursuant to City of Westland Council Resolution No. 8-85-441, the following record of attendance of Council members at study sessions is published for the year 2013

| Councilperson | No. of Sessions | Sessions Attended | Percentage |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Christine Cicirelli Bryant | 25 | 21 | 84% |
| James R. Godbout | 25 | 22 | 88% |
| Adam Hammons | 25 | 23 | 92% |
| Bill Johnson | 25 | 19 | 76% |
| Meriem Kadi | 25 | 24 | 96% |
| Michael Kehrer | 25 | 24 | 96% |
| Dewey K. Reeves | 25 | 23 | 92% |

EILEEN DeHART-SCHOOF, CMC
WESTLAND CITY CLERK

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On January 21, 2014 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

| YEAR | MAKE | BODY STYLE | COLOR | VIN |
|------|------------|----------------|--------|--------------------|
| 2012 | Chevy | Cruze | Blue | 1G1PC5SH0C7363733 |
| 2000 | Buick | Century | Black | 1G4CW54KXY4241312 |
| 1998 | Chevy | Windstar | Red | 2FMZA5146WBE14695 |
| 1999 | Chevy | Tahoe | Tan | 1GNEX13R0XJ573489 |
| 2001 | Dodge | Stratus | White | 1B3EJ46X51N697329 |
| 1991 | Oldsmobile | Cutlass | Gray | 2G3AL54R0M2354560 |
| 2007 | Ford | Taurus | Silver | 1FAFP53U57A138720 |
| 1999 | Mercury | Sable | Blue | 1MEFM53S3XG604537 |
| 2001 | Ford | Focus | Black | FAPFP34391W247131 |
| 2003 | Lincoln | Town Car | Red | LNHM82WX3Y639897 |
| 2001 | Dodge | Stratus | White | 1B3EJ46X11N683332 |
| 2002 | Saturn | L300 | Black | 1G8JW54R22Y530803 |
| 2001 | Ford | Windstar | White | 2FMZA52401BA04384 |
| 1998 | Jeep | Grand Cherokee | White | 1J4GZ58S5WC106288 |
| 2001 | Ford | Explorer | Black | 1FMZU73EX1ZA58539 |
| 2002 | Chevy | Impala | Red | 2G1WF55E429148647 |
| 2002 | Chevy | Malibu | Green | 1G1NE52JX2M555245 |
| 1998 | Chevy | Silverado | Maroon | 1GCEK19R9WE252381 |
| 1994 | Ford | Ranger | Purple | 1FTCR14A5R9PC26843 |
| 2004 | Chevy | Classic | White | 1G1ND52F74M607738 |
| 1995 | Saturn | SL | Blue | 1G8ZK5278S2368041 |
| 1997 | Chevy | Cavalier | Red | 1G1JF12T9V7217571 |
| 1995 | Nissan | Pathfinder | Green | JN8HD17Y5SW058084 |
| 1994 | Ford | Escort | Blue | 1FARP11J4RW221178 |
| 2003 | Dodge | Stratus | Silver | 1B3EL36X53N519816 |
| 2004 | Chrysler | PT Cruiser | Silver | 3C4FY48B84T241846 |

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

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PREP BOYS SWIM RESULTS

DOUBLE-DUAL MEET RESULTS

Jan. 10 at Ann Arbor Pioneer
TEAM SCORES: Livonia Stevenson 130, Salem 55; Ann Arbor Pioneer, 151, Salem 35; Pioneer 94, Stevenson 91.
200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Parker Belmonte, Nick Arakelian, Bradley Bielicki, Jake Goeddeke), 1:37.53; 2. Stevenson (Matt Della Mora, Grant McNamara, Tom O'Donohue, Alex Lee), 1:49.22; 3. Salem (Patrick Casey, Charles Liu, Brendan Wellman, Noah Fleming), 1:49.5.
200 freestyle: 1. Jackson O'Dowd (LS), 1:48.95; 2. Matt LaPorte (LS), 1:51.8; 3. Brian Kuang (Salem), 1:58.05.
200 individual medley: 1. Arakelian (LS), 1:59.0; 2. Bielicki (LS), 2:08.53; 3. Liu (Salem), 2:09.8.
50 freestyle: 1. Kai Williams (AAP), 21:87; 2. Goeddeke (LS), 22.1; 3. Matt Pairitz (Salem), 23.06; 4. Michael Chen (LS), 23.31.
1-meter diving: 1. Chas Eisenhardt (LS), 207.50 points; 2. Michael Falzon (Salem), 114.55; 3. Franco Papp (Salem), 110.05.
100 butterfly: 1. Max Cornblath (AAP), 52.95; 2. Belmonte (LS), 55.12; 3. Bielicki (LS), 57.25; 6. Wellman (Salem), 1:00.17.
100 freestyle: 1. O'Dowd (LS), 49.03; 3. Lee (LS), 51.15; 5. Matt Pairitz (Salem), 51.46.
500 freestyle: 1. LaPorte (LS), 4:51.67; 3. McNamara (LS), 4:59.17; 6. Phillip Collingwood (Salem), 5:24.73.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (Jiaming Shen, Thad Stalmack, Matthew Erickson, Daniel Wu), 1:28.86; 2. Stevenson (O'Dowd, Chen, O'Donohue, Lee), 1:31.91; 4. Salem (Pairitz, Casey, Brian Kuang, Collingwood), 1:37.89; 5. Stevenson (McNamara, LaPorte, Della Mora, Eric Ferrara), 1:39.3.
100 backstroke: 1. Williams (AAP), 54.98; 2. Belmonte (LS), 55.05; 3. Goeddeke (LS), 55.6; 6. Casey (Salem), 58.85.
100 breaststroke: 1. Arakelian (LS), 1:00.2; 2. McNamara (LS), 1:01.72; 4. O'Donohue (LS), 1:02.84.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (O'Dowd, Belmonte, Goeddeke, Arakelian), 3:14.05; 4. Stevenson (Chen, LaPorte, Ferrara, Bielicki), 3:29.26; 5. Salem (Kuang, Collingwood, Pairitz, Liu), 3:30.33.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 5-2 overall.

DUAL MEET RESULTS WAYNE MEMORIAL 110 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 60

Jan. 14 at Wayne
200-yard medley relay: 1. Wayne (Ethan Drouillard, Jacob Griffith, Noah Karson, Zack Williams), 1:56.64; 2. Franklin (Austin Klotz, Ryan Cossin, Alex Herrick, Dustin Bowers), 2:02.9; 3. Franklin (Nate Carey, Atharva Dixit, Dante Brown, Gavin Lambert), 2:15.16.
200 freestyle: 1. John Stover (WM), 2:01.81; 2. Michael Gibson (WM), 2:06.24; 3. Jacob Forgacs (LF), 2:06.92.
200 individual medley: 1. Karson (WM), 2:24.06; 2. Cossin (LF), 2:27.78; 3. Williams (WM), 2:29.06.
50 freestyle: 1. Devin Gibson (WM), 25.23; 2. Griffith (WM), 25.74; 3. Francis Mina (LF), 28.84.
100 butterfly: 1. Klotz (LF), 1:05.68; 2. M. Gibson (WM), 1:06.36; 3. Karson (WM), 1:08.49.
100 freestyle: 1. D. Gibson (WM), 57.4; 2. Arthur Aigeltinger (WM), 58.56; 3. Devin Robinson (WM), 1:06.76.
500 freestyle: 1. Stover (WM), 5:29.35; 2. Forgacs (LF), 5:57.34; 3. Ethan Nordstrom (LF), 5:59.93.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (D. Gibson, Griffith, M. Gibson, Stover), 1:42.25; 2. Franklin (Klotz, Lambert, Nordstrom, Bowers), 1:53.23; 3. Franklin (Cossin, Mina, Alex McCreadie, Forgacs), 1:55.16.
100 backstroke: 1. Williams (WM), 1:07.9; Aigeltinger (WM), 1:08.89; 3. Klotz (LF), 1:15.8.
100 breaststroke: 1. Cossin (LF), 1:16.64; 2. Griffith (WM), 1:18.87; 3. Blake Barber (LF), 1:27.84.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Stover, M. Gibson, D. Gibson, Karson), 3:41.75; 2. Wayne (Mack Beene, Aigeltinger, Drouillard, Williams), 4:05.37; 3. Franklin (Forgacs, Brown, Nordstrom, Herrick), 4:10.16.
Dual meet records: Wayne, 3-0 overall, 2-0 KLAASouth Division; Franklin, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAASouth.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 16
 Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Baptist Park, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 17
 Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
 S. Lyon East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Thurston at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 16
 South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Ladywood at Livingston, 7 p.m.
 Baptist Park at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 17
 Greenhills at Luth. W'sld, 5:30 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Thurston, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.
 Ladywood at Mercy, 7:30 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Jan. 17
 Churchill vs. South Lyon Unified at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
(Traverse City North-South Showcase Tournament)
 Stevenson vs. Traverse City Central at Howe Arena, 8:15 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18
 Ladywood vs. Port Huron at Arctic Pond, 5:30 p.m.
 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Arctic Edge, 7:30 p.m.
(Traverse City North-South Showcase Tournament)
 Stevenson vs. Traverse City West at Howe Arena, 12:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Saturday, Jan. 19
 Chippewa Valley Inv., 9 a.m.
 Dakota Witgen Memorial, 9:30 a.m.
 W.L. Northern Tourney, 9:30 a.m.
 Holt Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Jan. 16
 Churchill at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
 Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
 Detroit CC at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 17
 Wayne Invitational, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18
 Wayne Invitational, noon.

PREP BOWLING

Friday, Jan. 17
 Clarenceville vs. Ann Arbor at Parkway Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Mercy at Sterling Lanes, 3:45 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18
 Wayne Co. Championship, TBA.
 Oakland Co. Championship at Cherry Hill Lanes North, TBA.
PREP SKIING
Thursday, Jan. 16
 Ladywood Giant Slalom at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday, Jan. 19
 Rochester Royal Rumble, TBA.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Saturday, Jan. 19
 Milford-Lakeland Inv., TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Saturday, Jan. 18
 Madonna at Concordia, 3 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Macomb, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Saturday, Jan. 18
 Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Macomb, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 17
 Whalers vs. Sudbury Wolves at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18
 Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 20
 Whalers vs. Saginaw Spirit at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

John Glenn stymies rival Zebras, 55-32

Jackson's 22 lifts Chargers by Franklin cagers, 67-31

Westland John Glenn got rolling in the second and third quarters and went on to earn a 55-32 KLAASouth Division boys basketball win Tuesday over host Wayne Memorial.

Senior forward Isaac Everette led the winners with a game-high 21 points, while DeAngelo Kirksey and Mo Foani each added six as the Rockets improved to 5-4 overall and 3-0 in the division.

Glenn led 12-11 after one quarter before outscoring the Zebras 18-5 in the second period to take a 30-16 halftime lead. The Rockets extended their

lead to 46-22 after three quarters before coasting home.

"We played as hard as we could the first quarter and did a pretty nice job," said Wayne coach Mike Schuette, whose team slipped to 1-6 overall and 0-2 in the KLAASouth. "The second and third quarters we just didn't have balls go in the basket."

"When you play against a good rebounding team like Glenn we've got to make every shot count. Otherwise you don't get a lot of offensive rebounds. That was the disappointing part, but other than that, I thought our kids played hard."

Brian Williams paced the Zebras with 10 points, while

DeAndre Carter added seven.

Glenn made 10-of-18 foul shots on the night, while Wayne was 7-for-10.

CHURCHILL 67, FRANKLIN 41: Senior guard Donte Jackson pumped in 22 points and sophomore Joan Andoni added 11 to propel Livonia Churchill (3-5, 2-1) to a KLAASouth Division victory Tuesday at Livonia Franklin (1-7, 0-3).

The Chargers led 16-12 after one quarter and 36-21 at halftime before outscoring the Patriots 17-10 in the third period.

David Milican paced the Patriots with 10 points. Franklin was 14-of-26 from the foul line, while Churchill made 2-of-5.

HURON VALLEY 56, LUTHERAN SOUTH 47: Senior forward Ryan Schaffer scored 18 points and Milan Monk added 11 as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-4, 1-1) notched its first victory of the season with a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division victory over Newport Lutheran South (0-3, 0-1).

Michael Roebek and Conner Carr each tallied 18 for the Saints, who could not overcome a 30-14 halftime deficit.

TAYLOR BAPTIST 49, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 41: Anthony Kaminski scored 20 points Tuesday to lift Taylor Baptist Park (5-1, 2-1) to a MIAC Red Division victory over Lutheran High Westland

(4-1, 2-1).

