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Adult ed school, other projects approved

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A rezoning and a preliminary plan for a large new development at Ford and Newburgh were recently approved by the Westland City Council.

But those aren't the only developments on the schedule — plans are underway for an adult education center, an expansion of an existing convalescent center and a new multi-tenant commercial building.

» Council has approved a special land use to allow an 8,000-square-foot former church located at 6615 N. Venoy, north of Ford, to be used for an adult education center.

"The property is zoned R-5 residential. Education uses are zoned residential with a special land use," Westland Planning/



Thompson

Building Director Bruce Thompson said.

Applicant Kathleen Kunz-Pielack of Creative Empowerment Opportunities said the school is for special-needs students with learning disabilities over age 26. A new roof was being installed on the building, along with an agreement to install a sidewalk along the Venoy frontage.

There is no sidewalk currently. "I think it will be a good match for the community. We

provide adult education and skill development," Kunz-Pielack said. "Ninety-four percent of our students live in the area."

» A site plan was approved for a proposed expansion of Westland Convalescent and Rehab Center, on the south side of Warren Road, just east of Central City Parkway.

The plan calls for construction of a 4,281-square-foot addition that would connect two existing buildings — a 12,268-

square-foot building off Warren Road and a 60,145-square-foot building further south.

Additionally, plans call for an 1,894-square-foot addition to the southeast corner of the larger building, along with a small canopy over the entrance drive at the front of the building.

Westland Convalescent representatives commented that the capacity of the center

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Westland Police officers Kevin Smith (left) and Thomas Rogers are members of the Community Policing Crime Prevention Unit.

Police look for man, stolen vehicle

Westland Police are looking for help identifying a man believed to be responsible for an attempted home invasion.

On Jan. 14, a resident in the 6500 block of Yale Street accidentally lost the keys to their vehicle and apartment. Since that time, an unknown person has stolen their vehicle and attempted to enter the apartment.

Police released a photograph was taken shortly after the suspect attempted to gain entry into the victim's apartment. The stolen vehicle is described as a white 2011 Ford Flex with license plate DEM 3838. It has not yet been recovered.

Anyone with information regarding the location of the vehicle or the identity of the suspect is asked to contact the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600, Sgt. Jeff Kavanaugh at 734-467-3189 or leave a message at the Westland Police Community Partnership Facebook page.

As of Thursday, several people had posted responses on Facebook offering a name and photos of a suspect.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
Westland Police are trying to identify a suspect wanted for stealing a vehicle and attempting to break into an apartment after finding a set a lost keys.

Police officers aim to build community bond with work

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Police officers often have contact with the public, but often it's not a situation the person is happy about. No one likes getting a ticket or, even worse, arrested.

In their assignment in the Community Policing Crime

Prevention Unit, Westland Police officers Thomas Rogers and Kevin Smith have law enforcement duties combined with actively giving residents and business owners familiar police faces in a positive contact.

"We're trying to bridge the gap between the police department and the commu-

nity," Smith said. "We want to make it not always a negative contact. Our position has become multi-faceted — it's not just about narcotics. Like, we went to the Martin Luther King program."

The officers have presented multiple safety awareness seminars with seniors and "we're making

contacts with kids."

The image of police officers in the media is a challenge for law enforcement currently, Rogers noted.

"It's the de-policing of America. Westland doesn't buy into it as much — they support us, which is a good

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Envoy Jim Hulett of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army is generally happy with this season's Christmas fundraising.

Salvation Army holiday season is cheery

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland corps of the Salvation Army leaders are generally pleased with this year's Christmas Red Kettle fundraising.

"We actually had a better net than last year," envoy Jim Hulett said Jan. 28. The Red Kettle portion for Wayne-Westland raised \$152,907 this season.

Gifts in kind come through the Westland Community Foundation, as well as donated canned goods the Salvation Army then doesn't need to buy. Those were up almost 8 percent this season, he said.

The "white mail" donations, including people who walk into the corps on Venoy south of Palmer with donations, totaled \$13,985 this year for Wayne-Westland. The War Cry direct mail appeal brought in \$7,671.

Hulett noted there was one less week this Christmas season for fundraising and organizers stuck to more profitable locations for bell ringing. He said the total was about \$8,000 net better.

"The bottom line for us is we actually did a little bit better," he said, adding of the Community Foundation, "They did a tremendous job. They're a big contributor."

The National Honor Society

at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center in Westland will hold its annual food drive for the local Salvation Army again in February and March. "Those are the kinds of things that really help us out," Hulett said. "It's perfect timing."

Gladys Beach, caseworker for the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, said this year her corps helped 555 children with toys, two larger gifts, as well as Christmas stocking stuffers. A total of 273 food boxes were distributed in Wayne-Westland, as well as food vouchers.

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would remain at 230 beds. The expansion was designed at increasing the ability to provide rehabilitation and to lower room density by eliminating ward rooms.

» Also approved was a site plan for a multi-tenant retail building on the south side of Warren, adjoining Westland Convalescent to the east and south with Applebee's to west.

Applicant Chris Karapatsakis plans to construct a 6,000-square-foot building on the property. Owner of

three commercial developments in Canton, Karapatsakis was questioned by some council members and a planning commission member who had concerns about his plans for new construction when the city has existing vacant commercial properties.

"When you purchase property in a commercial zone, we can't force you to buy an existing building," Councilman Michael Kehrer said. "You're entitled to develop your property."

Karapatsakis commented that he had taken the advice and talked with owners of existing property. "I might be back in six months," he said.

CORRECTION

A story about the new regional Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School should have stated an open house will take place Jan. 31 on the grounds of the current St. Raphael school, 31500 Beechwood (near Merriman and Ford Road) in Garden City. The open house runs from noon to 2 p.m.

Thrift Store: Great bargains, great friends

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Theresa Cieciora, Shirley Fattore and Lois McAlister were three busy women one recent Wednesday morning.

The Garden City women volunteer at the Thrift Store at the Maplewood Community Center, which is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the center, on Maplewood west of Merriman.

"Our prices are very, very reasonable," said Cieciora, who's retired from office work and has also done income tax preparation volunteering at the center. "People come around to look and buy. Every day, (donors) bring things in. We look at them, sort them."

The Thrift Store proceeds go back to the Maplewood Center for uses such as parties, fitness equipment and building upgrades.

The flow of customers varies. "Sometimes they come in toward the end



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Senior volunteers Theresa Cieciora, Thrift Store volunteer manager Shirley Fattore and Lois McAlister working in the thrift shop with senior activities coordinator Sheila Sulewski.

of the day and you get a lot of people," Cieciora said. Linens, kitchen items, clothes and shoes are popular.

"Puzzles, people love puzzles," she said. "And we do have books." One area even holds cassettes, generally not seen in recent years.

"Some days are better than others. Once people know about us, they tend to come more often," Cieciora said of the regulars. One regular customer likes both linens

and puzzles.

The store shuts from noon to 12:30 p.m. for lunch. "I come here because they need help," Cieciora said. "It keeps me active, socializing. And you're helping people."

McAlister, who's retired from accounting, agreed. "You make friends here," she said. She serves as store treasurer and has volunteered "a long time."

Items that don't sell get donated to other non-

profits. "If people are interested in craft items, they should come here," Cieciora said, gesturing toward craft magazines, craft books, kits and photo albums.

The craft kits get donated to centers for people to use if not sold. A case of jewelry for sale beckons within the Thrift Store, located at the center end closest to the Merriman end, near the library.

Customers come from Canton and Westland, as well as Garden City. "They like bargains, too," McAlister said of those shoppers.

Added manager Fattore, "Great friends. I make a lot of friends." She's retired from factory work.

At Christmas, the local Family Resource Center opens the store for some 30-35 kids to shop, said Sheila Sulewski, senior activities coordinator for Garden City.

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thing," he said. "That's the biggest difference from Detroit, the community support and cooperation we get."

Before becoming a Westland officer two years ago, Rogers had retired following 15 years of service with the Detroit Police Department.

When Smith joined Westland Police three years ago, he was a making a career change after working 18 years as a supervisor for Livonia Schools.

Both went through an interview process that culminated in their assignment as community policing officers.

"These guys are self-motivated and have

proven themselves in the department," Westland Deputy Police Chief Todd Adams said. "They are willing to get involved in the community."

Rogers and Smith noted their physical resemblance; both are big guys with shaved heads.

"Both of us are funny; we're well-rounded," Rogers said. "We're approachable. We know when to be aggressive with proactive policing. We also had to be willing to work flexible hours."

While there is a community policing office at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center in Norwayne, the officers aren't focused on part of the city.

The community policing officers might spend half their shift at Jefferson Barns, interacting with local youngsters. Smith is an adviser to the

department's Explorer program and has one youth at Jefferson Barns who is interested in a law enforcement career.

"We're answering the tip line and responding to various things happening in the community," Smith said. "If there is a problem, we try to make contact and resolve it."

A recent example, Rogers said, was responding to a Westland youth who was selling drugs with the help of Facebook. Turned out he was selling the drugs on the Detroit-Dearborn boundary, so officers handed off the case.

"We're a direct contact with citizens; we're on call 24 hours a day. There is no time frame we operate in," Rogers said.

Working in plain clothes and patrolling in a semi-marked vehicle,

Rogers and Smith spend a lot of time on the road, meeting people and conducting surveillance, either in response to a complaint or self-initiated.

"Mostly we're doing proactive policing. We've had a lot of training on interdiction traffic stops," Rogers said. "The observations you make lead you to drug seizures, guns and stolen cars."

The idea is also to make people involved in criminal activities, particularly narcotics sales, to not want to come into Westland, he said. "We're on them with traffic stops. Our department does an excellent job of proactive policing," he added.

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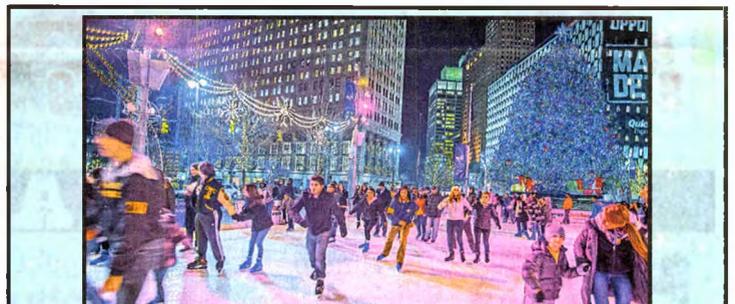
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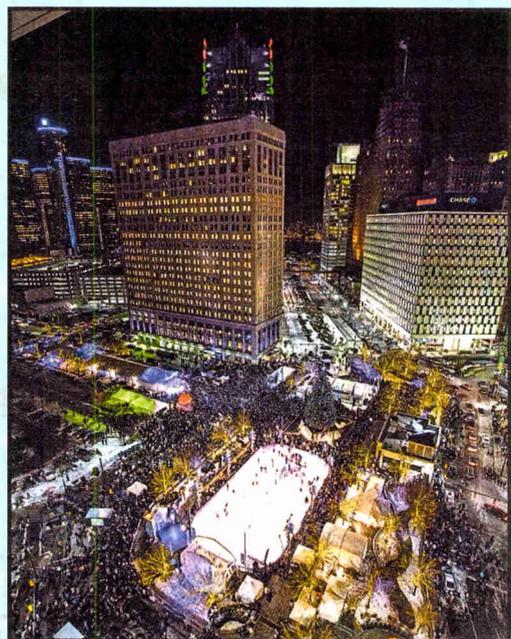


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Cambridge students launch campaign to help Flint

Students at Cambridge High School in Garden City are joining the likes of Aretha Franklin, Mark Wahlberg and P Diddy in coming to the aid of the residents of the city of Flint.

Students in teacher Julia Roscoe's four ecology classes are launching a campaign, using the high school's vending machines, this week to raise money to help the residents of Flint impacted by the contamination of the city's water system.

Proceeds from purchases will go to help buy water for Flint residents.

"The students are doing service learning," Roscoe said. "They brainstormed about ways to raise money for Flint. They came up with the slogans and designed their own posters. They also have decided to write letters to famous people to get them involved."

"Kids are getting sick; that shouldn't be happening to



Cassidy Quattlander (from left), Amber Tackett, Savanaha Clendening, Samantha Tyzo, De'Jone Bond, Amario Summers and Devin LaMere work on their class poster, "Don't Stint, Help Save Flint."

them," said 11th-grader Jasmine Whitehouse of Garden City. "My little brother got lead poisoning from paint in the house we lived in and his level was lower than those in Flint."

The students' slogans include "Save Flint — Donate a Mint," "Help Us, Help Them," "Water Over Lead" and "Don't

Stint, Help Save Flint."

Flint's water crisis started when the city began using the Flint River for its water source in 2014 to save money. The river water is highly corrosive and ate away the lining in old pipes, allowing the lead used as solder to contaminate the water. Residents complained

about the water almost from the beginning.

Researchers have attributed lower IQs, behavioral problems and poor health, especially in children exposed to high levels of lead. Some of the symptoms in young children are delayed speech, difficulty learning and stunted motor skills.

"It's not reversible; the damage is for the rest of their lives," said 11th-grader Rayna Grant of Garden City. "Families are getting sick from it. They've been drinking poisoned water for over a year. We have to find out who did this."

The students spent time talking about the crisis and opted for the fundraiser. Use of the vending machines was approved by Cambridge director Debbie Eves. They also are encouraging the staff to make monetary donations.

"We've already donated \$50 for bottled water from Cam-

bridge; we've only been doing that for only for one week," Eves said. "We as a community here at Cambridge are helping another community get healthier. I'm proud of the students and staff."

"I'm for this because they need help," said Kelsey Beattie, a 12th-grader from Inkster. "They need to come back with a plan; they need to switch back to Michigan water."

"I don't think they should have to pay for the water at all," she added.

With communities around the state staging drives to gather water for Flint residents, another issue is surfacing — what to do with all the empty plastic bottles. Roscoe said her students will talk about that and investigate ways to use the empty plastic bottles.

"Whether it's a recycling effort or some sustainable effort, I'll let the students decide," she said.

Garden City pupils show smarts in Geographic Bee

On Jan. 20, the school competition of the 2016 National Geographic Bee was held at the Farmington 5-6 Campus in Garden City. For the 28th year, the National Geographic Society is holding the National Geographic Bee for students in grades 4-8 in thousands of schools across the United States and in the five U.S. territories, as well as in Department of Defense Dependent Schools around the world.

This year's local champion, Regan Buterbaugh, from Farmington 5-6 Campus, will advance to the next level of competition. She will have to take a qualifying test, which will determine if she qualifies for state eligibility. All school champions are eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$50,000 college scholarship, at the national championship May 22-25 in Washington, D.C.

This year's fifth-grade finalists for Farmington 5-6 Campus are: Regan Buterbaugh, Kalil Hill, Dalton Sands.

This year's sixth-grade finalists for Farmington 5-6 Campus are: Bryce Buja, Sapphire Estes, R.J. Daniels.

Championship round students are: first place, Regan Buterbaugh; second place, R.J. Daniels; third place, Bryce Buja

The School Bee coordinators are sixth-grade teachers Christine Messner and Christie Jahlas.

Glenn teens excel at Rotary training at S'craft

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Alexis Brewster and Cory Routen, Westland John Glenn High School students, enjoyed being at Rotary Youth Leadership Awards last November at Schoolcraft College.

"I feel like it's helped me grow," said Brewster, a junior. "I still talk to some of the people who went there."

Some 95 high school students were at Schoolcraft for a Thursday evening, a Friday and most of Saturday last November. Routen, a sophomore, described an exercise on eye contact in which each student spoke to another for five minutes without a reply. The focus was on listening.

"It was kind of nerve-wracking," he told members and guests Jan. 28 at a Westland Rotary lunch at Joy Manor. The students were accompanied at lunch by Glenn guidance counselor Jim Thomas, who described them as "top-notch. In many ways, these two are more



From left are Kristi Nimsgern, Westland Rotary secretary; Glenn guidance counselor Jim Thomas; Glenn junior Alexis Brewster; Glenn sophomore Cory Routen; and Westland Rotary President Paul Motz. The teens shared their RYLA training experiences at a Thursday, Jan. 28, luncheon.

mature than I am. I'm really proud of them."

Thomas described the teens' demanding course loads as well as extracurriculars, including the Sea Cadets for Routen. He thanked the Rotarians for their support with RYLA.

"It's just a good, practical experience," Thomas said of the leadership training in which teens meet "like-minded, service to others type people."

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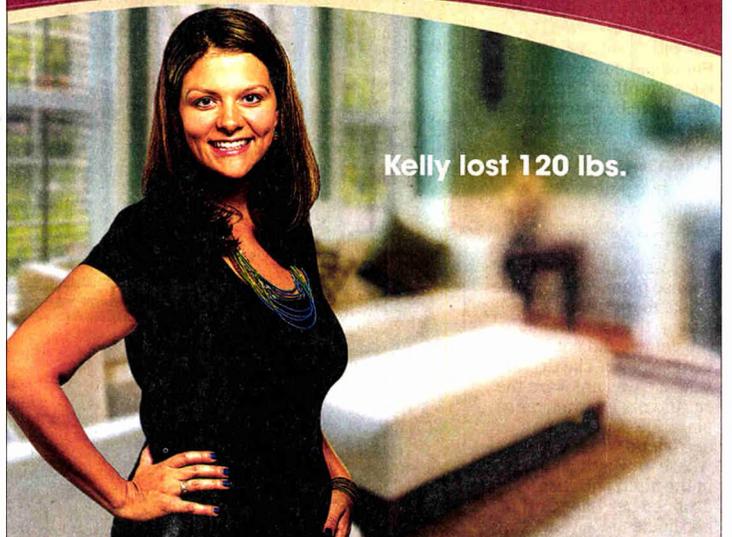
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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Brick thrown through window

Livonia police were called Friday morning to a home in the 31400 block of Scone on the report of some damage done to a window of a residence.

