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## Card party

Sts. Simon and Jude Church are hosting a Valentine Card Party 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8. The cost is \$8 at the door including cards, games, a light meal, snacks, door and table prizes and a 50/50 drawing. The church is at 32500 Palmer in Westland. Call (734) 722-1343 for more information.

## Black History Month events

The William P. Faust Public Library will host a special presentation, Spirit of African American Artists, by the Detroit Institute of Arts at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, in meeting rooms A and B.

The presentation will look at the lives and times of influential African-American artists from the late 19th century to the present day. The artists include Romare Bearden, Benny Andrews and Jacob Lawrence, as well as contemporary Detroit artists like Charles McGee, whose work can be seen at the DIA, Henry Ford Hospital, the Detroit People Mover's Broadway station and Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan and Michigan State universities.

Register on the library website at westland.lib.mi.us. Refreshments will be served. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

The Wayne Public Library is holding a Black History Family Film Night 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, to watch the PBS film series, *Slavery and the Making of America: The Challenge of Freedom*. As the country commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, this film examines the transformation of the Civil War from a struggle for union to a battle over slavery and the Reconstruction Years.

This is a free family program, but not recommended for children under age 6. Guests are welcome to bring a snack or beverage.

The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 721-7832.

## Westland cuts spending, improves fund balance in fiscal 2011-12

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Westland's tax revenues declined more than \$1.3 million in 2011-12 — the fourth consecutive year of falling revenues.

At the same time, the city's unreserved fund balance — savings that aren't designated for some expenditure — increased from \$2.3 million to \$4.8 million.

That increase is the result of keeping general fund expenditures \$2.4 million below budget and successfully obtaining new funding.

"I am excited that we were able to grow our general fund surplus beyond the expected \$2.3 million to a healthy \$4.8 million," said Mayor William Wild.

Coupled with the recent upgrade in the city's bond

rating by Moody's Investors Service from Baa2 to Ba1, Wild said the audit reflects progressive measures taken to reduce costs and control spending, and innovative endeavor, such as the recent consolidation of fire and parks and recreation departments with the City of Wayne, and contracting of building inspection, assessing and animal control services.

"Perhaps the most forward-thinking steps Westland has taken has been the consolidation and sharing of services," said Wild. "We continue to expand upon this mutually beneficial working relationship with Wayne as we explore consolidation of emergency dispatch services and services aimed at the senior citizens of our communities."

### Collaboration

Westland has also been in discussions with other communities on methods to collaborate for additional cost savings in the areas of emergency dispatch and fire service.

Those changes in city operations came after a five-year financial projection in 2009 which included multimillion

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## Making a difference



PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Tayshaun Payton waits to be honored as the Westland Youth Assistance Male Youth of the Year.

## Youth Assistance dinner honors outstanding youths and volunteers

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Volunteers and program participants were honored at the Westland Youth Assistance annual recognition dinner.

"Our volunteers don't get paid because they are priceless," said Youth Assistance Program Director Paul Motz, who treated guests to his traditional repertoire of bad jokes.

It's the 19th year for the Westland Youth Assistance Program, which provides a range of programs for youths and parents. It's probably best known for matching local youngsters with adult mentors.

Those recognized during the program included Male Youth of

the Year Tayshaun Payton, a seventh-grade student.

"When I first met Tayshaun, I noticed his million-dollar smile," Youth Assistance Deputy Director Michele Bracy said. "He made some poor decisions with friends. He made a mistake and took responsibility for what he did. He has shown impressive growth."

Tayshaun learned his lesson and is on track for future success, Bracy said, noting the support he received from his family while participating in Youth Assistance.

### Learn from mistakes

Carolee Mason was recognized as Female Youth of the Year. Case Manager Jackie Haase said that Mason, a high school junior, had shown a tremendous amount of

growth and actively participated in the program, in karate and a new girls group.

"Carolee is always polite and respectful," Haase said.

Thanking her mentor, the Youth Assistance staff and her parents, Carolee said, "I'm a bit of a troublemaker, but I'm learning from my mistakes."

Journey Mills received a special recognition and spoke about finding interests she shared with her mentor after initially thinking they had nothing in common.

Author and motivational speaker Delbert McCoy, who survived burns on more than 90 percent of his body, was honored as Agency of the Year.

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## Brothers charged with assault, theft of guns

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Three Dearborn Heights residents have been charged with assaulting a Westland woman and stealing a number of guns from a trailer parked behind a home on North Hix.

The victim, 55, had been staying in a fifth-wheel trailer with her boyfriend, Bernard Kudla, whose former wife, Virgie, lives in the home. The Kudlas are the parents of Jacob Kudla, 18, who with his friend Jourdan Bobbish, 17, were found murdered in Detroit last July.

Jason Gregory Zielinski, 25, his twin brother Justin Jerome Zielinski and Candice Marie Stajda, 24, have been charged with armed robbery, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, larceny of firearms and felony firearm.

Stajda had visited the trailer several times in the weeks preceding the Jan. 25 incident, providing sexual favors to Bernard Kudla, said Westland Police Sgt. Robert Wysong. Kudla had given Stajda a gun in lieu of cash, Wysong said.

"She knew there were firearms in the trailer. She passed that information along to the Zielinski brothers," said Wysong. "There 15 to 30 guns of all kinds. We're still trying to track that down."

Just before 2 p.m. on Jan. 25, two men forced their way into the trailer and beat the victim, who was there alone. At the time, Kudla was being held by Garden City police on unrelated charges.

"They found a time when the trailer wasn't occupied or just the female was home. They were concerned about him (Kudla) being there," said Wysong. "Ultimately, I don't think she had anything broken but these guys did a number on her. She was bruised and bumped up. She was covered with blood."

Wysong described the victim as about 5-foot-3 and weighing 120

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Journey Mills is all smiles as her mentor, Cathy German, talks about the wonderful accomplishments Journey has made over the past year. Germany has been a mentor for seven years.



High school junior Carolee Mason awaits announcement that she is the Female Youth of the Year.

## AUDIT

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dollar deficits annually, if changes weren't implemented.

"Congratulations on all the mergers and consolidations. Westland is a model for the state," said auditor Brian Camiller of Plante Moran. "Westland can be a regional leader with its size, location and expertise."

In the annual audit report, Plante Moran noted the Westland had met requirements for the state's Economic Vitality Incentive Program which resulted in \$1.1 million in funding.

The city also received a \$990,000 grant for Youth Assistance Program services and a two-year \$1.8 million grant to hire nine new firefighters.

"Short-term indications for the fund balance are very good. If you look at the long-term liabilities, health care and other costs are still going up," said Camiller.

### 'Good year'

As the city continues to

reduce spending and seek new funding sources, the city is also continuing to pay down debt, including a wastewater bond.

"If we're not at the bottom (of declining property values), we are close. We are seeing pockets of improvement," said Camiller. "This was a good year. The City Council came a long way in a short time but the budget will continue to be an issue."

The city received an unqualified audit, meaning the financial statements fairly represent the city's finances. "Today, Westland is in a strong position to withstand future economic downturns as the Michigan economy begins to stabilize," said Wild. "It is a reflection of our commitment to the residents and taxpayers of this All American City that we are planning for the future, providing quality services today and working hard to avoid the financial problems that have plagued other communities."

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## CHARGED

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pounds. The Zielinski brothers were described as about 5-foot-11 and weighing approximately 190 pounds.

Along with stealing 15-30 guns belonging to Kudla, Wysong said a nine-millimeter handgun was stolen from the woman. Cell phones belonging to the victim and Kudla were also reported stolen along with woman's jacket and a blanket.

After the assailants left, the victim went to the adjacent home to

seek assistance.

All three defendants were arraigned in Westland 18th District Court. Not guilty pleas were entered. All three are currently jailed. Jason Zielinski is being held on no bond due to other pending unrelated criminal charges. Justin Zielinski is jailed in lieu of \$500,000 cash/surety bond. Stajda is being held in lieu of \$250,000 cash/surety bond.

A preliminary examination for the three defendants has been set for Thursday, Feb. 7.

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PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN  
Motivational speaker Delbert McCoy speaks about never giving up in your life after receiving the Agency of the Year Award.

## DINNER

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"Delbert is a true hero, he is one of the most inspirational people you will ever meet," Case Manager Dominique Rhodes said. "He has inexhaustible energy and faith. He has a message of hope and forgiveness."

### A 'nice guy'

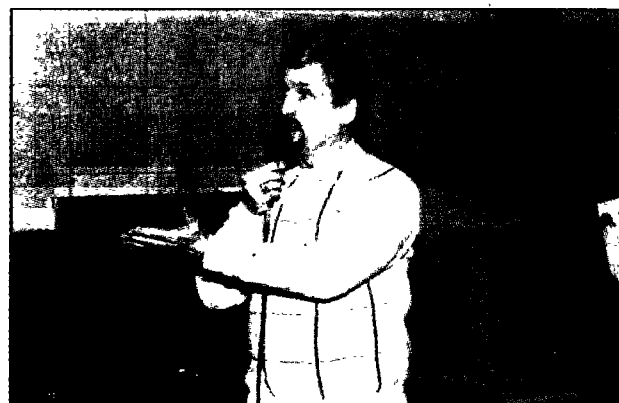
Jim Thomas was honored as Mentor of the Year. A counselor at Westland John Glenn High School, Thomas is also a member of the Youth Assistance advisory board.

"He is no stranger to working with kids. He's spent his entire adult life working with and for kids in some capacity," Motz said. "Jim is like my best friend. He's a heck of a nice guy. I like to think that's what we have in common."

Describing his own father as the best mentor ever, Thomas said he was honored to part of Youth Assistance, where the staff and volunteers give so much of their time.

The honorees received tributes from Westland, Wayne County and the state of Michigan.

Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Cicirelli was a major backer in starting the Youth Assistance Pro-



Mentor of the Year Jim Thomas, a counselor at John Glenn High School, talks about how he enjoys working with youth in the community.



Volunteer mentor Jennifer Kasaba is one of many recognized for her work with youth in Westland Youth Assistance Program.

gram nearly 20 years ago and has continued to be a strong supporter.

"The program has grown so much. Thanks to all the mentors. You give your time. You know you have changed at least one life," Cicirelli said. "I don't want to

see those youngsters in a courtroom. When you are young and immature, you make bad decisions. I thank you for your support of the program."

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## AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

### Lenten Fish Fries

First United Methodist Church of Wayne is holding a fish fry 4:30-7 p.m. starting Friday, Feb. 15, through Friday, March 22.

Dinners includes baked or fried fish, baked potato or french fries, vegetable, cole slaw and a roll. A child's meal is also available - nuggets or one piece of fish, french fries, vegetable, cole slaw

and a roll. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for the child's meal. Home made pies are also available for \$1.00 a slice.

The church is at 3 Town Square across from the Wayne Post Office. The church is handicap accessible. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.


• American Legion Post 32 is holding Lenten fish fries 5-8 p.m. Fridays now through March 2 no fish fry on Feb. 22) at the post,

9318 Newburgh, Livonia. Dinners are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children for all-you-can-eat cod, french fries of macaroni and cheese and cole slaw. For more information, call (734) 427-5630.

### Bowling benefit

Bowl for the Westland Historic Village Park noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Vision Lanes at 38250 Ford Road, west of Newburgh Road.

Tickets are \$25 each and include three games, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and pop. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, mystery prize, door prizes and more. Advanced tickets can be purchased for \$20 at the Westland Historic Village at 857 N. Wayne Road. They also will be available at the door the day of the event. For tickets or more information, call Ryan at (734) 756-0769.



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# Inspire Theatre goes western for 'Trouble in Silver City'

Eight years ago a group of wannabe actors gathered around a table to dream about community theatre in Westland. That night Inspire Theatre was born.

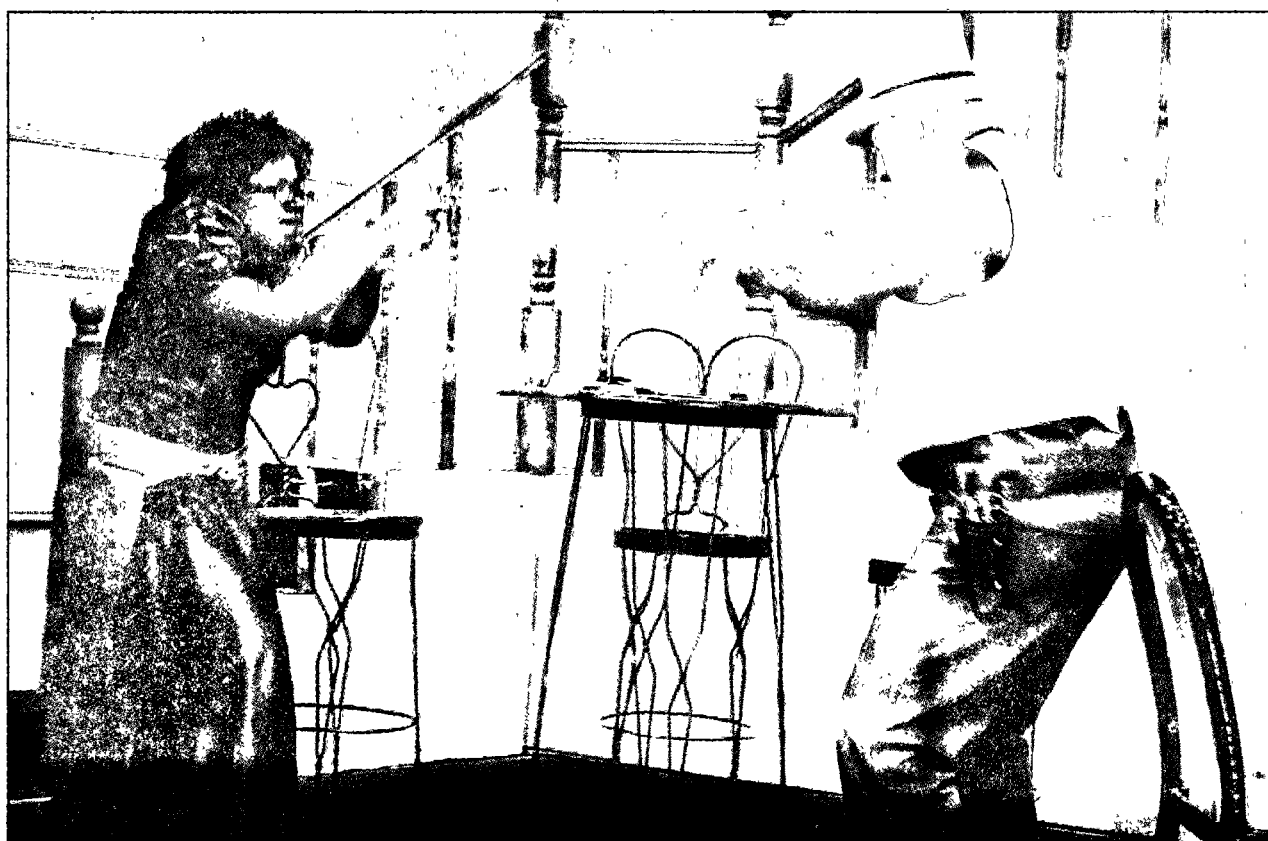
From that first musical-comedy-variety show, *That's Amore*, the little theatre that could has presented amazing shows year after year. To celebrate their anniversary, Inspire Theatre is presenting an interactive comedy-murder mystery set in the old west, *Trouble in Silver City*.

Written by local writers Anne and Christopher Mara, *Trouble* is directed by Lisa Brawley and Richard Holland of Livonia. Brawley and Holland have appeared in the last two productions of Inspire Theatre — *Rumors* and *The Mousetrap*. Brawley also recently appeared in Canton's TLC Productions One Act Festival.

*Trouble in Silver City* is set in the Red Hat Saloon. Frank, played by Chris Tolen of Livonia, is hiding out from his fiancée, Courtney Nixon of Northville, who he believes tricked him into proposing. When she arrives on the stage with a Pinkerton detective, Matt Houser of Waterford, he must go into hiding.

With the help of Red Hat owner Miss Lily, played by Marian Busa of Canton, Frank becomes Frankie and the fun begins. Throw in an intoxicated Doctor and a flamboyant sheriff, a gambler, the schoolmarm, the fiancée's guardian, a gourmet cook who runs the lively stable, and a Mexican cleaning lady, laughs never stop.

Toni Hammond of



Cara Ball of Westland takes aim on Richard Plentak of Canton in Inspire Theatre's "Trouble in Silver City."



Toni Hammond (left) of Farmington pours a drink to Deanna Lee of Redford.

Farmington, Cara Ball of Westland, Jan Laurente of Canton, Deanna

Lee and John Donnelly of Redford, Nixon, and Tolen are all Inspire

Theatre regulars. This is Houser's, Busa's and Canton's Richard Plentak's first outing with Inspire Theatre.

"It's a good mix," said

producer Len Fisher, who is also the artistic director of IT. "Richard and Lisa have worked with us before and understand us. Mixing the old timers with the newcomers works for this show. We started this theatre as a place where folks could feel valued, where they belonged. And that's what makes it fun."

Since its inception eight years ago, Inspire Theatre has produced a mix of well known productions as well as original shows written by Fisher. Inspire Theatre also has an acting school for children ages 9-15, Inspire School of Theatre Arts. The school recently presented *A Christmas Carol*. This spring the school will present the melodrama, *The Ballad of Gopher Gap*, also set in the old west. The school hopes to run a *Wizard of Oz* Camp this summer.

*Trouble in Silver City* will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 8-9 and 15-16. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The play is a dinner theater with the meal catered by Caterer1 of Livonia. It includes Sun Chicken with sun dried and roma tomatoes in a white wine sauce over angel hair pasta, BBQ pork loin, seasoned green beans, garlic cheddar mashed potatoes, tossed salad with ranch, Italian or low calorie French dressing, rolls with butter and sparkling punch.

Tickets cost is \$35 each and are advance sales only. They can be purchased online at [inspiretheatre.com](http://inspiretheatre.com) or by calling (734) 751-7057.

Inspire Theatre is at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland.