Senior guard P.J. Gusé paced the Warriors with 19 points and five rebounds. Nick Flaney chipped in with nine points, while Jake Davenport grabbed seven rebounds.

The Warriors made only 14-of-45 shots from the floor (31 percent) and 12-of-22 from the foul line (55 percent).

"We let one get away tonight," said Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft, whose team was outscored 17-12 in the final quarter. "I can't say that our team didn't fight because we did. We fought through a lot of adversity tonight."

The Warriors also committed 17 turnovers.

"There were many points throughout the game where we didn't capitalize on their mistakes," Hoeft said. It was a very physical game, and this was a tough loss, but we have to make sure we keep our heads up."

FORDSON 65, CLARENCEVILLE 65: Jonas Williams paced three players in double figures Tuesday as Dearborn Fordson (4-3, 2-0) stopped host Livonia Clarenceville (4-6, 1-2) in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division game.

Muhammed Zahr and Amin Haydous added 12 and 10, respectively, for the victorious Tractors, who led 28-19 at halftime and 44-29 after three quarters.

Senior forward Kimani Doooley scored a game-high 22 points for the Trojans, who made only 11-of-20 free throws.

Jermell Johnson chipped in with 12.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Owens sparks MU to win over Saints

Junior center Donald Owens scored a career-high 18 points as the Madonna University men's basketball team ran its winning streak to five games with a 62-53 victory over host Aquinas College at the Sturrs Center in Grand Rapids on Saturday.

The win was MU's third Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory in a row after dropping two straight games to close the 2013 portion of the WHAC slate.

In addition to his career-best in scoring, the 6-foot-7 Owens, who hails from Inkster, matched his career-high with 10 rebounds for the second double-double of his career at MU improved to 12-6 overall and 8-2 in the WHAC.

Senior point guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) led all scorers with 20 points, going 8-for-15 from the floor while recording five assists and four rebounds in the win.

Kolin Kazen scored 11 points to pace Aquinas (7-11, 4-6).

Coles leads Ocelots to victory

Sophomore forward Terrence Coles (Redford Thurston) posted another double-double as Schoolcraft College (9-4, 2-1) stormed back in the second half to earn a 72-68 MCCAASouth Eastern Conference victory Saturday at Henry Ford Community College (5-7, 0-2).

The Ocelots, who trailed 40-26 at halftime, rallied with a 48-28 second half.

Basel Ibrahim chipped in with 16 points and eight rebounds, while Josh Campbell (Livonia Stevenson) added 12 points and nine rebounds off the bench.

Point-guard Devonta Riley also dished out six assists for the Ocelots, who won despite going 16-of-35 from the foul line (45.7 percent). Schoolcraft also committed 27 turnovers.

Marcus Williams led the Hawks with 14 points, while Reno Body and Daton Aaron added 12 apiece.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Lady Ocelots slip by Henry Ford CC

Double-doubles by Tabitha Mann (Salem) and Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) carried Schoolcraft College to a 70-60 MCCAASouth Eastern Conference women's basketball win Saturday at Henry Ford Community Colleges.

Mann, a 5-foot-11 sophomore center, finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds, while Smith, a 5-9 sophomore guard, added 12 points and 11 boards.

Brianna Berberet (Salem) was Schoolcraft's leading scorer with 13 points as the Lady Ocelots improved to 5-8 overall and 1-2 in the conference.

Henry Ford (1-8, 0-2), which dressed only five players, got 16 points and 20 rebounds from Allison Robinson.

Richarda Gordon led all scorers with 22

points, while Shantel Tolbert added 10 points and 12 boards.

Crusaders falter

Taelor Sanders poured in a game-high 23 points, including 14-of-18 from the foul line, to lead No. 14-ranked Aquinas College (15-2, 8-2) to a 60-56 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win Saturday over visiting Madonna University (7-10, 5-5) at the Sturrs Center in Grand Rapids.

The Crusaders, who led 26-24 at halftime, got a game-high 22 points off the bench from Tori Duffey.

Senior Rachel Melcher added 18 points and 12 rebounds as the Crusaders shot just 28.6 percent from the floor (16-of-56).

WOODSON

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ond place in the GLIAC North entering Thursday's game at Northern Michigan.

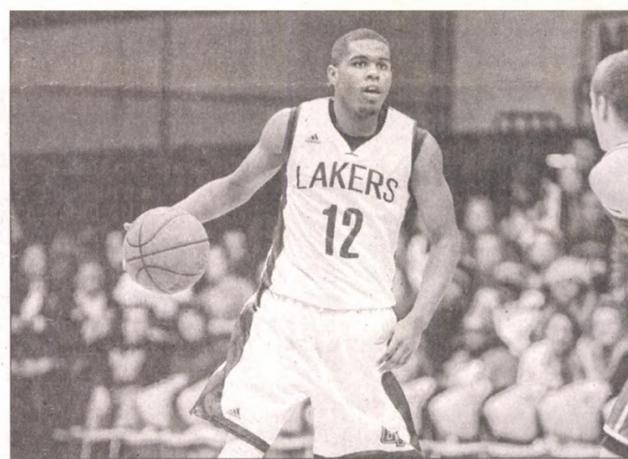
"We have a good team, but we're still trying to find ourselves," Woodson said. "We're still trying to find our strengths. We kind of struggled a little bit with rebounding because we're not as physical a team as we've been in the past, but now we're more of a fast team. We're more of an up-tempo kind of team. Everybody is figuring out what they can and can't do."

The 5-foot-11, 180-pound Woodson performed well in his role as an understudy, but now he's been cast as a lead actor.

Igniting his team

"I'd tried to just go in and give the team a little spark, just run the team when Breland was gone," Woodson said. "This year, I'm the main guy. I kind of took over the role Breland had. He was a scoring guard, and I'm pretty much a scoring guard, too, but I like to give my teammates the ball, too. The stats may not say it, but I'm more of a producer than a scorer."

Woodson, who said he would



Wayne Memorial grad Rob Woodson is making a point for Grand Valley State. DOUG WITTE | GVSU ATHLETICS

like to continue his basketball career overseas, has also kept up his bargain in the classroom. He'll graduate from Grand Valley in May with a double minor in criminal justice and business management.

Before walking on at GVSU, the former first-team All-Observer pick who averaged 16 points a game at Wayne also considered GLIAC rival Northwood.

He's gone from being a non-scholarship player to earning a scholarship.

"He's always been a part of our program," Wesley said.

"He's hung in there and made the most of his opportunity and it's kind of fun to see. The kid has just been able to stick in there. He had to improve as an athlete, his conditioning, his skill — all those kind of things. He's all about what athletics is supposed to be about. Hanging in there, working hard and your time will come. He's done it."

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GIRLS GYMNASTICS

DUAL MEET RESULTS

CANTON 145.975

LIVONIA RED 132.025

Jan. 14 at Churchill H.S.

Vault: 1. Erica Lukas (Canton), 9.1; 2. (tie) Hailey Hodgson (Canton) and Marissa McVey (Red), 9.05 each; 4. Maddie Toal (Canton), 8.8; 5. Mikaela Hillie (Red), 8.75.

Uneven bars: 1. (tie) McVey (Red) and Toal (Canton), 9.0 each; 3. Stephanie Cox (Canton), 8.7; 4. (tie) Jackie Dziurgot (Red) and Lukas (Canton), 8.65 each.

Balance beam: 1. Toal (Canton), 9.75; 2. Cox (Canton), 9.475; 3. Melissa Green (Canton), 9.375; 4. Lukas (Canton), 9.0; Hodgson (Canton), 8.95.

Floor exercise: 1. Toal (Canton), 9.65; 2. (tie) Lukas (Canton) and Green (Canton), 9.55 each; 4. Hodgson (Canton), 9.075; 5. Cox (Canton), 9.0.

All-around: 1. Toal (Canton), 37.20; 2. Lukas (Canton), 36.3; 3. Green (Canton), 35.875; 4. (tie) Cox (Canton), 35.475 and Hodgson (Canton), 35.475 each.

Dual meet records: Canton, 5-0 overall, 2-0 KLAASouth Division; Livonia Red, 4-3 overall, 1-1 Kensington.

LIVONIA BLUE 136.70

WATERFORD UNITED 124.425

Jan. 13 at Churchill H.S.

Vault: 1. Ciara Heintz (WU), 8.7; 2. (tie) Bri Rhoad (Blue) and Alex Morford (Blue), 8.65 each; 4. Caitie McDougall (Blue), 8.5; 5. (tie) Kara Federico (WU) and Kendral Nellett (WU), 8.45 each.

Uneven bars: 1. Rhoad (Blue), 8.775; 2. Jess Weak (Blue), 8.675; 3. Deja Hunt (WU), 8.65; 4. Nicole Sokolowski (Blue), 7.9; 5. Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 7.8.

Balance beam: 1. Rhoad (Blue), 9.3; 2. Weak (Blue), 8.75; 3. Emily Chatterjee (Blue), 8.7; 4. Heintz (WU), 8.55; 5. Taylor Fedrigo (Blue), 8.45.

Floor exercise: 1. Weak (Blue), 8.85; 2. Chatterjee (Blue), 8.775; 3. Zafarana (Blue), 8.4; 4. Heintz (WU), 8.2; 5. Rhoad (Blue), 8.15.

All-around: 1. Rhoad (Blue), 34.875; 2. Hunt (WU), 32.65; 3. Heintz (WU), 32.45.

Dual meet records: Livonia Blue, 3-1 overall; Waterford, 0-5 overall.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Churchill fundraiser

The Churchill Athletic Patrons will stage its annual fundraiser dinner from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at The Coaches Corner, located at Seven Mile and Farmington roads.

Join CAP members for an afternoon of food and fun, with proceeds going to Churchill athletics. There will also be hourly 50/50 drawings.

Rod Hawrany and Mario D'Herin of Roger & Rod's Barber Shop will serve as guest bartenders.

For more information, email Churchill athletic director Marc Hage at mhage@livonia-publicschools.org.

MU softball camp

Madonna University women's softball coach Jerry Abraham will stage a fundamentals camp from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and a pitching camp (all ages) from noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 and Jan. 25 at the MU Activities Center.

The cost is \$25 per session or \$50 for both. You can register at the door.

For more information, email Abraham at jabraham@madonna.edu or call 734-432-5612.

Free-throw contest

The annual Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton.

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the contest is free. Contestants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

For more information, call David Lengel at 734-516-4930.

CHS Hall of Fame

The 12th annual Livonia Churchill Athletics Hall of Fame induction dinner, put on by the Churchill Athletic Patrons, will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Italian-American Hall, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Dinner starts at 6:45 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m.

Among the inductees will be the 2006 Churchill Division 1 state runner-up cross country team (coached by Sue Tatro); football and baseball player John Stoitsiadis (1986); and former Churchill Principal Rod Hosman.

Tickets are \$35 each (if purchased by March 1) or \$40 (after March 1).

For more information, contact Rob Suida at 313-617-5448; or email rsuida@cmsenergy.com.

Coach-Pitch, T-Ball

The city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage walk-in or fax-in registration for 2014 co-ed instructional T-ball (ages 5-6) and coach-pitch (ages 7-8) for those living in the Livonia or Clarenceville school attendance area through Feb. 26.

Mail-in registration is through Feb. 14. Enrollment is limited to the

the first 640 participants

Fundraiser celebrates women entertainers, benefits children's show

Honoring Women in Entertainment cause gets boost from Tuesday, Jan. 28, benefit

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Two Muses Theatre will stage its first children's musical next month.

But first, it needs to raise a little cash to defray production costs.

Honoring Women in Entertainment is set for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28, in the theater at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield. Tickets are \$5 at the door and will benefit *AWAKE!*, the original musical production set for weekends, Feb. 8-22, at the bookstore.

"As a fledgling nonprofit theater, we are always in need of raising funds as ticket sales do not cover all the expenses of putting on our productions," said Diane Hill of Farmington Hills in an email to the *Observer*. "We did a successful Kickstarter campaign for our first musical, *Next to Normal*, and

our Kickstarter backers helped us cover the extra costs that are inherent in putting on a musical. In this case, we are raising fund particularly to cover expenses of *AWAKE!*

"In addition, we are working towards the purchase of a new lighting board...so we are hoping *AWAKE!* can break even with the help of the fundraiser."