The residents said they were in bed when they heard a loud crashing noise in the dining room. They went into the room and discovered a window had been smashed and glass was all over the floor. Police saw a brick nearby on the ground by the win-

dow and it was determined that brick was thrown at the window, causing the damage. The residents said they didn't know who would have thrown the brick at their home. Police searched records and saw a home nearby had a history of incidents involving bricks being thrown at windows in the past.

Attempted theft reported

An employee at the Walmart at 29574 Seven Mile contacted the Livonia police station Thursday evening to report an

attempted retail fraud that had taken place.

The employee said they saw the suspect over security cameras go to the electronics area and select some Axe deodorant twin packs, as well as a box of deodorant sticks and spray. The suspect was seen opening the box and placing other items into it. He then left the store without the items and sat in his car. He came back in and recovered the cart with the items in it and proceeded to the checkout. There, he purchased several items, but did

not pay for the concealed items. He was stopped trying to leave and detained. The items were recovered and the man was removed from the store.

Vehicle damaged, items missing

Police were called Wednesday morning to a home in the 29300 block of Elmira on the report of a vehicle that had been broken into.

When police arrived, they spoke to the vehicle's owner, who said he parked the vehicle and locked the doors on the

street across from the house the night before. When he came out, he found his stereo had been stolen. He also saw one of the windows to the car was smashed out and his wallet was missing from the center console. No suspect information was available. Another resident came home a few hours earlier that morning and did not see anything suspicious.

Tools taken

Police were dispatched Monday morning to Home Depot, 13500 Middlebelt, on the

report of a retail fraud that had taken place.

A store employee told police they saw the suspect select some items, including a wrench set and bucket of screws, and try to conceal them in her purse. When the suspect was confronted by a store employee, she attempted to run away, but was stopped. She then complied with the employee after she was detained.

- Compiled by David Veselenak from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

REDFORD POLICE BRIEFS

Bomb squad called to home

Redford police were called Monday morning to a home in the 20100 block of Delaware on the report of some vandalism and a bottle of unknown liquid near a vehicle.

Police saw the listed vehicle was parked in the street and had been spray painted with red paint. The window behind the driver's side door was also shattered. Near the van, police saw a small glass bottle containing an unknown liquid. Police talked to the vehicle's owner's daughter, who said the vehicle was not in that condition the day before.

A/C unit, furnace taken

Redford police were called Saturday morning to a home in the 11700 block of Riverdale on the report of a home that had been broken into.

The home's owner, who said it was vacant at the time, said the home had been illegally entered. A side window was broken and ajar, while the side door was unlocked. The furnace was reported missing from the basement, while the air conditioning unit from the backyard was also missing. No suspect information was available.

Damage to window

Police were called Sunday morning to the 18600 block of Norborne on the report of some damage that had been done to a vehicle in the area.

Police arrived and spoke to the vehicle's owner, who told police her vehicle had been damaged by someone overnight. A spiderweb crack was observed on one of the side windows. Police did not see any rocks or other items that may have been used in damaging the car.

License plate stolen

Police pulled over a vehicle Monday morning in the 19200 block of Beech Daly after seeing the vehicle did not have a license plate. When police spoke to the vehicle's driver, they mentioned the vehicle did not have license plate. The driver said she was unaware the car did not have a license plate. She said she and her friend went somewhere in Westland earlier in the night and then dropped her friend off at her home in Redford. She was on her way home when she was stopped by police. The plate was entered as stolen.

Larceny from auto

Police were called Monday afternoon to the 25300 block of Grand River on the report of a larceny from auto incident.

A witness told police they saw a male dressed in all black the morning before break into a vehicle by prying the passenger window open. The suspect was then seen taking out the stereo from the vehicle before walking across the street to the Redford Oaks Shopping Center, getting into a vehicle and driving away.

- Compiled by David Veselenak from reports filed with the Redford Township Police Department.

Detroit Tigers winter caravan rolls into Livonia

The Detroit Tigers brought their annual winter caravan through Livonia last week and helped the city mark a special occasion in the process.

Tigers manager Brad Ausmus and various members of the Tigers organization were at the fire department headquarters to deliver a present to Fire Chief Shadd Whitehead.

As the Livonia Fire Department marks its 75th year, Ausmus and the other Tigers presented Whitehead, the department's longtime chief, with a framed No. 75 Detroit Tigers jersey. The Tigers also presented the department with a fire helmet signed by all the Tigers players, coaches and staffers present that day.

"It was a special moment," Whitehead said.

Whitehead said the fire department will mark the anniversary with a special event near the end of the summer. Details were still being worked out.



Livonia Fire Chief Shadd Whitehead accepts a framed No. 75 Detroit Tigers jersey from Tigers manager Brad Ausmus as Tigers broadcaster Rod Allen looks on.

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Kids can wear PJs, play with LEGOs in February at GC library

The Garden City Public Library will host a variety of fun Youth and Family events for the month of February. The library is hosting its usual LEGO Club on Monday, Feb. 8, from 4:30-6 p.m. and will have a special LEGO Club on Monday, Feb. 15. This meeting will run from 3:30-6 p.m. and will feature a showing of *The LEGO Movie*. The library will host another favorite event, the Pajama Storytime, on

Thursday, Feb. 4, at 6:30 p.m. Kids are encouraged to come to the library in their pajamas with their favorite stuffed animal for a night for stories, crafts and a brief film. Ages 10 and under are welcome. This is not to be confused with the library's ongoing Wednesday morning Preschool Storytime. Every Wednesday from 10:15-11 a.m., Youth Services Librarian Erin Look does a story and themed crafts

for an audience of kids ages birth to 5. On Thursday, Feb. 11, the library will be host a Valentine Decorating event from 6-7 p.m. Attendees will come and decorate their own Valentine's Day cards. Treats will be offered during the event and crafts will be supplied so all attendees need to bring is their own creativity and imagination. During the school's Winter Break week, the

library is also hosting two special events in an effort to curb any at-home boredom. On Tuesday, Feb. 16, the library will host a Super Smash Brothers Tournament starting at 1 p.m. The lucky winner will be granted a gift certificate and bragging rights. Ages 11 and up are welcome. Then, on Thursday, Feb. 18, the library is hosting a Family Game Night from 5-7 p.m. Come

enjoy a night of board games, card games and Wii games with your favorite family members. Pizza will be served but attendees have to bring the fun! With all the events, aside from the LEGO Club, library staffers ask that anyone interested in attending call and register at 734-793-1830. Especially for Super Smash Brothers and Family Game Night, organizers want to make sure that

they have enough slots for everyone to come enjoy. The Garden City Public Library is available to answer inquiries during normal business hours in person or over the phone at 734-793-1830. When visiting, enter the Baltimore side of Maplewood Center located at 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, MI. Library hours are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday-Saturday noon to 5 p.m.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Toys and trains

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers' Club is sponsoring a buy-and-swap Railroadiana Train Show from noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church Social Hall, 32500 Palmer Road, between Merriman and Venoy, in Westland.

There will be some 100 dealer tables available. The cost is \$10 for an 8-foot table. Dealer set up is 9 a.m. on the day of the show, and complimentary coffee and doughnuts will be available for dealers until 10:30 a.m. Food also will be available. Admission is \$2 per person and \$4 per family. Parking is free.

For more information or table reservations, call Bob at 734-728-1247 or Norm at 734-595-8327.

Local storyteller

The Redford Township District Library hosts local storyteller Miz



Happy birthday!

Longtime Livonia resident Stella Robison recently celebrated her 103rd birthday with family and friends at the Livonia American House. She still enjoys activities, including a monthly trip to Detroit to gamble at the casino.

Rosie Chapman 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 6, to perform some African and African-American folktales with a musical flare. Register for the event at <http://redfordlibrary.org>

or call the children's desk, 313-531-5960, Ext. 106.

Livonia newcomers

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a Women's Club in Livonia, welcomes a chef from Williams-Sonoma Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. The healthy cooking chef will demonstrate an air fryer. Learn how to fry your favorite foods to perfection, using little or no oil.

The presentation will take place at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, located on 34567 Seven

Mile Road in Livonia. It is sure to be a fun and tasty evening. Livonia Neighbors and Friends has its general meetings on the second Tuesday of every month, September through May, at 7 p.m.

For more information, go to <http://livonia.neighborsandfriends.tripod.com>

Poisoning prevention

The Redford Township District Library hosts experts from the Michigan Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 29. Experts say lead poisoning is the top environmental threat facing Michigan children. Material for all ages will be provided at this event, including coloring pages for children.

Register at www.redfordlibrary.org or call the youth desk at 313-531-5960, Ext. 105.

3D Photography Club

The February meeting of the 3D Photography Club takes place 7-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. The meeting will feature a tutorial on using the free StereoPhoto Maker software for processing your own stereo images. After a refreshment break, we'll finish with

3D image competitions in "Open" and "Nature/Scenic" categories. There will also be a special "Freebie" drawing for 3D items for club members.

The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

Daddy/daughter banquet

Warren Road Church announced a Valentine Daddy/Daughter Banquet on Friday, Feb. 12, from 7-9 p.m. The event will feature dinner, a DJ providing music and a photographer to capture a special keepsake memory of the evening. Tickets are \$15 per family and space is limited.

Call Warren Road Church at 734-458-7301 to purchase tickets.

Motown Sound

The Livonia Civic Center Library, in celebration of Black History Month, is hosting a celebratory and informative program on the "Origins of the Motown Sound" presented by Joel Stone of the Detroit Historical Society.

Stone is senior curator of the Society, which

oversees the Detroit Historical Museum.

This is a free event and will take place in the library's auditorium Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. The presentation will last approximately 45 minutes followed by a brief question and answer session.

Eighth-grade Parent Night

Wayne Memorial High School hosts an eighth-grade parent night for those transitioning to ninth grade or interested in getting more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to attend. The event will be held Feb. 10, at 6:30 p.m., in the Wayne Memorial High School Storkmeyer Auditorium. Topics covered will include scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extra-curricular activities, and much more.

Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. Any additional questions should be directed to the Counseling Department at 734-419-2215.

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Students pitch in to fight against hunger

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton High School senior Patrick Ruhala was shocked to learn the scope of hunger in western Wayne County.

"I had no clue. It was a mind-opener for me," he said.

Ruhala, 18, was among a team of National Honor Society students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park who pitched in to fight hunger Thursday evening by volunteering at Open Door Ministry, a food pantry on Lilley, south of Michigan Avenue.

A long line of cars formed outside Open Door's warehouse as the students oversaw about 80 volunteers who packed bags of frozen meat, vegetables, fruit, canned goods and desserts for an estimated 460 families who need help putting food on the table.

As snowflakes fell outside the warehouse, students performed a National Honor Society service project by taking food to every car, every family.

Sara Hawks, a Salem High School senior, gave instructions to volunteers who placed bags of food on carts and wheeled it outside.

"I think it's good to help people who aren't as privileged as we are," she said. "I think we're really benefiting the community."

For one evening, students assumed the roles of Open Door leaders such as Steve and Jackie Darr, food pantry directors. They carried out their task meticulously after making several previous visits in December and January to learn how the job is done.

Wayne resident Polly Spangler lauded the students as she drove up to receive food for her family.

"I think it's great that these students are doing this," she said. "It's good they are learning to help other people."

Seven National Honor Society students served as team leaders and made sure other volunteers kept the long line of cars moving.

Steve Darr commended the student project.

"It's wonderful, because they really care about other people," he said, amid the buzz of activity in the warehouse. "These are the future leaders of our nation."

The next day, Darr reflected on how well the students and other volunteers handled their task.

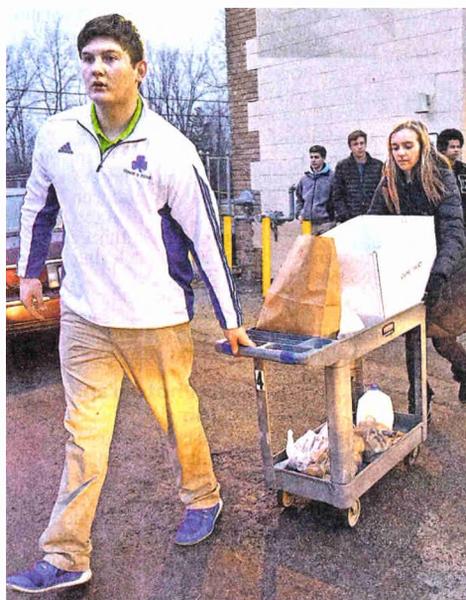
"Things went really well," he said. "They exceeded our expectations, which were very high. They did a fantastic job. I'm so proud of them."

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Natalie Phillips rolls a loaded cart of food toward the door. In the background, Steven Page and Hannah Rojas select food that will be loaded on the next cart. They were among the students helping out as part of a National Honor Society service project.

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Nick Carey and Leslie Zazula, both juniors, roll a cart of food to a car outside the Open Door Ministry warehouse.

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Rachel Rubio, a junior at Plymouth High School, passes out fliers to clients arriving at Open Door.

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Patrick Ruhala helped lead a team of students who pitched in an Open Door Ministry food pantry.

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Record show supports student radio station

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Self-described record nerd Nick Brandon was flipping through the vinyl album bin when he saw a still-sealed copy of metal band Slipknot's 2001 release *Iowa*.

It was priced at \$30, but he talked the owner down to \$20.

"I remember feeling very good for the rest of the day," he said.

Brandon found his prize among thousands of vinyl albums, CDs, import-only releases, rock 'n' roll posters, T-shirts and other collectibles — all for sale during a record show hosted by student radio station WSDP-FM (88.1), known as The Park.

The annual record show returns to the Salem High School cafeteria, 46181 Joy Road, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20.

Caitlin Flora, a Salem senior and WSDP program director, said vinyl remains a significant part of a record show that raises money to support the student-operated radio station, which has an adult Top 40 format.



Music lovers look through hundreds of CDs at the record show.

"In recent years, vinyl has been making a comeback, even with newer bands," Flora said. "It's vintage. It's cool again."

Record dealers pay \$30 for an eight-foot table where they sell rock 'n' roll, jazz, rhythm and blues, folk and country albums — most any genre.

"Rock is definitely dominant," Bill Keith,

The Park's station manager, said, pausing for a telephone interview as he made his rounds posting record show fliers in metro Detroit record stores.

Record show patrons often can find early releases by groups such as the Beatles and the Rolling Stones — sometimes "for significant amounts of money" — or they can

opt for the \$1 album bins, 45-rpm vinyl singles and the occasional cassette tape.

Admission is \$3, but collectors can get early admission at 9 a.m. for \$5. Students from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools get in free with student identification.

Brandon, who estimated he has at least 5,000

vinyl albums and CDs from the Motown era to the latest Clutch release, called it "an exceptional record show." Brandon, director of communications for the Plymouth-Canton school district and a former teacher, enjoys observing students at the show.

"The coolest part of this show, far and away, is seeing high school

students browse around, discover vinyl and buy albums," he said.

This marks the show's eighth year. Keith said last year drew the largest crowd yet, with more than 300 people, and it raised more than \$2,000 for The Park. The show also features special giveaways and door prizes.

Record dealers who want to set up shop may call Keith at 734-416-7732 or send an email to bill.keith@pccsk12.com.

Elena Bongiovanni, an alum of The Park, called the record show her favorite WSDP event. (The station takes its name from the three high schools that make up Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.)

"There's literally every genre of music waiting to be dug up and it's great to be around people who love music," she said.

The radio station has been serving the community since Feb. 14, 1972. To learn more about it, go to www.881ThePark.com.

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Student group to present Rouge River report results

Are you interested in helping to create a new trail along the Rouge River? A group of students pursuing their master's degrees at University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and the Environment will present the results of a community survey at a special project open house.

After reviewing more than 200 survey responses, the student group is ready to share a draft concept and options for its integration into the

Grand River Corridor redevelopment efforts. The project open house will be held Thursday, Feb. 4, from 6-8 p.m. (presentation at 6:15 p.m.) at the Spicer House located within Heritage Park at 24915 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. Light refreshments will be served at the event.

Following the open house, the project team will analyze gathered input and incorporate it into detailed plans to be presented at a second

open house Thursday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m. in the Media Center at Farmington High School. The open house will be immediately followed by the City of Farmington's Parks Master Plan event.

"The U-of-M student team will present their final recommendation to the Farmington and Farmington Hills Corridor Improvement Authorities," said Kevin Christiansen, City of Farmington Economic and Community Development Director. "Engaging the



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Branch Line School, a tuition-free Michigan charter school, is accepting applications for the 2016-17 school year for Kindergarten through 8th grade. Branch Line School is located at 16360 Hubbard, Livonia, MI. Enrollment is open from February 1 through February 15, 2016. Applications may be completed online anytime within the open enrollment period at www.branchlineschool.org. Additionally, enrollment applications may be filled out via our website on campus Thursday, February 4 from 4-7pm, or Saturday, February 6, from 1-3pm. In the event that applications exceed available space during open enrollment, a lottery will be held on Thursday, February 18 at 3 pm at Branch Line School. The lottery is open to the public. Applications received after the open enrollment period will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis to capacity. Applicants are required to attend an Interested Family enrollment meeting. Student visit days are available for those enrolled, by appointment. Tuition-based preschool programs are also available. Enrollment for these programs is available through the Branch Line School website.

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

February 8, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm. regarding the proposed ordinance amendment below.

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE
PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY. THE ORDINANCE INVOLVES A REZONING FROM R-3 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-3 GENERAL BUSINESS FOR THE VACATED ALLEY PORTION OF PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCELS 35-004-89-0030-704 AND 35-004-04-0090-300 AND 35-004-0091-302 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 31450 FORD ROAD AND 31441 & 31433 KRAUTER AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on January 14, 2016 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Map of Garden City.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of _____ that enacting said Zoning Ordinance map amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents:

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:
THAT THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, SPECIFICALLY THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY WITH RESPECT TO THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED FOR THE VACATED ALLEY PORTION OF PROPERTY IDENTIFIED PARCELS 35-004-89-0030-704 AND 35-004-04-0090-300 AND 35-004-0091-302 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 31450 FORD ROAD AND 31441 & 31433 KRAUTER AVENUE FROM R-3 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-3 GENERAL BUSINESS.