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## Election date decision on tap for LPS board

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

Livonia school board members are expected to act Monday night on a \$195 million bond proposal to place before voters later this year, possibly as early as May.

Board President Mark Johnson said the bond is necessary "to give students the best possible institutions moving forward," Johnson said. "Our responsibility is to educate our children. When we look at other districts, particularly in technology, quite honestly, we are behind."

Trustees will hold a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the board room at the Livonia Public Schools administrative building at 15125 Farmington Road. A resolution to approve ballot language for the bond proposal is listed as an agenda item.

The \$195 million bond, if approved by voters, would cost approximately \$19 per month or \$228 per year for a resident with a home valued at \$178,000, the median home price in the school district, for the next 30 years. The total cost if values stay the same over the 30-year bond would be \$6,840 for the owner of a median-priced home in the district.

The bond would fund new technology, renovations to the three high schools' auditoriums and fine/performing arts classrooms, buses, furniture, roof repairs, windows, doors, flooring, ceilings, plumbing and

electrical work, cafeteria upgrades, and relocation of elementary school offices to entrances for better security.

The \$195 million bond also includes \$3.5 million in improvements for the existing career technical center.

Johnson noted that Churchill was the last school built in Livonia and that was in 1969. "If you walked into the schools, you would see how old some of them are," said Johnson, who attended Riley School in 1968. "I think they have the same tile and PA boxes from when I went there."

Johnson believes the board will discuss setting a May election date. A May election would cost Livonia Public Schools an estimated \$40,000 to \$46,000 between the cities of Livonia and Westland. An August primary election, assuming both Livonia and Westland have enough city council/mayoral candidates to hold a primary, would cost the district nothing.

In response to an editorial in the *Livonia Observer* encouraging the board to hold the election in August, Johnson said at a recent meeting that the board had worked to establish trust in the district and on the bond proposal. That trust "goes far beyond the one decision about an election date," Johnson said.

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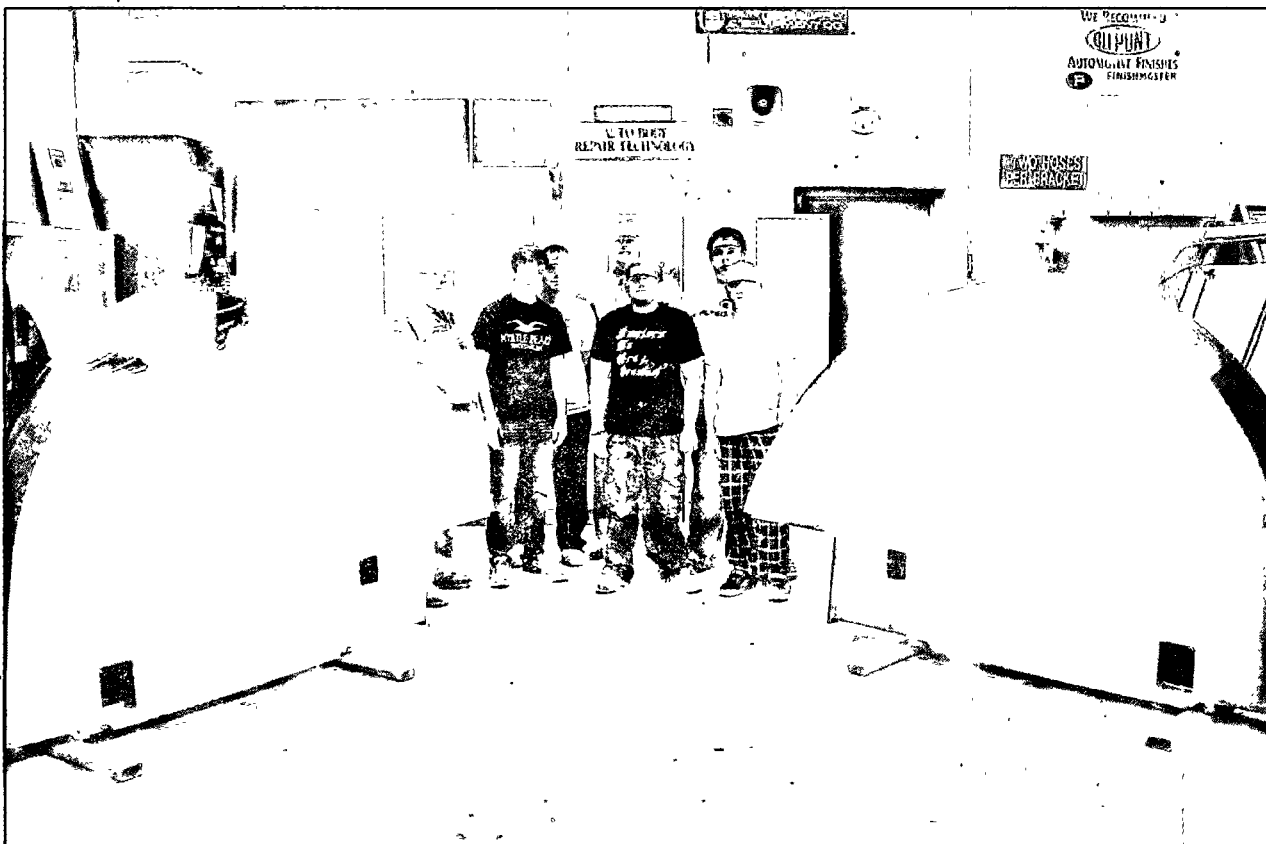


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Automotive Collision Repair Technology instructor Steve Heim joins students in his morning class - James Zampas, Steven Sekerak, Bryan Binert, Austin Schick and Charles Wood - and Career Technical Center Principal Steve Kay in showing off the finished B-17 wing tips.

## Career Tech students help paint museum's B-17

Auto Body students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center have been given the chance to be part of history.

The Yankee Air Museum in Belleville asked the students to paint the wing tips from The Yankee Lady, its World War II B-17 bomber. The museum provided all the painting supplies for the project.

According to Automotive Collision Repair Technology instructor, Scott Heim, the Career Tech students receive a lot of hands-on projects like this in their class.

"A lot of it is word-of-

mouth," Heim said. "They do a lot of stuff that comes in from the outside."

Some of the projects that the Career Tech students have worked on in the past are a SWAT truck for Westland Police, a three-quarter-ton army truck for Purple Heart, and painting the Salvation Army kettles. The students also get to work on other items that customers bring in, such as gas pumps, cabinets and motorcycles.

It's the schools intention that with this hands-on learning, students will be prepared for work outside of the classroom.

"They learn about surface prep," Heim said. "Sanding, cleaning, and painting. We use fleet paint which is the same paint you'd put on any kind of truck, plane, etc."

With these skills, Career Tech students will undoubtedly have an advantage over others in the job market after graduation.

The Yankee Lady is one of about nine World War II B-17 bombers still flying. The aircraft was built in 1945 and purchased by the museum in 1985. After 10 years of restoration, it flew again and now makes regular appearances at air shows.



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The Yankee Air Museum provided the paint and Career Technical students did the labor in restoring the Yankee Lady's wing tips.

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## Judge delays trial of parents charged in death of infant

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

The trial of a couple charged with abusing and killing their infant son has been adjourned.

An evidentiary hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 13, in Wayne County Circuit Court to hear from expert witnesses on whether Nicole Roberts was competent to waive her Miranda rights when giving a statement to police.

Roberts, 19, of Westland, and Antonio Brandon, 23, of Inkster, are charged with killing their son Kayden Brandon, 2½ months old, and abusing his twin brother Cameron.

This will be the second time Roberts' attorney has used an expert in an attempt to have Roberts' statement found inadmissible based on her lack of competency. During testimony at the preliminary examination in Westland 18th District Court, the prosecution won that battle of the expert witnesses — the prosecution witness testifying that Roberts was competent.

A new trial date has not yet been set for the pair, who have been jailed in lieu of bond since being arrested shortly after Kayden died early Dec. 5, 2011.

Brandon is charged with first-degree murder and child abuse. Roberts is

charged with involuntary manslaughter and child abuse — that she was aware of the abuse and allowed it to continue.

The death of Kayden, who weighed 10 pounds, was ruled a homicide with asphyxiation and blunt force trauma as the causes. Testimony from the Wayne County medical examiner found the infant had a range of fresh and healing injuries, including deep tissue bleeding in his arms and neck muscles, broken ribs and bleeding in his chest cavity.

The autopsy found Kayden had bruises and fingernail abrasions on his face that would be consistent with an adult hand being placed over his mouth and nose, suffocating him.

Brandon and Roberts told police that they would place a hand over the face of Kayden, as well as his twin Cameron, when the baby cried. Once the baby crying stopped, the couple told police Brandon would bite the baby to startle him into breathing again.

A second Westland couple, Joshua Wilson and Kelli Worth-McBride, both 21, are jailed awaiting trial on charges of abusing and murdering their 3-month old son Joshua Wilson Jr., who died Dec. 19.

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Westland city officials turned out for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Bargain Club, one of several new businesses to open in 2012.

## Major projects spur economic growth in Westland in 2012

On the heels of major projects completed in 2011, Westland has steadily gained momentum, continuing to enhance the lives of residents through economic growth and vitality, said Westland Mayor William Wild.

In a year that saw the opening of the MJR Grand Cinema 16, a \$15 million investment, as well as the \$13 million to construct the Universal Learning Academy, Wild said Westland has enjoyed tremendous progression since.

The pace continued in 2012, as more than 50 new businesses opened their doors, relocated and experienced extensive makeovers. According to city reports, it is estimated that more than 500,000 square feet of vacant space in Westland was filled last year. Residents witnessed multiple businesses, including the Westland Char House, Jumparooz, Bargain Club and DDI, take over vacant space that at one time were eyesores.

The McDonalds Corporation invested \$350,000 into their location at Warren and Wayne roads in the heart of Westland's Shop and Dine district, making complete interi-

or and exterior renovations to the building.

Last year also saw the approval of two Tim Horton's one of which took advantage of the city's Brownfield redevelopment plan, which reimburses the developer for allowable expenses under the Brownfield Act.

"We made a lot of progress over the last few years in continuing the growth and development of the City by marketing the city and attracting new businesses," said Economic Development Director Lori Fodale. "The \$15 million MJR investment really got the momentum started and we haven't slowed down since."

### Attracting business

Looking ahead, Westland continues to attract new businesses and areas for growth and development. With the recent purchases of two of the city's longtime vacant and largest buildings, the 46,140-square foot JoAnn Fabrics & Crafts and the 99,774-square foot Value City, the city looks to continue its revitalization through the excitement of these major projects that lie ahead, creating jobs during the construction pro-

cess and adding to the overall strength of the city's commercial district.

Continuing the trend, it was recently announced that the Red Lobster Corporation will invest \$200,000 in a complete exterior renovation for their landmark location on Wayne Road.

One of the largest projects undertaken in 2012 was the redevelopment of the Sam's Club building on Cowan. After closing its doors over 10 years ago, the building remained vacant. However, it was recently purchased by Dynamic Diagnostics, a Michigan based medical supply company, and is currently investing over \$2 million to reopen as a medical building, where the company will warehouse, distribute and retail various medical supplies and equipment.

"As mayor, I am very pleased with the amazing resurgence of our All American City through economic growth," Wild said. "We are known as a business friendly community and our talented staff will continue to build relationships with potential commercial investors and seek new ways and strategies in further contributing to the overall growth of our community."

### Circuit City

And 2012 ended with quite a bang for Westland, with the city announcing its purchase of the vacant 64,000-square-foot Circuit City building, located on Warren Road near Central City Parkway, and unveiling plans to invest in a comprehensive revitalization of the building, retrofitting it to create a new modern, energy efficient City Hall.

As the New Year gets underway and future plans around the city continue to be made, local developers continue to show interest in investing in the Westland market.

The Lormax Stern Development Company has invested in property in Westland for more than 20 years and plans to continue.

"When you invest in the City of Westland, they become your teammate and advocate for the development or redevelopment of your property," said CEO Daniel Stern. "Westland's staff is active in trying to help find tenants for your property, the planning and approval process is streamlined with a professional and knowledgeable staff and they realize what it takes in today's market to attract economic development to the city."

## WAYNE-WESTLAND RECREATION

### Kids Zone

For those taking a class or working out at the Wayne Community Center, there is a special offer for using the Kids Zone, which serves youngsters from walking toddlers up to age 9.

Wayne and Westland residents can now pay \$10 per child for unlimited Kids Zone visits. The cost is \$15 for non-residents. One-time visits are \$3.

The Kids Zone is an interactive area that includes a soft play area, a five-sport play station and other activities. The Kids Zone is open 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday.

### Hockey Day

Hockey Day in Mich-

igan comes to the Mike Modano Ice Arena Saturday, Feb. 16.

The events include:

- A Power Skating Clinic 12:30-1:20 p.m. for Mini, Mite and Pee Wee. The cost is \$15 per skater. Preregistration is required.

- Open Skate 1:30-3:20 p.m. Wear a hockey jersey and get \$1 off admission.

- Skills Competition 3:30-5:30 p.m. for Mini, Mite and Bantam. The cost is \$10 per skater for three events.

For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

Tickets are also on sale for this year's rematch of the Wild Wings and the Detroit Red Wings Alumni to be played Friday, March 1, at Mike Modano.



### CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING February 11, 2013

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 11, 2013 at 6:58 p.m. regarding an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Garden City.

#### PROPOSED ORDINANCE #

AN ORDINANCE TO CONDITIONALLY AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY. THE ORDINANCE INVOLVES THE CONDITIONAL REZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF FORD ROAD BETWEEN SHOTKA AND DILLON, PARCEL ID 35-017-01-0379-000, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 30759 FORD ROAD.

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 10, 2013 to consider a conditional amendment to the Zoning Map of Garden City.

WHEREAS, the applicant has offered a conditional rezoning agreement which states the conditions upon which the conditional amendment to the zoning map was considered.

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 KNOWN AS PARCEL ID 35-017-01-0379-000, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 30759 FORD ROAD SHALL BE CONDITIONALLY REZONED FROM C-2, COMMUNITY BUSINESS TO C-3, GENERAL BUSINESS.

FURTHERMORE, THE CITY CLERK AND MAYOR ARE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE CONDITIONAL REZONING AGREEMENT.

#### 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.

RANDY WALKER, Mayor  
ALLYSON M. BETTIS,  
Treasurer, City Clerk

### Wayne-Westland Community Schools Westland, Michigan 48185

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Wayne-Westland Community Schools' will be received for:

**Parking Lot Projects @ Adams Upper Elementary School & Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center**  
**Roofing Projects @ Franklin Middle School and Respite Center**  
**HVAC Insulation Replacement at John Glenn High School**

Bid proposals will be received at the office of Dr. David Kaumeyer, Senior Executive Director / Business & Operations, Wayne Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185, until 1:30 P.M. local time on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education Office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185.

Bids received after this time and date will not be considered.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

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

102 Earthwork / Site Utilities / Asphalt Paving / Site Concrete  
109 Roofing / Sheetmetal  
142A HVAC Insulation

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, CAM, Reed, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents, beginning on Tuesday, February 4, 2013 by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from ARC/Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248) 288-5600. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education Office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the projects, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have.

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

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.



# Players present parody of Shakespeare's works



Dave Durham of Garden City rehearses a scene from the Spotlight Players' upcoming production of "The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)." **02/03/13**

Whatever your feelings are about Shakespeare, you can enjoy a good laugh with Spotlight Players production of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)* weekends Friday, Feb. 15, through Sunday, Feb. 24, at Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The production is a parody of the plays written by William Shakespeare, all of them. The actors, including Dave Durham of Garden City, are using their real names and play themselves with created personalities rather than certain characters.

The fourth wall also is nonexistent during the performances, with the actors speaking directly to the audience during much of the play, and some scenes involve audience participation.

"We intend to take the audience on a merry romp through all of Shakespeare's tragedies, comedies and history plays," said director Shannon McNutt. "This show may not elevate Shakespeare to the point where every hotel room has a copy of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare* but it is a dizzy, affectionate mocking of the world's best-known playwright, peppered to great effect with pop-culture references and local jokes."

McNutt, an English and drama teacher with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has had acquaintances tell her that Shakespeare wasn't their thing. It's boring and hard to understand the language.

"I wanted to direct this show because it is

such an irreverent romp through the Bard's plays and it is so funny," she said. "I love the improvisational aspect to it - the show is never the same twice. I also love ensemble shows, where everyone has the chance to shine. It is a very collaborative experience."

The cast includes Dave Durham of Garden City, Bethany Basanese, Tim Chanko, Tommy Fafalios, Julie Franklin, Hannah Sayre Fox and Kyle Kimlick from the Plymouth-Canton area and Leanne Young of South Lyon. Judy Cannizzaro is the producer.

The play will be presented at 6 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 15 and 22, at 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 16 and 23, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 17 and 24. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors

and students under age 19. Group rates are also available. Tickets are available in advance by calling (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at [www.spotlightplayers-mi.org](http://www.spotlightplayers-mi.org).

They also can be purchased at The Summit on the Park in Canton or at the door. The box office opens one hour prior to show time.

All performances are at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, west of Denton, Canton. Formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, Spotlight Players is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and has been part of the community for 69 years. For more information about the Spotlight Players, call at (734) 480-4945 or visit [www.spotlightplayers-mi.org](http://www.spotlightplayers-mi.org).

## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

### Founder's Day

The Garden City PTA Council will celebrate all things PTA with its Founders Day Dinner 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Roma Banquets on Cherry Hill, east of Venoy.

The party will feature dinner and entertainment as well as celebrate the history of PTA, honor outstanding local volunteers, announce the Educator of the Year and raise funds for college scholarships. There also will be a "serious" competition between the high school and middle school PTSAs and Garden City Elementary PTA buildings and Garden City's own PTA Idol. Members of the GCPS staff will be singing and competing for the title.

Tickets are \$20 each and must be purchased in advance at the school buildings.