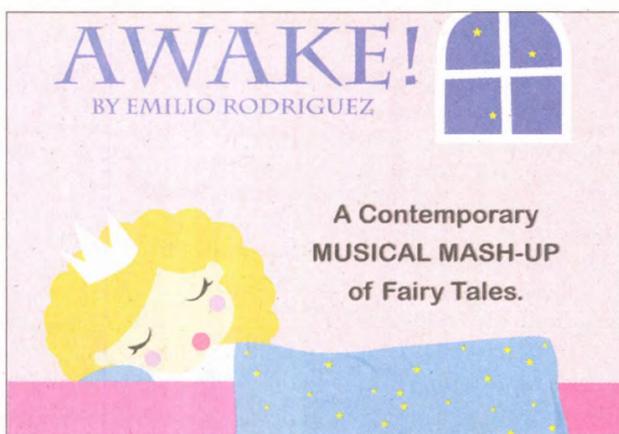
Hill co-founded the nonprofit, professional theater in 2011 with Barbie Amann Weisserman of Farmington Hills. The theater is dedicated to increasing opportunities

for female artists. Both Honoring Women in Entertainment and *AWAKE!* will showcase all-women casts.

Women entertainers

Emilio Rodriguez of Detroit wrote *AWAKE!* and is directing it. He also came up with the fundraiser idea and is coordinating Honoring Women in Entertainment.

"We were thinking about



Two Muses Theatre will stage its first children's musical next month. A fundraiser on Jan. 28 will help raise funds to pay production costs.

fundraisers that could get us money and wouldn't involved start up costs," he said "We were trying to come up with a theme and since Two Muses is centered around creating opportunities for female artists, we said we'll do a tribute show."

Rodriguez enlisted the help of friends, co-workers and a few of the *AWAKE!* cast members to perform at the Hon-

oring Women in Entertainment fundraiser. They'll pay tribute to female entertainers through songs, sketches and improvisational comedy. Performers include Kryssy Becker, Meredith Deighton, Jaclynn Cherry, Lillian Bishop, Demi Jones, Paige Vanzo, Allison Megroet and Deb Charaman.

"This will pay for costumes, set, actors and recording tracks (for *AWAKE!*)," Rodri-

guez said. "They've done a children's show and they've done a musical. This is the first time they're doing a children's musical."

He was an actor in Two Muses' first children's production, *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf*, last February. Rodriguez said he was asked to direct at the theater this year and encouraged to write a children's production.

The California native teaches drama and English at Mumford High School in Detroit.

AWAKE! tells the story of fairy tale princesses who tire of waiting for a prince to save the day and instead, take matters into their own hands. The cast is Alyssa Lucas of Garden City, as the Evil Queen; Jaclynn Cherry of Rochester Hills as the Good Fairy; Kryssy Becker of Auburn Hills as Snow White; Meredith Deighton of Ferndale as Rapunzel; and Shannon Hurst of Warren as Sleeping Beauty. Advance tickets are \$10 and \$8 for children, 10 and under. They're \$2 more at the door. Buy them online at twomusestheatre.org or call 248-850-9919.



Participants decorate bowls at the first annual Soup Swap last year.

Paint a bowl, dine on soup at Village Potter's Guild

Great place to gather and get creative with some good friends

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

If you're looking for a girl's night out destination this month, Village Potter's Guild in Plymouth may have just what you need.

The organization will present its second annual Soup Swap painting event., Monday, Jan. 20, Friday, Jan. 24 and 31, and Saturday, Jan. 25, at its pottery studio, 340 N. Main.

"Friday night was a hit and last year we only had one," said event chair Leslie Greeneisen, explaining why two Fridays are included in the schedule this year. "It turned out groups of women last year came in and had their Friday night Ladies Night Out.

"We have four groups (of women) signed up already this year. But it's not just Friday night. We have some groups coming in Monday because the kids are off from school. We have some large families coming."

Individuals, couples, families and groups may sign up for one of several 90-minute painting sessions in the studio where they will decorate a bowl made by a Guild member. Available times are 10-11:30 a.m., 12:30-2 p.m. or 2:30-4 p.m. Jan. 20; 10-11:30 a.m., 12:30-2 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m. or 7:30-9 p.m. Jan. 24; 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. Jan. 25; and 5:30-7 p.m. or 7:30-9 p.m. Jan. 31.

Brush on color

The process involves painting slip — a colored wet clay



Participants can paint bowls this month at the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth, then return next month to fill them with soup.

the consistency of heavy cream — onto the pottery. Design books will be on hand for reference and decorated bowls will be on display.

Carolyn Hook, a Guild member, said participants may use pencil to sketch designs and then apply colors.

"If they come with a design idea, that's fine," Hook said. "Some people last year came in and knew what they wanted and some didn't. We'll have sample bowls and (Guild members) will be there working at every table."

Greeneisen said the key is to have fun.

"A lot of people think too hard about it. Put the paint on the bowl and see what happens," she suggested.

Swap for soup

Guild members will glaze and fire each bowl after the painting sessions, making them ready for pick up from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Soup Swap Day, Saturday, Feb. 8. The

Guild is asking participants to bring canned goods for the Salvation Army food pantry to the Swap in exchange for soup, prepared and served by the Over the Grill Gang, a local men's chef club. No reservations are required for the Swap.

"Last year was a wonderful success. We couldn't have been happier," Greeneisen said. "It's a really good community art activity, a good public art project that goes to our mission."

The cost to paint a bowl is \$15 for individuals or for the first two members of a family. Additional family members pay \$10 each. If an individual plans to decorate more than one bowl, the cost is \$15 for the first bowl and \$10 for additional bowls with a limit of four. Finished bowls decorated by Guild members also will be available at the Soup Swap for \$14 each. To register for a painting session, call 734-207-8807.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ART & CRAFTS

ARAB AMERICAN MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1
Location: 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

Details: Pewabic Pottery instructor Victoria Shaheen will lead a bowl-making workshop. Participants will hand-mold bowls from clay and decorate them with a slip-glaze technique. Includes a docent-guided tour of the Museum focusing on Arab artistic heritage in America and the role of food and hospitality in culture. Fee is \$35 and advanced registration is required. Appropriate for adults and children 11 and over

Contact: 313-582-2266; arabamericanmuseum.org

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Jan. 22

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: "Elements: Sky, Water, Land," features the paintings, drawings and three-dimensional mixed media works of Martine MacDonald
Contact: 248-473-1856

GALLERY@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances, or by appointment

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Glass sculpture by JB Wood is on display through May
Contact: 734-394-5300

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Feb. 1

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "Altered Perceptions" features paintings by abstract expressionist artist Jan Brown
Contact: 248-344-0497; <http://www.northvillearts.org>

FILM

MATRIX THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. screenings and 9 p.m. reception, Thursday, Jan. 30; 8 p.m. screening, Friday, Jan. 31; 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. screenings, Saturday, Feb. 1; 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. screenings, with award ceremony at 6:45 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 2

Location: 2730 Bagley, Detroit
Details: Second annual 2014 Detroit Dreaming Film Festival showcase the diversity, struggles and triumphs of the City of Detroit, through narratives, documentary, and shorts. Tickets are \$7 per screening block
Contact: 313-967-0599; www.matrixtheatre.org

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 17-18 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: *All is Lost*, admission \$3
Coming up: *The Book Thief*, 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24; 4:10 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 25-26; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30
Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 17 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 18

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit
Details: *Amadeus*, 2002 director's cut
Coming up: *True Grit*, 8 p.m. Jan. 31 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 1
Contact: 313-537-2560

SENATE THEATER

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 18
Location: 6424 Michigan Ave., Detroit

Details: Harold Lloyd comedy, *Safety Last*, a silent film with organ accompaniment; tickets are \$15
Contact: 313-894-4100; dtos.org

MUSIC

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Open mic sign up, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances 7-9 p.m., the third Saturday of the month through May

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Featured performers on Jan. 18 are The Sorensons, playing bluegrass music on guitar, bass, banjo and violin. Ten open mic spots will be available. Open mic musicians may perform two songs, original or cover. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission.
Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com

BERMAN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18
Location: On the campus of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Tenors Un Limited presents "An evening with The Rat Pack of Opera." Tickets are \$33; \$18 for ages 15 and under
Contact: 248-661-1900

BLUES@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: \$5 donation at the door
Contact: 734-453-1780

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26
Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, 13 Mile at Lahser, Beverly Hills

Details: Cellist David Geringas and pianist Ian Fountain perform works by 19th century Romantic masters Beethoven, Rachmaninoff and Strauss. Tickets range from \$15-\$24 for students and \$30-\$60 general admission, available online at chambermusic-detroit.org. Student rush tickets priced at \$10 also are available at the box office beginning an hour before the concert
Contact: 248-855-6070

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: On Jan. 28 the Nuevo Jazz Detroit latin group returns with Duncan Jones on keyboard, Don Levandowski on bass, Patrick Fitzgibbons on vibes, Chuck Golemba on drums, and Jerry LeDuff on congas. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres
Contact: 734-453-1780 or email jazz@theelks1780@yahoo.com

JAZZ CAFE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25
Location: Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: "The January Thaw Jam" features Luis Resto, M.L. Liebleder and Kenny Tudrick; \$10
Contact: 313-887-8532

HEART-HEALTHY RECIPES YOU'LL



Eating heart healthy foods is easier when you have a good plan and a variety of delicious recipes.

According to the FDA, a diet rich in whole grain and organic foods that contain little saturated fat and cholesterol, may help reduce the risk of heart failure.

Here are some tips for preparing heart-healthy choices:

— Choose leaner cuts of meat. There are many delicious options such as skinless poultry, and lean meats, including beef and pork. You also can make smart substitutions. Use turkey, for example, instead of ground beef to make meatloaf leaner.

— Add fruits and vegetables to every meal. It's easier

than you think to provide nutrients to your diet. For example, add fruit to yogurt and blueberries to salads. Create snacks with carrots and hummus. Eat fruits and vegetables of different colors for more nutritional benefits.

— Eat more whole grains. Whole grains provide carbohydrates for energy, fiber to fill and important nutrients for health.

For more tips and heart-healthy recipes that add whole grains to your diet, visit www.PostShreddedWheat.com

Courtesy of Family Features



SHREDDED WHEAT APPLE CRISP

Prep time: 20 minutes
Total time: 1 hour, 5 minutes
Servings: 6

5 cups peeled apple slices
½ cup firmly packed light brown sugar, divided
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon tapioca
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1-½ cups finely crushed shredded wheat cereal
¼ cup (½ stick) margarine, melted

Mix apples, ¼ cup of the sugar, lemon juice, tapioca and cinnamon in large bowl. Let stand 10 minutes. Stir crushed cereal, remaining ¼ cup sugar and margarine in medium bowl until well blended. Spread apple mixture in ungreased 1-½-quart baking dish. Sprinkle evenly with cereal topping. Bake at 350°F for 45 minutes or until topping is browned and apples are tender when pierced with fork.



BANANA BREAD

Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 1 hour, 5 minutes
Servings: 16

1-¼ cups flour
1 cup shredded wheat cereal, finely crushed
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
1 cup sugar
½ cup (1 stick) margarine
2 eggs
¼ cup fat-free milk
1 cup mashed ripe bananas (about 2 large bananas)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix flour, cereal, spice, baking powder and baking soda in medium bowl; set aside.

Beat sugar and margarine in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs; mix well. Add flour mixture alternately with milk, beating well after each addition. Blend in bananas. Pour into greased 9- by 5-inch loaf pan.

Bake 1 hour to 1 hour 5 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes on wire rack; remove from pan. Cool completely. Cut into 16 slices.



SAVORY MEATLOAF

Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Servings: 12

2 eggs
1 cup milk
2 pounds ground beef
3 biscuits Post Original Shredded Wheat Cereal, crushed
1 can (8 ounces) stewed tomatoes, undrained
1 medium onion, chopped
¼ cup chopped green pepper
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 375°F. Beat eggs and milk in large bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Add remaining ingredients; mix well. Shape meat mixture into oval loaf in shallow baking pan. Bake 1 hour or until cooked through (160°F).



GRAB 'N GO PEANUT BUTTER BARS

Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 20 minutes
Servings: 16

½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
½ cup honey
½ cup reduced fat peanut butter
3 cups shredded wheat cereal, coarsely crushed
¼ cup raisins

Mix sugar, honey and peanut butter in large microwavable bowl. Microwave on high 1-½ to 2 minutes or until bubbly at edge; stir until well blended.

Stir in cereal and raisins. Press firmly into 8-inch square pan sprayed with cooking spray. Cool. Cut into bars. Store in airtight container.

RELIGION CALENDAR

JANUARY

BETHANY

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18
Location: Leon's 30149 Ford Road, Garden City
Details: The group meets for breakfast.

Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit office of youth and family, providing peer support to divorced and separated persons of all Christian faiths
Contact: www.bethanysemi.org

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, between Inkster Road and Middlebelt, Garden City
Details: All you can eat, pancakes, sausage and beverage, \$6
Contact: 734-427-3660

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 19
Location: St. Theodore social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All-you-can-eat menu includes pancake and French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, juice, applesauce and coffee. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10.
Contact: 734-425-4421

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CUSAC, EARL KENNETH
 Age 96 of Scottville passed away on December 31, 2013 at his home in Scottville, MI. He was born on October 20, 1917 in Detroit, MI the son of the late W. Ray & Grace (Roy) Cusac. Earl married A. Frances Harding on September 6, 1940 at the Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit, MI. He was employed as a product engineer with General Motors until his retirement in 1977. Earl was a lifetime member of the SABBAR SHRINE in Tucson, AZ. He loved playing tennis and played until his late 80's. He also loved to fish, sing, and talk on his Ham Radio and did stage make-up and acted in plays for the Scottish Rite in Detroit. Earl is survived by his children, Marguerite (John) Staples of Tucson, AZ, Kenneth (Kathy) Cusac of Scottville, MI, Patricia (Richard) Ruhland of Garden City, MI; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife A. Frances Cusac and his brother, Roy Cusac. Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Wayne Masonic Temple, 37137 Palmer Rd., Westland, MI 48186. Memorial contributions in memory of Earl may be directed to the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation, 1200 Wright Ave., Alma MI 48801, or Hospice of Michigan. Please visit Earl's personal memory page to share a story or photo with the family at www.oakgrovefh.com. The family has entrusted funeral arrangements with Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Ludington, MI.



GEDEON, JOYCE JUANITA

Age 88, of Fenton, Michigan formerly of Redford Township, MI died January 13, 2014. Visitation will be 3 - 7 p.m. Friday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, with a Scripture Service to follow at 7 p.m., Fr. Dwight Ezop officiating. Committal Services will be 11:30 a.m., Saturday, January 18 at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, West Chapel, in Southfield. In lieu of flowers, contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or The National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Born March 22, 1925 in Detroit. Married to Bartol Gedeon on December 13, 1941; he preceded her in death on May 25, 1997. Surviving are: daughter Nikki Westberg Black and husband Bill Black of Fenton; son Anthony Gedeon and wife Michelle of Palm Coast, Florida; six grandchildren, Todd Gedeon, Cathy and husband Will DeMille, Aimee and husband Dana Smith, Kirk Gedeon and wife Jessica, Laura Westberg and husband Shawn Rubin, and Bart Gedeon and wife Dori Bracero; and eight great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her father Louis Oltean, and step-mother Mary Oltean; mother Pauline Prosyk and step-father Louis Prosyk; and son-in-law William Westberg.
 www.sharpfuneralhomes.com

IRVINE, JAMES DAVID

Mr. James David Irvine, age 86, went home to his Heavenly Father Saturday, January 11, 2014. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 29, 1927 to William and Mabel (Robertson) Irvine. James proudly served his country in the Army during WWII. After his time in the service he went to college on the GI Bill and became a corporate attorney at Ford Motor Company for 20 years. On June 18, 1960 he married Mona Louise Roesner. He was a member of Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, MAPBD, Rockford Sportsman's Club, and St. Andrews Society of Detroit. James is survived by his wife, Mona; children, Margaret Jean Gable, Diane (David Enos) Irvine, Delma (David) Atwell, Jim (Lisa) Irvine, John (Sandy) Irvine; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Margaret; brothers, William S. Irvine and John R. Irvine. The visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at the Pederson Funeral Home, 127 N. Monroe St., Rockford, MI. The Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Thursday, January 16, 2014 at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, 4865 11 Mile Rd., Rockford, MI with Rev. Lam T. Le presiding. Memorial contributions can be made to the English Springer Spaniel Foundation, ESSFTAF Treasurer, 4917 Wagon Wheel Way, Richmond, CA 94803, www.englishspringerfoundation.org. Pederson Funeral Home www.pedersonfuneralhome.com



QUINN, HUGH

passed away at the age of 90 in Des Moines, Iowa December 24, 2013. Hugh suffered a fall on December 20, 2013, which resulted in a broken hip and a mild heart attack. After several days at the hospital, when all seemed well, he underwent surgery to repair his hip. Although the surgery was initially successful, Hugh deteriorated later that day and suffered a cardiac arrest. Hugh was born in Cambuslang, Scotland February 1, 1923. He immigrated to Detroit, MI with his family around 1924. Hugh served in the US Army during WWII, receiving 2 purple hearts. Hugh retired to West Palm Beach, FL and resided there until his recent move to Des Moines, IA. Hugh is survived by his widow, Margo Quinn, her children, Suzanne Collela of New York, Michelle (Robert) Kimbrell of Des Moines, IA, Mark (Page) Rochon of Washington, DC, 5 step grandchildren, 3 step great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his first wife, Madeline Quinn, their four sons - Michael (Patricia) Quinn of Brighton, MI; John (Mary Ann) Quinn of Gregory, MI; Robert Quinn of Orlando, FL; Dennis (Lydia) Quinn of Berkeley, MI, 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and by his brother Charles (Elizabeth 'Betty') Quinn of Plymouth, MI. Hugh was predeceased by his siblings Frank (Shirley) Quinn, Ann (Jerry) Rancour, Mary Margaret (Hugh) Mclean and his parents William Charles 'Charlie' Quinn and Mary Margaret 'Molly' O'Neill Quinn. Memorial Services will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church 711 Rickett Rd Brighton, MI at 10:30am on Saturday, February 8, 2014.



RICHARD, RILEY P.,

69, of Northville, died January 12, 2014. Riley is survived by his beloved wife, Kathleen; devoted children, Mark (Erica) Richard and Marianne (Arthur) Richard-D'Elia; loving sister, Sharon Martin; and cherished grandchildren, Madeleine and Natalie. Sadly, Riley was preceded in death by a sister, Jacqueline Traver. Riley was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He practiced law for 40 years as a dedicated advocate for his clients. He enjoyed spending time with his family and attending Michigan State University sporting events. Visitation Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2-9 pm, with 7:30 pm eulogies, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral mass Wednesday, January 15th, 10:30 am (in state 10:00 am) at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 Ten Mile Rd., Novi. Memorial gifts suggested to Salvation Army, Madonna University or the Brightmore Alliance. heeney-sundquist.com

WASHBURN, CAROLYN "LYNN" PRIEST

of Greenville, formerly of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, passed away on Thursday, January 9, 2014 in Carson City, Michigan with her family at her side. She was born July 17, 1928 in Boston, Massachusetts, the daughter of Henry B. and Verna E. Priest, both natives of Irasburg, Vermont. She grew up in Verona, NJ where her father taught English at Montclair (NJ) High School for many years. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, John M. Washburn III, whom she married on September 23, 1950; their children, Christine Kohn (Thomas) of Greenville, MI, David Washburn (Gail) of Ringwood, NJ and Carol Keberly (Paul) of Plymouth, MI; grandchildren, Aaron Kohn (Katie), David Kohn (Kristen), Laura Kohn (fiancé Alexander), Jacqueline Washburn, Laura Sama (Andrea), Brian Washburn, Carolyn Rose (Jason), Jennifer Rasak, and Michael Rasak (Taylor); great-grandchildren, Madison and Payton Rose, Alyssa, Emily, and Daniel Kohn and Noah and Charlotte Kohn; sister, Virginia Weston (Ralph); sisters-in-law, Jane Parker and Ann Samuels. Carolyn graduated from Tufts University (Medford, MA) in 1950 where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in history. Later, after she and John had raised their family, she earned a Master Degree in special education from Eastern Michigan University and taught special education in the Farmington Public Schools for 17 years. She had a great love for the children that she taught. She especially enjoyed spending summers on beautiful Parker Pond, West Glover, VT at the summer camp that her parents built in 1937. These summers held many special memories for her, and she has passed her love of Parker Pond on to her children and grandchildren. A graveside Memorial Service will take place this summer with interment in the Irasburg, Vermont Cemetery. For those desiring to do so, the family suggests memorial considerations be made to either the John M. Washburn III and Carolyn P. Washburn Endowed Scholarship Fund at Alma College, 614 West Superior Street, Alma, MI 48801 or to The Old Stone House Museum, c/o Orleans County Historical Society, 109 Old Stone House Road, Brownington, VT 05860. The family is being served by Hurst Funeral Home through which messages of condolence may be sent via:
 www.hurstfuneralhome.com



PIERCE, ROBERT WILLIAM

Passed from this world December 27, 2013, at age 55. A resident of Westland, he was born in Royal Oak, Michigan on November 4, 1958, and lived in Wayne County most of his life. He graduated from Wayne Memorial High School and worked in restaurants and at Meijer's stores throughout his years. He was a Christian, and enjoyed a good life full of close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Lorraine Pierce, of Belleville, MI, and by his beloved "sister," Charyl Stockwell. A memorial service will honor his memory at 12:00 p.m., January 19, at the VFW Hall in Garden City, Michigan.

HAYES, GERMAINE (ZADRA)

Age 85, January 15, 2014, Livonia, Predeceased by husband Waymon Hayes and daughter Barbara. Survived by son Daniel (Mary) Hayes and one granddaughter Kelly. Germaine was a loving and devoted mother with a fun spirit. She taught at Garfield Elementary in Livonia for over 30 years and she was an avid reader. No funeral services, a private gathering planned. Donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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| <p>CATHOLIC</p> <p>ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Tridentine Latin Mass St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8 38100 Five Mile Road Livonia, MI 48154 • (734) 462-3200 Mass Schedule: First Friday Mass 7:00 p.m. Saturday Mass 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. AT150941</p> | <p>PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)</p> <p>The Church Worth Driving To! Westminster Church of Detroit Multi-cultural, welcoming, warm & secure parking 17567 Hubbell @ Outer Drive Detroit, MI 48235 Services at 8:30 and 11:00 (Summer and special Sundays-10:00) 313-341-2697 x 200 www.wcdetroit.org</p> | <p>EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>WARD CHURCH 40000 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48168 248.374.7400 Sunday Worship Services 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. 4 different music styles from classic to modern www.wardchurch.org LO-0000164811</p> | <p>LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</p> <p>Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, Just north of I-96 www.christsaviorsavior.org Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional Sunday School/Bible Class 9:45 am Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413 Staffed Nursery Available Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ Rev. Dean M. Davenport & Rev. Robert F. Bayer 734-522-6830 LO-000164667</p> |
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| <p>LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD</p> <p>St. Paul's Ev. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL 17810 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA (734)261-1360 WORSHIP SERVICES Sunday: 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Thursday: 6:30 P.M. website: www.stpaulsilivonia.org AT150963</p> | | | |

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Top Lawyer

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., announced that Robert M. Meisner was selected as a 2014 Top Lawyer in Metro Detroit in the field of real estate law. This is Meisner's second Top Lawyer selection.

The 2014 Top Lawyer selection process involves a Peer Review Survey, where 18,200 attorneys in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Livingston counties were polled. Each attorney was asked to nominate lawyers among 47 legal specialties. The selection was conducted by the *dbusiness* Journal.

Meisner is the founding member of The Meisner Law Group, P.C., and a practicing attorney specializing in condominium law, real estate law and commercial litigation for over 40 years. He holds a B.A. from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from the U-M Law School.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

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

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Awards point to improved home building industry

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan announced its 2013 Industry Leadership Award honorees. Awards were presented on Dec. 4 at the first dedicated "Awards Night" celebration the association has held since 2009. Over 250 members and guests attended the event held at Greektown Casino and Hotel in Detroit, an indication that the economy has improved for local builders, land developers, remodelers and suppliers to the home construction industry.

Award honorees include:

2013 HBA President - Sam Palazzolo, Palazzolo Brothers

Hall of Fame - Peter Burton, Core Partners

Builder of the Year - Rich Kligman, Superb Custom Homes

Young Builder of the Year - Brian Szlitter, Arteva Homes

Developer of the Year - Scott Jacobson, S.R. Jacobson Development Corp.

Development of the Year - Woodland Ridge by Norm Finkelstein, Norwood Homes Ltd.

Samuel Kreis Award For Distinguished Service To The Building Industry - Lynne and Don Pratt, CECS of Michigan, LLC

Distinguished Service To The Housing Industry - Senate Majority Leader



Kligman



Palazzolo



Szlitter

Thomas Ricketts Award to The Region's Outstanding Building Official - George R. Kilpatrick, building official, Bloomfield Township

Distinguished Service For Urban Home Building - Bruce Beresh, Beresh Group, Inc.

Distinguished Service to HBA's Charitable Endeavors - Ron Jedwab, Lincorp Construction

Distinguished Service to HBA's Professional Women in Building Council - Debra Ball, Daniel Investments, Inc.

Remodeler of the Year - Ben Templeton, Templeton Building Co.