REPEAL:
All ordinances or parts of other ordinances in conflict herewith are and the same hereby are repealed.

SEVERABILITY:
This ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason, such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court, such judgment shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

EFFECTIVE DATE:
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

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Westland Youth Assistance mentors were recognized at the annual dinner.

Westland youths, mentors honored

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The focus was on Westland teens and the adults who help them move to successful lives as the Westland Youth Assistance Program held its annual recognition dinner.

Kicking off the program, held at Westland City Hall, Mayor William Wild quoted President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who said, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

"We have one of the best Youth Assistance programs in Wayne County. You'll see tonight," Wild said. "Youth Assistance is something that unfortunately you have to do. Once you are in it, they have an incredible team to work with you to get you on track. There is a great staff and we are extremely proud of the program."

Teens participating in Youth Assistance are referred to the program, by school staff or police or court, when they are having difficulties at home, at school or making poor choices.

The young people in Youth Assistance participate in individual and group peer counseling, in community service projects and, through their case managers, can be subject to home and school visits, along with drug testing.

Program assistant Thana Ali, who served as mistress of ceremonies, said Youth Assistance noted a collaborative teen program with Wayne-Westland Schools and 18th District Court.

Honored at this year's program were Male Youth of the Year Nicho-

las Avigne, Female Youth of the Year Shannon Arnett and Special Recognition Awards to Tyler Hatcher, Mar'Shawn Youngblood and Stacie Forchione.

Case manager Dominique Rhodes received the Mentor of the Year Award. Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority CEO Tom Watkins accepted the Agency of the Year Award. Adult volunteer mentors were also recognized for their efforts.

There were video presentations with staff and parents, plus Westland Police Sgt. Joe Bobby talking about the hard work that resulted in the teens' success in overcoming challenges.

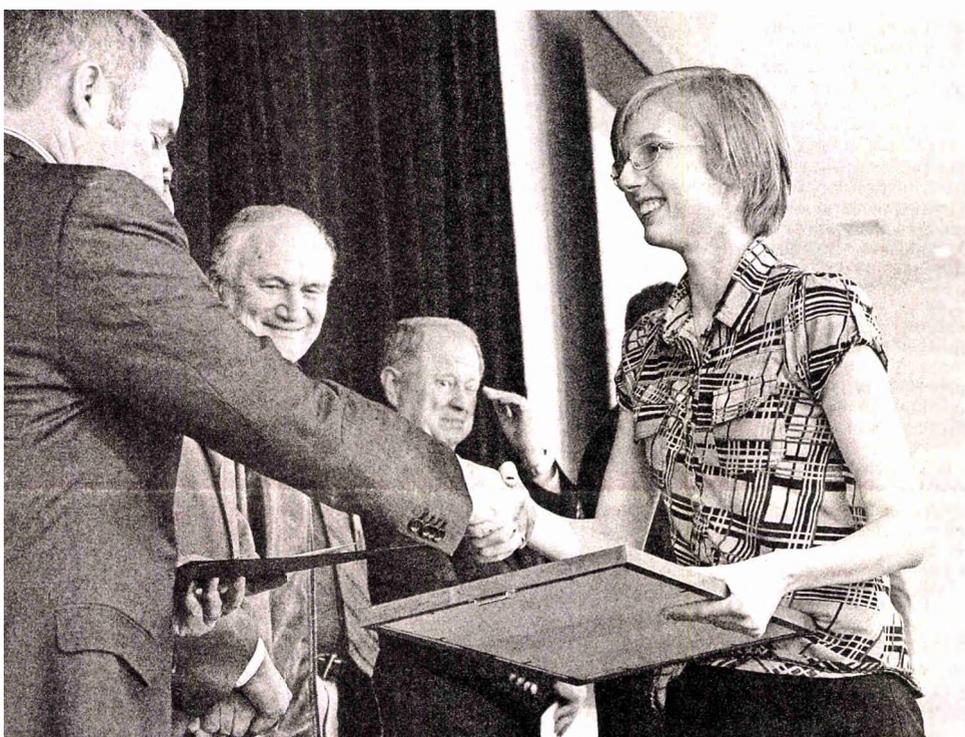
Westland Youth Assistance director Paul Motz, who didn't get a chance to share any jokes, unlike previous years, recognized his staff.

"They all care about the kids — they would run through walls for them," Motz said. "They support the kids, they support the parents. It doesn't mean anything if they don't care, the kids can see right through them."

In her comments, Rhodes quoted Maya Angelou: "People forget what you say, people forget what you do, people don't forget how you make them feel."

"I try to live by that. I want to put the focus on youth. You need to do all in your power to invest in kids," Rhodes said. "I am a firm believer that you can do whatever you want — there are no limits if you believe in yourself and stay on the right path."

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Shannon Arnett is the Westland Youth Assistance Female Youth of the Year.



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Westland Youth Assistance Program assistant Thana Ali served as emcee for the evening.



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Mentor of the Year Dominique Rhodes challenged elected officials to become mentors.



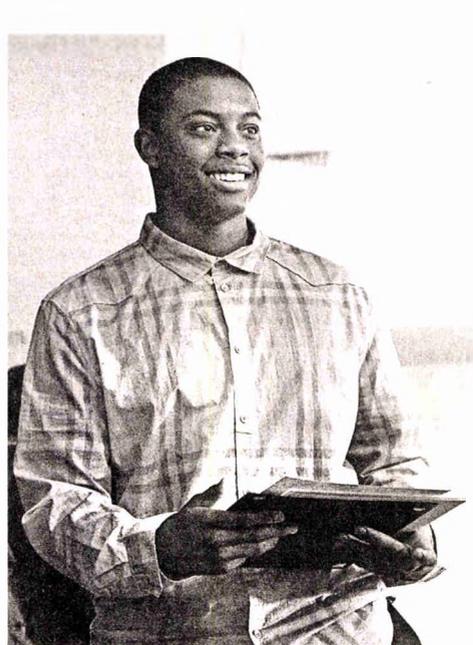
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Tyler Hatcher accepts the Special Recognition Award at the Westland Youth Assistance recognition program.



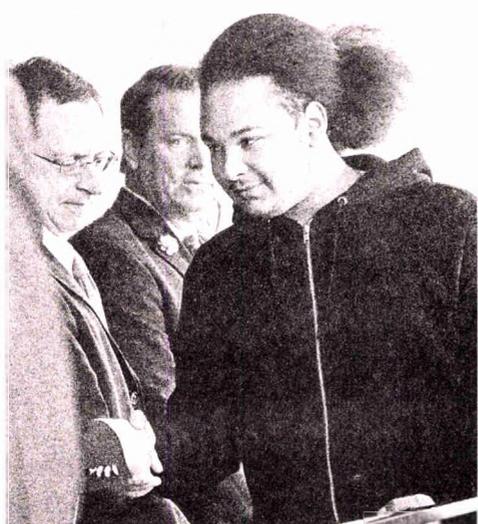
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Westland Mayor William Wild presents the Agency of the Year award to Thomas Watkins, CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority.



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Mar'Shawn Youngblood accepts a Special Recognition Award.



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Nicholas Avigne was recognized as Westland Youth Assistance the Male Youth of the Year.

Dog show judge follows passion for canines

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

Last weekend Alan Dorfman was celebrating Novi going to the dogs as chairman of the Michigan Winter Dog Classic.

The Oakland County Kennel Club president loves the sport of showing dogs, in which he has been involved for 19 years, and hopes it doesn't go the way of horse racing, a sport whose popularity he said has declined dramatically.

"This can be a very interesting place to hang out," said Dorfman as dogs of all kinds walked by or were carried in the arms of owners and handlers and barks periodically rang out at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. "I've seen a lot of good and bad things, but overall, it's a great hobby and a great business."

Dorfman, like most of his human counterparts at the show where more than 8,500 dogs were expected to appear, loves canines and has a special affinity for boxers and standard poodles. He has five at home and two more in Florida.

Unlike most dog owners, however, he took his affection for the animals to the next level by entering the dog show world after retiring as a podiatrist in 1996. He moved to Florida and found the weather was too hot, the people too old, and he was bored.

"I've got to keep busy," said Dorfman, 67, a West Bloomfield resident who works as a paramedic in the emergency room of McLaren-Oakland now. "I got tired of looking at feet; paws are a lot cuter."

After his pet died, he went to a local boxer breeder and picked out a puppy. When the dog, named T-Bone, was 5-months-old, the breeder seemed to have regrets about letting him go. She asked Dorfman if he would consider showing his dog, because it was becoming clear he was the best she had ever bred.

T-Bone would go on to

Top 20 competition and was ranked 10th in the nation for boxers. He got into the ring the way most purebreds who show promise through both their physical stature and temperament do — by taking classes.

Dorfman does not put his dogs in obedience class, though, as they do not ever sit in the confirmation ring.

"They learn how to go around the ring and you try to give them some brains," laughs Dorfman. "Boxers don't get brains until they're 5... Show training gives them confidence. And they have to want to win. When they come back from the down and back, they need to look at the judge and say, 'Hey, you better pick me.'"

Show quality

Breeders can tell a dog's owner whether their pet is show quality and dogs can get in the ring as early as 6 months. Last Friday, Dorfman, who added dog show judge to his resume in December, awarded a schipperke named Alexie, age 6 months and 1 day, with a first place ribbon for best puppy.

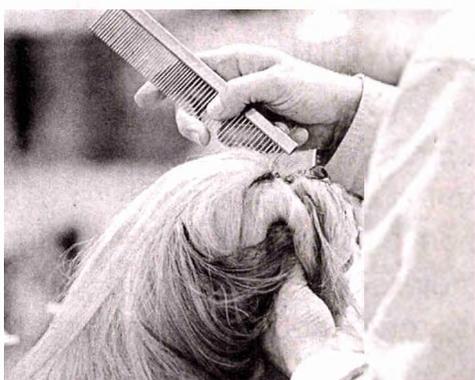
Alexie's competition included a Dalmatian, Chinese Sharpei, French bulldog, Boston terrier and a Lhasa apso, all of which Dorfman judged to the standard for each breed, feeling their musculature, watching their gait as they trotted around the ring with their handlers, checking their temperament.

He admits it's a subjective art, but each judge tries to come as close as they can to determining which dog best represents its breed standard, in physical appearance and temperament. To become a judge, applicants must choose which breed they want, then take that breed's anatomy exam, a procedure exam on how to judge and then pass an interview as well. After three provisional assignments, judges can apply for status as a judge for that breed, then apply for other breeds if they wish. Dorfman will judge



Bill Webb (left) and Blue, his Bouvier de Flanders, await their turn in front of a judge.

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Robert Alexander grooms Gideon, his Lhasa Apso, Jan. 22 inside Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace.

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numerous events across the country this year, one of the most enjoyable aspects of being involved with dog shows.

"Showing dogs has taken me to place I would have never gone," he said, adding that in the year he went to 125 shows, he put 100,000 miles on a leased vehicle. "I would never imagine I would want to go to Mobile, Ala. It's so nice down there. I had never been to Pennsylvania and seen areas of the Civil War, and now I have. I never knew how many different kinds of corn

there are in Iowa. Now I do."

He has met a lot of people in the world of dog shows and said they are a great group that takes care of each other.

Over the years, Dorfman has had 20 champi-

ons and three generations of best-in-show boxers. Only purebreds can compete in confirmation shows, in which they can score points for placement. A dog must have 15 points, which is typically earned over several shows, to become an AKC champion.

He has previously taken three of his boxer: T-Bone, Smarty and Splash, to the most famous show in the country, the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, to be held at Madison Square Garden in New York City next month and the nation's second oldest continuous sporting event — the first is the Kentucky Derby.

While Westminster is well-attended, Dorfman notes that American Kennel Club registrations are down and attendance at many other dog shows across the country has also decreased.

"People aren't breeding as much, it's expensive," he said. "I don't want to see what happened to horse racing happen to dog shows."

While other shows decline, Dorfman has found a way to keep local shows like the Michigan Winter Dog Classic successful — by hosting events that draw families, including inviting attendees to bring their own pets, including mixed breeds, for activities like dock diving and agility courses.

"Without dog shows we'd lose breeding lines, and those are important to keeping a breed healthy and according to its standards," Dorfman said. "We would also lose a place to exhibit dogs to the public and other people in the fancy."

For more information on the Oakland Kennel Club, visit oaklandcountykennelclub.com.

NOTICE OF THE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All voters are hereby given notice that the City of Livonia will hold a **Presidential Primary Election** on Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

Electors who wish to vote in the election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016.

Registrations will be taken at the office of the City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during regular hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THE STATUTORY DEADLINE for registering to vote will be on Monday, February 8, 2016, on which day the City Clerk will be in her office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving registrations of electors to vote.

SUSAN M. NAS, CITY CLERK

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City of Garden City Close of Registration Notice Primary Election, Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the last day of registration for the Presidential Primary Election is Monday, February 8, 2016.

Candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties for the following office are to be voted on:

President of the United States

The office of the City Clerk, located in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, will be open for the registration of all qualified electors, not already registered, Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Allyson M. Bettis, City Clerk
Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan

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CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA Zoning Board of Appeals

February 16, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466 2259

APPEAL CASE 2016-01-01 (Tabled on January 19, 2016): Vasile Taran, 1419 Wagon Wheel Road, Canton, MI 48188, seeking to construct a single family dwelling upon property located on the east side of Beatrice (20250) between Norfolk and South End, resulting in deficient lot area and front yard setback.

APPEAL CASE 2016-01-02 (Tabled on January 5, 2016): Nicole Cassar, 116558 Nola Court, Livonia, MI 48152, on behalf of Lessee Charles & Alicia Krantz, east side of Pere (8936) between Grandon and Northfield, seeking to maintain a dog run which is located in the corner street side yard, which is not allowed. Dog runs must be located in the rear yard, ten (10) feet from all property lines. The fence material used to make this enclosure should be a chain-link style fence rather than the wood lattice used in its construction.

APPEAL CASE 2016-02-12: AJL Holdings, Inc., east side of Middlebelt (20278-20298) between Morlock and Bretton, seeking to erect three (3) wall signs while maintaining one existing wall sign, resulting in excess number of wall signs and excess sign area.

APPEAL CASE 2016-02-13: AJL Holdings, Inc., 30104 Dawson Street, Garden City, MI 48135, seeking to perform retail sales of approximately twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) classic vehicles on property zoned Industrial (M-1) upon property located on the north side of Industrial (31170) between Merriman and Middlebelt, which is not allowed. All vehicles will be stored within the building.

APPEAL CASE 2016-02-14: Livonia Phoenix, Inc., 38500 Woodward, Ste. 200, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, on behalf of Lessee Fred Rafou, Motor City Brands (Sonic Drive-In Restaurant), 2064 Long Lake Shore, West Bloomfield, MI 48323, seeking to erect wall signs, identification ground sign and menu/order board ground signs on property located on the north side of Seven Mile (29622) between Middlebelt and Purlingbrook, resulting in excess number of wall signs and wall sign area, excess identification ground sign area and excess number of menu/order signs and area. No neon can be exposed or LED light band placed on the building exterior.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS

CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN JACOBSEN AR522 - GOLF COURSE MOWER

Sealed bids will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until **2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, February 9th, 2016** at which time the RFB's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

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

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

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN JACOBSEN AR522 - GOLF COURSE MOWER, name of vendor** and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No vendor may withdraw their bid within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

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

Edward Davis
Superintendent, Parks & Rec
Published: January 31, 2016

Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

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Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, to consider the following:

Amendments to Section 3.30 (Fences) regulating the location, height, and materials of privacy fences located on residential property, specifying approved locations for pet enclosures, permitting the placement of cyclone fencing not exceeding 4 feet in height up to and along the front building line without restriction.

It is further given that a copy of the proposed amendments may be examined at the Public Services building, 12200 Beech Daly Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday prior to the public hearing. Phone (313) 387-2686.

Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing are invited to send their written comments to the attentions of the Planning Commission at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. All written comments must be received by the close of business February 4, 2016 to be considered.

David Allen, Chairman
Planning Commission
Charter Township of Redford

The Charter Township of Redford, Township (P.C., ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc) will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing, upon seven (7) days notice to the (PC, ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.). Further, individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing to 15145 Five Mile Road, Redford, MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2750.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Panther bowlers striking often

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Dearborn Heights Robichaud proved to be no match for Redford Union in a pair of Western Wayne Athletic Conferences showdowns held Jan. 25 at Skore Lanes.

The Panthers' boys team blanked the Bulldogs 30-0, winning the pair of Baker games, 124-67 and 163-125.

In the traditional-style scoring games, the Panthers dominated 835-549 and 922-477.

Brendan Kerkhof was magnificent for the winners, notching a high game of 213. Trevor Kerkhof was nipping at his brother's heels with a 212 game.

The junior-varsity Panthers were led by Dennis Jackman, who rolled a 192, and Nick

Laidler, who posted a 176.

Redford Union's girls team fared almost as well, trouncing Robichaud, 27-3.

The Panthers captured the Baker games, 124-102 and 137-81, to build up a commanding lead. In the traditional games, RU held off the pesky Bulldogs, 613-567 and 665-534.

Lizzie Pigeon and Mia Laciniski both rolled 160 games for the Panthers, who improved to 7-2 for the season.

Panthers split with Cougars

On Tuesday, Redford Union's boys team defeated Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 22-8, at the Lodge Lanes, however, the Lady Panthers suffered a 20-10 setback.



REDFORD UNION ATHLETICS
The Redford Union boys bowling team has enjoyed a successful season in year two of its existence.