### Scrapbooking

St. Raphael Catholic School will hold a 12-hour scrapbooking fund-raiser 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, in the Activities Building, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City. All proceeds from the second annual 12-hour crop will go directly to the school. Bring are your pictures, scrapbook/stamping supplies, they'll supply a light breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and beverages. Vendors will be available with scrapbooking and stamping items available for purchase. There also will be items raffled off. The cost is \$35 per person for full day, \$25 per person for a half day.

The deadline to register is Feb. 2. Call Carrol Muglia at (734) 751-4776.

### Project Graduation

Garden City High School Project Graduation 2013 is holding a trip to Greektown Saturday, March 16.

Group 1 will depart from the Garden City High School parking lot

at 2 p.m. and leave Greektown at 7:30 p.m. Group 2 will leave for Detroit at 3 p.m. and leave Greektown at 8:30 p.m.

The fund-raiser is for anyone age 21 and older with valid ID. It costs \$25 per person and includes \$20 of Casino play and round trip transportation.

For more information about Project Graduation, contact Carolyn Burek at (734) 891-5243 or at [Carolyn\\_burek@hotmail.com](mailto:Carolyn_burek@hotmail.com) or Dawn Gabrielson at [dawn@gabby.comcast.net](mailto:dawn@gabby.comcast.net).

### CPL course

Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness will be hosting a one-day CPL certification course (formerly known as CCW) on Saturday, Feb. 9.

The course will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost for the CPL Certification is \$135. Reservations and a \$50 deposit are required. Participants can use their firearm or one can be rented for \$10. The course topics include home security, firearm safety, legal requirements and range practice.

Contact GMA at (734) 266-0565 to reserve a space or for more information.

### Preschool signup

Garden City Preschool is currently taking names of students for fall enrollment. The tuition-based program will begin registration in March.

Call Lisa Mays or Sonya Griwick at (734) 762-8440 for more information and to get on the preschool's mailing list.

### Zumba class

Zumba fitness is back at Merriman Road Baptist Church, on Merriman just south of Ford, Garden City. The class is for women age 18 and older. Class time is 8-9 p.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Girlfriends of Grace Ministry at Merriman Road Baptist Church, the class will be held on Thursdays

at the church. Donations will be taken at the door to cover the cost of the instructor.

For more information, call (734) 421-0472.

### Tutoring

Members of the Key Club are once again offering tutoring 3:30-4:40 p.m. Wednesdays.

Any middle school and elementary students can get some much-needed help with their studies at tutoring, offered 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Room 118 at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt.

For more information, contact Myrnia Hathaway at the high school at (734) 762-8350 or at [hathawm@gardencityschools.com](mailto:hathawm@gardencityschools.com).

### Pet-a-Pet

Pet-A-Pet, Inc. is looking for enthusiastic, friendly pets and their owners to visit facilities one hour a month at the Garden City Hospital Rehab. Pets must be up to date with vaccinations, proof required. Visits are at 3:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

Call Mickie Hickey at (734) 522-0036 for more information or to sign up.

### Community Chat

Please join host Kerry Partin and his co-hosts every Thursday night at 9 p.m. It's the Internet talk show dedicated to the residents and businesses of Garden City and the surrounding communities. Share your events, fundraisers and comments with other listeners.

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## Children and Substance Abuse: Alcohol, tobacco, other drugs?

By Dr. Stanley Szcotka  
Guest Columnist

What, as parents, do we want our children to take away from their exposure to substance use? And are we modeling behavior that is consistent with this message? Furthermore, what have we imparted to our children about substance use through candid discussion with them or through their observation of us? And what is their current appreciation and opinion about substance use?

Firstly, if a parent suspects that their child may be experimenting with substances, this suspicion is reason enough for further intervention. By and large parents fail to trust their instincts and perhaps are looking for a reason to quell their suspicions. Ask questions and bring this issue to the light of day amongst family members, friends, and parents of your children's friends. Secrecy is a major factor in the development of substance use problems and the maintenance of harmful use. However, challenging and sticky this issue can be for a parent, if there are concerns, there is work to do.

For the purposes of this article the generic term "substances" to refer to alcohol, tobacco, caffeine and other street or prescription drugs. This is not to de-emphasize the criminality associated with some substances over others, but to encourage gener-

al thought about the issue of substance consumption and how we teach and protect our children about the substance use and related risks. This is also not designed to be an article that reviews the dangers and risks associated with substance use and/or abuse.

Let's face it, these substances are not vitamins or health food, and they are dangerous, but they are also prevalent in our households, families and communities, and readily available if sought. This article encourages parents to review the intended parental message associated with substance use and possibly even review the motives and management of personal use as a means to improve the parental power while managing of children's substance use awareness and later management success.

It is important to acknowledge that most, if not all, children will be exposed to substance use during their school-aged years. Local survey results concur with national research and trends which point to children's first exposure to personally knowing someone who uses substances for recreational purposes occurs in the middle school years; exposure and frequency of contact increases through secondary education.

It is also somewhat awkward and potentially humbling to recognize that most people use substances to alter or enhance the way they feel, or perhaps make or allow them to feel different or better. The use of substances for "altering-purposes" does not necessitate that

one dislikes how they naturally feel, but the honest goal of substance use is to create an effect that is not experienced without the substance. Parents often seem to shy away from this insight and/or justify their own substance use as a privilege of age, which children have yet to be offered.

And it is these same children who are expected to delay use of substances until they are of age, respective to legal substances, and delay forever use of non-legal substances. The delay of non-legal substances exposure, in particular marijuana, may be increasingly difficult due to the frequency of contact, awareness of casual use, and the blended medical marijuana trend to which communities and children are exposed.

Children are forming impressions about these tricky issues all the time and have unprecedented independent access and exposure to information (and even some substances). As children are persistently revising their knowledge about substance use through experiences with social media, friends, music, TV, movies, etc., parents, too, ought to frequently and persistently review with children the message that they wish to impart to their children and seek clarity from them beyond the often too simple assumed compliance with parental prohibition.

Dr. Stanley Szcotka is a clinical psychologist, licensed counselor and school counselor currently working as director of Student Services for the Garden City Public Schools.



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## KNEE INJURIES

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The sudden presence of fluid in the knee is cause enough for pain; if the person injured is elderly and on a blood thinner the chances for an incapacitating injury are greater. Elderly bones and joints are fragile by way of age alone. If the person is also on blood thinners, then the chance that bleeding will occur in the traumatized joint is heightened.

A doctor can distinguish bleeding into the knee from an attack of trauma induced gout. Both bleeding into the knee and gout crystals precipitating in the joint can cause acute swelling and marked pain. However, in a bleed, the person will note relief by lying down or sitting with the swollen leg up. In gout, no position of the leg or body relieves the pain.

The only way to stop the pain when bleeding is the cause is to remove the blood from the knee, that is, aspirate the joint. Similar treatment will work in cases of gout, but other approaches such as steroid or non-steroidal medication are applicable.

Doctors are careful before ascribing a fall to imbalance or worn stairs. X-rays intended to evaluate a leg for fracture will often reveal a knee with advanced osteoarthritis. While many patients may be able to ignore the pain of arthritis, few can overcome the instability and sudden give-way weakness that accompanies knee osteoarthritis and can cause an unexpected fall.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

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There is no age or residency restrictions. Clients must file basic/simple forms only to have preparations done at this site. All taxes will be electronically filed. For appointments, call (734) 721-7460.

The Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland, is now taking appointments for 2012 Income Tax Preparation for all Westland residents. For more information or to make an appointment, call (734) 722-7628.

Beginner's Tai Chi

Beginner's Tai Chi will be offered at 9 a.m., beginning Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, at Annapolis, in Wayne.

Tai Chi has shown to be a weight-bearing exercise that improves balance, memory and overall health. The 10-week session costs \$65. Stop by and view the first class and speak with the certified instructor prior to registering.

Visit the Wayne Senior Services Office or call (734) 721-7460 for more information.

Garden programs

Master Gardener Association of Western Wayne County will present three programs on trees and gardening in February at the Wayne County Extension Center, 5454 Venoy, south of Van Born, Wayne.

Explore the world of fairy gardens at a program at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5. The presentation will include their history and popularity and learn how to create your own fairy garden in a program

presented by Pat Mann of the Greenfield Village Herb Association.

MGWWC also is offering "Heirloom Tomatoes from Seeds to Sauce," on Tuesday, Feb. 12, Pruning Trees and Ornamental Shrubs on Tuesday, Feb. 19, and Outdoor and Garden Photography on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Heirloom tomato aficionado Paul Rodman will expand participants' knowledge of tomato seed selection and growing techniques, as well as share some of his tomato recipes. Roy Prentice, farm manager of Michigan State University Tollgate Farm, will teach the secrets of successful pruning, for health, form and improved vigor. Bob Bransky, photographer and Master Gardener, will provide tips on how to capture the beauty of nature, learn how to take outstanding pictures, including camera basics.

Each of the programs cost \$10. To sign up, go online to the Master Gardener website at [www.MGWWC.org](http://www.MGWWC.org). For more information, call (313) 719-1181.

Ice skating

Looking for something to do on a Friday evening? Stop by the Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland for Glow Skate 8-9:20 p.m. Fridays. Get a Glow Skate punch card. Skate five times and the sixth is free.

The arena also offers open skate 1:30-3:20 p.m. Saturdays. The cost is \$4 for resident youth, \$5 for resident adults. Non-resident charges are \$4.50 for youth and \$5.50 for adults. Skate rental is \$3 for residents and \$3.50 for non-residents.

The arena is at 6210 Wildwood, Westland. For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

Open skate at the Wayne

Ice Arena is 10-11:20 a.m. and 2-2:50 p.m. Monday and Friday, 10-11:120 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday (for parent and children age 6 and under), 5:30-6:50 p.m. Saturday and 3:30-4:50 Sunday.

Fees are \$3 for resident children and seniors and \$3.25 for resident adults. Non-resident charges are 5 for children and \$6 for adults. Children age 3 and under are free.

The community center is at 4635 Howe, Wayne. For more information, call (734) 721-7400.

Valentine Brunch

The Women's Auxiliary American Legion Post 32 will hold a Valentine Brunch fund-raiser for nurse's scholarship 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at the post at 9318 Newburgh, north of Joy, in Livonia.

The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The menu includes waffles, sausage, scrambled eggs, made-to-order omelets, biscuits and gravy, coffee cake, fresh fruit, orange and tomato juices and coffee. There also will be basket and 50-50 raffles.

For more information, call (734) 427-5630.

Toastmasters

The Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club is now meeting at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road, Westland.

Toastmasters is a world leader dedicated to helping people develop their public speaking and leadership skills, in a mutually helpful and friendly atmosphere.

Westland Easytalkers meets 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday. For information, call Luddie at (734) 414-0034 or Curt at (734) 525-8445 or go online to [westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org/](http://westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org/).



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Conyell Moore (center) delivers a batch of pancakes with a smile on his face and Meerah Atallah is right behind him.

Pancake Nation: Breakfast event to benefit Beaumont kids

By Sandra Armbruster  
Staff Writer

Khaled Ahmmad isn't sure just how many pancakes are served each week at the IHOP on Woodward in Royal Oak. But he is sure about two things.

First, "I can't even imagine. It's really a big number," he said of the amount served. That stands to reason, since IHOP stands for the International House of Pancakes.

And second, the restaurant is going to be serving a whole lot more, come Tuesday. That's because IHOP is once again celebrating National Pancake Day by offering a free, short stack of buttermilk pancakes.

Can't beat that price, but IHOP — and Beaumont's Children's Hospital in Royal Oak and the Children's Miracle Network — are hoping that diners will respond by make a donation.

This is IHOP's eighth annual National Pancake Day, and it is IHOP's largest philanthropic event of the year. There are 10 participating locations in Southeast Michigan including: Bloomfield Hills, Brighton, Dearborn Heights, Detroit, Livonia, Roseville, Royal Oak, Sterling Heights, Woodhaven and Ypsilanti.

IHOP is offering guests IHOP's signature buttermilk pancakes from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Donations are voluntary and all the money collected stays for local use. The donations are used to help purchase vital medical equipment



Jorje Ramirez is the man behind the scenes making pancakes. He'll be extra busy on Tuesday, National Pancake Day.

that provide life-saving procedures for more than 100,000 sick and injured children treated at Beaumont each year, according to Beaumont Hospital.

"IHOP has been a strong partner of Beaumont Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network for the past several years," said Matthew Romkey, associate director, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Beaumont Health System. "Their efforts, along with those of their customers, make National Pancake Day very special for the children and families of Beaumont Children's Hospital."

The Royal Oak IHOP has been around since before Ahmmad arrived there in 1993. The restaurant, which is open 24/7, employs 40 people, he said.

What makes a good pancake? Ahmmad said it is eggs, flour water and vegetable oil. But for those who want to dress it up a bit, Ahmmad points out there are special toppings and cheese fillings, along with straw-

berry and blueberry syrups.

Guests visiting participating IHOP restaurants between now and National Pancake Day will have the option to purchase CMN "Miracle Balloons" for \$1 and \$5 each. All of the proceeds from balloon sales are also designated for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. IHOP patrons buying \$5 miracle balloons will receive a \$5 discount coupon that can be credited toward their next IHOP visit.

Ahmmad expects that, if this Tuesday is a repeat of past events, "There will be a lot of people. The line will be out the door."

And what will people get along with their pancakes? "A great experience and a great smile," he said.

For more information on National Pancake Day, or to learn about Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and make an online donation, visit [www.ihoppancakeday.com](http://www.ihoppancakeday.com).

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Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
Devin J. Adams  
Controller  
Publish: February 3, 2013

CITY OF WESTLAND  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.  
**Petition #2774-B. Lewis-841-849 N. Wayne Rd.**  
Req. for an 11' sign setback variance from Ord. 248 to relocate the existing free-standing sign 4' from the front lot line; whereas Sec. 15:6.3(b) requires a 15' minimum setback.  
**Petition #2775-West on West LLC, 1615 S. Merriman**  
Req. for a 15' sign setback variance from Ord. 248 to install a new free-standing sign at the front lot line; whereas Sec. 15:6.3(b) requires a 15' minimum setback.  
**Petition #2776-Harmon Sign/Hungry Howie's-1820 S. Newburgh**  
Req. for a prohibited sign variance from Ord. 248 to replace an existing roof mounted sign at the site; whereas Sec. 15:3.2(r) lists roof signs as prohibited.  
**Petition #2777-A. Dabish-Norwayne Shopping Center**  
Req. for a use variance from Ord. 248 to construct 8 residential loft units within the 2nd floor space of the shopping center building; whereas Sec. 9:4.1 does not list residential use as a permitted use within the CB-1 district.  
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# A123 Systems now a subsidiary of largest Chinese auto supplier

by Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

A U.S. government committee on foreign investment has approved the sale of A123 Systems to China's largest auto supplier.

The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States approved the sale Monday of the maker of lithium-ion batteries to a U.S. unit of Wanxiang Group.

Wanxiang agreed last month to pay \$257 million for A123's automotive battery business and assets in a bankruptcy auction, beating out Johnson Controls.

A123 Systems announced Tuesday night on its website that A123 Systems LLC has been formed as a subsidiary of Wanxiang America Corporation and that it has acquired substantially all of the non-government business assets of A123 Systems, Inc., including A123's automotive, grid and commercial business assets, including technology, products, customer contracts and U.S. facilities in Michigan, Massachusetts and Missouri; its manufacturing operations in China; and its equity interest in Shanghai Advanced Traction Battery Systems Co., A123's joint venture with Shanghai Automotive.

A123's Ann Arbor-based government business, including contracts with the U.S. military, was excluded from the acquisition.

"We are excited to add A123 Systems to our growing portfolio of com-

panies as we continue to expand on our strategy of investing in the automotive and cleantech industries in the U.S.," said Pin Ni, president of Wanxiang America, in a prepared statement.

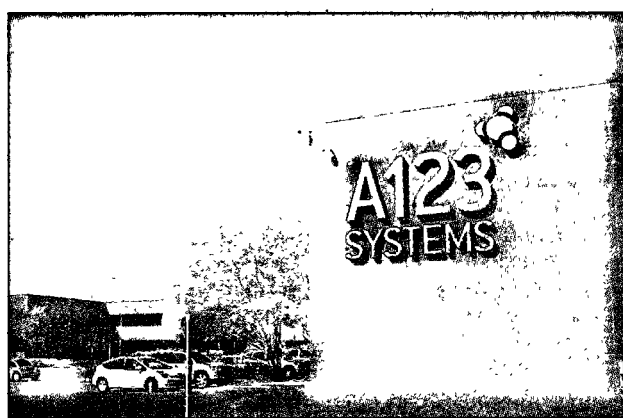
"A123 will continue to offer cutting-edge technology for vehicle electrification and grid-scale energy storage, strong manufacturing and systems engineering capabilities and a world-class R&D team. Wanxiang America will continue to foster the technologies A123 has worked so hard to develop, and we believe this combination positions A123 for long-term success. We'd also like to thank Dave Vieau (A123 CEO and president) for his years of dedication and service to A123."

## A123 received federal grant

A123 opened in September 2010 on Six Mile Road, just west of I-275, in a 291,000-square-foot facility.

A123 Systems developed and manufactured advanced lithium ion batteries and battery systems for the transportation, electric grid services and commercial markets.

The opening day was heralded by many officials as the birth of a new era in new technology in the energy and auto industries. That opening came one year after A123 was awarded a \$249 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy as part of the Ameri-



A123 opened its Livonia plant located at Seven Mile and Haggerty in September 2010.

can Recovery and Reinvestment Act to ramp up U.S. manufacturing capabilities to meet an anticipated increasing demand for the technology. Media reports are indicating about half of that money was spent.

A123 filed for bankruptcy in October 2012. Last year the company had to replace battery modules and packs the company believed may have contained defective prismatic cells produced at A123's Livonia manufacturing facility.

In Tuesday's press release, A123 officials said A123 Systems LLC will leverage its industry-leading research and development capability to bring innovations at the chemistry, cell and system level to market while also ramping up manufacturing at its facilities in Michigan and Massachusetts to meet demand from customers in three core business areas: transportation, electric grid and lead-acid replacement.