Distinguished Service To The Remodeling Industry - Spencer Roed, Multi Drywall & Partition, LLC

Subcontractor Of The Year - Jo Golda, Jo's Cleaning & Organizing

Associate of the Year -

Bob Veresan, DTE Energy
Recognition Award: Green Building - Brian Halprin, Green Building of Michigan

Recognition Award: Convention Connection - John Bolla, Jr., Bolla Building Company

This year, sales awards were also added to the program including:

New Home Sales Professional of the Year, Gold Award - Robin Jones & Dawn Rippey, MJC Companies

New Home Sales Professional of the Year, Silver Award - Lisa Compo, Compo Builders, Inc.

New Home Sales Manager of the Year, Gold Award - Erik Morganroth, Cranbrook Custom Homes

New Home Sales Manager of the Year, Silver Award - Elaine Herbst, Hunter Pasteur Homes

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Apartment Association of Michigan are trade associations representing 700 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

Lawyer can advise on deal details

Q: We put a down payment on a house and now wish to back out of it. There were no contingencies, other than real estate financing and an inspection, both of which have been approved. Do we have any basis to get out of the deal?

A: Based on what you have told us, it may be very difficult since the conditions precedent to you being obligated to close have been met. However, there may be other issues that come up including issues concerning title, and maintenance of the home during the period between the time you sign the purchase agreement and the time of closing and, perhaps, other issues that a lawyer may be able to ascertain when he or she reviews the contract, presuming that you have not had legal advice up until now. You should not give up, because you may have a bargaining position if for nothing more than the fact that getting some of your money back from the seller may be better for him than trying to keep it and be involved in litigation and vice versa.

Q: Our board is concerned about the holiday season and violating the Fair Housing Act in regard to decorations. Do you have any advice?

A: The fair housing laws, both state and federal, can apply with regard to architectural restrictions on religious symbols. For example, a Chicago case found that there was a violation of the Fair Housing Act where the rule prohibited the display of a Jewish religious symbol, but in another federal case, where the association banned all religious services in a common room, the action was upheld. More importantly, the concept that communities may exercise nondiscriminatory control over the use of the common areas obviously pertains to holiday displays erected by the association. Associations that install Christmas decorations, but refuse to allow similar displays by or for other religious groups are treading on potentially dangerous grounds. They cannot discriminate against particular religious groups. Accordingly, I would get an opinion from legal counsel before dealing with any holiday decorations and issues arising from it.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit rmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 26-30, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

| Address | Price |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| BEVERLY HILLS | |
| 32240 Auburn Dr | \$288,000 |
| 16360 Beechwood Ave | \$262,000 |
| 18275 Birwood Ave | \$250,000 |
| 21891 Hampton St | \$345,000 |
| 17824 Kirkshire Ave | \$340,000 |
| 22200 Orchard Pl | \$220,000 |
| 16197 Reedmere Ave | \$253,000 |
| 32425 Sheridan Dr | \$212,000 |
| 19710 W 13 Mile Rd # 103 | \$136,000 |
| 18760 Walmer Ln | \$353,000 |
| BIRMINGHAM | |
| 833 Benville Ave | \$546,000 |
| 551 Bird Ave | \$243,000 |
| 2100 Bradford Rd | \$243,000 |
| 1653 E Maple Rd | \$175,000 |
| 975 Fairfax St | \$765,000 |
| 754 Henrietta St | \$520,000 |
| 700 Larchlea Dr | \$549,000 |
| 425 Lewis Ct | \$295,000 |
| 1039 N Old Woodward Ave Unit | \$135,000 |
| 1047 N Old Woodward Ave Unit | \$169,000 |
| 1115 N Old Woodward Ave Unit | \$278,000 |
| 734 Rivenoak St | \$700,000 |
| BLOOMFIELD HILLS | |
| 2565 Alveston Dr | \$255,000 |
| 1861 Brookview Cir | \$270,000 |
| 2383 Hickory Glen Dr | \$455,000 |
| 60 Quarton Ln | \$850,000 |
| 1061 Stratford Ln | \$178,000 |
| BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP | |
| 4121 Antique Ln | \$415,000 |

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| 1650 Apple Ln | \$1,125,000 |
| 1185 Banbury Cir | \$605,000 |
| 3163 Berkshire Dr | \$380,000 |
| 659 Brockmoor Ln | \$265,000 |
| 4039 Cranbrook Ct | \$359,000 |
| 2189 Devonshire Rd | \$250,000 |
| 1035 E Long Lake Rd | \$575,000 |
| 2021 Klingensmith Rd Unit 82 | \$70,000 |
| 2648 McClintock Rd | \$275,000 |
| 775 N Valley Chase Rd | \$440,000 |
| 4756 Pickering Rd | \$375,000 |
| 839 Rock Spring Rd | \$550,000 |
| 567 S Cranbrook Cross Rd | \$264,000 |
| 3772 Thornbrier Way | \$508,000 |
| 2840 W Maple Rd | \$420,000 |
| 4043 W Maple Rd # D101 | \$83,000 |
| 42160 Woodward Ave Unit 70 | \$80,000 |
| 6025 Worlington Rd | \$251,000 |
| COMMERCE TOWNSHIP | |
| 3255 Adele Ter | \$315,000 |
| 2256 Brigantine | \$269,000 |
| 3504 Buell Ct | \$318,000 |
| 4307 Creedmore St | \$650,000 |
| 2129 Glen Iris Dr | \$193,000 |
| 3313 Glen Iris Dr | \$364,000 |
| 8242 Golfside Dr | \$198,000 |
| 4975 Greenview Dr | \$252,000 |
| 5630 Huron Hills Dr | \$283,000 |
| 5079 Parkgate Dr | \$50,000 |
| 1272 Penarth St | \$130,000 |
| 2500 Wixom Rd | \$175,000 |
| FARMINGTON | |
| 33030 Annwood St | \$192,000 |
| 21212 Birchwood St | \$195,000 |
| 33234 Kingslane Ct # 4 | \$35,000 |
| 22843 Manning St | \$150,000 |
| FARMINGTON HILLS | |
| 29239 Aranel St | \$164,000 |
| 33512 Argonne Rd | \$240,000 |
| 22930 Ashley St | \$145,000 |

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| 25345 Briarwyke Dr | \$260,000 |
| 22261 Buckingham Dr | \$300,000 |
| 30965 Cedar Creek Dr | \$216,000 |
| 38351 Evonshire | \$131,000 |
| 37869 Glengrove Dr | \$312,000 |
| 34055 Hillside Ct | \$150,000 |
| 35307 Hillside Dr | \$150,000 |
| 37781 Hollyhead Dr | \$238,000 |
| 30402 Knighton Dr | \$226,000 |
| 29762 Linden St | \$224,000 |
| 22103 Malden St | \$60,000 |
| 30840 Running Strm | \$80,000 |
| 30633 Sunderland Dr | \$371,000 |
| 22182 W Brandon St | \$119,000 |
| 29350 Wellington St | \$309,000 |
| 25468 Wykeshire Rd | \$225,000 |
| LATHRUP VILLAGE | |
| 18551 Santa Ann Ave Unit 70 | \$205,000 |
| 3058 Berkshire Ct | \$348,000 |
| 625 East St | \$275,000 |
| 2919 Hampikian Dr | \$150,000 |
| 719 Panorama Dr | \$118,000 |
| 2136 Wildflower Ln | \$353,000 |
| NORTHVILLE | |
| 729 Horton St | \$305,000 |
| 22233 Innsbrook Dr | \$285,000 |
| 20870 Normandy Ct | \$205,000 |
| 37632 W Greenwood Dr | \$282,000 |
| 44138 Wyngate Dr | \$395,000 |
| NOVI | |
| 46306 Cordoba Dr | \$450,000 |
| 39514 Country Ln | \$123,000 |
| 28373 Declaration Rd | \$86,000 |
| 44679 Ellery Ln | \$206,000 |
| 44767 Ellery Ln | \$144,000 |
| 50955 Glades Ct W | \$50,000 |
| 50983 Glades Ct W | \$605,000 |
| 47595 Greenwich Dr | \$478,000 |
| 29073 Hearthstone Dr | \$278,000 |
| 25976 Island Lake Dr | \$492,000 |
| 24525 Jamestowne Rd | \$230,000 |

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| 23648 N Rockledge | \$79,000 |
| 30863 Palmer Dr | \$180,000 |
| 24360 Pinecrest St | \$117,000 |
| 24236 Simmons Dr | \$291,000 |
| 27291 Victoria Rd | \$331,000 |
| 27303 Victoria Rd | \$324,000 |
| 41985 Waverly Dr | \$190,000 |
| SOUTH LYON | |
| 58613 10 Mile Rd | \$247,000 |
| 715 Cape Cod | \$93,000 |
| 25015 Carriage Ln | \$372,000 |
| 58762 Castle Ct | \$372,000 |
| 52105 Copperwood Dr S | \$362,000 |
| 24483 Glenwood Dr | \$351,000 |
| 24507 Glenwood Dr | \$467,000 |
| 59810 Mallory Ln | \$379,000 |
| 24711 Padstone Dr | \$81,000 |
| 136 S Hagadorn St | \$235,000 |
| 60673 S Lyon Trl | \$270,000 |
| 53742 Springwood Dr | \$220,000 |
| 53812 Springwood Dr | \$252,000 |
| SOUTHFIELD | |
| 27870 Devonshire St | \$198,000 |
| 26475 Franklin Pointe Dr | \$53,000 |
| 21410 Lathrup St | \$105,000 |
| 21741 N Tuller Ct | \$66,000 |
| 25230 Southfield Rd # A104 | \$50,000 |
| 29809 Spring River Dr | \$123,000 |
| 17228 Sunnybrook Dr | \$47,000 |
| WHITE LAKE | |
| 9267 Camelot St | \$238,000 |
| 9790 David Ln | \$140,000 |
| 832 E Oxhill Dr | \$135,000 |
| 880 Farnsworth Rd | \$75,000 |
| 8700 Gale Rd | \$300,000 |
| 8523 Huron River Dr | \$145,000 |
| 238 Lisa Cir | \$190,000 |
| 1941 Margie Dr | \$208,000 |
| 9474 Thames Blvd | \$174,000 |

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 16-20, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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| CANTON | |
| 42629 Boulden Ct | \$180,000 |
| 4110 Brighton Ln | \$174,000 |
| 1577 Brookdale Dr | \$255,000 |
| 43283 Candlewood Ct | \$240,000 |
| 44264 Cherbourg St | \$170,000 |
| 43442 Cherrywood Ln | \$263,000 |
| 276 Constitution St | \$96,000 |
| 322 Cornell St | \$215,000 |
| 46809 Creeks Bnd | \$265,000 |
| 6763 Devonshire Dr | \$230,000 |
| 41890 Echo Forest Ct | \$340,000 |
| 352 Elmington Ct | \$403,000 |
| 47317 Fairlawn Ct | \$235,000 |
| 45194 Forest Trail Dr | \$170,000 |
| 46133 Gainsborough Dr | \$200,000 |
| 45184 Glengarry Rd | \$280,000 |
| 42102 Greenwood Dr | \$207,000 |
| 1464 Hampshire Dr | \$135,000 |
| 45299 Indian Creek Dr | \$170,000 |
| 1370 Knightsbridge Rd | \$230,000 |
| 2283 Liberty St S | \$295,000 |
| 568 McKinley Cir | \$280,000 |
| 1243 N Cavalier Rd | \$192,000 |
| 3315 Niagara Ave | \$251,000 |
| 49145 Northampton Ct | \$450,000 |

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| 7338 Oakmont Dr | \$350,000 |
| 41667 Quail Ct | \$272,000 |
| 1732 S Pennfield Ln | \$435,000 |
| 8125 Sandpiper St | \$265,000 |
| 42343 Saratoga Cir | \$147,000 |
| 47577 Scenic Circle Dr S | \$230,000 |
| 39815 Scottsdale Dr | \$181,000 |
| 3694 Shepherd Ct | \$222,000 |
| 45700 Spinning Wheel Dr | \$230,000 |
| 49073 Stanton Ct | \$400,000 |
| 7015 Stonebrook Ct | \$117,000 |
| 41643 Strawberry Ct | \$230,000 |
| 1735 Thistle Dr | \$240,000 |
| 41831 Wayside Dr | \$165,000 |
| 7025 Willow Creek Dr | \$173,000 |
| GARDEN CITY | |
| 657 Arcola St | \$107,000 |
| 31032 Birchlawn St | \$145,000 |
| 28538 Block St | \$28,000 |
| 6830 Burnly St | \$105,000 |
| 30629 Florence St | \$68,000 |
| 6749 Gilman St | \$69,000 |
| 33218 Hennepin St | \$115,000 |
| 6429 Henry Ruff Rd | \$95,000 |
| LIVONIA | |
| 32911 Allen St | \$175,000 |
| 39375 Amrhein Rd | \$90,000 |
| 38920 Ann Arbor Trl | \$175,000 |
| 19364 Antago St | \$52,000 |
| 11405 Arden St | \$143,000 |
| 14290 Blackburn St | \$225,000 |
| 29523 Bobrich St | \$55,000 |
| 36265 Club Dr | \$37,000 |