See STRIKING, Page B3

MU women upset Davenport

Sophomore forward Becca Sabol posted a career-high 27 points and fellow sophomore Lindsey Hernden finished with 20 as the Madonna University women's basketball team pulled off a 77-62 upset victory over No. 6 Davenport at the Activities Center on Wednesday.

Led by the sophomore duo, the Crusaders led by as many as 20 over the Panthers as the Crusaders completed a monumental turnaround from an early-season setback to the Panthers (17-5, 13-2 WHAC).

The win is the first over a ranked team this season for the Crusaders (10-9, 10-5 WHAC). The Crusaders have topped a total of eight ranked teams dating back to the 2011-12 campaign.

After a give-and-take first quarter, a Savannah Floyd basket with 2:49 remaining in the half capped off an 18-6 run that resulted in a 36-22 Crusaders advantage. While Floyd put the exclamation point on the run, Sabol was the driving force behind the Crusaders early success with an 18-point, 10-rebound effort in the first half.

The third quarter belonged to Hernden as the sophomore guard drained three of her game-high five triples in the period to give the Crusaders a commanding 62-45 lead heading into the fourth. Hernden seized all momentum for the Crusaders when her third and final three of the quarter dropped through the net as time expired in the quarter.

With a 17-point edge after three quarters, the Crusaders raced out to lead by as many as 20 in the latter stages in the 15-point upset win.

Sabol paced the Crusaders with 27 points and 13 rebounds to record her ninth double-double of the campaign.

Hernden tallied 15 of her 20 points from behind the arc while Cris Harper connected on one triple in an 11-point, seven-assist performance. Dean and Shara Long chipped in with six points each and Kacy Robinson followed with five and a pair of blocks.

Churchill pom coach wanted

Livonia Churchill is in immediate need of a varsity pompon coach.

Interested parties should email their resume and qualifications to Churchill athletic director Marc Hage at mhage@livonia-publicschools.org.

Donnelly Night

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, the Livonia Franklin hockey program will host a Mike Donnelly Recognition Night, that will include a brief pregame ceremony that will honor the former Patriot record-setting icer.

During the 1981 season at Franklin, Donnelly set the school record for points in a season with 98 — a mark that still stands 35 years later.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY



ED WRIGHT
Stevenson's Nate Sudek tees the puck up before unleashing a hard slap shot during Friday night's game.

STEVENSON MAKES A STATEMENT

Spartans strike early and often in 9-1 win over Patriots

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

On its final test of final-exams week Friday night, Livonia Stevenson's hockey team turned in an honor roll-caliber performance against emerging cross-town rival Livonia Franklin.

Substituting No. 2 pencils with bladed

sticks, the Spartans scored 25 seconds into the game and never looked back on the way to a 9-1 victory over the Patriots. The game was halted with 3:57 left in the third period after Nick Beers' goal kicked in the MHSAA's eight-goal mercy rule.

Playing for the first time since Jan. 23 —

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GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS

Lutheran Westland edged by Parkway Christian

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Lutheran Westland girls basketball team played toe-to-toe and dribble-for-dribble Thursday with Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division rival Sterling Heights Parkway Christian before ultimately succumbing to a late fourth-quarter flurry, 59-47.

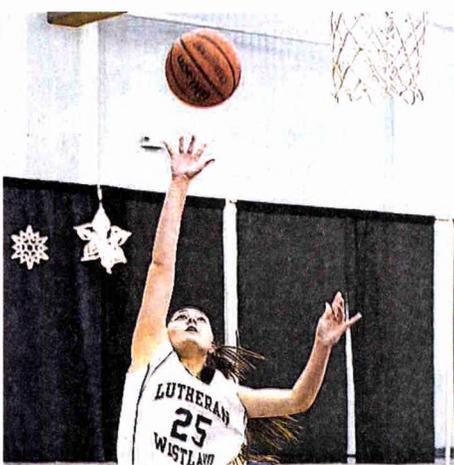
The Warriors, who led 28-26

at the half and 38-37 after three quarters, slipped to 9-3 overall and 5-2 in the division.

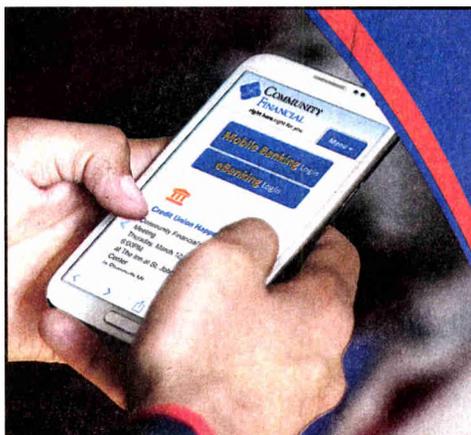
Parkway outscored the Warriors in the fourth quarter, 25-7, to post a deceptively comfortable victory.

"The score doesn't show how tough the game was," Lutheran Westland head coach Sandi Wade said. "This was a battle for three-and-a-half

See WARRIORS, Page B3



Junior guard Taylor Jones was sensational for the Warriors, scoring a team-high 20 points to go along with five assists and eight steals.



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HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Huren-led Rockets roll over Wildcats, 28-2

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Julia Huren's 525 two-game series carried Westland John Glenn to a 28-2 KLAAC Central Division girls bowling victory Tuesday over Novi at the Novi Bowl.

Huren two-game set was featured by a 289 high game to go along with a 236 as she anchored the first place Rockets 12-0 overall record, including

an 8-0 mark in the Central.

Glenn captured both Baker sets, 182-128 and 200-136, while also taking both regular games, 956-753 and 988-753.

Megan Hartmus (189-175) and Heather Gregory (170-161) scored single points for the Wildcats (1-10, 0-9).

Meanwhile, the John Glenn boys (7-4, 3-2) defeated the Wildcats (2-0, 0-8) in a KLAAC Central encounter, 22-8.

The Rockets won both Bak-

er games, 180-152 and 183-147.

But Novi came from behind in the ninth and 10th frames thanks to Peter Koomen's double and strike outs by Fisher and Ryan Rush to pull out the first regular game, 884-839.

Glenn went on to capture the second game, 811-704, along with totals 1,650-1,588.

Nick Ditri (183-181), Koomen (173-169), Fisher (187-147) and Rush (236-188) tallied single points for Novi.

Northville swept

Liam Munro rolled games of 226 and 203, but it wasn't enough Tuesday as Northville (2-8, 1-6) fell to Wayne Memorial (8-4, 4-4) in a KLAAC Central Division match, 20-10, Tuesday at Novi Bowl.

Northville won totals on Bakers, 368-361, but Wayne captured totals on regular games, 1,972-1,751.

Other top scorers for North-

ville included Collin Fowler (203-190) and T.J. Newman (212).

In the girls match, Wayne (10-2, 7-2) earned a 24-6 KLAAC Central victory over the Mustangs (2-8, 2-5), who were led by Katie Craig (174) and Beatrix Nayh (169).

Wayne won on Baker totals, 317-276, and in the regular games, 1,695-1,311.

Other top scorers for North-

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HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS

Garden City topples Redford Union



TOM BEAUDOIN

Redford Union's Daeberson Evans prepares to push the ball up the court against the Garden City press.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Garden City's Branden Grace powers in a putback during Friday night's victory over Redford Union.

Return of Grace powers Cougars to WWAC Red Win

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The biggest difference between the Garden City boys basketball team's tension-packed overtime victory over Redford Union earlier this month and Friday night's more-comfortable 64-47 Cougar victory over the Panthers was a blond-haired forward wearing a blue jersey with orange lettering.

That would be Cougar Branden Grace, who returned to the lineup for the first time since the third game of the season and pumped in 16 points for the winners.

Grace, who missed a large chunk of games due to a wrist injury, was a force in the paint and beyond the arc for Garden City.

"Branden is so strong, that he was able to muscle up their big guy, Caleb Moore, a little better than the sophomore we had on (Moore) the first time we played them," said GC head coach Ron Pummill. "Branden is very versatile offensively, too. He got some points off of drives, then he stepped out and hit three threes, too."

The triumph improved the Cougars' record to 7-5 overall and 4-3 in the division. RU slipped to 2-9 overall.

The Panthers grabbed a 13-9 lead after the first quarter before GC battled back to knot the halftime score at 22-all.

Fueled by a turnover-pro-

ducing press, Garden City outscored RU 21-15 in the third quarter before sealing the deal with a 21-point fourth quarter.

"We were actually down four points at one time in the third quarter," Pummill revealed, "but we put the press on and it was very effective."

The Cougars finished with a whopping 21 steals, getting five swipes each from Grace, Jacob Sadowski and Vinnie Bakerian.

"A big part of our success is predicated on getting steals so that we can score in transition," Pummill said.

Grace shared scoring honors with senior guard Robbie Moyers, who also netted 16 points. Senior Denzel Tinsley also made a big impact on the game when he scored 13 points, all in the second half.

GC connected on 19 of 31 free-throw attempts. The Panthers made seven of 16 free-

bies. Kevin Hogains paced the Panthers with 12 points.

"It's been a fun season so far," said Pummill. "The kids are playing extremely hard. We decided to play more aggressively than in the past and it has worked. We're getting the ball more (off turnovers) and scoring more."

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PREP GIRLS HOOPS

Marlins sting Divine Child; Salem falls

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Mercy maintained a share of first place in the Catholic League Central Division by defeating Dearborn Divine Child in girls basketball Friday, 44-34.

The Marlins are tied with rival Bloomfield Hills Marian, which plays Tuesday at Mercy. Both teams are 5-1.

Mercy expanded an 8-4 lead after one quarter Friday to 23-12 at halftime. The second half was virtually even.

"I thought we were just very flat for most of the game," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "I thought we played a good second quarter in terms of our energy level."

Katie Coe scored a game-high 12 points to lead the host Marlins (8-4). Jackie Bauer had nine, Zora Pullen eight and Chloe Godbold six. Pullen also had eight rebounds and Coe six.

Shannon Rice, Courtney Smithon and Emilie Reinhardt scored six points apiece for the Falcons, who are 0-6 in the division and 1-11 overall.

Rocks stymied

The Salem Rocks lost a see-saw KLAAC Central Division girls basketball game Friday against Novi, 50-43.

Leading Salem with 10 points each were sophomores Lasha Petree and Jala Petree.

Salem led 14-13 after one frame but trailed 26-19 at the break before bouncing back with a 17-9 third.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 2

South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Annapolis at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at C'ville, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at HVL, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 5

ATA at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Roeper, 7 p.m.
C'ville at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Annapolis at RU, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m.
HVL at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Garden City at ATA, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child, 7:30 p.m.
Crestwood at RU, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Hazel Park, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 5

Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Thurston, 7 p.m.
RU at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Robichaud, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Southfield Christian, 5 p.m.
Fordson at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Mercy at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Canton at Churchill, 8 p.m.
Anchor Bay at Franklin, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 5

Novi at Churchill, 6 p.m.
Birmingham at Franklin, 8 p.m.
Stevenson at MIHL Showcase, TBA

Saturday, Feb. 6

Stevenson at MIHL Showcase, TBA
Regina at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 7

Ladywood at Northville, 5 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Wednesday, Feb. 3

KLAAC Championship Quads, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 6

WWAC Conference Meet at Belleville, TBA
KLAAC Tournament at EMU, TBA

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Monday, Feb. 1

John Glenn at Wayne, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 4

Canton at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
BOYS SWIMMING

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Wayne at Trenton, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 4

Plymouth at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Garden City at RU, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at S. Lyon Unified, 6:30 p.m.
Fordson at Thurston, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 5

Wayne County Meet, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 6

Wayne County Meet, noon
HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

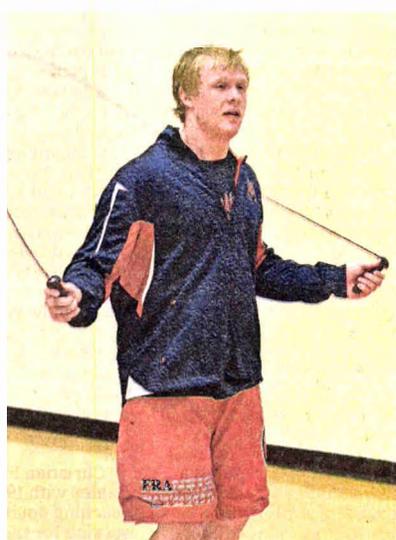
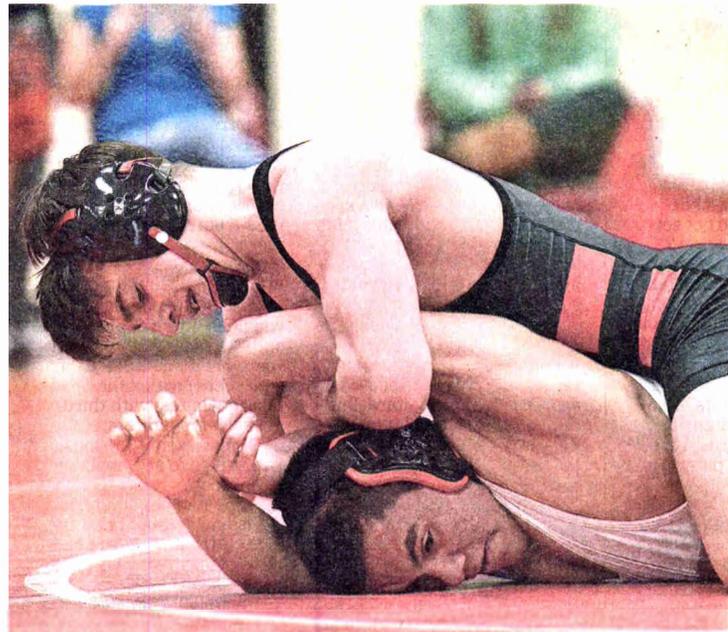
Monday, Feb. 1

Farmington at Livonia Blue, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 6

Canton Invitational, 10 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Grapplers hit century mark



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Livonia Franklin's Josh Retting, pictured warming up prior Wednesday's match, earned his 100th career win.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Livonia Churchill 160-pound wrestler Zac Leck (top) defeated Canton's Armando Chacon Wednesday night for his 100th career win.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Crusaders fall to No. 1 Davenport University

Top-ranked Davenport upended Madonna University, 93-76, Wednesday night in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference battle.

The Panthers shot a blistering 54-percent from the field and outscored the Crusaders 40-20 in the paint to improve their record to 20-3 overall and 14-1 in the WHAC.

Kevin Rich torched the nets with seven successful three-point shots on the way to a 27-point night. Dominez Burnett scored 30 for the winners.

Madonna (10-13, 7-8) was led by senior Chris Dierker, who netted 14 points, nine rebounds and five assists in 28 minutes. Zak Lewis and Nick Owens

combined to shoot 6-of-13 from three-point territory to record 12 points each in the conference setback.

The Crusaders battled back after trailing by 11 with 8:08 remaining in the first half, rallying behind a 10-0 run over a three-minute span to get to within one, 33-32, at the 5:07 mark of the opening stanza.

After closing the gap, the Crusaders could not grab the lead as Burnett tallied the final five Panthers points of the half to give the visitors a six-point edge heading into the locker room, 42-36.

Burnett and the Panthers proved to be too much in the latter half, opening up a 23-

point lead midway through the second – a product of a hot shooting night.

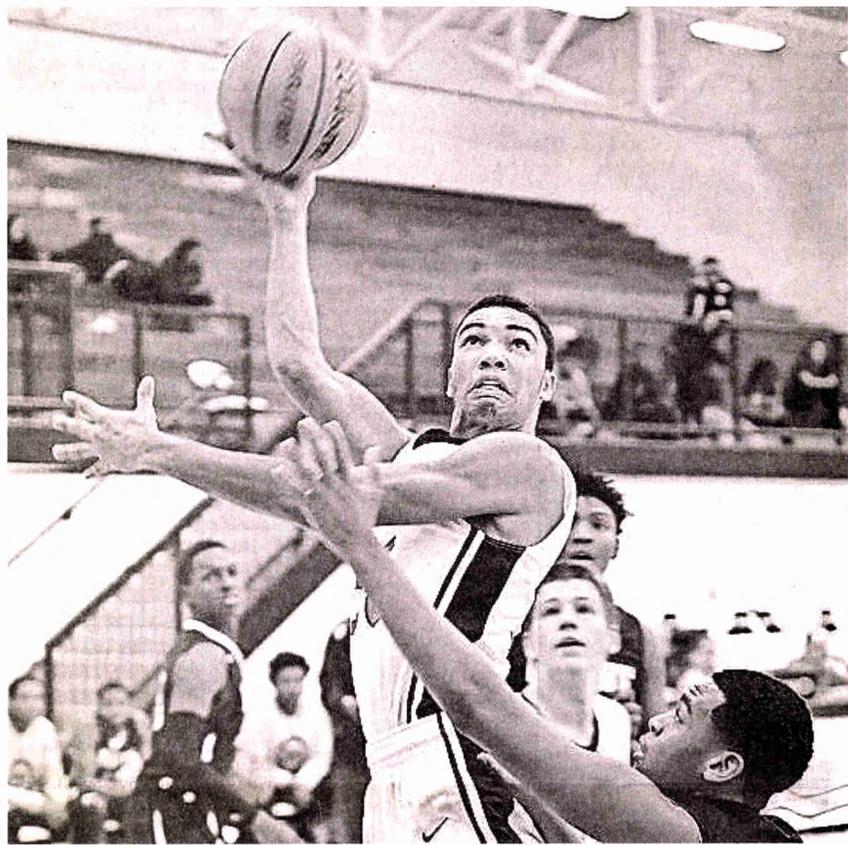
Burnett and Rich combined for 57 of the team's 93 points and were followed by Wayne Bradford who rounded out the double-digit scorers for the Panthers with 14.

Both teams enjoyed a stellar night from behind the long line with the Crusaders edging the Panthers in three-pointers made, 11-10. The teams also recorded nearly identical numbers from the charity stripe but the Panthers took the advantage down low, attacking the paint to the tune of a 40-20 edge over the Crusaders.