The company also high-

lighted the following strategies:

- A123 Systems LLC will capitalize on the increasing market opportunity for its technology in low-voltage transportation applications, including start-stop microhybrid battery systems. The company is also "committed to continue executing on previously announced customer agreements" introducing next-generation vehicles to market, including the ActiveHybrid 3 and ActiveHybrid 5 HEVs from BMW, the Chevrolet Spark EV from General Motors, and the Roewe 550 plug-in HEV and Roewe E50 EV from Shanghai Automotive, China's largest automaker.

- The company will continue to focus on its mission to enable the transformation of energy production and delivery through its energy storage solutions and services that are designed to significantly improve the operational reliability, economic viability and efficiency of electric

power grids.

- It also will continue to service customers by supplying lithium ion batteries designed to deliver higher performance, longer life and lower total cost of ownership as compared with traditional battery chemistries for industrial, commercial and consumer applications.

In addition, A123 will continue operating its existing manufacturing facilities in China.

## No discussion yet

Mayor Jack Kirksey said Tuesday he had not yet spoken with any officials from A123 Systems and what it meant for operations in Livonia. Kirksey had not seen the press release of the company's indication to "ramp up" manufacturing in Michigan.

The company received a 12-year tax abatement from the city, along with the federal and state grants. City Attorney Don Knapp inquired in early December whether any "triggering events" had occurred that would require A123 to pay back the abatement. That includes any relocation of operations, jobs, or activities, which results in the employment of less than 175 people.

The company did not remove any equipment from the facility, and has not terminated more than 209 employees in the last 90 days, according to the letter dated Dec. 13, 2012 written by Meg Brodrick, assistant general counsel at A123. "It currently employs well over

175 employees at the Livonia location," the letter states.

"They are still providing jobs and still making batteries," Kirksey said. A city official drove by A123 Systems last week and noted that the parking lot was full of cars, Kirksey said.

The sale and its approval drew a terse response from one Republican Congressman whose 11th Congressional district includes Livonia, western Wayne and a portion of Oakland County.

"This is a perfect example of why the federal government should not be in the business of picking economic winners and losers," said U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio.

"It is appalling that a foreign company is going to benefit from millions of dollars of President Obama's stimulus money."

Bentivolio said that as a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, he looked forward to investigating the matter further.

"Additionally, I will work with my colleagues to create common-sense legislation that prevents this from happening in the future," Bentivolio said. "My hope is that this technology is not just shipped to China and that the purchaser of A123 Systems continues to employ those who work in Livonia and the rest of the United States."

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# Awrey Bakeries prepares for shutdown or sale of company

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

Diane Gabry wanted brownies and knew just where to go.

The Farmington Hills resident grew up in Livonia, not too far from Awrey Bakeries. "You could smell that bakery baking," Gabry said Friday. "It's been here forever. I've always tried to support them because it's always been about supporting local businesses."

But nostalgic trips by customers like Gabry might not be enough to save the bakery, which is preparing to shut down its Livonia facility barring a purchase by another buyer.

The bakery is continuing to prepare for an online auction Feb. 20-21, which would indicate that the company is planning to shut its doors. While those plans continue, the company is also talking to potential buyers, according to Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

Production also continued this last week. "There are still people working there and still producing product there," West said. Cars were parked Friday in the back lot, indicating that employees were still working there.

The company has been one of Livonia's signature businesses for many years on Farmington Road, after relocating from Detroit.

Mayor Jack Kirksey said Wednesday that Awrey had pulled permits for the auction. "All of it is moving forward," he said. Kirksey was not aware that any buyer had been found for the company.

Employees were notified in late November that Awrey could lay off about 200 workers — and possibly shut down — due to economic conditions unless a buyer or investor was found.

A letter was delivered to United Distributive Workers, Council 30. By federal law, Awrey must give workers — or their union representatives — at least 60 days notice. The company had 157 union employees and 46 non-union workers, according to a notice signed by Awrey CEO Bob Wallace. He had informed employees the bakery would "fully and permanently close" during a 14-day period between Jan. 27 and Feb. 9 unless a buyer or investor was found.

Wallace did not return a phone call Friday seeking comment on what was happening with the bak-

ery. Sources indicated that Wallace will not discuss any potential purchase of the company or shutdown of operations with the news media.

Awrey, a 102-year-old company, moved to Livonia from Detroit in 1967. Awrey Bakeries got its start in 1910 in the home of Fletcher and Elizabeth Awrey, who were living in Detroit after moving from Canada.

Awrey Bakeries makes a number of different items, including cakes, cookies, Danish pastries, doughnuts and croissants, which are used by restaurants, hotels, schools, hospitals and other institutional customers.

The Awrey family no longer owns the company, which was sold in 2005 to Hilco Equity of Chicago and Monomoy Capital to help the company emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy. In June 2009, Awrey's purchased Athens Elegant Dessert in Noblesville, Ind., which specializes in the company's cheesecake and high-end desserts.

The parking lot of the Awrey Bakeries retail

store continues to buzz with a steady stream of customers, who scurry from their cars in cold winter temperatures to purchase what might be their final cakes, brownies and muffins from the company.

On Friday, Noel Winger of Highland said he heard about the bakery's problems and wanted to stop to pick up something for his kids. He bought a carrot cake.

"It's a damn shame (if it closes)," Winger said. "It's just another icon that's going to shut down. It's going on all over the place here."

Delphine Stanisiz of Livonia shook off the chill to return a shopping cart after she placed her purchases in her car. "It's just the memories, the memories," she said when asked why she was there. "I remember when they were on Tireman and going there to buy from them all these years. I loved everything there, their long johns and their cakes."

Audreon Steagall of Redford said she would miss Awrey's. She, too,

remembers when the bakery was on Tireman in Detroit, as she lived not too far from it. "I would miss them because they have nice products. I don't know what is going to happen," Steagall said.

Julia Peronis of Livonia stopped there to buy some English muffins.

"I wanted to buy them to support Awrey's and keep it open," she said. She remained optimistic that a buyer could be found and a sale would go through to keep the business operating.

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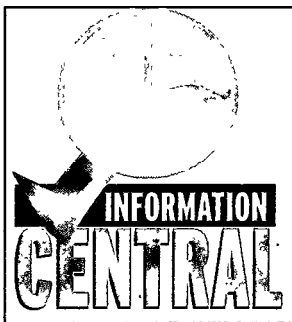
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The practice of yoga promotes a union of the physical, mental and spiritual body. Yoga encompasses both meditation, which calms and focuses the mind, and a variety of physical practices, which help an individual to attain fitness, control, strength and awareness of the body. The goal of yoga is to promote the free flow of prana ("life force") throughout the body, similar to the concept of chi in Chinese medicine.

The library has a variety of books and vid-



eos related to yoga. For a basic introduction to yoga practice including full color photos of example yoga positions, check out *Yoga Mind & Body*, compiled by the Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Center. To learn more about the spiritual aspects of yoga, take a look at *Yoga & Ayurveda: Self-Healing and Self-Realization* by David Frawley. For more on the history of yoga practice in the United States, check

out *The Subtle Body: The Story of Yoga in America* by Stefanie Symon. Or follow along with yoga exercises in your own living room with one of our DVDs, like *Yoga for Families*.

If you are interested in trying yoga for the first time or would like some tips on how to deepen your practice, the library will be hosting Yoga for Beginners drop-in classes 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28, and 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays, March 5, 12 and 19 and April 2. Feel free to come by to learn the basics of yoga or pick up new pointers from an experienced instructor, Lois Gannon of evolve yoga studio.

If you'd like to learn more about the history, practice, and health ben-

efits of yoga, visit the library's website - [www.westlandlibrary.org](http://www.westlandlibrary.org) - give us a call at (734) 326-6123 or stop by the reference desk.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and closed Sunday-Monday.

## HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

**The Spirit of African American Artists:** 7 p.m. Feb. 6

Join us for a special presentation from the Detroit Institute of Arts on the lives and times of influential African American artists from the late 19th century to the present day. Artists covered include Romare Bearden, Benny Andrews, Jacob Lawrence, as well as contemporary Detroit artists like Charles McGee. Everyone welcome.

**Third and Fourth Grade Book Club:** 7 p.m. Feb. 6

This month we are reading *Nim*. Nim is an adventurous girl who lives on a remote island with her scientist dad. She is confident and content in her tropical home. But, a series of mishaps puts Nim in serious danger and she is forced to rely on herself for survival. Join our discussion group as we explore Wendy Orr's exciting adventure story, *Nim's Island*.

Yoga for Beginners: 10

a.m. Feb. 7

The Library welcomes back Lois Gannon of evolve yoga studio in Ypsilanti as she leads a beginning Hatha yoga class. Yoga mats will be provided, if you don't have one. Wear loose clothing. This is one of four morning classes in February. No reservation needed. Just drop in.

**Drop-in and Make a Valentine:** 6-8 p.m. Feb. 7

Everyone is invited to stop by and make a valentine for someone you love, or make one especially for one of our Homebound patrons to share the love this Valentine's Day. Supplies are provided. Children age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

**Fifth and Sixth Grade Book Club:** 7 p.m. Feb. 7

This month we are reading *Snow Treasure* written by Marie McSwigan. In the bleak winter of 1940, Nazi troops parachuted into Peter Lindstrom's tiny Norwegian village and held it captive. Nobody thought the Nazis could be defeated until Uncle Victor told Peter how the children could fool the enemy. It was a dangerous plan. They had to slip past Nazi guards with \$9 million in gold hidden on their sleds. It meant risking their country's treasure - and their lives. This is a classic story of how a group of children outwitted the Nazis and sent the treasure to America. Join the discussion and enjoy related activities.

**Dinner and a Movie:** 6 p.m. Feb. 8, adults and teens

Tonight's Dinner and a Movie features fast and fresh burgers and fries provided by local restaurant Bray's Hamburgers. Doors for the dinner portion of this program will

open at 6 p.m., including two burgers or cheeseburgers, fries, pop and a light dessert. Tickets will cost \$5 and are available now at the Circulation Desk until 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7. Payable by cash or check. Tonight's movie, *Flight*, focuses on an airline pilot saving his flight from crashing, but the ensuing investigation turns up more than meets the eye. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Doors for the movie portion of this program will open at 6:45 p.m., and the movie will begin at 7 p.m.

**Job Seekers Lab:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

**Chess Group:** 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No signup required.

Computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library to find out more. The library offers One-on-one computer classes. Call (734) 326-6123.

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# By all means, help family move with cash gift

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: We are retired and almost 70 years old. Our son and daughter-in-law have two children. In addition to their home being upside down, they live in a declining subdivision full of rented homes, many of them filled with drug dealers and pit bulls running wild. Their children spend all their time indoors, even though they do have fenced yard. The house is one of the few on the block that is well-maintained. They are ready to make the decision to be foreclosed upon, but they cannot get another mortgage. I want to take \$75,000 from our investments to help them buy a house. I would either give them the money outright or rent the house to them. If it was just our son and daughter-in-law, we would let them figure it out, but we have fear and sadness for our grandchildren and helping them would be worth that money. Any advice?

A: I think you said it all. The money is not as important to you as your grandchildren. I think some people unfortunately believe that accumulating money is what it's all about; it is not. I believe anyone who measures wealth in dollars and cents is a loser. The

true measure of wealth is family and friends. You understand that concept because for you the money isn't nearly as important as the safety and health of your grandchildren.

The first thing that you need to consider is: If you make a gift of \$75,000, would it impact your lifestyle and cause you financial issues in the future? From the numbers you provided, it should not be a problem.

Based upon that, I do like the idea of renting the house to your son and daughter-in-law. My reason is that you could then take the monthly rent and — assuming that you do not need the money — set aside the money for your grandchildren. Consider opening a college savings plan like the Michigan Education Savings Plan for them. Also consider investing it in your name, but for your grandchildren's future. This should help you accomplish one of your goals — helping your grandchildren.

In addition, whether it's a year or longer, you then can gift the house to your son and daughter-in-law, if you choose.

One of the reasons why I would not put the home in your son and daughter-in-law's name at this point in time is if they do go for a foreclosure, you don't want the bank going after them. People forget when they have a home

foreclosed, they technically still owe money to the bank and banks can decide to pursue it. It's unusual at this point, but it does happen. Treating the home as a rental will avoid this problem.

If you do decide to gift the home, do you gift it just to your son or your son and daughter-in-law? If your son and daughter-in-law, for some reason, split up, your son may be in a better position with regards to the property settlement if the house was in his name. This is a sensitive issue, but something you should consider. Certainly, if their relationship is strained it means that the gift, if done, should be just in your son's name.

One last item is the overall financial condition of your son and daughter-in-law. If, in addition to their housing issues, they have other financial problems, bankruptcy may be an option. If that was the case, then you would not want to gift the home until they're through with bankruptcy. This would prevent creditors from potentially going after that property. Good luck!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like Bloom to respond to your questions, please email him at [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).

## Livonia to host Michigan history conference

The 55th Annual Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference will be held March 22-23 at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. The conference is one of the Historical Society of Michigan's four major history conferences. Lead sponsors include Meijer Inc. and the Detroit Historical Society.

Organized by the Michigan in Perspective Planning Committee, the conference will feature several keynote speakers and breakout sessions focused on local history in Michigan.

Keynote speakers will talk about the auto bailout, newspapers and the digital age, the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie and a Michigan soldier's Civil War journal.

To see the full conference flier or to register online, visit [www.hsmichigan.org/conferences/local-history-conference](http://www.hsmichigan.org/conferences/local-history-conference).

Breakout sessions will cover topics such as local history, genealogy and cultural diversity. They include:

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- Getting Published in Michigan History Magazine
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- Book discussions of *Revolution Detroit*:

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• Book discussion of *Detroit: Race Riots, Racial Conflicts, and Efforts to Bridge the Racial Divide* by Joe T. Darden and Richard Thomas

• Book discussion of *The Boy Governor: Biography of Stevens T. Mason* by Don Faber

The conference is open to anyone interested in state or regional history. Registration for the two-day event is \$39 (\$49 after March 13). Meals that feature keynote speakers, including lunch on both days and breakfast on Saturday, are available by reservation on a space-available basis. The luncheons are \$22 per ticket, and the Saturday breakfast is \$17 per ticket.

Register online at [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org) or by calling (800) 692-1828.

The first day of the conference will close with a Friday evening reception at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The reception is free for all registered conference attendees, but tickets are required and can be secured during the conference registration process.

For more information on the Historical Society of Michigan, visit [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org) or e-mail [hsm@hsmichigan.org](mailto:hsm@hsmichigan.org).

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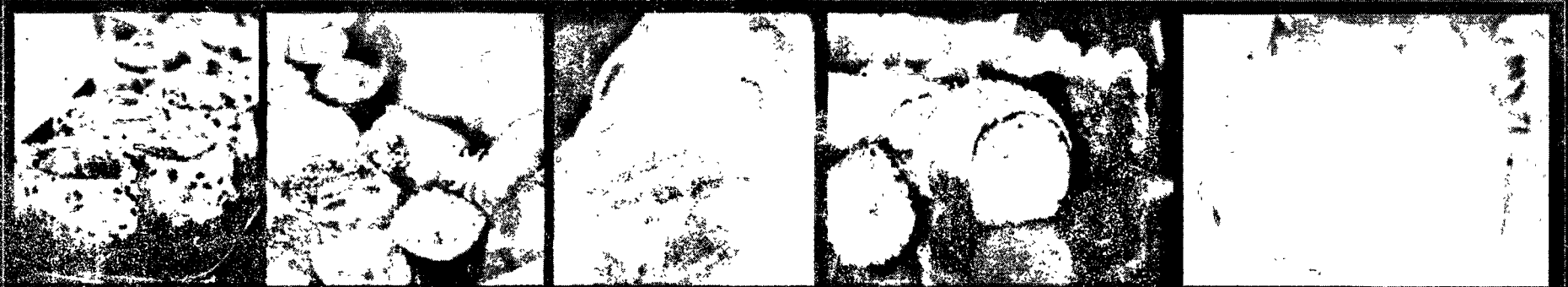
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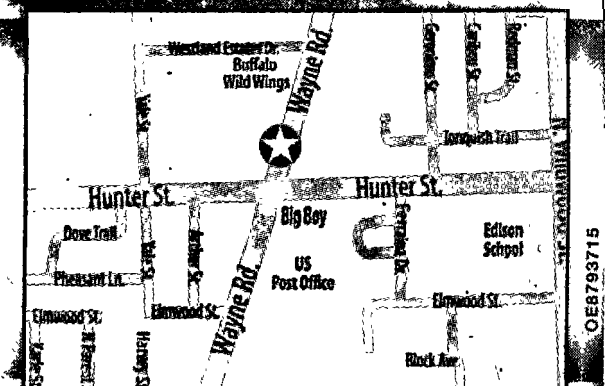
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## Marian burns Blazers, 49-34

## Shot at first goes awry

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Birmingham Marian continues to cast a large shadow over the rest of the Catholic League Central Division girls basketball teams.

The Mustangs control their own destiny when it comes to gaining at least a share of the title after dispatching Livonia Ladywood, 49-34, Thursday on the Blazers' home floor.

Marian, now 13-2 overall and 5-2 in the Central (tied with Dearborn Divine Child), can claim a piece of the crown with a win Tuesday at Warren Regina.

The Mustangs were able to make a 30-15 halftime lead hold up and overcame 21 turnovers to eliminate Ladywood (9-6, 4-4) from title contention.

"I just see maturity," said Marian coach Mary Ciccone, who has guided the Mustangs to 11 Catholic League A-B division crowns. "They made a lot of mistakes, but they didn't get down. They didn't pout, and we got after them — the coaches and myself — and they stayed tough. They're getting mentally tough. They understand they can make a mistake and bounce back better because they're mostly young kids. We have few seniors, but that's huge when you have young kids that can mature fast."

Kilyn Bulluck, a 5-foot-11 senior forward, proved bull-

ish on the boards and finished with a game-high 13 points.