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| 36269 Club Dr | \$37,000 |
| 17546 Country Club Dr | \$218,000 |
| 9948 Deering St | \$122,000 |
| 30934 Dorais St | \$161,000 |
| 38132 Elsie St | \$160,000 |
| 14627 Fairway St | \$154,000 |
| 15585 Fitzgerald St | \$95,000 |
| 18306 Gillman St | \$86,000 |
| 36603 Grove St | \$172,000 |
| 9959 Hambleton St | \$163,000 |
| 8921 Harvey St | \$140,000 |
| 28370 Joy Rd | \$41,000 |
| 17790 Lathers St | \$85,000 |
| 19801 Liverpool Ave | \$360,000 |
| 29859 Lori St | \$147,000 |
| 30020 Lyndon St | \$155,000 |
| 14149 Marie St | \$174,000 |
| 18151 Mayfield St | \$123,000 |
| 14892 Park St | \$165,000 |
| 35573 Parkdale St | \$132,000 |
| 18615 Parklane St | \$230,000 |
| 34257 Pembroke Ave | \$283,000 |
| 16110 Penn Dr | \$219,000 |
| 35535 Richland St | \$127,000 |
| 15698 Riverside St | \$340,000 |
| 29987 Robert Dr | \$136,000 |
| 32509 Scone St | \$163,000 |
| 31645 Summers St | \$173,000 |
| 29636 Trancrest St | \$200,000 |
| 29636 Trancrest St | \$140,000 |
| 9049 Woodring St | \$146,000 |
| 17524 Woodside St | \$170,000 |
| 14245 Yale St | \$160,000 |

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| 14657 Yale St | \$170,000 |
| NORTHVILLE | |
| 40463 Beechwood Ct | \$418,000 |
| 18318 Blue Heron Dr W | \$311,000 |
| 42116 Brampton Ct | \$336,000 |
| 16245 Country Knoll Dr | \$310,000 |
| 19522 Northridge Dr | \$104,000 |
| 17826 Parkshore Dr | \$1,220,000 |
| 745 Randolph St | \$125,000 |
| 46873 Red Oak Dr | \$470,000 |
| 49602 S Glacier | \$410,000 |
| 777 Spring Dr | \$775,000 |
| 41616 Sunnysdale Ln | \$330,000 |
| 19105 Surrey Ln | \$92,000 |
| 40057 Woodside Dr N | \$460,000 |
| PLYMOUTH | |
| 11807 Brownell Ave | \$130,000 |
| 510 Byron St | \$202,000 |
| 1249 Carol Ave | \$257,000 |
| 8893 Gregory Ln | \$125,000 |
| 48412 Hilltop Dr E | \$404,000 |
| 14314 Shadywood Dr | \$176,000 |
| 844 Simpson St | \$330,000 |
| REDFORD | |
| 14245 Breakfast Dr | \$162,000 |
| 18255 Denby | \$43,000 |
| 19411 Garfield | \$50,000 |
| 18630 Gaylord | \$75,000 |
| 12820 Hemingway | \$73,000 |
| 12849 Laverne | \$75,000 |
| 11718 Riverdale | \$47,000 |
| 9059 San Jose | \$75,000 |
| 9527 Sarasota | \$62,000 |

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Notice is also given that the Westland City Council will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 18, 2014** at City Hall, located at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI, to hear comments on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan at 7:00 p.m.

The city of Westland is preparing a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of community recreation facilities and programs over the next five (5) years.

All interested parties may submit comments in person or in writing to Westland City Hall, located at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185 during regular business hours. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the City of Westland City Clerk, Eileen DeHart, CMC, at (734) 467-3185, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the Public Hearing, if requesting accommodations.

Please contact the City of Westland at (734) 467-3185 with questions or comments.

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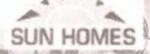
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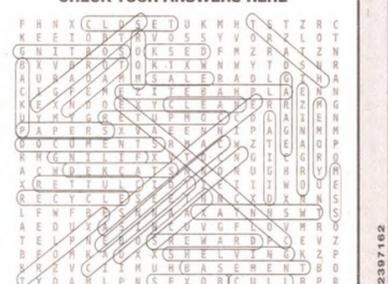
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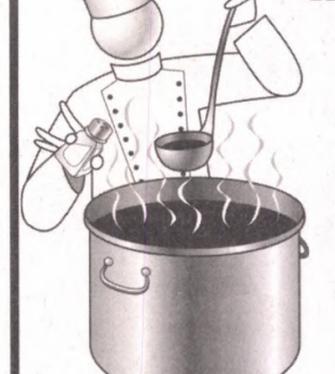
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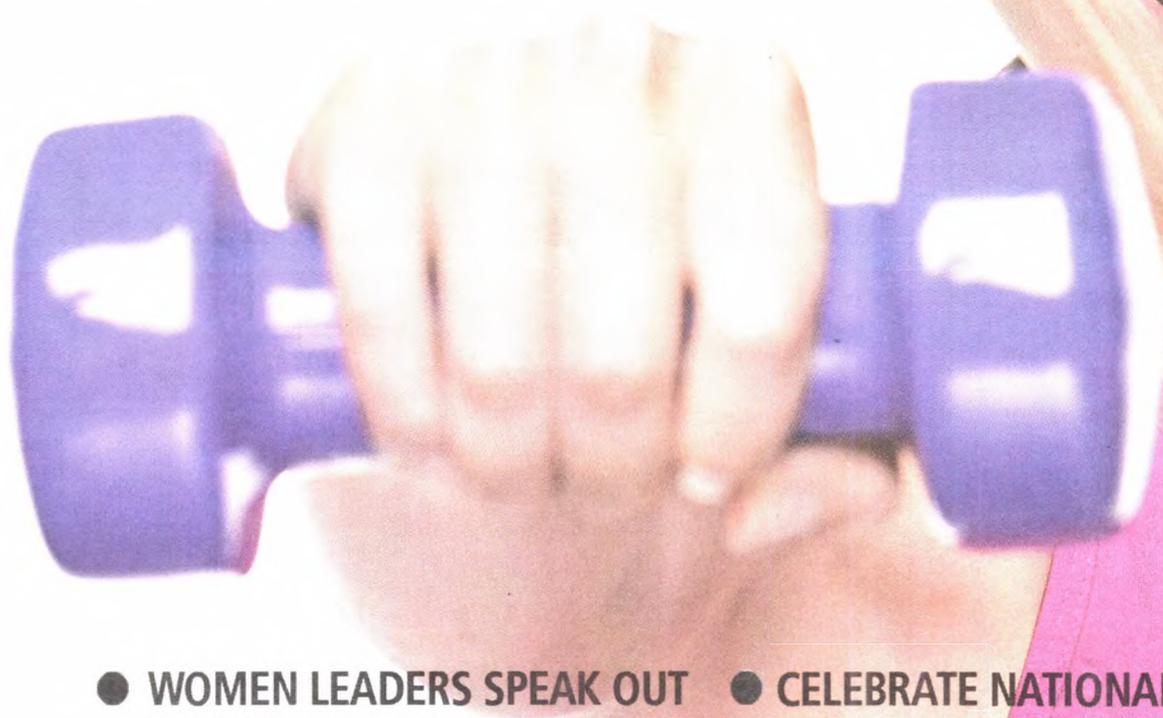
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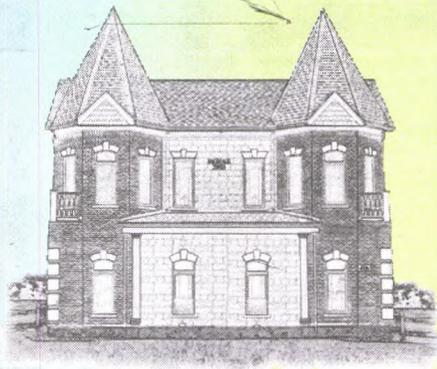
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Dear readers:
 Welcome to a new year of *Hometown Life Woman*.

If you've resolved to get fit – physically and financially – eat healthy and have fun, today's edition is for you.

Read about how local women set wellness goals – for all the right reasons. Area experts also discuss the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Community is very important to local women. It's more than just an address, it's where our "family of support," for business, entertainment and spirituality resides. That's why *Hometown Life Woman* asked local women leaders what they wish for our area in 2014.

And while you are paging through today's edition, check out the story on pie. Thursday, Jan. 23, is National Pie Day. Treat yourself to a luscious piece of pie and check out the list of area restaurants and stores that specialize in pie. Remember, all things are good in moderation – including pie.

Wishing you success in 2014.



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The Seven Dumbest Things People Are Told About Estate Planning

By VA Accredited Elder Law Attorney, Nicole Wipp

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In our family estate planning & elder law office, we often find that people have misconceptions about estate planning that they get through the internet, their friends, and even other professionals. There are various problems with the topics below, but the most fundamental one is that believing any one of them may lead to bad decision-making.

1. Estate planning is about planning for your death.

Most people think that estate planning is all about "what happens if I die" (you will!). That being said, when done properly, estate planning is about much more than simple death planning. It is also about ensuring that any shift in control, whether due to disability during life or death, is done in the simplest and easiest way possible; about providing loved ones with peace of mind and relieving them from burdensome decisions that you should make on your own; and, in the best case scenario, about ensuring that assets don't get depleted by the need for long term care and/or nursing home costs.

2. If you have beneficiary designations for your assets, you're all set.

Just about every day, I hear some version of the following sentence: "My (insert your person of choice here: sister-in-law, neighbor, financial advisor, banker, cousin-who-has-a-son-that's-an-attorney) told me that if I have beneficiary designations on my assets (investments, bank accounts, retirement) that I won't have to go through probate and I'll be all set."

While this may be true about probate, it certainly doesn't tell the whole story. Very often, the goals clients have cannot be accomplished by doing simple beneficiary designations. Additionally, if there is a need for a loved one to access the accounts to pay bills or manage funds, a beneficiary designation on its own will not allow for this.

3. You should put your kids on your bank accounts or your home so that they can manage your money if they need to, or to avoid probate.

Sometimes, to deal with the issues discussed in #2, people will choose to have their children or other persons on their accounts or their home. This may be a bad idea for

several reasons. Having joint ownership of certain assets (regardless of whose money it really is) can result in unexpected tax consequences, liability issues, and loss of important benefits for long-term care. For example, if your child gets sued, whether or not they are at fault, it is possible that your bank account can be attached to the lawsuit or judgment. There are options that can accomplish the same things without the risks.

4. Talking about estate taxes is a waste of time.

For a majority of Americans, in the current tax year, estate taxes are not an issue – the exemption is currently at 5.34 million dollars. Every dollar about that exemption amount is taxed at a 40% tax rate for estate or "inheritance" taxes. So for those that have less, estate taxes aren't an issue. This year.

That being said, Congress can change the estate tax exemption (they say they won't – do you believe anything Congress says these days?). Unless you know that you will die in 2014, you can't know what the estate tax exemption will be, or whether it will affect your family. Less than 15 years ago, the exemption was below a million dollars. For many, if the estate tax returned to 1990's levels, there would be a tax issue.

5. You need to give your assets away to protect them.

This is one of the most potentially devastating pieces of "advice" that many people believe to be true. Giving assets away is a complex topic that can have repercussions on many levels, including inability to receive benefits for long term care and a loss of lifetime savings.

6. Your power of attorney can take care of everything.

First, it's important to understand this most basic legal concept: a power of attorney dies with the person that gives the power. In other words, a power of attorney no longer works when a person dies. Additionally, most powers of attorney place limits on the person receiving the power in a way that actually prevents the power of attorney from being able to take certain important actions on your behalf, particularly when it comes to the need for long term care.

7. If you have a will, you won't need to go through probate.

This is possibly the most pervasive myth out there. A will is not a probate avoidance device; on the contrary, it is meant for probate.

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WOMEN LEADERS SPEAK OUT ABOUT GOALS

By Pamela A. Zinkosky Contributing Writer

What do area women – leaders in government, education, health care and business – want for their community this year?