Madonna's Zak Lewis drives to the basket during the Crusaders' loss to Davenport.

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS



Livonia Franklin's Peyton Harris delivers an off-balanced shot during a game earlier this season.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Undefeated Canton too much for Franklin, 74-38

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Undefeated and state-ranked Canton put the hammer down Friday night on host Livonia Franklin with a 28-point third quarter and cruised to a 74-38 victory in a game that marked the beginning of the second round of games in the KLAAs South Division.

The Chiefs improved to 12-0 overall and 6-0 in the division while the Patriots slipped to 2-10 and 1-5, respectively.

Canton led 19-11 after one quarter and 28-13 at the half. Senior guard Joe Chinavare paced the Patriots with 13 points. Ryan Hoyer added 11 points and sophomore forward Mark Mettie chipped in with six.

Senior guard Chris English had a break-out game for the Chiefs, scoring a season-high 20 points. Senior forward Logan Ryan scored 17 points while freshman guard B. Artis White added 10, one more than senior back-court star Obi Okoli.

Spartans outlast SLE

Livonia Stevenson won its third game in the last four tries Friday by surviving a determined effort by South Lyon East to post a 62-54 victory.

Stevenson is now 8-4 overall and 4-2 in the competitive KLAAs Central Division.

Ian Knoph led the balanced Spartans' attack with 15 points. Devin Dunn added 12 while Kyle Malkowski and Jeremiah Eason scored 10 points a piece.

Stevenson, which was coming off a 24-point victory over Livonia Churchill on Tuesday, sprinted to a 19-12 first quarter lead and 27-22 halftime advantage.

The Cougars battled back to deadlock the game at 43-all after three quarters before Stevenson tallied 19 points

down the stretch.

Eagles soar

Led by senior forward D'eantae Jackson's 25-point/eight-rebound performance, Redford Thurston rolled to a 54-44 victory over Dearborn Fordson Friday night in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division matchup.

The versatile Jackson also dished out four assists.

Senior guard Brandon Marshall also played well for Thurston, scoring 12 points.

Hamze Elzayat was the lone Tractor in double-digits with 13 points.

The Eagles led from the get-go, exploding to a 15-11 lead after one quarter before expanding their advantage to 28-19 at the half.

Fordson sliced its deficit to 38-31 with eight minutes to play, but the Eagles were not to be denied.

"I thought we defended very well tonight," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "They run a lot of sets on offense and we executing defending them well. I'm proud of the boys. They played well."

With the win, Thurston improved to 6-6 overall and 3-2 in the division.

Warriors post pivotal win

Facing its most daunting test of the season so far, Lutheran Westland's undefeated basketball team registered a key 79-71 victory at Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division rival Sterling Heights Parkway Christian Friday night.

The win improved the Warriors' record to 11-0 overall and 6-0 in the Division. Parkway slipped to 7-4 overall and 5-1 in the league.

Lutheran Westland bolted to a 22-17 lead after one quarter

before the Eagles roared back to seize a 38-35 half-time edge.

The Warriors regrouped during the break and outscored Parkway 24-14 in the third quarter and 20-19 over the final eight minutes to secure the win.

Luke Smith had a productive night in the paint for the winners, netting 24 points and 13 rebounds.

Zach Burk also shined for the Warriors, scoring 26 points while grabbing 10 boards.

Also making significant contributions for Lutheran Westland were Kory Barikmo, who toyed with a triple-double before finishing with 12 points, 10 assists, eight rebounds and five steals; and Brent Croft, who tossed in 11 points.

The Warriors were solid from the free-throw line, where they knocked down 21 of 30 attempts.

"This was a battle all night," said Lutheran Westland head coach Jim Hoef. "We were down early, but our guys never quit."

"The style of play that Parkway plays does not really allow you to get set up offensively. However, they give you a lot of easy buckets because of the full-court pressure. We made clutch shots when it mattered and got a huge victory tonight!"

Christian Fuller led the Eagles with 19 points. Also reaching double-digits in scoring for the hosts were Luke Stricker (14 points) and Michah McLain, who pumped in 15.

Parkway struggled from the free-throw line, canning just three of 10 attempts.

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STRIKING

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RU's boys team was on fire early, winning the Baker games 215-189 and 243-191. In the traditionally-scored games, the Panthers won, 945-939, before dropping the nightcap, 854-851.

Brendan Kerkhof led his team again with a high game of 209, just two pins more than Ryan Randall's 207. The boys improved to 7-3 with the win.

The Panthers' junior varsity contingent was led by Jackman, who rolled a 184, and Laidler, who tossed a 201.

The Lady Panthers split the two Baker games with the Cougars, taking the opener, 209-128, before dropping the second game, 141-112.

In the traditional games, RU lost 771-690 and 750-717.

Brianna Clapham and Mia Sopko bowled identical 163 games to lead the Panthers.

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WARRIORS

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quarters. It was back and forth until we made a few timely turnovers that lead to them scoring.

"We then had to play the foul game and sent them to the line, where they converted. We are inexperienced at some positions and these last few games this has shown, plus we are missing too many easy shots inside.

"It has been a rough week, but we are a strong team with heart and passion. We will keep working on the things we need to improve on and we will get

to where we need to be."

Junior guard Taylor Jones was sensational for the Warriors, scoring a team-high 20 points to go along with five assists and eight steals.

"Taylor had a great game and showed great leadership," Wade said. "Bethany Hoehne also played well."

Hoehne netted 12 points, all the result of 3-point swishes.

Sophomore post player Rachel Reddeman scored eight points for LW while grabbing a team-high 13 rebounds.

The Warriors drained 7-of-12 free-throw attempts, but were victimized by 18 turnovers.

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Franklin goalie Jake Penny focuses on an incoming puck during Friday's game against Stevenson.

STATEMENT

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and in their first game since finishing up a mentally-exhausting week of final exams — the Spartans followed the lead of senior forward Joe Alcantara, who flicked home three goals, including the ice-breaker in the game's opening minute.

Two of Alcantara's goals were assisted by linemate Shane Leonard.

"We've been playing a long time together, so we know each other well," said Alcantara. "We moved the puck really well tonight and we set up a lot of shots. Shane always seems to find me."

Alcantara's momentum-igniting goal 25 seconds in came after Leonard slid a spot-on cross-ice pass onto his stick. He then skated up the right-side boards before whistling a high, hard laser past Franklin goalie Jake Penny.

Stevenson had two near-misses moments later. With 10:39 left in the opening stanza, Leonard appeared to score off an assist from Alcantara, but the officials ruled that the net had been displaced just a split-second before the puck found the net.

Eighty-nine seconds later, Stevenson's Jake Beaune dented the right post with a searing shot.

The Spartans' persistence finally paid off at the 6:20 mark when Leonard fed Alcan-

tara, who was stationed in the middle of the left circle, and he one-time the puck past Penny to make it 2-0.

Franklin mustered some momentary momentum with just over a minute to play in the first period when senior captain Brendan Whitney scored on a power-play goal to cut his team's deficit to 2-1. However, Stevenson's senior captain Ben Kowalske answered 10 seconds later with a short-handed net-finder to make it 3-1 heading into the first intermission.

It was all Stevenson from that point forward as the Spartans ramped their lead up to 5-1 with two goals in 27 seconds mid-way through the second period. Alcantara steered a poorly-angled shot from the left side of the net through traffic and into the net before Alex Siroky one-timed a pass from Nate Sudek into the mesh.

The game officially turned into a rout during the final minute of the middle period when Siroky (from Kowalske) and Alex Oquist (from Sudek) scored to make it 7-1. Leonard and Beers capped the Spartans' goals-fest with third-period lamp lighters.

When asked if the lopsided win will have an impact on either team's mind-set should they meet in next month's Division 2 regional tournament, Alcantara shook his head. "They're a very good team," he said. "If we do play again, they'll come back stronger and give us a game."

FIVE NATIONS TOURNAMENT



Here is the promotional logo for the 2016 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament, set for Feb. 9-13 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

USA HOCKEY NTDP

Let the international games begin

USA Hockey Arena to host Five Nations Tournament Feb. 9-13

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

A red, white and blue spotlight is about to shine on Plymouth's USA Hockey Arena.

Hockey fans are still warming to the idea of the U.S. National Team Development Program's two teams skating all winter at the former Computware Arena on Beck Road, where the Plymouth Whalers competed in the Ontario Hockey League for two decades.

But international hockey is the calling card for USA Hockey and the worldwide heat is about to get cranked up.

The 2016 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament will unfold Feb. 9-13 and local hockey aficionados have a chance to take it all in for anywhere from \$15 (the price for one daily pass, good for that day's doubleheader) to \$65 (for the full tourney slate).

"It's a good kind of first event for us to get international hockey in front of the Plymouth, Northville, Canton communities and let them see what it's all about, with an eye toward there's going to be a lot more of them here in the future," said Scott Monaghan, senior director of operations for USA Hockey's NTDP. "We'll probably have two or three next year and our objective is two to three international events a year around all the rest of the stuff that we do."

USA Hockey continues its total makeover of the facility after purchasing it in 2015 from Whalers owner Peter Karmanos. Building renovations are ongoing, with Five Nations being the arena's debut international event.

Sponsored by Farmers Insurance, joining Team USA for the round-robin tourney will be Russia, Finland, Sweden and the Czech Republic.

"We're hoping that we have full houses for it," Monaghan said. "We have tournament packages that are at a great discount and then individual day tickets, which you can come to two games (or) you can come to one. But you have



TIM SMITH

Scott Monaghan of USA Hockey's NTDP promises a week of exciting hockey during the Five Nations Tournament.

the pass for both.

"We're hoping for the Friday and Saturday night to be really big crowds, as weekends you usually have better crowds anyway."

On Friday, Feb. 12, the U.S. will face Sweden at 7 p.m. But perhaps the biggest draw of the tournament will be the U.S.-Russia game at 7 p.m. Saturday to close out the week. All games will be played on the arena's smaller, pro-style ice sheet rather than the Olympic-sized surface.

National pride

After that game is concluded, the team with the most points will be presented the Farmers Insurance Cup and have its nation's anthem played to provide an emotional cap for the proceedings.

"The first-place team always gets a trophy," Monaghan said. "One of the other neat, kind of unique things about international games is, you really play for one thing. You play to hear your anthem at the end of the game."

"There's no national anthems before the games. The teams are just introduced and then they play and the winner, they play the anthem of the winning team. So it's kind of a cool thing that we always put into our kids heads, 'Hey, you're playing the game to hear your country's anthem.'"

Monaghan promised that what people witness will be extremely entertaining and highly competitive.

The other nations are part

of what he called Europe's Big Four, teams that regularly make the rounds for such international competition.

"I think another thing people notice with international hockey is, the pace is quicker," he said. "These are the best kids in each of these countries, just like our group here."

"And some of the types of players who have played in these events, Alex Ovechkin, (Evgeni) Malkin, Henrik Lundqvist, (Niklas) Kronwall, they all played these events when they were 15, 16, 17."

"What you end up seeing, is you see a kid and go, 'Wow, he's really good' and you don't really know who he is. But then in two years, all of a sudden, he's coming on the scene in the National Hockey League. You go, 'Oh, I remember seeing him, that was pretty cool.'"

Check it out

Monaghan said attendance for the NTDP Under-17 and Under-18 teams continues to "trend up," averaging around 1,000 per game.

He is optimistic that after people come out for any or all of the 10-game Five Nations schedule they will be more pumped up to return to the arena and watch the NTDP teams — which play in the United States Hockey League (the top junior circuit in the U.S.) and also against NCAA Division I schools.

"I hope that what we get at this tournament," Monaghan said, "is a lot of folks that come out, even if it's just for a night,

FIVE NATIONS TOURNEY

When: Tuesday, Feb. 9, through Saturday, Feb. 13, sponsored by Farmers Insurance.

Where: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth (west of Five Mile Road).

Teams: The U.S. National Team Development Program Under-17 team is squaring off in an international tournament that includes Russia, Sweden, the Czech Republic and Finland.

Format: A team winning in regulation will receive three points, overtime winners get two points and OT losers earn one point. The team with the most points will be awarded the Farmers Insurance Cup and have its national anthem played following the last game.

Schedule: Tuesday, Feb. 9 — 3:30 p.m., Finland vs. Russia, 7 p.m., U.S. vs. Czech Republic; Wednesday, Feb. 10 — 3:30 p.m., Russia vs. Sweden, 7 p.m., Finland vs. U.S.; Thursday, Feb. 11 — 3:30 p.m., Sweden vs. Finland, 7 p.m., Russia vs. Czech Republic; Friday, Feb. 12 — 3:30 p.m., Czech Republic vs. Finland, 7 p.m., Sweden vs. U.S.; Saturday, Feb. 13 — 3:30 p.m., Czech Republic vs. Sweden, 7 p.m., U.S. vs. Russia.

Tickets: Two-game day passes are available for \$15 and \$18; 10-game tournament passes are \$55 and \$65. Call 734-453-8400 or go to www.usahockeyarena.com.

and really see the changes in the facility, they see great hockey and they see something that's completely different from what they've seen here before.

"(It's) national teams playing against each other. So yeah, I would hope it would be a catalyst for folks, both to come out for that first time and check it out and then leaving here saying, 'That was really fun, I want to come back and see something else there.' Kind of raise the awareness of it."

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BOYS HOCKEY

MIHL Showcase set to face off in Trenton

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It's billed as the premier high school hockey event of the season and it's just a couple of weeks away.

The 16th annual MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase will be Feb. 4-6 at the Kennedy Recreation Center in Trenton. The three-day Showcase, which attracts scouts from all over, features 42 teams from Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Ohio.

The O&E and Hometown area teams scheduled to compete include Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Detroit Catholic Central, Detroit Country Day, Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth, Salem and Northville.

"We are continually striving to make our schedule as competitive as possible and the Showcase provides us with an opportunity to make that happen," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "The Showcase also promotes and displays the type of quality high school hockey that is taking place all across the state. Our players are very excited to be back in the Showcase."

The Showcase supports the mission of the sponsoring Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League, which is to support and promote high school hockey.

"The main goal of the MIHL is to promote high-quality high school hockey, strong competition and sportsmanship," MIHL president and the long-time Cranbrook Kingswood head coach Andy Weidenbach said. "The Showcase was a natural off-shoot of that mission."

"The first 15 Showcases were great successes and we are very optimistic about this year's event," he added. "High school hockey in Michigan has experienced tremendous growth. Accordingly, the Showcase has expanded from 12 teams to 42 teams so that we can continue our mission of providing exposure for the best of high school hockey."

The Showcase features competitive and entertaining games in what tournament officials call the "largest accumulation of high school hockey talent" in the state. Those players are exposed to Junior A and college scouts. To demonstrate the Showcase's growth over the years, there were just a handful of scouts on hand from junior hockey teams at the 2001 event. There were some 88 scouts at the 2015 Showcase.

A majority of the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association's top 10-ranked teams will participate.

Tickets are \$6 per day or \$10 for a three-day pass. Seniors and students are \$5 per day or \$8 for a three-day pass.

Active duty military personnel and their families receive free admission with uniform and military ID.

For game schedules and more information, go to <http://mihl.pointstreaksites.com/view/mihl/prep-showcase>.

GIRLS BASKETBALL WRAP

Senior guard Kondrath comes up big in Churchill's win

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

When asked what senior guard Alivia Kondrath did right Friday night, Livonia Churchill girls basketball coach K'Len Morris delivered a succinct answer.

"Everything," Morris said, after watching Kondrath pour in 23 points in the Chargers' 62-57 victory over Westland John Glenn. "She hit a couple threes, she made seven free throws and she played really good defense. She did everything we could have asked from her tonight."

The victory improved Churchill's record to 5-7 overall and 4-2 in the KLAA South Division standings.

Led by Kimae Stribling and Sierra Moseley, both of whom finished with 16 points, the Rockets burst to a two-point halftime advantage.

However, Churchill clawed back and built a 10-point lead at one point in the fourth quarter before John Glenn crept a little closer.

"We were in foul trouble the first half, but once we got the starters back in there in the second half, we were able to

take care of things."

Churchill's Yost sisters both played well, Morris noted. Junior post player Anne Yost contributed 10 points and five rebounds, while freshman sister Mary Claire chipped in six points and four rebounds in a reserve role.

Stevenson wins

Livonia Stevenson altered its strategy since its first match-up with South Lyon East and the alterations were effective.

Led by junior guard Grace Lamerson's 10-point night, the Spartans edged South Lyon East, 40-36, in a KLAA Central Division contest played at Stevenson.

The triumphant result improved the Spartans' record to 6-6 overall and 2-4 in the division. The Cougars upended the Spartans earlier this month.

"We turned the tables on them a little bit," Stevenson head coach Tim Newman said. "We were more aggressive than we were the first time we played them and we shot a ton of free throws as a result."

"We also threw a zone at them to try and contain (East's leading scorer) Peyton Jones

and we held her to 14 points — 12 of which came on four 3-pointers. We made her earn the points she did get."

Stevenson led pretty much throughout the game. It held a 13-7 advantage after one quarter before stretching the lead to 23-15 at the half.

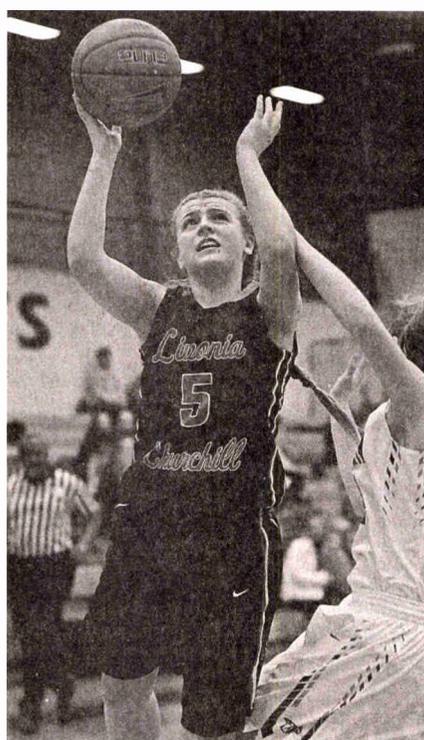
East clawed back to within 30-25 with eight minutes to play, but the Spartans drained some pressure-packed free throws down the stretch to hang on.