"She's a tough player," said Ladywood assistant coach Amber Culloty, who assumed the bench duties for head coach Anthony Coratti (out of town on a business trip). "We don't have anybody as big and as tough as she is down there. To find somebody to match her is pretty difficult for us. I think we did an all right job, but we just didn't push her out enough tonight."

The Mustangs also got 10 points from freshman guard Bailey Thomas, while sophomore guard Kara Holinski added nine and junior forward Laura Bruton contributed eight.

Marian built its 15-point halftime lead by hitting 12-of-21 shots from the floor capped by Claire DiCiuccio's line drive triple from the wing with 23.9 seconds left.

Ladywood, crippled by 18 turnovers of its own, with was unable to get any closer than 10 points the rest of the way.

"We dug ourself a big hole," Culloty said. "We came back a little bit at a time. And that was our goal to take off a couple of points at a time, but we just didn't quite get over the 10-point mark."

Ladywood senior point-guard Andie Anastos finished with a team-high 12 points, while Shelby Walsh contributed 10.

The Blazers made only 12-

Please see **BLAZERS**, B2



Ladywood's Andie Anastos (3) takes the shot attempt over Marian defenders Bailey Thomas (24) and Kara Holinski (33) in Thursday's Central Division clash.

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## MU men snap losing streak

The second-place Madonna University men's basketball team snapped its three-game losing streak with a 73-59 win Thursday night over host Cornerstone in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids.

The Crusaders, now 17-7 overall and 12-5 in the WHAC, pulled away in the second half after leading by one at intermission, 32-31.

Senior forward Eoghann Stephens led the way with 14 points, 13 rebounds and four blocks, while junior point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) also scored 14 and dished out six assists.

Junior forward Fred Williams also contributed 11 points, while sophomore center Donald Owens came off the bench to add nine points.

Cornerstone (15-10, 9-8) got a game-high 16 points from Wes Hudson, while Oman Lewis chipped in with 10 points and 10 rebounds off the bench.

MU shot 50 percent from the floor (29-of-58) and 8-of-10 from the foul line.

The 24th-ranked Crusaders take on No. 9 and WHAC leader Davenport (21-4, 14-3) at 3 p.m. Saturday at the MU Activities Center.

## Chargers stay in hunt

## Frosh keys win against Patriots

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Playing for fourth place KLAA South Division standings may not seem overly important, but it was Friday night for both the Livonia Churchill and Franklin boys basketball teams.

That's because it's the line of demarcation separating teams from making the Kensington Lakes Activities Association playoffs or being relegated to the consolation rounds.

With two division games remaining, Churchill now has the upper hand following a 50-44 win over the host Patriots.

Both teams are 5-9 overall and 3-5 in the division, but the Chargers own the tiebreaker now after winning the first meeting against Franklin on Jan. 11, 51-48.

Freshman guard Jon Hovermale played a solid all-around game, leading Churchill with 18 points and 10 rebounds. He made 8-of-13 shots from the floor.

With Franklin coming out cold in the first quarter — 3-of-16 from the field

Please see **CHARGERS**, B3



Churchill freshman Jon Hovermale (left) takes to the ball to the basket against Franklin defender Michael Gluth in Friday's KLAA South Division encounter.

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## C'ville names new baseball coach for '13

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

After six seasons, Dan Miller has stepped down as baseball coach at Livonia Clarenceville.

And filling the void is former Livonia Stevenson High assistant John Rogatski, whose hiring was announced this week by Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy.

The 52-year-old John Rogatski, who lives in Northville, spent six years (2006-11) under Stevenson coach Rick Berryman before going last spring to Milford. In his only varsity season, Rogatski finished 8-17 with the Mavericks before resigning.

In 2006, Rogatski also launched the Blue Knights summer team, which competes the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

"He came very well recommended even before I interviewed him," Murphy said. "That's one thing. And he's very well connected at the high school level and at the collegiate level."

Please see **COACH**, B2



Rogatski

## Melcher's 21 goes in vain

Rachel Melcher scored a career-high 21 points off the bench, but it wasn't enough as the Madonna University women's basketball team fell Thursday night to host Cornerstone University, 66-62, in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids.

Melcher hit 6-of-10 shots from the floor and was 8-of-10 from the foul stripe.

Shantelle Herring contributed 10 points, while Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) and Heather Pratt each added nine.

Robyn Veltkamp paced the victorious Golden Eagles (16-9, 10-7) with a game-high 24 points and 10 rebounds.

Ashley Niedermayer added a double-double with 12 points and 10 boards, while Jill Hendrickson added 11 points off the bench.

MU led by as many as nine, 45-36, with 13:41 to go before Cornerstone took the lead for keeps, 55-53, a pair of free throws by Hendrickson with 4:04 remaining.

## WYAA hoops

Registration is under way for Westland Youth Athletic Association basketball for the following age groups: Right Start (6-8), Freshman (9-10), JV (11-12) and Varsity (13-14).

Registration is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the WYAA's Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road, north of Ford Road.

You can also register online at [www.wyaa.org](http://www.wyaa.org).

## White twins yearn to showcase NFL skills

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Twins Myles and Mitchell White can't get football out their system just yet.

The 2008 Livonia Stevenson High grads were reunited again as East squad teammates again Jan. 12 in the Casino De Sol College All-Star Game in Tucson, Ariz.

Myles, a wide receiver from Louisiana Tech, then went on and impressed NFL scouts with six catches for 41 yards the following week in the NFLPA Collegiate All-Star game in Carson, Calif.

The two are currently working

out daily at Competitive Edge Sports (CES) training facility in Houston, Texas, with dreams of playing at the next level.

"Basically my goal — since I've been down here — is getting drafted or getting picked up through free agency," said Mitchell White, who played 43 career games as a back-up cornerback and special teams player at Michigan State. "All of us down here are basically looking for an opportunity to improve what we do in the 40 (yard dash),



Myles White



Mitchell White

short shuttle, L Drill, vertical (jump) — just get bigger, faster stronger."

The two were teammates at Stevenson leading the Spartans to the 2007 Division 1 state championship final — Mitchell, as a quarterback, and Myles, as a wideout.

They went together at MSU, but found themselves separated for the first time after Myles was involved in the Rather Hall dorm room incident in November 2008 and was dismissed from program.

## Via JUCO

Myles eventually found his way to Northwest Mississippi Community College followed by two seasons at Louisiana Tech where he earned second-team All-WAC honors with 56 catches for 718 yards and six touchdowns.

And after his showing at the NFLPA, Myles believes that he improved his stock, but doesn't know if he'll get an invite to the NFL Combine next month in Indianapolis.

"After the NFLPA I have a good chance, but I'm not saying

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of-47 shots from the floor (25.5 percent), while Marian cooled off a bit in the second half and finished hitting 17-of-43 (39.5 percent).

"We did not have any energy," Culloty said. "Our girls did not come out playing their game. We let them (Marian) dictate everything we do on offense and didn't take it to them."

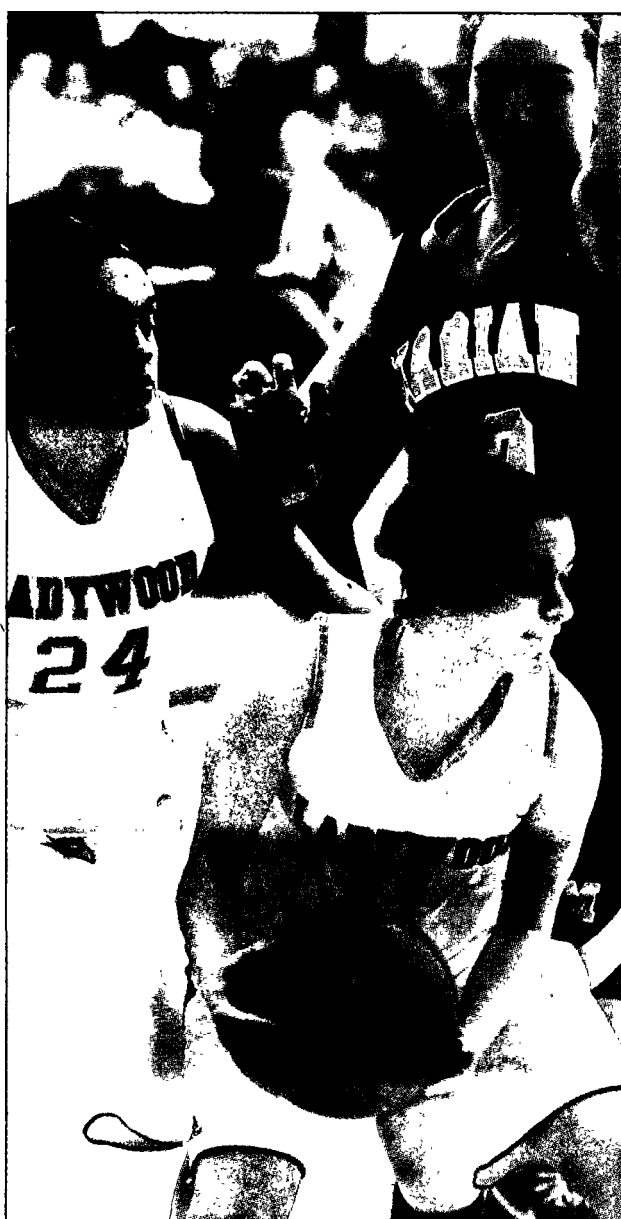
"The way that the played us last time was the same way they played us this time. What hurt us last time is what hurt us tonight. But they just hurt us a lot more because our girls didn't follow the game plan that we necessarily had in mind. They just kind of went out there and went through the motions."

The Mustangs cut down on their second-half turnovers with five after committing 16 in the opening half.

"We got tired," Cicerone said. "The whole game was to run like heck and it was my fault I didn't sub enough in the second half, so we made some tired turnovers, missed some easy shots that should have gone in. I blame myself, but sometimes game play is the best way to get in shape. You take the good and the bad. We had a good enough lead. We fell apart a little bit, but I blame it on tiredness. We wanted to push the ball and get up and press, so we were supposed to be tired."

The Mustangs also contained Anastos — the Blazers' top scorer — for the most part.

"Just slow her down," Cicerone said. "You're not going to stop her. She's just awesome and she's got two good teammates out there — Shelby Walsh and Sara Even. We can't help too much because



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Ladywood's Courtney Mercier (11) takes possession of the ball flanked by teammate Rachel Donabedian (24) and Marian's Elizabeth Grobbel.

she (Anastos) kicks it and they hit.

"We did a little bit better job of doing that and we took away their other two people a little better. We just rotated better today and that helped."

Culloty said Coratti, who was at practice Wednesday, will return to the coaching box for Tuesday's non-division game at home against Riverview Gabriel Richard.

"He gave us a nice, little motivational video today," Culloty said. "He

sent it from Arizona telling the girls to have fun and play ball. It didn't work out so well."

Meanwhile, the Mustangs proved resilient with a big road win while averaging a 53-48 home floor loss to the Blazers on Jan. 15.

They are now poised to stake their claim in the Central Division.

"We just got to take care of business on Tuesday," Cicerone said.

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## Spartan effort

Harvey, Humnitz star in Stevenson 4-0 win

By Brad Emons  
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## PREP HOCKEY

shots to earn the shutout. Jake Pawloski made 29 saves for Northville (8-6-3, 3-5-3).

**BRIGHTON 5, CHURCHILL 3:** Michael Yuhasz broke a 3-3 deadlock with a pair of goals in the final period Wednesday to give the host Bulldogs (17-2-1, 9-1-1) a KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover win over Livonia Churchill (8-8-1, 4-5-1) at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

Both of Yuhasz's goals — coming at 18 seconds and 15:22 of the third — were unassisted. It was the Chargers' fourth straight loss — all to state-ranked teams.

"That fourth (Brighton) goal really hurt," Churchill coach Jason Reynolds said. "It was a great game for us. I thought overall we had the momentum going our way, but had a couple of bad bounces that told the tale at the end."

"But I give our guys credit, they've battled to the end those last four games."

It was 2-2 after one period as Luke Otto scored at 4:25 from Jack Behen followed by Dylan Smith's tip-in from Riley Brown at 5:46.

Alex Sauchak countered for Brighton with goals at 6:11 and 9:11 (power play) of the first.

Churchill then took a 3-2 lead on Otto's unassisted goal at 5:46, but Danny Bosio tallied a power play goal at 13:55 for the defending Division 1 state champions to knot the count at 3-all heading into the third.

Brighton goaltender Jimmy Millettis stopped 19-of-22 shots, while Churchill's David Turel made 15-of-20 saves.

PLYMOUTH 5, FRANKLIN

**2:** In a KLAAs South Division game Wednesday at Arctic Edge, the host Wildcats (15-3-1, 7-3-1) scored a pair of third period goals to fend off stubborn Livonia Franklin (7-9-1, 1-9).

Zack Taverne notched a hat trick, while Mitch Claggett added a goal and two assists for 10th-ranked Plymouth (Division 1).

Nick Schultz had the other Plymouth goal on a power play with 10:16 of the third followed by Taverne's third of the night from Claggett and Kyle Bauer.

The Patriots opened the scoring at 3:16 of the first period on Andrew Golem's goal from Mike Diaz.

Richie Wiczorek added another Franklin goal from Adam Stadler and Diaz at 1:14 of the second period to give the Patriots a 2-1 lead.

Franklin goalie Matt Monendo stood out making 27-of-32 saves, while Plymouth's Eric VandenBosche had 17 stops, including a pair of breakaway saves.

"Unfortunately we came up a little short against a tough, talented and highly ranked team," said Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon, whose team had its four-game winning streak snapped. "I'm very proud of our effort and am hopeful our guys realize that we can compete with anybody. But we need to keep our composure and discipline for an entire game with no margin for error if we want to come out on top against the upper echelon teams."

"It's been a pleasure watching our team improve and mature. Hopefully we'll start putting it all together and finish the season strong."

## Glenn boys bowlers keep rolling

The Westland John Glenn boys bowling team went 2-for-2 for the week topping Plymouth, 27-3, on Friday at Town 'N Country Lanes following a 23-7 triumph Wednesday over Canton at Super Bowling.

Glenn is now 13-1 overall and 9-1 in the KLAAs Central Division.

Against Plymouth, Mike Russom led the way with a 268-235-503 series, while Mark Kassab flirted with yet another 300 game with a match-high 279.

Steve Brusseau chipped in with a

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201-246-447 two-game set, while Ryan McCarthy rolled his first 200 game with a 201.

In the win over Canton, Steven White posted a 436 two-game set, while Billy Wicker shot a 243 high game.

"When you can rest the number one bowler (White) in our league and still shoot a team series of 1,135 it does wonders for everybody's confidence," Glenn coach Ron Staples said.

## COACH

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"He does AAU and he runs three teams with the Blue Knights. He can get our kids playing more in the summer. He brings a lot of energy and knowledge. It's a good fit."

According to Murphy, Miller resigned to spend more time with his family, which includes two children ages 3 and 1.

Under Miller, Clarenceville went 43-112 overall.

While struggling his first three seasons with an 8-69 record, Miller improved the Trojans' mark to 35-43 over his final three seasons, including a 10-16 mark last spring.

"It was rough at the start, but Dan (Miller) did a nice job for us here for six years," the Clarenceville A.D. said.

Rogatski, a graduate of St. Clair Shores Lakeview H.S., is a former detective with the Southfield Police Department and currently works for Geico Insurance as a special investigator.

"I did get a chance to look at last year's roster prior to making a decision on taking the job," Rogatski said. "They had six seniors graduate. I think they had 18 kids on the roster since there is no JV program there. Potentially I could be looking at 10 or 12 kids are returning, and of that, four or five being seniors."

After four years of being an independent, Clarenceville will be joining a league against this spring.

"At least from a structural standpoint we've been placed in WWAC (Red Division) with other schools," Rogatski said.

"And at least on the surface, they are of equal competition to us. So I think that will help us a little bit, if not a lot."

Rogatski said he is looking forward to the challenge of coaching the Trojans.

"Murphy seems like a solid athletic director," the new baseball coach said. "He wants to improve the program. He feels I can help the school and improve the program bringing my experience into it. It was a challenge that I decided I would take on, not only in the player development, but also trying to improve on the facilities out there."

"I told Murphy I wouldn't coach unless there were a couple of upgrades on the field. He told me, 'We'll make that happen.'"

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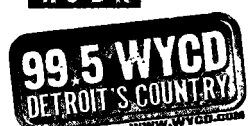
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## PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

KLAA QUAD MEET  
WRESTLING RESULTS  
WAYNE MEMORIAL 41  
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Jan. 30 at Novi  
**103 pounds:** Justin Miller (VNL) won by major decision over Jack DeJack, 11-3; **112:** Anthony Hahnenberg (VNL) dec. Dominic Sanders, 4-0; **119:** Tim Way (WM) pinned Michael Mulrooney, 5:17; **125:** Tyler Mulligan (WM) p. Patrick Lles, 1:16; **130:** Corey Howell, (VNL) won by major dec. over Aaron Stone, 10-2; **135:** Jacob Jackson (VNL) dec. Tim Flores, 8-4; **140:** Christian Lauderback (VNL) p. Marcus Jordan, 2:17; **145:** Allen Parker (WM) won by technical fall over Noah Holland, 19-2; **152:** Patrick Kern (VNL) dec. Aaron Heinonen, 8-1; **160:** Mike Gorman (VNL) dec. Kevin Marz, 7-2; **171:** Sam Ekanem (WM) p. Cameron Islami, 1:15; **189:** Lucas Hofbauer (WM) won by void; **215:** Tyler Casteels (WM) p. Derek Gasco, 3:00; **285:** Aaron Mauldin (WM) p. Jerry Brendel, 2:47.