Laura Cox



Maureen Miller Brosnan



Susan Zurvalec



Jean Meyer

Government

Pulling in the reins on a \$2 billion budget isn't easy or popular, but Wayne County Commissioner **Laura Cox**, who heads the Committee on Ways and Means, is meeting the task head-on. As she begins her 10th year on the commission, she's looking forward to "talking about the reality and advocating for a solution" to deficit spending.

"Our biggest challenge is getting our arms around the budget," she said. This is especially important because of Detroit's bankruptcy, Cox said: "Leaders in Wayne County are realizing that the state is very actively looking at Wayne County."

Cox, who represents residents in Northville, Northville Township and part of Livonia, said making a dent in the deficit starts with examining every service the county provides and "thinking of new, innovative ways to pull back spending. You need to focus on our mandated services."

Cox said the committee now requires all departments to explain overspending and request re-allocations.

For **Maureen Miller Brosnan**, president of the Livonia City Council, the new year's challenge is to enhance her city's reputation.

"My wish for the Livonia City Council is that we come together to embrace the challenges that lie ahead and see them as opportunities for the city to build its reputation as Michigan's leading com-

munity to raise a family, grow a business and age gracefully," Miller Brosnan said.

Health and safety

Miller Brosnan said Livonia, which turns 64 this year, needs to leverage its access to and excellence in health care, with St. Mary Mercy Hospital as a major Livonia presence. "I hope we work to become recognized as one of the healthiest cities in the country," she said. "Every day healthy babies are born here, people with cancer are cured here, lives are made healthier and aging residents are cared for with grace and dignity."

Miller Brosnan also mentioned Livonia's safety and family-friendly qualities in her list of hopes and wishes for the community.

"As a safe community, I hope we work to add qualified police officers to the force of men and women that keep us safe so we maintain this most important designation," she said.

While Livonia seeks to boost its reputation in the education arena, the partner cities just north of it look toward new leadership. **Susan Zurvalec**, who's been superintendent of the Farmington Public School system since 2005, recently announced her retirement.

As she finishes 40 years in education this year, Zurvalec's goal is "to leave the district well-positioned financially and educationally for the new superintendent. Specifically, my goals include de-

veloping a plan that engages our community in financing our facilities' needs, as well as developing a 2014-15 budget that reduces the structural deficit, yet maintains our quality instructional programs."

That goal is no small task, given the recent voter defeat of two bond proposals, collectively totaling \$186.2 million, which sought to fund security, new technology, classroom upgrades and improvements to auditoriums and athletic fields.

Zurvalec's hopes and dreams for public education as a whole? "The governor and Legislature must address their continued underfunding of K-12 public education with this next budget with restoration of the per-pupil foundation allowance cuts made three years ago," she said.

As Zurvalec looks toward retirement, **Jean Meyer** of Northville is just beginning her tenure as president and CEO of St. John Providence Health System, which includes more than 125 medical centers and five hospitals.

Connect with community

"One of our goals is to really connect with the community when they're well – to keep people healthy," said Meyer, who served as interim CEO from June to December 2013.

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NEW YEAR, NEW YOU

COMMIT TO GET FIT IN 2014

Stories by Jill Halpin, Contributing Writer

Ten years ago, Beverly Hale, 46 years old, 70 pounds overweight and in poor health, made a decision to change her life.

"I felt terrible all of the time: my knees hurt, my teeth were falling out – I was a real mess," said Hale, of Livonia, a married mother of two adult children.

"I knew I had to make changes. I wanted to live a long life and be healthy. I needed to get the weight off and keep it off for good," she said.

Hale made the decision to join a local Weight Watchers group and started to attend weekly meetings regularly. She also began working out regularly with a friend every morning at the Livonia Recreation Center.

Soon after, she said, her life slowly began to change.

"I was losing weight slowly and steadily," she said.

"Slow and steady wins the race,' right? And I started to feel better. I was not as achy, moving around was much easier and I had more energy, mentally and physically.

"I had tried different diets in the past where I would drop some weight quickly, but then I would just gain it back. This was different. It was a lifestyle change – and it worked."

For Hale, the realization hit hard: obesity was affecting her health.

Obesity rates rising

She was not alone. According to a 2012 study by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, obesity has been rising steadily in the past few decades. As of 2010, approximately 35.7 percent of U.S. citizens are obese.

Despite the glut of advertisements and infomercials encouraging quick weight loss for a picture-perfect bikini body, the most critical reason to shed excess pounds has little to do with how you look.



Beverly Hale of Livonia (right) and her daughter Brooke.

There is no doubt that successful weight loss can improve appearance; however, the real issue is health, said Lisa Talamini, chief nutritionist for Jenny Craig weight loss centers.

According to Talamini, we are "in the middle of a health crisis" regarding obesity, citing a study by the National Institute of Health linking obesity-related conditions to heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and even certain types of cancer.

The health impacts of carrying excess pounds are significant, said Patti Ramos, a clinical dietitian with St. John Providence Health System in Southfield.

"There are many preventable conditions that can all be related to excess weight," she said. "Keeping those extra pounds at bay can go a long way toward keeping disease away.

"It is important to lose those extra pounds to feel good – physically and mentally," she added.

Losing excess weight by making a commitment to work toward your own health and vitality by is one of the best things you can do for yourself, medical experts say.

In fact, for most people, quality of health is directly related to weight, said Dr. Matthew



Lisa Talamini of Jenny Craig

Weiner, obesity expert at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township.

"Obesity as a disease is the single greatest marker to measure your overall health," he said.

Fortunately, Weiner said, it is possible to shed excess pounds and you can start by simply paying attention to the food you are eating.

Change your life

"You can change your life by changing what you eat," he said.

The author of *A Pound of Cure*, a book offering a new approach to changing diet for more effective, long-term, healthy weight loss, Weiner believes that it is the foods that we put in our bodies every day that determine how we feel.

"Eating is not the problem – it is what we eat," Weiner said.

The way to meaningful weight loss, Weiner says, is to adjust your diet so that you are consuming healthy foods that fuel your body, such as fruits and vegetables, and limit processed foods and other junk foods.

"If you give yourself junk, you are going to feel uncomfortable, bloated and sick," he said. "Losing weight and changing your lifestyle is an active process. It is about eating right and giving your body good nutrition."

It is this knowledge that he tries to impart to patients as medical director of the Michigan Weight Management Institute at Huron Valley-Sinai, which provides guidance in adjusting diet and lifestyle for weight loss.

Hale said that learning to give her body good nutritious foods was a key to her continued weight loss success. She credits Weight Watchers with educating her about food



Dr. Matthew Weiner

choices and showing her the improve her diet.

"It really was a complete me," she said. "I learned how cook healthy foods for the regular exercise was a cruent to her success, but it exercise to burn calories,"

"Being active and me better. I was getting str good. Although it was a is amazing how quickly creases," she said.

Add exercise

In addition to the bene mobility and strength, one c roles exercise plays in weigh metabolism, Weiner noted.

"Exercise is very importa lism," he said. "As you age, y slows down."

Metabolism, the rate at w calories, is fueled by the nun you eat, he said.

It's one of the reasons to e ular, healthy meals, as oppos skipping a meal, as some die encourage. If you don't, your body will go into its natural s vation mode and slow your metabolism down,

according to Dr.

Caroline Richardson, an associate professor of far medicine speci in diabetes and at the Universi Michigan.

Regular exer raise your basal r rate, Richardson s that the effects of ex just 30 minutes a day significant impact.

"Increasing your help you burn calori you are sedentary," she said. "That is why it is importa throughout the day. And it h the sluggish feeling."

Building muscle during e important. "Muscles burn ca when you are not using them minute walk is a great way t cle and get your metabolism

Hale considers herself lu made lifestyle changes wher "The difference in my qu amazing," she said.



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EXERCISE CAN BE FUN

RESOLVE TO GET MOVING

Exercise is not just about burning calories to lose weight – it is about building a stronger core, shaping muscle and gaining flexibility.

It is also about having fun. Just ask Irene Ivanac of Garden City, owner of Strength and Spirit, LLC, specializing in corporate and in-home personal training.

Ivanac teaches a *Hula Hoop@* fitness class at Joy Fitness Studios in Canton.

Hula hooping is growing in popularity, Ivanac said, and “it is the most fun you will ever have getting fit.”

It is also a low-impact, high-cardio workout. “Not only is it great for your core, it burn tons of calories, too,” she said.

From beginners to pros, hula hooping is appropriate for all fitness levels, according to Ivanac.

“Even if you were someone who was unable to use a *Hula Hoop@* as a child, you’ll be surprised how easy and fun it is once you learn how to move your hips correctly,” she said. “There are so many different ways to hoop and you can start out slow and work your way through the different areas. There is a move for everyone.”

“It is the first workout that I have found that people laugh out loud while they are doing it,” she added.

For Sam Felix, a physical rehabilitation trainer at the DMC Fitness Training Center in Detroit, consistent exercise really is key.

“You need to make sure you are doing it every day and let it become a habit that you enjoy,” he said.

There are so many different ways to exercise and move, Felix said, it is important to find what suits you best.



Irene Ivanac, owner of Strength and Spirit, LLC, says hula hooping is “the most fun you will ever have getting fit.”

If you do not want to go to a gym, there are many exercises that you can do at home – such as crunches and push-ups for strength training, Felix said.

However, whether you are at home or at the gym, the buzzwords in exercise are “high intensity” and “interval training,” according to Felix.

“You need to find out what exercise you like to do and work at it vigorously for a specific amount of time,” he said.

“You can slow down – for an interval – and then speed up again and repeat the cycle. It really yields some big results.”

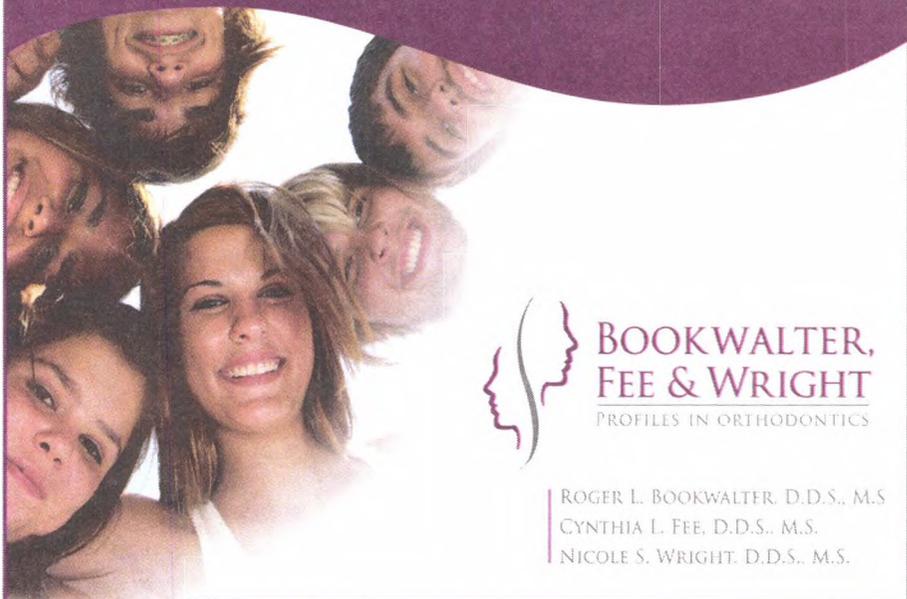
Felix recommends checking out the American College on Exercise fitness website at <http://www.acefitness.org/> to find exercises you might enjoy.

Desk jockeys might also be interested in the newest toy hitting offices across the nation: desk treadmills.

“A desk treadmill is a great way to keep moving throughout the day,” Felix said. “Your upper body is free, so that you can type or whatever you need to do with your hands, but your lower body is in motion.”

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Those who have contributed regularly to a workplace retirement plan, such as a 401(k) or 403(b), may find it tempting to tap into those accounts to help cover their bills, either through a loan or a distribution. But before any preretirement withdrawal is made, it's important to know the facts and consider the consequences.

Your decision should be influenced, in part, by the severity of your needs and the tax implications of the option you choose.

Loans are not considered taxable distributions unless they fail to satisfy plan rules regarding the amount, duration, or repayment terms. But distributions (including hardship withdrawals) are generally taxable as ordinary income and workers who receive retirement plan distributions before reaching age 59½ may be required to pay an additional 10-percent early withdrawal penalty.



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loan to repay the entire amount immediately upon leaving the company, regardless of the original repayment schedule. If an ex-employee fails to do so, the employer is required to report the loan to the IRS as a distribution.

Hardship: Last resort

The government has made the rules around applying for and receiving a hardship withdrawal of your retirement plan assets difficult for a reason: it wants to ensure that the need for those funds is vital. Most plans allow a hardship only if all other means (including loans) have been exhausted.