In addition to Lamerson, Amanda Schultz excelled for the winners as she scored eight points. Diane Senkowski added six points, which included a huge 3-point shot in the fourth quarter and a couple of game-sealing free throws in the waning moments.

Double-digit scorers for East included Danielle Waranaukas, who had 12, and Abby Jones, who tossed in 10 points.

Stevenson knocked down 14-of-24 free-throw attempts. "Any team in this division can play with any other team," Newman said. "It's a very competitive group of teams and every team plays hard."

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MICHAEL VASILNEK
Churchill's Payton Byron drives to the basket during a game earlier this season.

Go Red events highlight women's heart health

Diana Wing
Correspondent

During February, the month of red roses, red Valentines and heart-shaped treats, the South-east Michigan American Heart Association (AHA) reminds women and men to "Go Red" to help prevent heart disease and stroke, which kills 1 in 3 women each year. According to the AHA, 80 percent of heart disease and stroke events may be prevented by lifestyle changes and education.

In recognition of Women's Heart Health Month, the Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce is co-sponsoring "Heart of a Leader," an interactive event that will include a panel of health experts, 5:30-8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the Franklin Athletic Club.

"There will be exhibitors from health, wellness and women's retail. At 6:15, the panel will start," said Tanya Markos-Vanno, Southfield Chamber executive director. "Then we'll have two interactive sessions, one Zumba, one kick-boxing, to get people on their feet... Dress casually and tennis shoes are acceptable."

The panel features

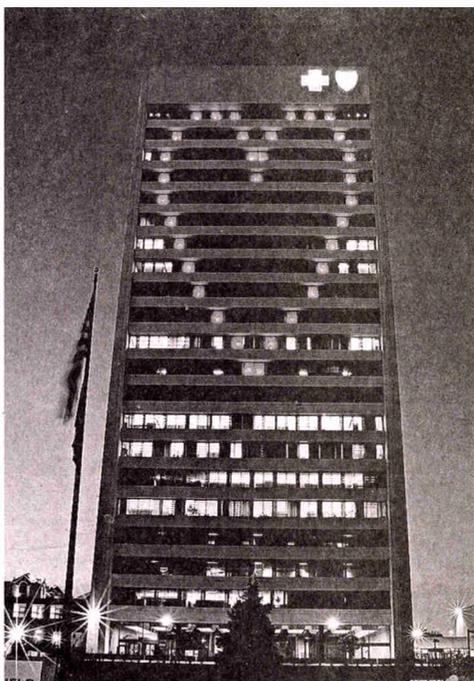
cardiologists Dr. Joel Kahn, M.D., and Joan Crawford, D.O. Fitness instructor Jennifer Hoinka, who teaches indoor cycling at Franklin Athletic Club, has tips on how to make time for exercise in your busy life.

"A good starting point is finding a partner or a buddy, whether it's your closest colleague, your sister or your spouse. You say, 'we're in this together. You have my word and I have your word that tomorrow we're going to go for a walk ... or we're going to meet at the gym and have a workout,'" Hoinka said. "It really does motivate people. We don't like to let someone else down ... Once you start making it a habit you're more likely to follow that habit even on your own."

She said individuals who are new to exercise often will shy away from fitness classes because they think the class is only for those who are already fit. "We've all been intimidated when we walk by the Zumba studio and



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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan displays a 12-story-tall heart on its downtown Detroit headquarters in support of American Heart Month. The heart, created with LED lights, will glow through Feb. 29.

look in. They know the moves, they're skakin' it, they're coordinated and synchronized and we think, 'Oh my goodness,

I'd never get there, so I'm not even going to start.' But all those people were beginners once," said Hoinka who

noted that classes can be a source of inspiration and team spirit, with no one left behind.

Holistic approach

Nadia Elmagrabi, a holistic health coach and psychotherapist, will talk about why it's essential for women to take care of themselves, and how she helps women and men make changes in their lives.

"We set goals together and step by step work to meet those goals. I may have one or two recommendations for that person to work on until we meet again. Then we add something else for the next two weeks ... slowly adding more because that's how habits change," she said.

Cutting out every bad food in your diet at once likely will lead to failure. Elmagrabi's approach is to "crowd out" some of the unhealthy foods with good stuff.

"Add in more vegetables, add in more water, so there's not enough room for pop, there's not enough room for the junk food. Slowly, people start improving their diet without feeling that they're depriving themselves," she said. "Take one step at a time."

Tickets for Heart of a

Leader are \$10 in advance at www.southfieldchamber.com or \$15 at the door. A portion of proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association. The Franklin Athletic Club is located at 29350 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Call 248-352-8000.

Go red

Looking to join the Go Red campaign? Don your favorite red outfit or accessory, or decorate your business or home in red to help spread awareness on National Wear Red Day, Friday, Feb. 5.

Meet local celebrities at the Go Red Fashion Show, 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11 at the North Grand Court of Somerset Mall, located at 2800 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

The Go for Red Women Luncheon is Friday, Feb. 12 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, in Detroit. The event starts at 9 a.m. and features health seminars, screenings and a silent auction. Kim Coles, actress, author and comedian is the keynote speaker. Buy tickets at www.detroitgoredforwomen.org. Visit www.heart.org/semi for the latest Go Red events and to learn more.

RELIGION CALENDAR

FILM

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. doors open, film starts at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: View *War Room*
Contact: 734-522-6830

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31
Location: Zhong Shu Temple, 23845 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Details: Celebration includes a program at 10 a.m., followed by a noon incense ceremony at noon and traditional Chinese New Year food tasting
Contact: RSVP to michigan-temple@yahoo.com;

SCHOOL OP'N HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31
Location: Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City
Details: Tour the school, meet the principal, pick up a registration packet
Contact: 734-425-4420

FEBRUARY AUCTION

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14
Location: Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland
Details: Auction supports Concordia Lutheran School. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$270 for a table of 10 and includes appetizer, dinner, desserts, drinks and auction. Deadline is Feb. 8. Order by calling 248-474-2488 or 313-937-2233.
Contact: Laura Goodman at 313-937-2233

CLOTHING COLLECTION

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday, through Feb. 14
Location: Crossroads Church, which meets at Trinity Church, 34500 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: The church is collecting winter survival gear, including men's used work boots, men's new and gently-used white socks, ladies new and gently-used turtleneck tops. Contact the church to arrange additional drop-off times
Contact: crossroadsnow.org; Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

CONCERT

Time/Date: 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7
Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: "The Donut Man" Rob Evans and his puppet sidkick Duncan will perform original Bible story-songs. The concert will have a Lenten theme. Admission is \$5 per person at the door, children ages 3 and under admitted free
Contact: Rev. Joseph Marquis, 734-522-3166

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11
Location: Congregational Church of Birmingham, UCC, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills
Details: The film, *Seeds of Hope*, focusing on the global food system, is part of the Life on Earth @ Risk documentary series
Contact: 248-514-8746

MARDI GRAS PARTY

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9
Location: Plymouth Knights of Columbus, 150 Fair Street, Plymouth
Details: Dixieland music by The Tabasco Cats, a light buffet-style dinner, cash bar, beads, trinkets, drawings and a shrimp and oyster bar staffed by senior Boy Scouts from Troop 743. Tickets are \$10, available in advance at the hall
Contact: 734-516-0648

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER-DANCE

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: 1950s theme dinner-dance will include hamburgers, hotdogs, fries and desserts and music for dancing. The event benefits Camp Hope, a bereavement camp for kids, ages 6-17. Tickets are \$20 per person and available at the church office
Contact: 248-553-3380

ONGOING HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

» Adat Shalom Synagogue
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-851-5100
» Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830
» Congregation Bet Chaverim
Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month
Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore
Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

» Due Season Christian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study
Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia
Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.
Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

» Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 10-14
Contact: 248-349-2345; faithcommunity-novi.org

» Faith Community Wesleyan Church

Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., contemporary service, 1:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

» Garden City Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking
Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road
Contact: 734-421-7620

» Good Hope Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Contact: 734-427-3660

» Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 4145 W. Nine Mile, Novi
Contact: Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShepherdNovi.org

» Grace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.
Location: 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township
Contact: 734-637-8160

» His Church Anglican

Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna University
Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; 248-442-0HCA

WEDDING

Lauren Brodie and Taylor Traub were married Sept. 5, 2015 at St. John Fischer Chapel in Auburn Hills.

The bride, daughter of Mark and Theresa Brodie of Livonia, is a 2005 graduate of Stevenson High School. She also graduated from Oakland University and holds a masters degree from the University of Michigan. Lauren is a nurse practitioner.

The groom, son of



Taylor Traub and Lauren Brodie

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Jacque Traub of Rochester Hills and John Traub of Florida, is a 2004 graduate of Rochester High

School. He also graduated from Oakland University and holds a masters degree from the University of Michigan. Taylor works in finance and urban development.

The wedding party included six bridesmaids, seven groomsmen, two ring bearers, and three flower girls.

A reception was held at Meadow Brook Hall, in Rochester Hills.

The newlyweds took a honeymoon trip to Italy. They now reside in Maryland.

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FIX, MARK

Age 64, of Garden City, Michigan, died on January 23, 2016. A memorial service was held for him in the Hospice Center. He is survived by his daughters, Christine Farinha and Lisa Fix, granddaughters, Megan and Macey Farinha, his mate Judy Rose, sisters, Linda Burchett, Mary Layman, Judy Fix and Celia Davis. He was preceded in death by his parents, August and Evelyn Fix and his brothers, Greg and Ron Fix. The hospice facility will take donations in his memory. The name of the facility is LifePath Hospice, Sun City Center Hospice House, Ruskin, FL 33573.



MCKENZIE, ROBERT LAWRENCE, JR.

Best known as Bob McKenzie, passed away on Tuesday, January 26, 2016. He was 78 years old. Bob was a small business owner in southeast Michigan for nearly 60 years and a resident of Dearborn Heights for more than 40 years. A deeply spiritual man, Bob woke every morning to read the bible and ended each day doing the same. Having been born shortly after the Great Depression, coupled with nearly losing his life to polio as a child, Bob had a deep appreciation for life, he was a champion of the underdog, and he was passionately committed to random acts of kindness. He valued hard work over play, and he worked right up to the day he died. He was a loving father to his three children and his three grandchildren. He is survived by his daughter Kim Donaldson and her two children Sydney and Bryan; his daughter Jeanne Reed and her husband Richard Reed, and their son Jackson; and his son Bobby McKenzie.

NAGY, JOHN L.

Age 82, of Northville, longtime Plymouth attorney and 58 year member of the Michigan State Bar, died January 22, 2016, following a lengthy struggle with Parkinson's Disease and Lewy Body Dementia. John practiced law in Highland Park, Berkeley, and for the last 20 years, in Plymouth. John is survived by his beloved wife, Sue; a daughter, Nicole (Ron) Sponseller, and a son, Cole Nagy; sisters, Helen (Earl) Paschke and Kay (Bobby) Bass; a granddaughter, Jennifer (Geoffrey Brown) Sponseller, and a great granddaughter, Olivia Brown. Sadly, John was preceded in death by a sister, Joan (Mel) Gogolin. A Memorial Ceremony is planned for Monday, May 2, (time pending) at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly (248-328-0836). Those who wish to further honor John's memory may consider a gift to the Carl Rinne Lewy Body Dementia Support, Education and Awareness Fund, (checks payable to "University of Michigan"), Medical Development, 1000 Oakbrook Dr., Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, victors.us/johnnagy. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). heeney-sundquist.com

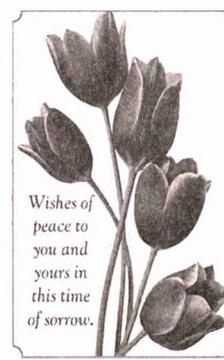
STUKY, ESTHER MARIE

Of Plymouth, Michigan

Her Legacy...Esther M. Stuky, age 91, passed away January 27, 2016 in Howell, MI. Esther was born on January 15, 1925 in New Hudson, MI to Eno and Mable (Travis) Powelson. Esther enjoyed bowling and golf and as a young woman won an award for being the youngest female pilot at the age of 24. Esther will be remembered as being a hard worker and strong willed.

Her Family...Esther is survived by her daughter Susan Marie (Thomas) Poulos; grandchildren Michael (Jamie), Joseph (Sarah), William (Amanda), Douglas (Holly) and Darrell; four great grandchildren, Cerina, Lexi, Haiden, and Brian; and sister Ethel Wall and sister-in-law Sherry Stuky. She is preceded in death by her son Jeffery Joseph Stuky.

Her Farewell...Esther's family and friends will gather on Monday, February 1, 2016 from 3:00PM - 8:00PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel. Esther's Community Farewell will be held on Tuesday, February 2, at 1PM at the funeral home, with gathering beginning at 12 Noon. Memorial contributions may be given to the Livingston County Humane Society or the Howell Nature Center. Please leave a message of comfort to the Stuky family by calling 1.877.231.7900 or sign the guestbook at BorekJennings.com





Dave Morrison of Brownstown Township is a regular patron at Stella's Black Dog Tavern.

SHARON DARGAY

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Stella Ostendorf is part greeter, part mascot, part therapist and all dog.

The affable Bernese mountain dog is fast becoming a canine celebrity in downtown Plymouth. She's the pup behind Stella's Black Dog Tavern, where her image adorns signs and young diners take home stuffed animal toys in her likeness.

"It just kind of happened," said Robert (Bob) Ostendorf, who owns both Stella and the restaurant. "We wanted to be a family pub. Everybody loves dogs. It just kind of worked."

He and his wife Helena and business partners, Jim and Kathy Sullivan, took over the tavern, located at 860 Fralick, in 2013.

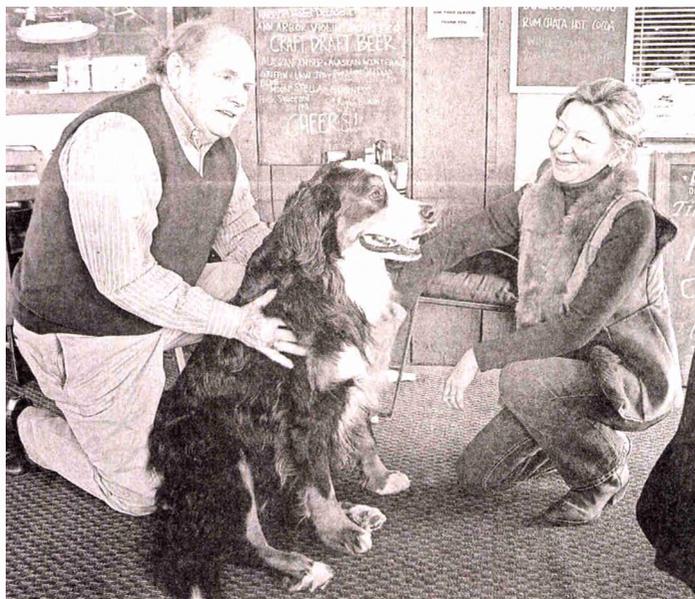
"I didn't like what this place was, even though I used to come here regularly. It was too much of an Irish pub with a lot of drinkers," Bob said. "So we really raised the bar on the food. We put in Stella's name ... we had the logo created. I had some old-timers come in and say 'I can't believe you named the place after a damn dog.' I say, you don't have to come here."

But plenty of patrons love Stella and they stop by for dinner or lunch, hoping to get a little face time with her. She's certified as a service dog for Bob, a Vietnam veteran, who takes her on visits to VA hospitals, where she lends emotional support to fellow veterans. In the restaurant she stays close to Bob, is not allowed in the kitchen, near food, or to accept any food from patrons. A sign on the restaurant door reminds patrons that only service dogs are permitted inside.

"I think she knows she is beautiful," Helena said. "but she just rides with it, and it works. People love it. I love dogs, but I can't believe the amount of people that are like, 'oh, when we pet her? Can we take a picture of her?' And it's not just kids. It's amazing."

On a recent Monday, tavern regulars Kim and Andy Emmert of Canton and Kim's parents, Pat and Dave Morrison of Brownstown Township, encouraged Stella to stop by their table in the restaurant's enclosed patio. Photographs of patrons' dogs, including pictures of Kim's beagle mixes, line the walls. Bob posts two-three new photos in frames that he

MEET THE POOCH BEHIND STELLA'S BLACK DOG TAVERN



Bob and Helena Ostendorf, with Stella

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

supplies, every couple of weeks.

"Oh, we love Stella. We wish she would come out here more," said Pat, while her husband petted Stella's soft, double coat.

"We always look forward to seeing her," Kim added.

Stella spent a month away from the tavern recovering from surgery after

injury during a hike in early December.

"For that first month, you really have to be careful," Bob said. "They put a cone on her and we didn't want her to have the cone, so we actually moved our bed to the floor next to hers in the bedroom. I'm a light sleeper. Every time she'd move I'd wake

up. So the sutures healed without the cone."

"We're still on the floor," Helena added.

Another X-ray will follow. Next month Stella, who weighs in at 130 pounds, will start a rehabilitation program that will include a treadmill and water therapy. Until then, her daily walks and appearances at the tavern are limited. Normally she'd spend an hour or two at the restaurant, run errands with Bob, go home and then return to the restaurant for about an hour at dinner. Generally, she's in bed by 8:30 p.m.

"Last Saturday I had 20 different families ask me about Stella," Bob said.

Bonding

Stella initially was a surprise Christmas present for Helena five years ago, but she quickly bonded with Bob.

"Bob fell in love with her," Helena said. "She loves me, too. She'll snuggle with me."