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Jan. 30 at Novi  
**103 pounds:** Dan Denova (N) decisioned Jack DeJack, 11-4; **112:** Dominick Sanders (WM) won by major dec. over Matthew George, 12-3; **119:** Andrew Park (N) dec. Tyler Mulligan, 9-7; **125:** Tim Way (WM) dec. Evan Davis, 5-2; **130:** Aaron Stone (WM) p. Griffin Burr, 2:55; **135:** Tim Flores (WM) won by

void; **140:** Marcus Jordan (WM) p. Kyle Benkarski, 3:45; **145:** Allen Parker (WM) p. Benjamin Wright, 4:56; **152:** Kevin Marz (WM) won by major dec. over Carston Cook, 14-6; **160:** Benjamin Landry (N) p. James Heltness, 1:53; **171:** Sam Ekanem (WM) won by void; **189:** Lucas Hofbauer (WM) p. Jared Engbretson, 1:54; **215:** Tyler Casteels (WM) dec. Zach Rousch, 7-3; **285:** Aaron Mauldin (WM) p. Mitchell Bostin, 3:48.  
**Wayne's dual match record:** 16-3 overall.

**CANTON 54  
LIVONIA STEVENSON 21**  
 Jan. 30 at Stevenson  
**103 pounds:** Harrison Samoy (C) pinned Kyle Schema, 2:27; **112:** Marco Lytwyn (LS) p. Ryan Apley, 3:33; **119:** Richard DeMarois (C) p. Emmanuel Austin, 1:21; **125:** Ben Griffin (C) p. Charlie Wellman, 0:51; **130:** Kyle Polaski (C) won by major decision over Trevor Demers, 11-1; **135:** Jacob Thornton (C) decisioned Sandro Lytwyn, 11-8; **140:** Marc Przybylski (C) p. Jacob Tennis, 2:15; **145:** Paul Tacy (C) tech. fall over Majdi Hatem, 16-1; **152:** Kody Roy (LS) dec. Ty Jassman, 3-1; **160:** Connor Vaughan (LS) p. Nicholas Durocher, 3:00; **171:** Jacob Kelley (LS) p. Kyle Schwiebert, 3:30; **189:** Jevon Hill (C) p. Matt Spohr, 1:54; **215:** Alan Beckman (C) p. Tyler Denski, 0:18; **285:** Ken Wooley (C) p. Zack Saleh, 1:56.  
**Canton's dual match record:** 17-11 overall.

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DUAL MEET RESULTS  
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 107  
WAYNE MEMORIAL 72

Jan. 31 at Wayne  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. John Glenn (Jacob Burckick, Derek Sweet, John Kukulka, Rory Kemp), 2:00.87; 2. Wayne (Ethan Drouillard, Alec Gibson, Noah Karson, Jacob Griffith), 2:06.37; 3. Wayne (Mason Webb, Uriel Figueroa, Collin Malcolm, Daniel Malcolm), 2:23.64.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. John Stover (WM) 1:57.07; 2. Aaron Alholinna (WJG), 2:01.69; 3. Brad Alholinna (WJG), 2:06.69.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 2:14.5; 3. Kukulka (WJG), 2:24.88; 3. Karson (WM), 2:27.56.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Cody Hodges (WJG), 24.33; 2. Devin Gibson (WM), 24.97; 3. Griffith (WM), 26.9.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Dave Cunningham (WJG), 152.70 points; 2. Figueroa (WM), 99.20.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Wakeford (WJG), 59.55; 2. Karson (WM), 1:07.71; 3. Steve LeBlanc (WJG), 1:17.57.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Hodges

(WJG), 55.28; 2. D. Gibson (WM), 55.69; 3. Michael Gibson (WM), 56.17.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Stover (WM), 5:20.69; 2. Jacob Deering (WJG), 5:35.2; 3. A. Alholinna (WJG), 5:48.02.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. John Glenn (Kukulka, Burckick, Hodges, Wakeford), 1:39.34; 2. Wayne (D. Gibson, M. Gibson, Zack Williams, Stover), 1:42.98; 3. John Glenn (Kemp, Chris Sabal, B. Alholinna, A. Alholinna), 1:50.27.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Kukulka (WJG), 1:08.32; 2. Drouillard (WM), 1:09.75; 3. Burckick (WJG), 1:12.76.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Petr Orzech (WJG), 1:20.24; 2. Sweet (WJG), 1:24.37; 3. A. Gibson (WM), 1:32.29.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Wayne (D. Gibson, M. Gibson, Karson, Stover), 3:41.75; 2. Wayne (Williams, Griffith, Drouillard, Mack Beene), 4:10.17; 3. John Glenn (Josh Ferguson, Alex Nagy, Sabal, Deering), 4:21.57.  
**Dual meet records:** John Glenn, 6-0 overall, 4-0 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 4-3 overall, 2-2 KLAA South.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

## BOYS BASKETBALL

**Monday, Feb. 4**  
 RU at Clarencville, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 5**  
 Luth. W'sld at Calvary, 5:30 p.m.  
 HVL at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.  
 Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
 S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Feb. 7**  
 Luth. Westland at HVL, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 8**  
 Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Glenn, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 5**  
 Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at S.L. East, 7 p.m.  
 Clarencville at RU, 7 p.m.  
 Luth. W'sld at L. N'west, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin Road at HVL, 7 p.m.  
 Riv. Richard at Lady., 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 8**  
 Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at HVL, 7 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 6**  
 Ladywood vs. G.P. South at Det. City Sports Ctr., 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Feb. 7**  
**(MIHL Showcase at Trenton)**  
 Churchill vs. Liggett, 8 p.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 8**  
**(MIHL Showcase at Trenton)**  
 Churchill vs. DC, 12:20 p.m.  
 Stevenson vs. U-D, 8:20 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 9**  
 Ladywood vs. L'ahser at Arctic Pond, 5:30 p.m.  
**(MIHL Showcase at Trenton)**  
 Stevenson vs. G.P. North, 4 p.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
**MHSAA TEAM DISTRICTS**  
**DIVISION 1**  
**at PLYMOUTH**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 6:** Plymouth vs. Canton, 5 p.m.; Salem vs. Livonia Churchill, 5 p.m.; **championship final:** 6:30 p.m.  
**at WAYNE MEMORIAL**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 6:** Wayne vs. Belleville, 5:30 p.m.; Westland John Glenn vs. Brownstown-Woodhaven, 5:30 p.m.; **championship final:** 7 p.m.  
**at DEARBORN**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 6:** Livonia Franklin vs. Dearborn, 5:30 p.m.; Dearborn Heights Crestwood vs. Garden City, 5:30 p.m.; **championship final:** 7 p.m.  
**at NOVI**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 6:** Livonia Stevenson vs. Novi, 5:30 p.m.; Northville vs. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 5:30 p.m.; **championship final:** 7 p.m.  
**DIVISION 3**  
**at CLAWSON**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 6:** (A) Livonia Clarencville vs. (B) Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 6 p.m.; **cham-**

**pionship final:** Clawson vs. A-D winner, 7 p.m.  
**DIVISION 4**  
**at LUTHERAN WESTLAND**  
**Thursday, Feb. 7:** Lutheran Westland vs. Newport Lutheran South, 6 p.m.  
**MHSAA INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT TOURNEYS**  
**(Saturday, Feb. 9)**  
 Division 1 at Southgate, 10 a.m.  
 Division 1 at Saline, 10 a.m.  
 Division 3 at Richmond, 10 a.m.  
 Division 4 at Blissfield, 10 a.m.  
**BOYS SWIMMING**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 5**  
 Trenton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, Feb. 7**  
 Wayne at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.  
 Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Glenn, 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 9**  
**MISCA Meet at EMU, TBA.**  
**PREP BOWLING**  
**Monday, Feb. 4**  
 Lady. vs. Divine Child, 3:45 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 5**  
 John Glenn vs. Salem, Wayne vs. Novi at Vision Lanes, 3:30 p.m.  
 Clarencville vs. Crestwood at Romulus Lanes, 3:30 p.m.  
 Lady. vs. Marian, 3:45 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 6**  
 John Glenn vs. Northville, Wayne vs. Salem at Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 8**  
 Clarencville vs. Ann Arbor at Parkway Lanes, 3:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS GYMNASICS**  
**Monday, Feb. 4**  
 Livonia Blue vs. Huron Valley at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 5**  
 Liv. Red vs. Brighton-Howell at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.  
**PREP SKIING**  
**Thursday, Feb. 7**  
 Division Championships at Alpine Valley, TBA.  
**GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER**  
**Saturday, Feb. 9**  
 Fenton Invitational, 1 p.m.  
 Woodhaven Inv., TBA.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 6**  
 S'craft at OCC, 7:30 p.m.  
 MU at Lawrence Tech, 8 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 9**  
 S'craft at Henry Ford, 3 p.m.  
 MU at Siena Hts., 7:30 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 6**  
 S'craft at OCC, 5:30 p.m.  
 MU at Lawrence Tech, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 9**  
 S'craft at Henry Ford, 1 p.m.  
 MU at Siena Hts., 5:30 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**Friday, Feb. 8**  
 Barrie Colts vs. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 9**  
 Owen Sound vs. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.  
**Sunday, Feb. 10**  
 Whalers at Brampton, 2 p.m.  
**TBA** - time to be announced.

## CHARGERS

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— Churchill was able to forge a 12-7 lead and never relinquished it the rest of the game. The Chargers led 26-20 at halftime and then opened up a 41-26 advantage on a Hovemale drive to the hoop with 3.1 seconds left in the third.

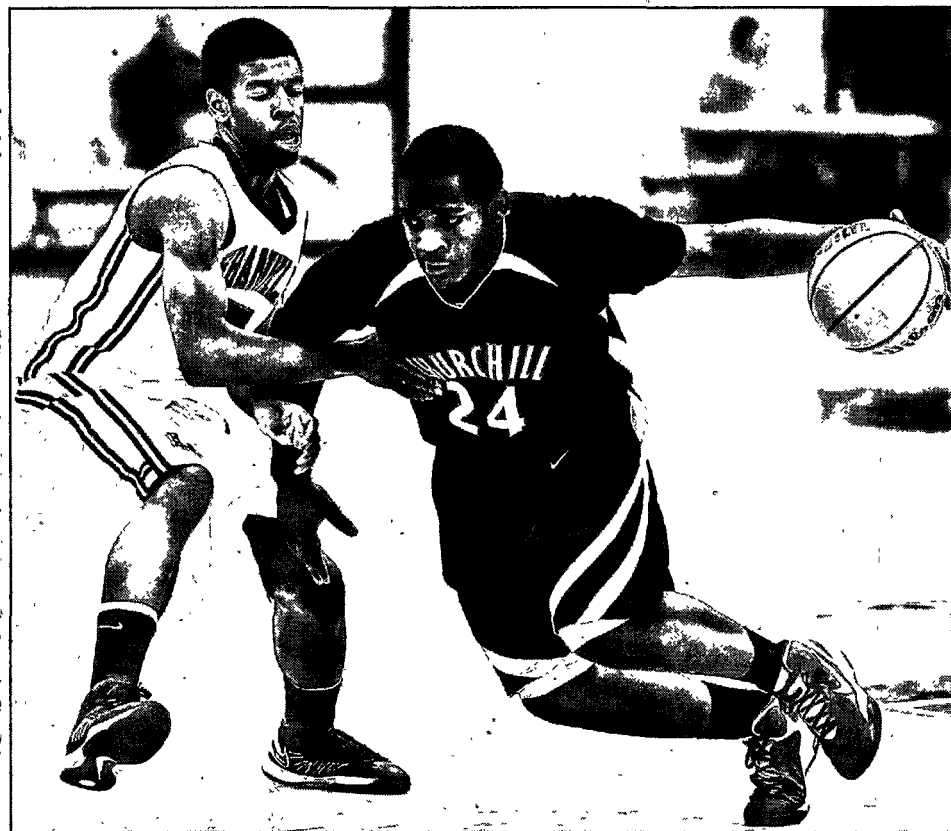
"Jon every day is getting stronger," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "He has his moments ... remember he's a 15-year-old kid. But he also has those moments when he plays like a senior and he's become one of our leaders. And to the other seniors' credit, they look up to him and they respect him, and he's earned it. He shows up every day and is certainly not playing like a freshman. It's all his work ethic. He's an awesome, awesome kid."

Franklin, however, got a last-second 3-point bomb from Andrew Lebbos at the buzzer to end the third to cut the deficit to 41-29.

The Patriots then climbed to within five on two different occasions during the final quarter as 6-0 senior guard Tyrone Rayford (16 points) hit a shot to make it 45-40 with 2:18 to go, but Churchill got a big 3-pointer from the corner from Colton Robison just 15 seconds later to put the game away.

"We couldn't get over the hump and we made mental mistakes," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said. "Coming out of a couple of timeouts, we lost focus. We had defensive breakdowns a couple of times, but that's the main thing."

Robison chipped in with 11 points and sev-



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Churchill's Dwayne Scott (right) tries to take Franklin defender Tyrone Rayford off the dribble in Friday's KLAA South Division clash.

en rebounds, while senior point guard Dwayne Scott finished with seven points, seven assists and eight rebounds.

"We're trying to clean up the little things," said Churchill coach Jim Solak, whose team shot 38.8 percent from the floor (21-of-54). "I got on Colton pretty hard about doing the little things. Besides shooting, he got seven rebounds. Guys like Donte Jackson ... they're doing little things they didn't do a month ago. So hopefully we can get a bunch of guys finally realizing that there's more to the game than taking 3-point shots and scoring."

The Chargers held on despite committing six fourth-quarter turnovers and being outscored 15-9. "I was proud of our

rebounding tonight," Solak said. "I thought we took decent shots on offense. And we finished around the basket better than usual. It was a typical Friday night at Franklin and we'll take it."

In addition to Rayford's 16 points, the Patriots got nine from 6-7 Michael Gluth and eight apiece from Olushakin Cole and Lebbos. Cole also grabbed a team-best 10 rebounds.

"It was the energy and effort to start the first quarter," Rheault said of his team's slow start. "Pleased with that second quarter, but can't get that first quarter back. "The first time we played them we were mostly in control, but we couldn't hit free throws. Remember, we were 8-of-21 from the free-throw

line and lost by three.

"We've gotten better with our man (defense), so we've gone more man defense. You saw a little bit more of that. We're going a little bit less with our zone right now."

Churchill plays Tuesday at home against KLAA South co-leader Canton and Friday at Wayne Memorial, while Franklin has the tougher task, taking on co-leader Westland John Glenn and Canton in succession, home and away.

"Churchill played very well," Rheault said. "They played harder than us and executed when they needed to. They kept us in the game at times — I'll tell you that — but we didn't take advantage of it."

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# Spartans stun Rocks in OT; Rockets cage rival Zebras

Livonia Stevenson would have made Jerry West proud Friday night.

Senior guard Josh Campbell and sophomore guard Jailen Webber proved to be co-Mr. Clutch as helped pull out a 60-59 boys basketball victory over visiting Salem, the co-leader of the KLAA's Central Division.

With the Spartans down a point after Salem's Chris Dierker made it 59-58, Webber got fouled by the 6-foot-6 Salem senior driving to the basket with two seconds left in OT and made two free throws to pull out the victory.

Campbell, who finished with a game-high 23 points, sent the game into OT with a three-pointer with only 17 seconds remaining in regulation.

Stevenson's defense then limited Salem to one missed attempt on the final possession.

Webber added 10 points for the Spartans, who improved to 7-6 overall and 3-5 in the KLAA Central.

"We showed some guts and got a good defensive stop to force overtime," said Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi, whose team made 23-of-26 free throws.

Salem (10-4, 6-2) got 16 points apiece from Kevin Mack and Ahmad Khalid. The Rocks made 18-of-23 foul shots.

Dierker, the Rocks' leading scorer, was limited to six before fouling out on the final play.

"We had to focus in on him and Joe Mims did a great

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job," Sinawi said. "He battled and I'm proud of him being a senior."

Stevenson led 18-5 after one quarter and 30-19 at halftime before the Rocks roared back with a 17-0 run to start the third period while eventually taking a 42-37 lead heading into the fourth.

"Give our guys credit against a great team," Sinawi said. "I don't know how many teams would have been able to fight back."

**JOHN GLENN 78, WAYNE 62:** Junior Isaac Everette scored a career-high 27 points to propel KLAA South Division co-leader Westland John Glenn (12-2, 7-1) to a KLAA South Division win over host Wayne Memorial (2-11, 0-8).

Seniors Richard Roberts and Nick Daniels chipped in with 18 and 14, respectively, while junior James Pruitt added 10.

Juawn Snipes paced Wayne with 24 points, while Rio Washington added seven.

Glenn trailed 16-15 after one quarter before outscoring the Zebras 24-14 in the second period to take a 39-30 half-time lead.

The Rockets then outscored Wayne 15-9 in the third to go up 54-39.

Glenn connected on 24-of-33 free throws (72.7 percent), while Wayne made 13-of-18 (72.2 percent).

**HVL 52, CALVARY 42:** Milan Monk scored 17 points Friday to lift Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (4-8, 2-6) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Con-

ference win over host Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (1-11, 1-7).

The Hawks, who outscored Calvary 25-18 in the second half, also got 12 points from Ryan Schaffer and 10 from Alex Harris.

James Bergler and David Walker paced the Cougars with 11 points each.

HVL went 13-of-25 from the foul line, while Calvary hit 4-of-6.

**FRANKLIN ROAD 72, LUTH. WESTLAND 52:** In a MIAC Red Division game Friday, Quinn D'Ascenzo scored 21 points and Scott McSweeney added 18 leading host Novi Franklin Road Christian (9-4, 7-3) to a win over Lutheran High Westland (6-5, 5-3).

Phillip Isbell also chipped in with 10 points as Franklin Road led 16-10 after one quarter and outscored the Warriors 21-4 in the second period to take a commanding 37-14 lead.

Nick Andrzejewski and Brandon Wyman scored 12 and 10 for Lutheran Westland, which shot only 21-of-72 from the floor (29 percent) and 10-of-22 from the free throw line (45 percent).

"We turned the ball over too much and dug ourselves too big of a hole in the second quarter," Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft said. "We are a much better team than what I saw tonight. Regardless, Franklin Road was clearly the better team tonight."

"We were focused and ready to go for this game. However, I think we were too tight. Sometimes, the intensity of a big game can lock you up."



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John Glenn dribbler Dre Black (left) is chased by Wayne defender Jarrell Poole during Friday's KLAA South Division clash.