Hardships can be taken if they meet certain requirements, including: Non-reimbursed medical expenses for you, your spouse, or dependents; purchase of a principal residence; payment of college tuition and related educational costs (such as room and board) for you, your spouse, dependents or non-dependent children; payments necessary to prevent eviction from your home or foreclosure on the mortgage of your principal residence; for funeral expenses; or certain expenses for the repair of damage to the employee's principal residence.

Ordinary income taxes (both federal and state, if applicable) are due on the withdrawal amount, but the 10-percent early withdrawal penalty may not apply in certain situations, such as when the distribution is made, because of a qualifying disability or to pay medical expenses that exceed 7.5 percent of the participant's adjusted gross income.

Others include due to a "separation from service" (i.e., ceased to be employed by the company sponsoring the plan) during or after the calendar year in which the participant reaches age 55, to an alternate payee under the terms of a qualified domestic relations order, or on account of certain disasters for which IRS relief has been granted.

Note also that a hardship withdrawal cannot be repaid into your account. Your retirement plan administrator and financial professional can help you determine your options.

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Loan considerations

When considering a loan, there are several rules to keep in mind. The IRS generally limits the amount of a loan to 50 percent of your vested account balance, up to a maximum of \$50,000.

Most retirement plan loans must be repaid within five years, although loans used to purchase the participant's primary residence may be paid back over a longer period of time.

You may not be able to make new contributions to your plan until the loan is paid off. Additionally, loans are repaid with after-tax contributions and interest (usually 1-2 percent above the prime rate) is due.

It's important to remember that not all plans allow loans. A violation of any of the plan's loan rules may cause the loan to be treated as a taxable distribution.

Additionally, an employer may require participants who have taken a

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Enjoy a slice of pie on National Pie Day

By Jill Halpin
Contributing Writer

Celebrate National Pie Day Jan. 23 by indulging in one of America's favorite desserts.

"Pie is the ultimate comfort food," said Larry Nygard, an owner of Blazo's Pies in Livonia.

An area institution that has been making pies since the early 1960s, Blazo's currently supplies local restaurants and groceries with its homemade pies that range from strawberry-rhubarb to sugar-free apple to lemon meringue.

"It's a simple food that people can relate to," he said. "Who doesn't love pie?"

Ken Treflick, owner of Grand Traverse Pie Co. in Plymouth, agrees.

"There are so many different types of pies and it comes in a myriad of flavors," he said. "There's really something for everyone."

Treflick offers 35 flavors of fruit pies, including blackberry peach crumb and a cherry ganache – a cherry crumb pie covered in a chocolate ganache – as well as a variety of cream pies.

On Thursday, Jan. 23, Grand Traverse Pie Co., 41640 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, will mark the event by offering a free slice of pie with every meal purchase.

Achatz Handmade Pie Co. in Beverly Hills, 17736 W. 13 Mile Road, also has big plans. Every day leading up to Jan. 23, customers will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite variety. Choices range from Michigan four-berry to French silk to its signature cannoli cream pie, with a cream cheese-based filling with almonds and chocolate chips and topped with whipped cream and more almonds and chocolate chips, said Ashley Bainbridge, store manager.

"This is definitely a favorite," she said.

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Pies are always something to celebrate, said Spencer Edwards of Marv's Bakery in Brighton, 10730 Grand River, whose offerings include apple, cherry and blueberry along with coconut cream and chocolate cream.

Despite the many choices, Edwards said his tastes are simple.

"I like cherry pie made with Michigan cherries," he said. "It's the perfect blend of tart and sweet."

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The new American TWEENAGER



Kearra M. DeJack, 12, of South Lyon won the title of Junior Miss Michigan Galaxy in 2013. COURTESY OF SYLK PHOTOGRAPHY

Recently, a childhood friend posted a video on Facebook of one of my early dance performances from a city recital. Thanks for the humiliation, Kraig. But I have to admit, I got a pretty good laugh out of it. I remember being so much better.

I still hold my ground that I was a standout. But that's not saying much for today's standard. Every year the standard goes up and what used to be amazing is now just OK, not only with artistic performances, but with academics as well. As a first (and only) time mom of a new kindergartener, I'm concerned that my '80s education just might not cut it with "new new math." Thank goodness I'm marrying someone with an electrical engineering degree – at least Quin stands a chance.

Kids, especially girls, are growing up so much faster than in my day. In my 2½ decades in the beauty business, I've seen lots of changes, one of which is my clientele getting younger.



Barbara Deyo

The first time I got my makeup done was for my high school senior homecoming and I think that was pretty much normal. In the last 15 years, the average age for moms to start bringing in their daughters for makeup for special events was about 14. However, in recent years, I have a new influx of 9- and 10-year-olds getting their brows shaped on a regular basis.

I'm not complaining or judging. I'm happy to get in at the ground level of their beauty maintenance and I certainly encourage moms to bring their girls in rather than taking matters into their own hands, literally. So I applaud them.

How do these tweens do it? Well, I happen to know one. Meet my cousin: Kearra Michaela DeJack, 12-year-old "Supertween."

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nars, social media and printed materials, so that it hits multi-generational communication methods. The health system is also maintaining a presence outside of its hospitals and going into churches, schools and other organizations where the community gathers.

Meyer also has some goals for the region's health care system overall. "My goal is that every person in southeastern Michigan has access to high-quality, low-cost health care and that everybody has a primary care physician," she said.

Camille Jayne, president and CEO of The Community House in Birmingham, admits her organization is not a basic-needs provider, but says it comes right after those needs.

"We are a nonprofit and our mission is to strengthen our community," she said. The Community House provides 1,000 educational and wellness courses annually for the community, as well as scholarships and free programs for at-risk youth, childhood obesity prevention and other outreach initiatives.

Jayne brought her corporate *savoir faire* to The Community House and took the organization from red to black in just 12 months. Now that the organization is out of debt, Jayne hopes to in-

crease its endowment fund by \$2 to \$3 million, she said.

"We want The Community House to be here another 90 years," Jayne said.

Jayne also has a dream for the Birmingham-Bloomfield area and beyond: "I would hope we could figure out how to work more as a unit – that we could come together to be more unified." By that, she means nonprofit and for-profit organizations working together and nonprofits supporting each other's goals, she said.

Cynthia Kabza Vercruyse, vice chair of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle in Canton, also has a fundraising goal for her organization, which funds initiatives that address the needs of women and children in Canton and Plymouth.

"Our goal is to raise at least \$10,000 for the preschool program for 3-year-old children to help off-set tuition for families who are struggling financially," she said. Since the 3-year-old scholarship program ended last year, this age group needs the most help, she explained.

Kabza Vercruyse is also working to increase awareness about Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle and to increase membership.

"Giving back to people and organizations in this community is a key component of our mission and we strive to lead by example," she said. "Sometimes all someone needs is a little boost to help

them overcome a problem. Quietly and little by little, we are making a difference in the lives of people who live here."

Managing business

In the for-profit sector, **Jennifer (Newmyer) Mangin** of Newmyer Distinctive Remodeling in Walled Lake has a goal of controlled growth. Mangin, who's taking a more active role in managing the family business this year, said business has picked up in the last six months and the company needs to be disciplined about how much work it takes on.

"Today, we are back up to full staff like we were prior to 2007, so while our business grows, we have to make sure we are communicating with our customers and keeping our jobs on schedule," Mangin said. "That takes a lot of internal work to make sure we are properly organized."

Newmyer Remodeling is also renovating its showroom and the front of its building to give it more of a retail presence, Mangin said.

Mangin's personal goal, she said, is to balance work and family life, especially as the company grows. "One of my challenges has been to tell myself it's time to go home," she said. "My kids (ages 15 and 14) are growing fast and I really do not want to miss it. No job is worth missing that."

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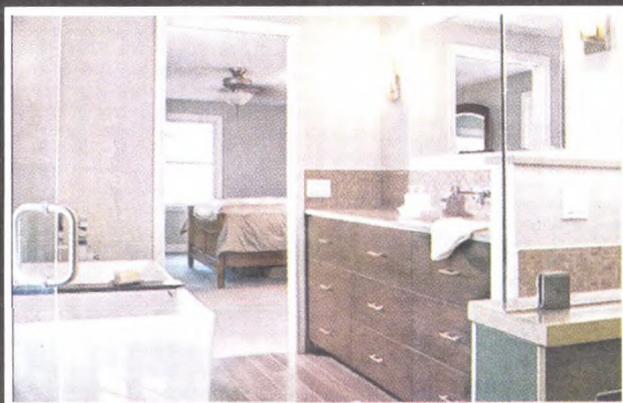
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TWEENAGER

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I'm not biased – just blessed – to be related to such a beautiful girl, inside and out.

I've had the pleasure of grooming Kearra's brows and doing her makeup for most of the big events in her life to date. Family perk. I was honored to be in attendance for her crowning as 2013 Junior Miss Michigan Galaxy and again for her for third runner-up achievement in Orlando this past summer at the International Galaxy Pageant.

In trying to get a good idea of Kearra's "normal" schedule, I got dizzy just hearing it all. I applaud her parents, as well. Dad Michael is a senior technical specialist with AVL, an engineering consulting company. Mom Laurie is a global IT manager at Ford Motor Co. A day in the life of the DeJack family is very busy.

BD: Kearra, how do you do it all? Tell me about the activities you are involved in outside of school.

KD: The only way I can do it is with lots of help from my family – including you, Barb. And I'm so grateful for all the support I get from my family. I'm a straight A student at Millennium Middle School in South Lyon, where I am

also a member of the Student Council and volunteer with Active Faith. I have been involved in competitive cheerleading for four years and my team has qualified and placed at nationals three times.

I take cheer tumbling classes each week. I have a horse named J.R. and I ride, train and compete in English hunter jumper equestrian competitions. I am a Scottish Highland dancer and take lessons weekly in St. Louis, Mich., and practice daily.

In May, I competed and won the Midwest championship in the 12-and-under-14 age group and I had the honor to represent the Midwest at the United States Inter-regional Competition, placing fourth in the Highland Fling against the top dancers in the United States.

I traveled to Scotland this past August to compete in the Cowal Gathering Open Championship against the top Highland dancers from around the world. I placed seventh overall in my age category.

I dance for fun and to show people about my heritage at local events. I recently signed a modeling contract with Your Entourage Agency and just modeled in my first big fashion show, "Walk Fashion Show" at the Michigan Science Center.

I also volunteer my time to help animals at the Midwest Rabbit Rescue

Bunny Shelter in Northville, where I clean cages, feed, groom and exercise bunnies. At my prior barn I volunteered my time with CANTER, helping to rehab, retrain and adopt out thoroughbred ex-race horses. I also support fundraising for "Lope for Hope" an organization that helps equestrians with breast cancer.

I enjoy spending time with my cats Yin Yang, Tiger and Lily and my dogs Ghillie and Midnight. I also enjoy journaling, reading, writing poetry, water skiing, riding snowmobiles and spending time with my family.

Dizzy? Me, too. So let's talk to mom now.

BD: Laurie, what's it feel like to be the super-mom of such an accomplished "super-tween"? She has some amazing accolades to her name, especially at such a young age.

LD: Whenever your child sets a goal, works really hard toward it and then attains it, you feel immense pride.

Kearra makes it easy because she is very organized – she has to be with her schedule – and academics always come first. She is involved in a lot of varied activities and she really cares about the world around her.

I have to admit when she wanted to enter a pageant, it wasn't something I was eager to jump into. However, we approached it as another learning experience.

I learned the skills are transferable and as a queen people are eager to hear your thoughts. So you have an opportunity to be a role model for others.

BD: The apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Kearra competes in many different arenas. What's your favorite part of the competition process?

LD: My favorite part of the process is watching my daughter grow and take on new challenges. She prepares herself completely whenever she does anything. She sets a goal, she researches and analyzes, she makes a plan and decides what's important to her and she executes her plan. She is constantly evolving as a young woman and it's exciting and fun to watch.

I still have no idea how they do it all, but one thing I do know – they look darn good while they are at it. Family perk.

Barbara Deyo, owner of Deyo Studio for face and body, is an internationally acclaimed makeup artist, having groomed the faces of Paul McCartney, Bob Seger, Kerrie Washington, Shaun Robinson and more. She has been named Best of the Best by Allure, Hour, Real Detroit and WDIV. Deyo Studio is located at 576 N. Old Woodward Ave, 2nd floor, in downtown Birmingham. Readers can contact her at 248-203-1222 or visit www.deyostudio.com.



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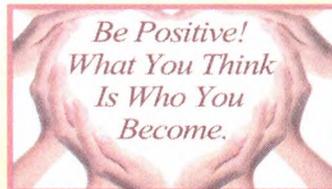
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