Helena said her husband's bond with Stella was cemented when the couple divorced a few years ago for a brief period. At about the same time, Bob's parents died within three weeks of each other.

"She saved his life," Helena said. "He said she actually kept him alive." "She was there for that," he said, recalling his parents' funerals.

The couple can't imagine getting a second dog at their Plymouth Township home. Bob said Stella is "socialized to people" and "tolerates" other dogs but doesn't need to be with them.

"She likes to hang with us. So wherever we are, she's fine to be there," he said. "Stella pretty much knows everything I'm saying."

She also enjoys barking at coyotes from her home's back deck, drinking ice water, taking walks, and riding in the couple's old Escalade next to Bob while looking out the window.

"She is family," Bob said. "Unless you want to make them a part of your family, you probably shouldn't get a dog, because they give more than they take."

Check out Stella's Black Dog Tavern website at stellasblackdogtavern.com.

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Soup suppers at St. Colette in Livonia benefit charity

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Lenten soup suppers at St. Colette Church in Livonia are all about giving.

Donations to the supper, which is free and open to the public, and to the Mass that follows, go to a different charity each week.

"We have a different group in the parish take care of hosting the supper each week. The Mass is said by a different priest each week," said Nancy Ohman, Christian service outreach coordinator. Each priest chooses or represents a different charity.

"We support six different charities. Out of the six, four are within the Detroit area," said Ohman, adding that two others aid charitable efforts in Ecuador and Haiti.

The suppers start at 5 p.m. and are followed by a Mass at 7 p.m., Wednesday, from Feb. 10-March 16, at the church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia; 734-464-4433.

The Rev. Gary Michalik, St. Colette pastor, will kick off the

series series on Ash Wednesday, collecting donations for Food for the Poor, an organization that provides food, housing, and emergency relief to poor families and individuals in Latin America and the Caribbean.

St. Christine Outreach Center and Loaves & Fishes are among the Detroit-based charities.

"It's nice because they (the priests) can preach on the reading that goes with the day and they can incorporate their charity. When the priest for Loaves & Fishes is here, he tells what goes on there and how many people they reach."

Food, fellowship

Ohman said the church will serve three different soups, salad and bread at the six weekly suppers.

"It's nicely attended and a lot of fun. A lot of the same people come week after week. They enjoy the food and the fellowship. Some people come just for the Mass or the soup supper. Some come for both."

George Dimopoulos, owner



St. Colette parishioners serve food at a Lenten soup supper a few years ago.

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of Senate Restaurant & Coney Island, will donate the soup.

"I do breakfast for them. I give onions, sauce for spaghetti, chili — any time they want something. They wanted more

soup this year," he said, adding that he's not a member of the parish, but enjoys giving back to the community.

"They come here all the time and support me and I

support them," he said. "I do it because I want to do it."

St. Colette will serve an orzo soup, cabbage soup and clam chowder on Ash Wednesday. For more information about the soup suppers call the church at 734-464-4433.

A sampling of other area Lenten soup suppers:

» Redford: Suppers start at 6 p.m. and include a speaker. Feb. 17, Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia, 313-534-9000; Feb. 24, St. Valentine, 25881 Dow, 313-532-4394; March 2, St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago Road, 313-937-1500; March 16, St. John Bosco, 12100 Beech Daly, 313-937-9690.

» Farmington Hills: Noon-1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 19, 26, and March 4, 11 and 18, at St. Fabian, 32200 W. 12 Mile. Includes a weekly reflection on the theme of forgiveness, followed by lunch in the social hall. 248-553-4610.

» Canton: 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 19, 26, and March 4, 11, and 18, at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road. Supper followed by Stations of the Cross. 734-455-5910.

Some smoke detectors won't react to a smoldering fire

A few months ago I stated that I was running out of things in the appliance world to write about so I would mention things of my private life. Well, I must have lied because there are always things that pop up to keep you informed.

Now I'm going to tell you a story just the way it happened and ask you to respond. A few weeks ago a plumber friend in Garden City named Tim Burton woke up in the middle of the night coughing profusely and found the interior of his home filled with smoke. He called the fire department, which arrived in minutes. Firefighters removed the artificial log smoldering in the fireplace. This log is designed to remove the creosol in the chimney and I have always been at odds as to how well it works. This one didn't flame-up and does tell a story in itself.

Tim almost lost his whole family and his home suffered



Joe Gagnon
THE APPLIANCE
DOCTOR

Tim almost lost his whole family ... Tim's smoke detectors did not activate even though they had new batteries and were recently tested by him.

many thousands of dollars in smoke damage. Tim's smoke detectors did not activate even though they had new batteries and were recently tested by him.

Tim did some research and found a man in Cincinnati who lost a 20-year-old daughter to a house fire where, again, the smoke detector didn't work.

His daughter along with four other college girls all died and his neighbor also lost a college student to a fire in a dorm room because the smoke detector did the same thing. It didn't work!

I interviewed Dean Dennis on my radio show a few weeks ago and he sure woke up this sleeping bear. Through the information he sent me I discovered several television broadcasts all pointing to the smoke detectors as not doing their job. I also found out that Massachusetts, Vermont and Ohio have banned the installation of smoke detectors using ionization. They only permit the kinds using photo electronics. It appears that Michigan is far behind on this hot topic.

Hard to detect

I can say that 90 percent of homes in this county have the wrong smoke detectors installed. I know I do and they are being replaced with the

photo electronic type. By the way, the ionization is less costly, but what good are they if they don't work when there is a fire in your home? Let me tell you why they don't work.

There are two plates where the smoke travels through and if the smoke particles are small enough, it will activate but a smoldering fire, such as a cushion or bedding, has large particles and they are too large to be detected. As a result, the smoke may kill you.

What really angers me about this subject is that for years and millions of dollars spent by the American consumer, we have another piece of junk being sold with no less than a UL approval on the product. The man I interviewed on my radio show has made his purpose in life to help others prevent a tragedy like losing a child. I will ask you to contact him on your computer and have him forward the websites where you can learn

more on this subject. I know he would be thrilled to hear from you and is most cooperative. His name again is Dean Dennis and his email is dden-nis1111@gmail.com.

As a footnote I must tell you that I am off to Lansing next month to meet with State Rep. Gary Glenn to talk about laws pertaining to consumer education on appliance recalls. I have already sent him information on these no-good smoke detectors that cause needless deaths across America and the world. If this state representative can help write laws on these subjects I have offered to be his campaign manager when he runs for governor. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

Employing a nanny lessens stress on single mom

Just a few weeks before the holidays began, I got myself the best present ever... a nanny! I hired a family friend to watch my daughter two days a week. This new change has been amazing and I could not be more grateful. Now I have my daughter's grandparents watch her only one day a week each, which frees up their time and also allows me to feel a little better about asking them to babysit if Mama wants to attend a church event or dinner with friends.

My nanny, Miss Rachel, is fabulous. God has given me quite the blessing by allowing her into our lives. She comes with her two sons, both near in age to my daughter, to my house, making both the mornings and the afternoons much easier for me. My daughter absolutely loves Miss Rachel and her sons, and she gets so excited when she sees them arrive in the morning. Miss



Sarah Davies

THEN THERE WERE TWO

Rachel has a history of teaching and working with adolescents with "different abilities" which has given her a patience that not everyone has. She is kind and generous, and very good at keeping children on a schedule. Since Miss Rachel has come into our home, my daughter naps EVERY DAY for sometimes three straight hours, and before her presence I was lucky if I got my daughter to nap a half hour in a day.

Miss Rachel picks up after the kids, and has taught both her sons and my daughter how to clean up after they make a mess. She makes sure my daughter has eaten healthy for each meal and also keeps her hydrated. Throughout the day,

when Miss Rachel is over, I get texts and pictures of my sweetie, and constant updates that tell me what she is doing and learning. I feel very much at ease knowing that my daughter is being watched by such a caring, empathetic person.

Less stress

Now that I have a nanny, when I come home from work, I don't have to worry about beating traffic and picking up my daughter from her grandparents' house. I get home at least a half hour earlier than I would if I had to pick her up someplace, and my house is always well put together when I get there. To walk into a nicely vacuomed home after a long day of work, with my sweet little girl laughing and playing with her friends is absolutely wonderful. I am truly so grateful to have Miss Rachel watching my daughter, and feel like a lot of stress has been lifted off of my shoulders.

It is so nice when I come home and read the daily note that Miss Rachel has left, so detailed that it mentions how many puffs my daughter ate, and what kind of diapers were changed at what times. It's like getting all the goodies you would expect from a day care, without the 1:20 ratio and the germs that come along with it. If I can't be home with my daughter to know exactly how her day was, then I would say the next best thing would be to have a nanny as efficient as mine is.

I love having my daughter's grandparents watch her too. But we all know that grandparents are GRAND parents for a reason. They are meant to spoil the kids and allow them things that maybe Mama won't allow, like ice cream before dinner. But I love to give the grandparents a break, so they can do less babysitting and more spoiling. I don't think they have liked it all that much

when I ask a million details about my daughter's day when I pick her up. Now I can ask fewer questions of the grandparents and feel confident that Miss Rachel will give me a detailed account of the day when I get home.

Having someone you trust completely, like I do, to watch your children in the comfort of their own home, is probably one of the best things you can have happen when you are a parent. If there were more Miss Rachels in the world, I would recommend one to every parent. But for now, since there is only one, I will gladly hang onto her for as long as I can.

Life is good, but it has gotten much better since our nanny has come into our home.

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about the ups and downs of single motherhood. Contact her at sarahmariadavies@gmail.com.

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Surgery may be needed for weight loss if diet, exercise fail

The struggle with obesity and weight loss for many is more than just a "New Year's resolution." It can be a serious health concern that can also affect one's quality of life.

To be classified as obese by the standards of the National Institute of Health, a person must weigh 20 percent or more than the ideal body weight for his or her height. For example, a man who is 5 feet 6 inches tall is considered obese at roughly 190 pounds and a 5-foot-4-inch woman is at roughly 175 pounds. More than 30 percent of adult Michiganders are considered obese. Morbid obesity occurs when a person is 40 percent more than their ideal weight or roughly 80-100



Tallal Zeni

GUEST COLUMNIST

pounds overweight.

Being obese can lead to health complications such as type 2 diabetes, sleep apnea and high blood pressure as well as putting extra stress on your bones and joints.

Weight loss methods

Diet and Exercise is always the first step in trying to achieve a healthy weight. Always check with your primary care physician before beginning any exercise or diet re-

gimen or nutrition program. Your primary care physician will be able to tell you if you are healthy enough to begin exercise and if the diet you'd like to try is safe and can be sustained as a lifestyle change. If diet and exercise is unsuccessful one should consider bariatric surgery.

Bariatric Surgery not only restricts one's ability to intake food, it also results in metabolic changes that aid in weight loss. To qualify for bariatric surgery you must have a Body Mass Index (BMI) between 35 and 39 with obesity-related diseases or have a BMI of greater than 40.

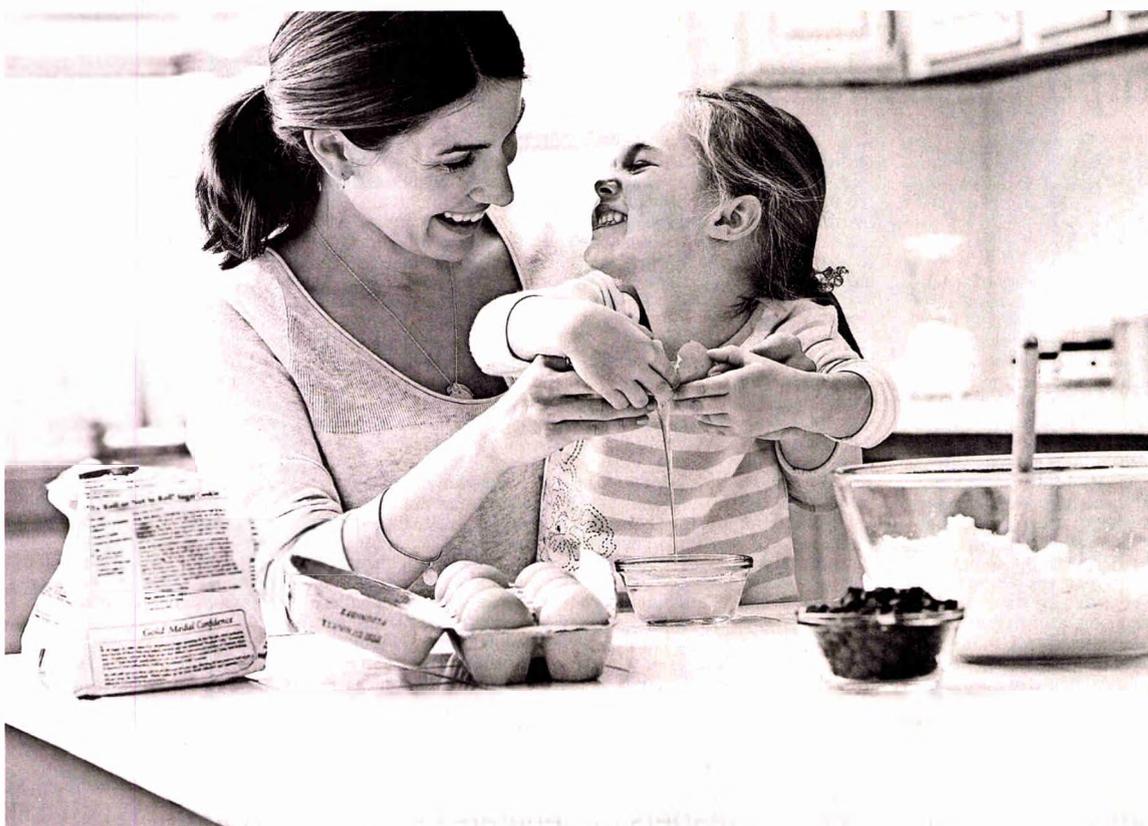
There are several types of bariatric surgery. The most

commonly performed are the sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass. Duodenal switch and lap band are less commonly done, however, all four surgeries are available at the Michigan Bariatric Institute. If you feel you are a candidate for bariatric surgery, ask your doctor to refer you to a bariatric center such as the Michigan Bariatric Institute for a consultation. The staff at the center will help you decide if you are a good candidate for surgery, help you understand your options for surgery and give you the roadmap for the bariatric journey — surgery is just one of the many steps in the process. It is not a quick fix or a weight loss miracle proce-

dures; it does require a lifelong commitment to eating right and staying active.

Tallal Zeni, MD is the medical director of minimally invasive and bariatric surgery at St. Mary Mercy Livonia. He is board certified in general surgery and fellowship trained in advanced laparoscopic and bariatric surgery at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare, Evanston IL. He has also conducted research in bariatric surgery and recently presented his research at two National and International Surgical Meetings.

To find a physician at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, call 1-888-464-WELL or visit stmarymercy.org.



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Wash hands and utensils after coming into contact with eggs to avoid cross-contamination and to keep your family safe.

Serve your flock safe eggs

Purchasing a dozen eggs offers nearly unlimited preparation possibilities. Enjoying any egg dish, however, starts with these four tips for purchasing safe eggs:

1. Always purchase eggs from a refrigerated case.
2. Open the carton and make sure there are no visible cracks or leaking eggs.
3. Check the short end of the carton for the date the eggs were packed as well as an expiration or sell by date to make sure the eggs are fresh.
4. Look for the United States Department of Agriculture grade shield or mark.

Once purchased, it's also important to follow these safe food handling practices to ensure egg safety and quality.

» Keep eggs in the coldest part of the refrigerator, not the door. Storing them in the refrigerator door could result in temperature fluctuations that can lead to bacteria growth.

» Eggs may be refrigerated three to five weeks at home. The sell-by date will usually expire during that time, but the eggs are safe to use for four to five weeks beyond the expiration date as long as they are kept in a refrigerator set at 40 F.

» Wash hands and utensils after coming into contact with eggs to avoid cross-contamination.

» Cook eggs thoroughly. For scrambled eggs and similar dishes, cook until no visible liquid remains. Fried

eggs should be cooked until the whites are completely set and the yolk is thickened but not hard.

» Serve eggs and dishes containing eggs promptly after cooking.

Hen housing

To better understand how different hen housing systems may affect food safety and other sustainability factors, the Coalition for Sustainable Egg Supply recently completed a three-year research study.

The study compared flocks of egg-laying hens in three different types of housing systems: conventional cage, enriched colony and cage-free systems. As consumers are becoming more interested in

the type of environment in which animals are raised, the coalition elected to conduct research in order to develop science-based information to use in supporting informed decision-making.

The research found that with proper management, eggs produced in any of the three different housing systems are safe and of comparable quality, but also accompany a variety of positive and negative aspects across other elements of sustainability.

Check out sustainableegg-coalition.org for more information about sustainable egg production, videos, interactive infographics and the CSES research results.

Courtesy of Family Features

Stay warm during cold weather with these tips

Henry Ford Hospital's Department of Emergency Medicine offers these tips for protecting yourself during cold weather:

Prevention

The key to avoiding cold weather injuries is to dress appropriately. This includes layering clothing with a first layer that pulls moisture away from the skin, an outer layer that keeps the elements out and a middle layer that insulates. Hats are a must because the head is where 30 percent of the body's heat loss takes place. Gloves and face protection also are necessary in extremely cold weather.

What is frostbite?

Frostbite is caused by exposure to dry, cold temperatures below freezing. It can result in permanent damage and tissue loss. The most susceptible body parts are fingers, toes, cheeks, ear lobes and the tip of the nose because they are located at the most distant points of the circulatory system. A precursor to frostbite is frostnip, in which the skin is numb, white and firm to the touch.

Frostbite risk

Inadequate or poorly fitted clothing, exposure to wind, dampness, contact with cold objects, dehydration, shock and trauma, hardening of the arteries, smoking, a history of frostbite, alcohol and other substance abuse, and fatigue.

Frostbite symptoms

Early symptoms of frostbite include tingling, numbness and pain in the affected area. The skin turns white or gray, and is cold and hard to the touch. There is no feeling in the affected area. The skin may blacken and form a tough layer that eventually disappears, revealing new skin that will always be more susceptible to frostbite. Deep frostbite can involve underlying tissue, muscle, tendon and bone.

Treating frostbite

Seek medical attention immediately. If transportation is delayed, rewarm the affected area in warm bath water. If a thermometer is not available, the water should feel comfortably warm to unaffected parts. Give the person

warm, non-alcoholic fluids. Rewarming at the location should be avoided if medical care is available within two hours.

During rewarming, the affected area will become extremely painful, red and blotchy, indicating return of adequate circulation. Wash the area thoroughly with soap and water. When color returns, wrap the part in sterile gauze or a clean cloth, separating the fingers and toes. Elevate the affected part after rewarming to decrease swelling and pain.

What is hypothermia?

Hypothermia occurs when the body's core temperature falls below 95 degrees Fahrenheit. This happens through exposure to cool and/or damp conditions. Cardiac arrhythmia also is possible when the core body temperature falls below 95 degrees Fahrenheit. The elderly, immobile and psychiatric patients are most at risk. Often times, hypothermia affects elderly people who live in poorly heated homes.

Hypothermia symptoms

These include slurred speech, decreased coordination, uncontrollable shivering, cold and pale skin, blue lips and nails, stiffening of neck and limbs, memory lapses, stumbling, abnormally slow breathing and a slow, irregular heart beat. The condition becomes grave when the shivering stops, muscles stiffen and the skin turns bluish.

Treating hypothermia

Seek medical attention immediately. In mild hypothermia, give the person warm, non-alcoholic fluids and cover his or her head. When hypothermia is more severe, treatment varies based on age. A young person can be warmed in a hot bath (115 degrees Fahrenheit). However, this can be fatal for elderly people. Warming should be gradual with the elderly. Make sure clothing is dry and wrap the person in blankets. Hypothermia patients generally have a good prognosis unless they go into cardiac arrest or complications arise from an associated illness.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Blood pressure screenings

Henry Ford nurses will provide blood pressure screenings, heart-healthy food sampling, games, educational information, and a chance to win a prize, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday in February, at Henry Ford Hospital, 7777 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. No appointment necessary.

Celiac support

The Tri County Celiac Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 8, at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Criscia Pemberton, a clinical psychologist, will talk about living with celiac disease. Admission is free for members; non-members pay \$10. tccsg.net

Hearing loss support

Michael Seidman, an otolaryngologist, will present a question and answer session on "common ear problems and their solutions" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information call Tony at 734-664-3297, afack@comcast.net.

Joint replacement

Learn about joint replacement procedures and implant options, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36154 Five Mile, Livonia. To register, call 734-655-2345.

Peripheral Arterial Disease

» Mohammed Abu-Mahfouz, M.D., and Mohamad Sobh, D.O., will discuss the guidelines for diagnosing, treating and managing PAD, noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren, Westland. Attendees will receive a free screening certificate. Register at 734-458-4259.

» Enjoy a light lunch while vascular experts Nicole Kennedy, M.D., and Syed T. Ansan, M.D., discuss peripheral artery disease, noon-1 p.m. Feb. 22, in the demonstration kitchen at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Peripheral artery disease (PAD), is a narrowing of the peripheral arteries to the legs, stomach, arms, and head. PAD is similar to coronary artery disease. Register by calling 248-325-3890 or email dk@hfhs.org.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

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Amputee support

The Amputee Support Group meets 2-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month in Classroom #1 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-2837 for more information.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.



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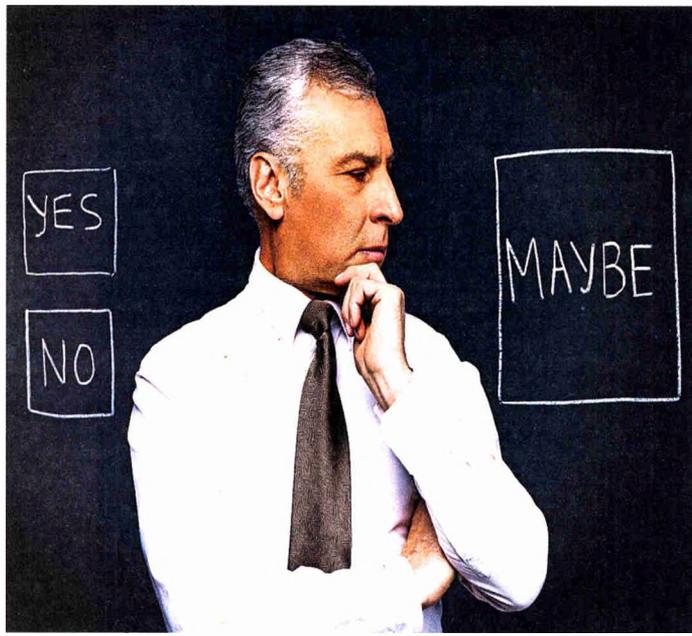
Congratulations! After weeks of updating your résumé, applying for jobs and enduring the rigorous interview process, you finally have a job offer. So why haven't you accepted it yet? Perhaps you are having reservations about leaving your current job, torn between offers or simply not sure this one is the right fit. Whatever the reason, it's important to explore it. Here are some expert-approved do's and don'ts to consider before accepting a job offer.

Don't be rash.

"Taking that proverbial step back and really evaluating the opportunity is key," says Lela Reynolds, a senior career consultant at Resume Strategists Inc. After all, changing jobs is a major life decision and warrants serious evaluation. Even if you have been out of the job market for a while, taking a position because you feel desperate could backfire. "If you take a role because you don't believe another will come along, you may find yourself back in the job market again because it wasn't the right fit," Reynolds says.

Do watch out for red flags.

Has there been high turnover at the company or in the position? Do the employees appear unenthusiastic, overworked or otherwise unhappy? Does the company seem more interested in selling itself to you than learning about you as a candidate? These could be red flags indicating deeper problems within the organization. Ask



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follow-up questions to address these concerns. If the company refuses to answer or dances around them, that could also be a red flag that something isn't quite right.

Don't ignore your gut.

"If your gut tells (you) there is something wrong, listen," says Donna M. Lubrano, an adjunct faculty member at Northeastern University College of Professional Studies. There's probably a good reason your instincts are telling you to run the other way, she says. "Seventy percent of communication is nonverbal, so you might be picking up nonverbal cues from the interviewer or others in the organization telling you that something isn't right."

Do think long-term.

"The main thing to consider is, 'Will this role bring me closer toward my career dreams and desires?'" says Darrell W. Gurney, author of "Never Apply for a Job Again! Break the Rules, Cut the Line, Beat the Rest." While the job in question may not be your dream job, it could be a stepping-stone to a better job later on. "Like in relationships, (this job) could be Mr. or Mrs. Right ... but it might be Mr. or Mrs. Right Now."

Don't sell yourself short.

"Never accept a job that is not paying the going market rate," says Katie Donovan, an equal-pay consultant and professional speaker. She recom-

mends checking out sites where you can get free salary information based on occupation, location and experience level. What happens if you find out that the employer is lowballing you? "There is always room to negotiate the first offer," Donovan says. If the final offer is still below market, it may be time to look elsewhere.

Do your research.

Career experts agree that doing background research on the company is key when considering a job offer. Start by checking its career site and social media pages to find out what the company values as an organization. See what employees say about the company on sites such as Glassdoor, and talk to people in your network who may know someone who works there to get firsthand insight into what the culture is really like.

Don't settle.

If the values of the organization are not in line with your values, the job is probably not right for you, says Kristina Butler, CEO of KB Career Solutions. "One of my favorite questions candidates can ask during the interview process is, 'Tell me what makes this a great place to work.'" The answer to that question will provide insight into the culture and help you assess if the job is the right fit for you.

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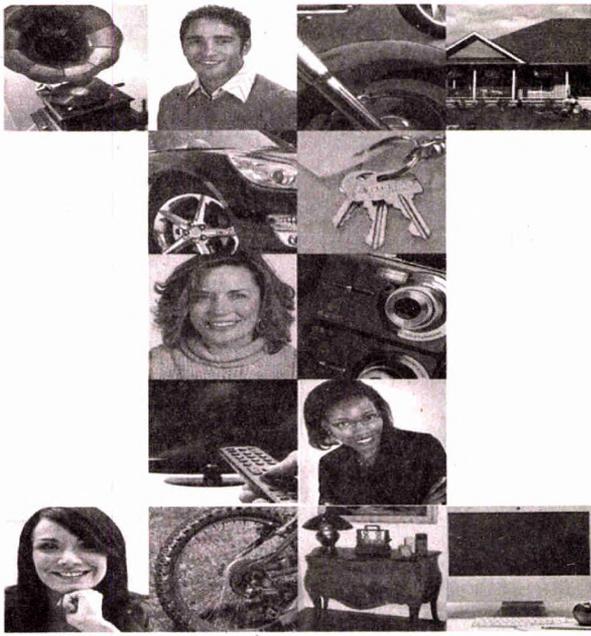
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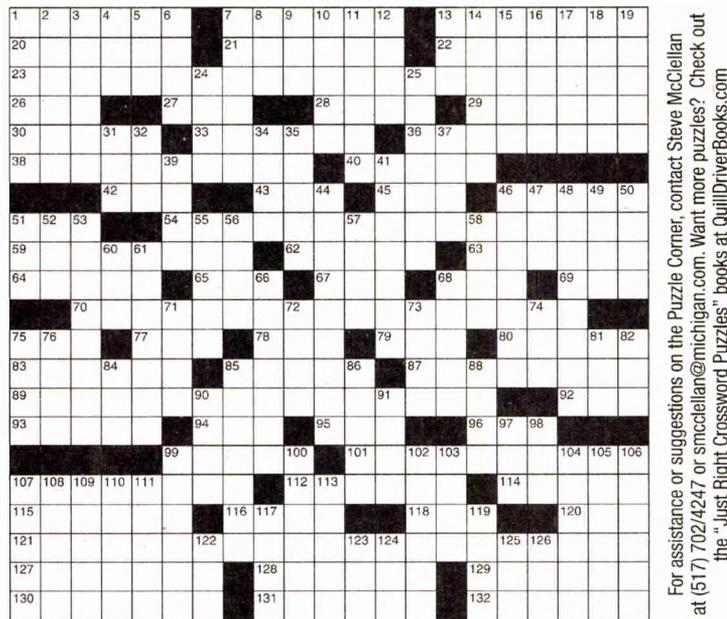
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| 7 — Adventures in "Wonderland" | 2 Plaza Hotel heroine | 47 "Let me see ..." | 84 Kin of ante-85 Spiral |
| 13 Mobile locale | 3 Erroneous | 48 Having pre-blended ingredients | 86 Moses or Meese |
| 20 Pacific weather phenomenon | 4 Set a flame | 49 Finales | 88 Of ears |
| 21 Sullen | 5 "Is there — hope?" | 50 Senes | 90 — Strauss |
| 22 Neighbor of Ukraine | 6 It's honked | 51 Nav. rank | 91 Immunizing fluids |
| 23 Eccentric, corrupt rascals? | 7 Acela runner | 52 Hamm on a soccer field | 95 May VIP |
| 26 Part of A/C | 8 Building site | 53 Deposits are recorded in it | 98 Sch. group |
| 27 "World Cafe" broadcaster | 9 Cholera | 54 David of the Red Sox | 99 Sitcom actress |
| 28 "Mama" of pop music | 10 Spiral shell | 55 Really injured | 100 Alternative to judo |
| 29 Spiritualists' event | 11 English class assignments | 56 Reilly | 102 River critters |
| 30 Seize illegally | 12 Min. parts | 57 "Book of Days" singer | 103 Current events |
| 33 Coarse | 13 — Dhabi | 58 Brow shape | 104 Like the Kazakh language |
| 36 African mongooses | 14 Zooms, e.g. | 60 Cleveland-to-Raleigh dir. | 105 Most weird |
| 38 One dealing in red meat for a living? | 15 Tree of the birch family | 61 Multipiece office gifts | 106 Tetley rival |
| 40 Selling points | 16 Israel's Ehud | 62 Maxim | 107 Hitler's turn to hit |
| 42 June hrs. | 17 Boxing venue | 63 Certain till fill | 108 French river |
| 43 Bit of intimate apparel | 18 Punish by fine | 64 Tube addict's punishment | 109 Fair shelters |
| 45 Suffix with prop- | 19 Burros | 65 Most weird | 110 Calif-length skirts |
| | 24 Int'l. oil group | 66 Max | 111 Gas bill info |
| | 25 Singers Donny and Marie | 67 Zele lead-in | 113 Small iPods |
| | 31 "Mayberry —" (old sitcom) | 68 AT&T rival, once | 117 No-clutter |
| | 32 Nightly-night garb | 69 Hi-speed connection | 119 Tablet extras |
| | 34 Union foes | 70 Actor Depp being mushy? | 122 "Leaving — Jet Plane" |
| | 35 Neophytes | 75 Hit in a ring | 123 Surg. centers |
| | 37 Saber's kin | 77 "Really? — who?!" | 124 Born, to Fil |
| | 39 "High Noon" actor Kruger | 78 King, in Toulon | 125 "... cup — cone?" |
| | 41 — "Messiah" (oratorio) | 79 Barfly, say | 126 Eighty-six |
| | | 80 Charles for whom a chair is named | |
| | | 81 More tempestuous | |
| | | 82 Stroke from the tee made while wearing a tee? | |
| | | 83 Little squirts | |
| | | 84 Kin of ante-85 Spiral | |
| | | 86 Moses or Meese | |
| | | 88 Of ears | |
| | | 90 — Strauss | |
| | | 91 Immunizing fluids | |
| | | 95 May VIP | |
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

2	9	8	4	2	6	1	9	
3	4	6	1	9	8	2	5	7
1	5	9	2	7	9	8	6	
8	6	2	5	1	9	4	2	3
7	9	2	8	6	3	6	5	1
6	2	4	6	8	1	2	9	5
5	8	1	9	4	2	3	6	2
9	7	3	6	5	2	1	4	8

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AIR NPRE CASS SEANCE
USURP EARTH MEERKATS
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DST BRA ANE THREE
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DIASPORA SENDS RAMADA
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JAB SEZ ROT SOT EAMES
USO FEN RIT ME STORM IERS
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Car Report

GM, Southeastern Michigan On the Move To Capture Business from Changes in Driving



By Dale Buss

Facing negative trends in car ownership and the sea changes being wrought by self-driving right in the face, General Motors got deeper into the ride-sharing business by launching a new personal mobility brand: Maven. And it'll get its start in Ann Arbor.

Meanwhile, southeastern Michigan business leaders and the state government are working to secure a prominent role for the area in an important aspect of the future of driverless automobiles: testing. In addition to the MCity facility that the University of Michigan already opened in Ann Arbor, economic-development interests are backing the creation of something called the American Center for mobility on 335 acres at the former B-24 manufacturing plant at Willow Run in Ypsilanti Township.

"We felt one of the ways we could really solidify the base of [the self-driving] transformation was to ensure that most of the research, testing and validation of those technologies occurred in Michigan rather than other places," said Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of the Business Leaders for Michigan.

Indeed, the American Center for Mobility will be designed to address the reality that the biggest roadblock to fulfilling the dream of a truly self-driving automobile isn't their technology but the lack of a nationwide system of smart infrastructure, traffic rules, safety regulations and legal framework that would make autonomous driving possible.

That's also why, capping off displays and unveilings at the Consumer Electronics Show and the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, the Obama Administration announced a 10-year, \$3.9-billion investment to accelerate development of autonomous cars, as part of the

2017 budget proposal.

The new policies would lay a regulatory framework and remove obstacles that automakers say must be addressed before they can safely put their self-driving vehicles on the nation's highways and byways.

"We're entering a new world here and we know it," Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said on the floor of the Detroit auto show. "We have to have one foot grounded in what we know about safety and apply our thinking to manage this transition. But we also have to have a healthy dose of learning from the industry—what they know—taking into account the possibility that the ways we thought about safety have to change."

While in Detroit, Foxx met with a handful of auto company CEOs to conclude what several described as a "historic" new agreement meant to improve automotive safety up front, cutting the number of accidents and recalls.

Various automated technologies and features have been available on cars up and down the price range for a while now, ranging from lane-change warnings to "adaptive" cruise control that essentially takes over driving the car and maintains safe distances from the vehicle in front.

Lately, even further technical advances by auto and tech companies have been pushing the envelope on existing regulations and underscoring the fact that the regulatory regime needs to catch



Maven represents one of GM's biggest digital plays.

up if the U.S. is going to lead the way in autonomous driving.

The government's initial project is only the beginning of a federal role to make self-driving a reality. And regulators will have to be prepared for the likelihood that, down the road, what car and tech companies want from them in some cases is to be left alone to finish their wonders.

For its part, GM plans to begin Maven in Ann Arbor partially because of the University of Michigan's sprawling campus and thousands of students and faculty. Maven users will be able to request the use of Chevrolet vehicles for as little as \$6 an hour, a la Zipcar, ranging up to \$12 an hour for a large SUV. The program will begin with vehicles available at 21 parking spots around town.

Maven will launch in more major U.S. cities later this year. It

includes an app for tracking down and reserving vehicles by location or car type, remote unlocking and functions such as starting and heating. It offers "seamless" smartphone and keyless integration with the vehicle through Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, GM's OnStar telematics service and Sirius XM radio. And Maven users will have "direct access to Maven leadership and core team members" via the WhatsApp messaging application.

"GM is at the forefront of redefining the future of personal mobility," President Dan Ammann said in a press release.

The company has no choice but to move in this direction. GM expects 25 million global customers will use ride-sharing services—including Uber—by 2020, up from about 5 million today.

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