# Patriots take out Chargers, 32-26

## Cramton keys division win

Sarah Cramton turned out to be the X-factor in Livonia Franklin's 32-26 girls basketball victory Friday night over Livonia Churchill.

The sophomore scored 12 points and pulled down 10 rebounds in her best effort of the season as the Patriots improved to 8-6 overall and 4-4 in the KLAA's South Division.

Katelynn Devers

chipped in with eight points, while Morgan Larkin added five for Franklin, which overcame its poor foul shooting (7-of-19).

"Our shooting is driving me nuts, but we played really good defense and that kept us in the game," said Franklin first-year coach Jim Milican, whose team outscored Churchill 22-15 in the second half

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after trailed 11-10 at half-time. "And Sarah without a doubt played her best game of the season."

Churchill (5-9, 1-7) got seven points from sophomore center Hannah Pummill, while Natalie Spala added six. Sydney Anderson and Julia Szuba added five apiece.

The Chargers made only 4-of-10 from the line.

**SALEM 38, STEVENSON 21:** Shooting woes con-

tinued Friday for Livonia Stevenson (6-8, 2-6) in a KLAA Central Division setback against the host Rocks (6-8, 5-3).

Salem's Jamyra Wilson paced all scorers with 15 points, while Mara Murray and Katelyn Foster each tallied seven for the Spartans.

Salem led 15-12 at half-time and outscored Stevenson 23-9 in the second half.

**FRANKLIN ROAD 51, LUTH. WESTLAND 47:**

Kristin Massey poured in a game-high 28 points Friday to spark Novi Franklin Road Christian (7-6, 7-1) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division triumph over Lutheran High Westland (5-8, 4-3).

Alissa Flury led Lutheran Westland with 14 points and 12 rebounds, while Angela Morrison chipped in with 13 points.

"We did a lot of great things tonight, but unfortunately we didn't have the greatest fourth quarter," said Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade, whose team was outscored 17-4 in the decisive fourth quarter.

"We need to learn from tonight, keep improving on our weaknesses and get ready for the next game (on Tuesday)."

Free throws also told the story as Franklin Road made 14-of-20, while the Warriors went 2-of-4.

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"I'm a lock," Myles said. "Hopefully the scouts can see more and I feel I have pretty good chance. We'll have a pro day at La Tech. I talked to 15 teams throughout the week, and they told me there would be others, too."

"I think I'm on the bubble right now (for the NFL Combine). It's a big junior class that came out this year. We're all kind of waiting."

And for Mitchell, who had only two career starts, he is also chasing the dream.

The former walk-on, however, has no regrets about out going to MSU where he earned his degree in human resources with a minor in economics.

"At Michigan State I thought I got more than I asked for," Mitchell said. "I started as a walk-on and got put on scholarship pretty early in my career there. I played two sports there. I got to play football and run track there. As a walk-on I started two games in a Big Ten secondary; I got a Big Ten championship ring. I feel it's more than I asked for. In terms of what other people might say, it wasn't a legendary career. But to me it was a great opportunity and I'm very thankful for it."

"Instead of giving it a shot, I think it's a real opportunity. I feel I'd regret it if I just gave it up. That's the only mindset you can have when it comes to something like this."

**All-Star factor**

Just getting a look in a pair of postseason all-star games

proved beneficial for Myles.

"The NFLPA was really good exposure for the guys at my position, and the possible free agents," he said. "I feel after a week of practice I performed really well. It was a real good experience, nice networking. It was cool and I felt like I performed great, and some people did, too."

At the NFLPA game, Dick Vermeil was Myles White's head coach, while former NFL standout Isaac Bruce served as a position coach.

"It was actually weird being in front of Isaac Bruce, a (future) Hall of Fame wide receiver," Myles said. "I kind of soaked in everything he had to say. The way you run your routes is so much different than in college to perform at the NFL level. Everything has to be polished and everything has to be clean. They really helped us adjusting to that transition."

It's a pretty structured environment training at CES in Houston where 18 other players are trying to improve their NFL chances.

"We have a house shared by four people," Mitchell said. "We usually go from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., then we also worked with a position coach. You try and hang at the house and recover. When I get back home, I'm pretty tired."

Both Mitchell and Myles have extensive track backgrounds. Myles was a standout hurdler at Stevenson, while Mitchell was a long jumper and high jumper who actually competed at MSU (once clearing 6 feet, 8.75 inches in an indoor meet with the Spartans).

Track helps

"Obviously everyone knows

the 40-yard dash is the money maker," Mitchell said. "When you're a track guy you're used to coming out low and knowing the technicality of sprinting. It's easier for a guy who has run track."

"There's always room for improvement in the 40. I think I'll run pretty fast, but the lower the better. Other than the 40 (my weakness) is the bench press. There's room for improvement everywhere, the lower the better."

"NFL scouts pay attention to the (electronic) times, but they have own watch and have their own hand time as well. I ran a 4.37 and 4.39. I was pretty happy. Myles is pretty fast and Troy Stoudermire from Minnesota is pretty fast."

While Mitchell was starting for MSU in a Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl win over TCU, Myles found himself sidelined because of a bowl bid snafu.

Louisiana Tech had finished 9-3 and thought it was headed to Liberty Bowl, but found itself bowl-less after A.D. Bruce Van De Velde declined a bid to the Independence Bowl in nearby Shreveport.

"It was actually very disappointing because we put some much work into the offseason, and we were ranked in the top 25 five weeks straight," Myles said. "Just not to be able to go to a bowl game was a bitter experience because we thought we at least deserved to be in something, and showcase we were one of the best teams in the country."

"As a group of seniors we talked to him (La Tech A.D.). It was kind of a bad deal — counting your chickens before they hatched. It turned for the worse when Northern Illinois

got into a BCS Bowl, which will never happen in a million years. And we got the short end of the stick. That's how it happens."

**Big season**

But like Mitchell staying at MSU, Myles said he had no regrets about going to Louisiana Tech. During his junior year, White had 30 catches for 414 yards and three TDs for the Bulldogs.

"We had the No. 1 offense in the country, so just to be a part of that and a main contributor ... I thought I had a pretty good season with that. It was a blessing to be there. We had a great group of seniors — 37 this year. All but our running backs were returning starters. The line did a good job making plays and opening it up for the run. They did a really good job opening up the pass with the run and the run with the pass."

White also got to face the Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel, which ended up in a wild 59-57 setback.

"He (Manziel) is the real deal," Myles said. "It's crazy. You're never going to boost your opponent up because he's a great player, but you're never going to sleep on him either. I think teams had to take notice that he's a great college football player."

White also believe he matured at Louisiana Tech under coach Sonny Dykes, who shortly after the season the head coaching job at Cal.

"He's a great guy and I have the utmost respect for him and all the coaches on that staff," Myles said. "The difference in college coaches today are a lot are just business coaches."

They just care about winning and their money. And that's not them. They get a player and grow them as a man, and make them the best they can possibly be on and off the field. And that's why I feel like they're the best coaching staff in the country today."

**New son**

Myles also welcomed a new son into the world just before the season started.

"He'll be five months on Feb. 1. — Michael (Lamar) White — he was born on Sept. 1," Myles said. "Our Texas A&M got canceled on Aug. 30 (rescheduled in October). He was born before our first game, which was cool. Being in the hospital and watch everything was pretty cool. My girlfriend (Shavonda Washington from Mendon, La.) is going back to school. She has another quarter to graduate."

Myles was able to finish up his studies last semester, earning a degree in sociology.

"It worked out for the best because I only had one class to finish up," he said. "I was trying to balance the three — taking care of Michael, playing football and going to that one class. It worked out for the best."

Meanwhile, the twins will continue to train in Houston together and get ready for a possible NFL call.

The all-star week in Tucson reignited their sibling rivalry.

"We went against each other a couple of times," Mitchell said. "It was cool. He got a piece of me a couple of times. He knows me pretty well. Just like old times."



## Wonderful Wheatens

### Livonia dog will compete in Westminster Kennel Club show

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Fiddler has all it takes to turn heads — a long neck, short back, and nice rear — and Carol Shaltz of Livonia hopes the soft-coated Wheaten terrier does just that on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club 137 Annual All Breed Dog Show in New York.

"What Fiddler does, what really shows him off, is that he loves to show," said Shaltz, who bred the dog and co-owns him with Joe and Laura Guibord of Livonia. "His tail is always up. It's like you (the handler) don't even have to be there. It's 'Hey, look at me.' That catches a judge's eye."

Shaltz was invited to Westminster in 2004 with Fiddler's grandmother, Niamh, who was the number four Wheaten in all breed that year. Niamh, 11, is retired from dog shows and lives with Shaltz and her husband, Frank. Fiddler lives with the Guibords, but Shaltz grooms him every 10 days. Both she and handler Alison Sunderman of Jackson have shown him in conformation — a competition that judges each dog against a breed standard — at numerous dog shows, where he collected points



Carol Shaltz handles Fiddler as he shows off a conformation stance.

for his wins. He needed to collect 15 points to achieve his Champion status, which he attained less than a year after he was born in April 2011. He became a Grand Champion, after having collected even more points, in June last year.

"Carol shows dogs and wins with her dogs. Even when she goes up against (professional) handlers, it's kind of hard, but she still does it. She has won a lot," Frank Shaltz said, pointing out that his wife guided seven dogs to their Champion titles last year.

"That's a big time record for a breeder," she said.

But is it enough to land a win in conforma-

tion at Westminster?

Although 45 terriers have won Best in Show since the Westminster Kennel Club began keeping records in 1907, none have been Wheatens. Only one Wheaten has won the terrier group judging since 1924.

#### Judges, handlers

"A typical terrier is a terrier that goes to ground," said Shaltz, referring to the breed's ability to track and find its prey underground. "That is what the judges consider a true terrier. The Wheatens don't go to ground. They are the sweetest of the terriers and they don't have that terrier temperament."

"It all depends on what kind of judge you get," Frank added, explaining that some judges may lean toward a particular breed or handler. Although each dog is judged against a breed standard, there's room for subjectivity. He recalled that Niamh won Best in Show at the Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show in competition on Saturday, one year. The following day, a different judge pronounced her "too fat" to win the Sunday competition.

He said professional handlers, who often live with the dogs they



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Carol Shaltz of Livonia and Fiddler give each other a hug.



Carol Shaltz grooms Fiddler, who wears a "show cut" complete with fur that covers his eyes.

show, tend to have an advantage over breeders or owners who show dogs, especially at big events, like Westminster.

Sunderman, the handler who sometimes shows Fiddler, will enter the Westminster judging ring with oth-

er terriers this year. Handlers often prioritize their breeds and Shaltz said Wheatens are fourth on her handler's priority list. Sunderman plans to show higher priority dogs.

Shaltz found a substitute handler from Battle Creek.

"I really wanted Carol to show the dog instead of a handler," Frank said. "But handlers get the advantage. It's politics."

There's a chance Shaltz, who plans to attend the Westminster show with the Guibords, could end up in the ring with Fiddler, especially if the substitute handler is busy with her other priority dogs.

Shaltz and Fiddler are ready for that scenario. "He doesn't need any more instruction," Shaltz said.

While on his show lead, Fiddler behaves perfectly, striking the correct stance and walking obediently with his Shaltz.

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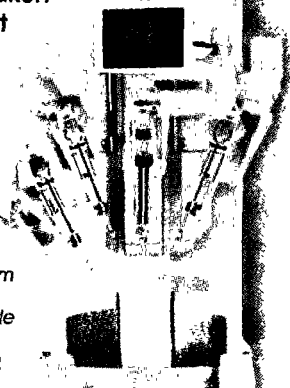


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# Students dazzle seniors with balloon-twisting skills

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Youth group members from Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington recently worked a little magic for senior citizens at Grand Court, an independent living center in Farmington.

They twisted the balloons, played the spoons, constructed towers from marshmallows — and elicited lots of smiles in the process.

"It was great," said Char Mazeppa, lifestyle director for the facility. "All of the residents that attended this event thoroughly enjoyed the evening ... Marilyn Trumper-Samra, the coordinator of Youth Ministry from Our Lady of Sorrows is energetic and is a natural with this group of young adults. They were polite, kind and respectful and a whole lot of fun. One of my residents, Don McGregor, said 'I didn't know there were this many young people in the world. This is great.'"

The junior high school students, members of



Jack Michaels (left), Alex Zarouk and Matthew Perl, of Our Lady of Sorrows church in Farmington, bend balloons into shapes at Grand Court, a senior living residence in Farmington Hills.

Faithful Friends youth group, took a class in making balloon animals a few weeks before heading out to Grand Court. John Vincent II of Miraculous Entertainment in Clawson showed teens how to twist and bend balloons into swords, giraffes and dogs.

"He was phenomenal," said Trumper-Samra. He comes from a long line

of circus performers. He does fire blowing, juggling and balloons. He was a great teacher, good at keeping them focused.

"We had 30 kids that night and 30 parents doing nothing but blowing up balloons. It went well. He told them to rub their hands up and down the balloons to get acclimated to human touch. You give 30 junior high school students balloons and you want to poke your ears out," she said with a laugh.

Trumper-Samra combined a discussion on faith with the balloon-twisting session. Youth group members discussed what it takes to keep their faith moving forward and in tune with God during a gathering held just before the



PHOTOS BY MARILYN TRUMPER-SAMRA

Anna Abarius (center) helps youth group members from Our Lady of Sorrows, Edie Lerner (left) and Ryan Kotlinski, construct a marshmallow and toothpick tower.

hands-on workshop.

Before the group performed table magic at Grand Court, two years ago, they talked about the difference between magic and miracles.

Mazeppa said seniors

enjoyed the table magic, too.

"We don't get many groups here. It would be nice if we did," she added.

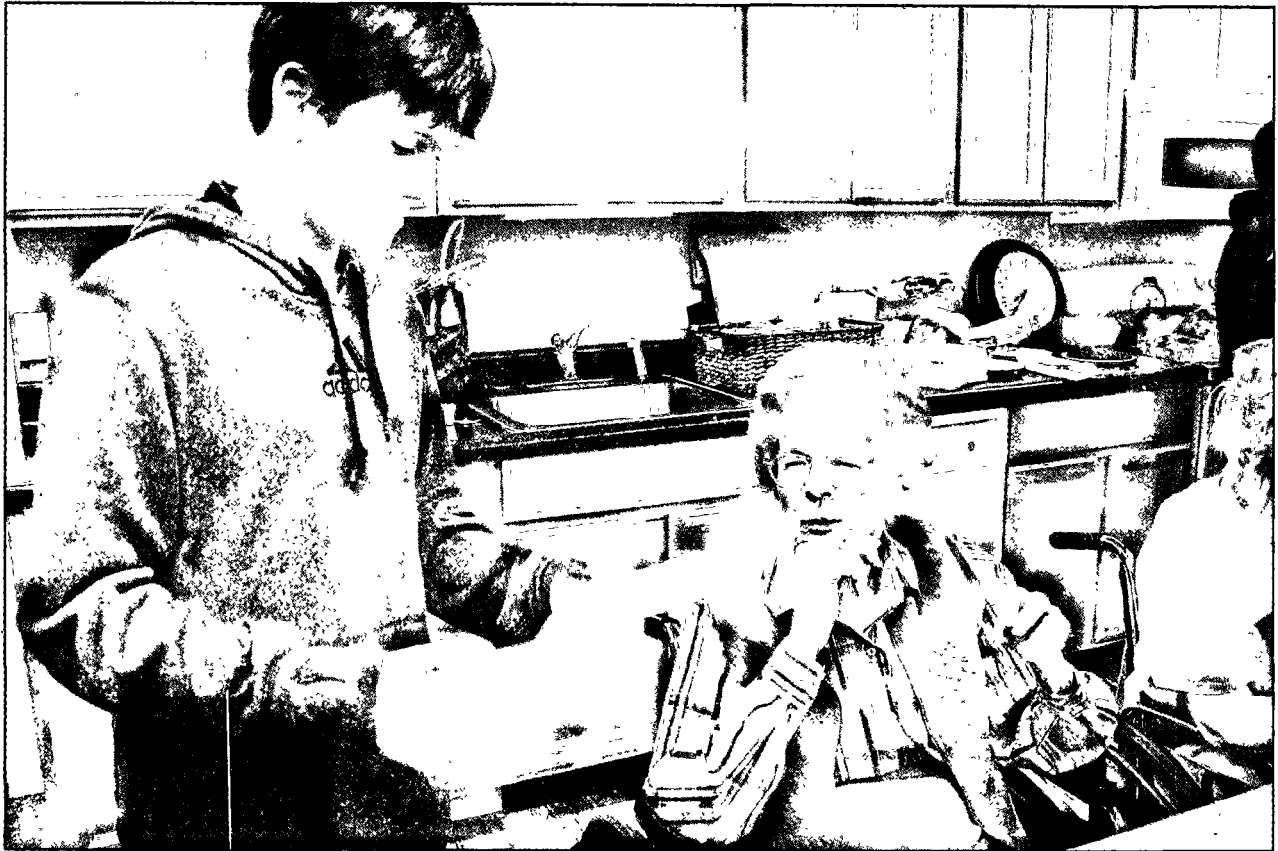
Faithful Friends meets from 7-9 p.m. every other

Friday at the church.

For more information about Our Lady of Sorrows visit [olsorrows.com](http://olsorrows.com). For more about Grand Court, visit [brookdale-living.com](http://brookdale-living.com) and click on "find a community."



Seventh- and eighth-graders from the Faithful Friends youth group at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington recently entertained residents of Grand Court, an independent living center in Farmington Hills, with balloon animals, toothpick-and-marshmallow towers and a spoons concert.



Jacob Merieca twists a balloon into an animal for Peg Prentice, a resident at Grand Court in Farmington Hills.

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## Hospice groups set training, travel sessions

Area hospice organizations will offer volunteer training and workshops for singles this month.

Michigan Community VNA Hospice needs volunteers to provide companionship to patients at the end of life.

Free training is required and runs 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at Michigan Community VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600, Oak Park.

For more information call (248) 967-8347 or visit [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org).

Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, will offer "Traveling Alone," a workshop to help newly-single individ-

uals with the challenges associated with traveling alone.

The workshop will include information on trip planning, how to find the most appropriate excursion, traveling with or without a companion, safety concerns and other travel topics.

All Arbor Hospice grief support programs are free of charge and open to the public.

For more information or to register, call (734) 794-5127 or e-mail [ching@arborhospice.org](mailto:ching@arborhospice.org).

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dog," Shaltz said, adding that Fiddler occasionally likes to counter surf. "Wheatens are jumpers and pouncers. They're a great family dog. They love children, but you have to like that exuberance."

### Dog lovers

Both she and Frank grew up with dogs. They owned a cockapoo years ago but have raised Wheatens ever since. They don't have children, but Shaltz admits their dogs are like kids.

She bred two litters of Wheaten puppies last year and one litter the year before. Puppy-raising is a round-the-clock job for the first few months after they're born. She also spends time interviewing potential families for the pups, including those, like the Guibords, who want to show their dogs. She stays in touch with the families who buy her dogs and loves hearing from them.

"If they have any questions throughout their dog's life I am just a phone call away. To me, a breeder has a lot of responsibilities. They have a commitment to the puppy," she said. Her contract requires customers to return the dog to her if they can no longer keep it. "That way I know my puppies should always have a



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Carol Shaltz prominently displays photos of her Champion and Grand Champion dogs, including Fiddler, who she is holding on a show lead.

good home."

Shaltz is vice president of Motor City Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club, a member of the Terrier Club of Michigan and a member of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America.

The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show runs Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 11-12. Breed judging for terriers is Feb. 12. Breed judging will

be covered live with real-time streaming at [www.westminsterkennelclub.org](http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org). Group judging starts at 8 p.m. Monday for hound, toy, non-sporting and herding categories and at 7:30 p.m. for sporting, working and terrier categories. Life television coverage is 8-11 p.m. Monday on CNBC and 8-11 p.m. Tuesday on the USA Network.

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## Milestones

### 60th wedding anniversary

Earl and Dee Sussex of Fraser, formerly of Livonia, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 21, 2012.

They were married in 1952 at First United Methodist Church, in Ann Arbor.

The couple has three children and seven grandchildren.



### Hornyak-Edinger

Carly Kristen Hornyak and Ryan Michael Edinger were married Aug. 4, 2012, at First Congregational Church in St. Joseph. Dr. Robert Braman officiated.

Parents of the bride are Ronald Hornyak and Cheryl Hornyak of Redford. The groom is the son of Greg and Marian Edinger of St. Joseph.

The maid of honor was Lindsey Hornyak, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lindsay Valentine, Laura Cwalina, Megan Sherman, Ellen Adler, Virginia Seely, Devon Kurkowski, Courtney Duffner and Michelle Edinger.

The best man was Robbie Powell, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Derek Smith, Louie Bitove, Tim LaFramboise, Josh Schmidke, Rennie Ramirez, Rob Grashorn and Josh Mandarino.

A reception was held at Shadowland Ballroom,



in St. Joseph. The couple also took a honeymoon trip to Hawaii.

The bride graduated from Redford Union High School and received a bachelor of science degree with a major in psychology, as well as a master of social work degree from Western Michigan University. She is employed as a school social worker with the Van Buren Intermedi-

ate School District. The groom graduated from St. Joseph High School and received a bachelor of business degree in integrated supply management from Western Michigan University. He is in sales and operations management with Anderson Building Materials Co. in St. Joseph.

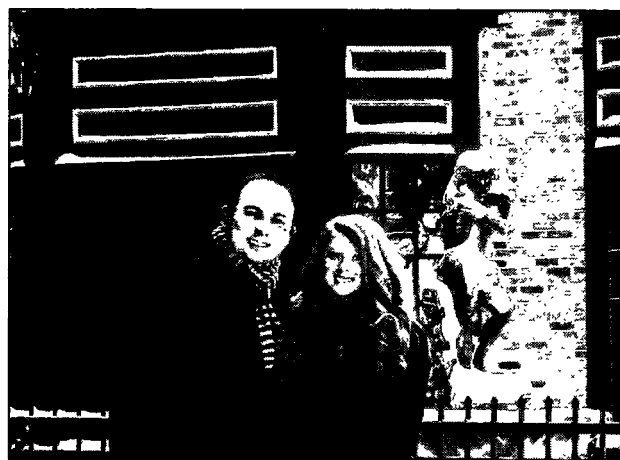
The couple lives in St. Joseph.

### Maxwell-Richards

Mark and Julie Maxwell of Port Huron announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Jeff Richards, son of Bill and Carol Richards of Northville.

Jennifer is a graduate of Michigan State University, with a degree in political science. She attends University of Detroit Mercy Law School.

Jeff is a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in history. He is a social studies



teacher at Canton High School.

The couple will be married in summer 2014 at

St. John's Chapel at the Inn at St. Johns in Plymouth Township.

### KENDALL ELIZABETH JOHNS

Kendall Elizabeth Johns was born Jan. 18, 2013, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Kendall joins her parents, Nate and Shelley Johns, and sister, Natalie, 2, at home in Plymouth.

Grandparents are Tom and Randa Williams of Plymouth and Carl and Elaine Johns of Ann Arbor.



## Psychiatrist speaks at club meeting Feb. 12

Livonia Neighbors and Friends will hold its general meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia.

The gathering also will include a discussion on emotional wellness in later life, with Laurie Boore, M.D., a geriatric psychiatrist.

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a

women's club, is open to women who live or work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month, September through May. Special activity groups continue to meet year round.

For more information visit livonia-neighborsandfriends.tripod.com.

## Passages

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### BOOTH, HALDEN (HAL), JR.

Born in Warren, Ohio, in 1934 passed away on Sat. Dec. 22, 2012, in Florida where he has lived for several years. He lived in Birmingham for over 30 years where he raised his family along with his ex-wife Beverly. He was a graduate of Kent State U. in Kent, Ohio where he met his wife. He worked for Youngstown Sheet and Tube in Youngstown, Ohio, St. Louis, Mo. and Detroit. Then worked at Rockwell International before moving to Florida. He is survived by his daughter Brenda, her husband Dave McCain and their children: Max, Molly and Maggie, of Auburn Hills, Mi, His son Brian of Los Angeles, Calif. and his children Morgan, Katelyn and Holly of Birmingham. Hal served in the USAF as Captain, was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity at Kent, Birmingham Country Club and The United Methodist Church of Birmingham. A memorial service will be held in Florida in February.



### DUGGAN, BEVERLY J.

Age 79, January 31, 2013. Beloved wife of 57 years, of George. Loving mother of Patricia Smith, Timothy (Celeste) Duggan and Abigail (Darren) Edwards. Dear Granny of Joshua, Jesse, Jacob, Jasmine and Dale. Beverly was a retired Realtor with B.F. Chamberlain. She was generous and loving and will be missed by all who knew her. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday 2 - 8 p.m. Instate at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 7 Mile Rd., Livonia, Monday from 10:30 until Funeral Service at 11 a.m. A luncheon will follow immediately at the church. Please share a memory at www.rgharris.com



### DAVIS, HAROLD

88; Went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 26, 2013, at his home in Sebring, Fla. He was the beloved husband of 67 years, of Eunice Lucille Davis; devoted father of Pam Bailey, and Hal Davis and his wife Connie; cherished grandfather of Shelly Gibson and her husband Mike, and U.S. Army Specialist Jesiah Davis; beloved brother of Ilene Meyers, and friend to many. He was preceded in death by his older sister Rita Haney; a brother, George Davis, and two grandchildren, Scotty Armbruster and Caleb Davis. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 3, 1924 and he and his two sisters were raised during the Great Depression. At age 18 he joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific Ocean during World War II. In 1949, he opened Harold's Frame Shop in Redford, MI. In mid-fifties he expanded and in 1962 added another building. The business grew so that in 1970, he opened the Novi location, in 1973 expanded the building for heavy trucks. In 1976 started semi-retirement in Florida then in 1993, retired full time. Throughout the years he has helped many customers and employees. His generous spirit and kindness will forever serve as a role model for all who knew him and loved him. God blessed a man that blessed others; that was his legacy. A funeral ceremony is planned for Monday, February 4th, 4:00 pm, at First Baptist Church of Oak Park, 24201 Coolidge Hwy., Oak Park. Visitation Saturday, February 2nd, from 2:00 until 8:00 pm. (No visitation on Sunday) at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btw 9-10 Mile Rds; N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington. Memorial gifts to the American Heart Assn. (248-474-5200). www.heeney-sundquist.com



### HEARD, CHARLES J.

Age 81, January 31, 2013 of Caro. Formerly of Garden City. Beloved husband of Kathryn "Kay". Loving father of James Heard, Bob (Lisa) Heard, Shelley (Larry) Mast, and Kathy (Tim) Rath. And special dog, Katie. Proud grandfather of 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Visitation Monday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road & Cherry Hill), Westland. Funeral Service Tuesday 11 AM at the Funeral Home. Interment Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children or Alzheimer's Association. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



### MERRILL, PETER D.

78, peacefully passed away on Saturday morning January 26, 2013 at his home in Bozeman, MT. He graduated from Shaker Heights High School in 1952 and attended Cornell University. Pete is survived by his loving wife, Carlyle; his son, Charles (Lisa) Boughton II; and daughter, Martha. Services were held at 2pm Saturday, Feb. 2nd at St. James Episcopal Church in Bozeman. Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service. www.dokkennelson.com



### PIERCE, MALCOLM GENE "MAC"

Age 82, Jan. 16, 2013. Mac's celebration of life will be held on Sat., Feb. 16th, 2013. 10am visitation with 11am service at the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. Luncheon to follow.

## GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

### Native tree seminar

Home gardeners with an interest in native trees and Rouge River ecology may attend a public seminar 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. The seminar title is "Go Native! ...with Trees and Shrubs!" Featured speakers will include Bill Schneider, owner of WildType Nursery, and Kim Thompson Everett, a landscaper specializing in tree and shrub maintenance. Program topics will include benefits of native trees and shrubs; species recommendations and availability; planting and maintenance tips, and more. The seminar is sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) in cooperation with the City of Southfield and Rouge River municipalities. The seminar is free, but advance registration is required at (248) 288-5150 weekdays, or e-mail to LFDDean@aol.com.

### Butterflies

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association meets 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Chuck Pearson presents "Butterflies of Ives Road Fen." He'll talk about the 800-acre preserve and its butterflies. For more information visit www.sembabutterfly.com

### English Gardens

• "More About Orchids"

runs 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, with a free re-potting session following at 2:30 p.m. that same day.

• Find out the basics of landscape design, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 at a free presentation.

• Learn about fresh flower arranging at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23.

• Make a spring flower arrangement for \$29.99, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23. Register at www.englishgardens.com.

• Get an introduction to fairy and miniature gardens, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 2. Cost is \$34.99. Sign up online at www.englishgardens.com.

• Kids can make a fairy garden at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 2

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

### 60-minute classes

Master Gardeners Western Wayne County (MGWWC) will offer a series of hour-long seminars in February at the Wayne County Extension Office, 5454 Venoy, a quarter mile north of Van Born, in Wayne. Classes start at 7 p.m. and cost \$10 each or \$30 for all four classes if registered in advance. All proceeds fund gardening grants and scholarships. To register, e-mail to mgwwcorg@gmail.com.

• Pat Mann of Green-

field Village Herb Associates will talk about fairy gardens, including history and popularity, Tuesday, Feb. 5. Learn how to create your own fairy garden.

• Heirloom Tomatoes - From Seed to Sauce, will include tips on seed selection, growing techniques, use in the kitchen and recipes. Paul Rodman, community garden expert and an Advanced Master Gardener, will lead the class, Tuesday, Feb. 12.

• Roy Prentice, farm manager of the MSU Tollgate Education Center in Novi, will teach the basics of pruning trees and shrubs, including pruning for health, form and improved vigor, Tuesday, Feb. 19. Participants will gain knowledge of common pruning tools and obtain helpful references.

• Bob Bransky, photographer and Master Gardener/Master Composer, will teach outdoor and garden photography, Tuesday, Feb. 26. Learn how to take outstanding pictures, including camera basics, composition of a great picture, close-up photos of plants.

### Violets

The Dearborn Heights Garden Club will present "Violets and Streptocarpus," 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 7, at Canfield Center, 1801 N. Beech-Daly, Dearborn. Learn about these beautiful houseplants and how they can brighten your home. New members welcome. Bring a lunch. Admission is free; (313) 563-5753.

## REUNIONS

Send information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Got a class photo or yearbook picture to go with the information? Send it along as a jpg attachment.

### DETROIT GESU CATHOLIC SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1956

A reunion is planned for Aug. 17. Call Jack Sayed at (810) 231-9230.

### PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1968

A 45-year class reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 7. For information contact Susan Keith Johnson at sjohnson4@comcast.net.

#### SOUTH LYON

#### CLASS OF 1963

A 50th class reunion is planned for July 20. For more information contact Barbara Cook at (248) 349-5982.

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## St. Mary Mercy offers heart screenings, seminars

American Heart Month and the Go Red for Women campaign — which aims to raise awareness about women's heart health — got under way Friday, Feb. 1 with the 10th Annual National Wear Red Day.

Supporters wore red to promote the cause and women who have experienced cardiovascular problems were invited to tell their personal stories on camera for a chance to become a national spokeswoman for the campaign. The casting call was held at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Upcoming Campaign events include "Go Red Night" Sunday, Feb. 10 at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. For more information visit [michiganphil.org](http://michiganphil.org).

The annual Go Red For Women Luncheon will feature Star Jones,

author, attorney and television personality, on Friday, Feb. 15 at the MGM Grand in Detroit. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a health expo and the luncheon at noon. The event will include health screenings, a silent auction, health seminars and vendor displays. Tickets are \$175. For more information visit [www.detroitgoredforwomen.org](http://www.detroitgoredforwomen.org) or call (248) 936-5831.

According to the American Heart Association, heart disease kills more women each year than any other disease and is more deadly than all forms of cancer combined. One in three women die from heart disease annually and an estimated 43 million American women are affected by heart disease.

Women who become involved in the Go Red campaign are more like-

ly to make healthy choices. More than half increase their exercise, approximately one-third lose weight and 40 percent have their cholesterol levels checked.

Cholesterol screening is among the cardiovascular wellness tests offered by St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Heart & Vascular Center in Livonia in support of American Heart Month.

It's part of the "Heart-Fit" screening that also includes blood pressure, peripheral vascular screening, electrocardiogram and cardiovascular risk assessment. Cost is \$79.

The VascularFit screening costs \$49 and includes an assessment for stroke, abdominal aortic aneurysm and peripheral vascular disease.

Patients are given the results to share with their physician. For more information or to make an

appointment for a wellness screening, call (734) 655-2961.

Other heart-related activities presented this month by St. Mary Mercy are:

- "Living Better with Life's Simple Seven" 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13 at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Theresa Erchenbrecher, RN, and Michelle Moccia, MSN, ANP-BC, CCRN, will offer ways to improve cardiovascular health through everyday healthy habits. Blood pressure checks will be available from 12:30-1 p.m. Registration is required; call (734) 655-8950.

- Ladies' Night Out, "Women and Heart Disease," starts at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 in the south auditorium at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan. Delair Gardi, MD, will give facts on heart disease risk fac-



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tors, information on how to prevent heart disease, and will talk about available treatment options. "Know Your Numbers" health screenings will include blood pressure, cholesterol and Body Mass Index. Massages will be available. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-1182 or visit

[stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on Classes & Events.

- Aron Henderson, an exercise physiologist, will talk about safe exercise at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Westland Friendship Center. Henderson also will demonstrate safe exercises that can strengthen the cardiovascular system. Registration is required; call (734) 655-8950.

- James Wilks, MD, a cardiologist at St. Mary Mercy, will talk about "Living with Cardiovascular Disease," 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. Participants can learn about the risks for heart disease, signs and symptoms of a heart attack, the latest in treatment options and heart healthy lifestyle strategies in this free program. Registration is required; call (734) 655-8950.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### February

##### CELIAC

The next Tri County Celiac Support Group (TCCSG) meeting is 7 p.m., Feb. 4, at First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Thomas Alexander will talk about "Celiac Disease, Fatigue, and HypoAdrenalism." For more information about the group contact Marge Orlando, president, at [maorlando39@gmail.com](mailto:maorlando39@gmail.com) or (586) 751-8592. The group's new website is [www.tccsg.net](http://www.tccsg.net).

##### JOINT REPLACEMENT

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars with orthopedic surgeons and expert

staff who will answer your questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures, and available implant options. Upcoming sessions are 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29 with David Mendelson, MD; and Wednesday, March 27 with Jeffrey Mendelson, MD. All meetings are held in Classroom 10 at the hospital, located on Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Register by calling (734) 655-2345.

##### LADIES' NIGHT OUT

The event, hosted by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will feature a presentation focusing on women's cardiovascular health, Thursday, Feb. 21, in the hospital's South Auditorium. "Know Your Numbers" screenings — blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index — as well as massages

will be offered from 4-6:45 p.m., and Dr. Delair Gardi, M.D., a St. Mary Mercy cardiologist, will speak from 7-8:30 p.m. Participants will learn about reducing their risk for heart disease, as well as heart conditions, including coronary artery disease, abnormal heart rhythm (arrhythmia), aortic valve disease, cardiomyopathy, aortic aneurysm, stroke and heart attack. Light refreshments, prizes and community vendors will be provided. Registration for this event is required. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 to register. Or register online at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes and events."

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A person with prediabetes has blood glucose levels that are higher than normal but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes.

The class will show participants how to take better care of themselves and make lifestyle changes for diabetes prevention.

The fee is \$25. Register at (248) 477-6100.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital presents a free educational seminar, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 in the hospital south auditorium, 36475 Five Mile,

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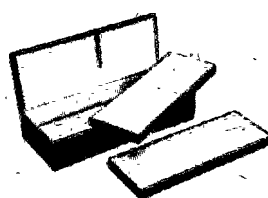
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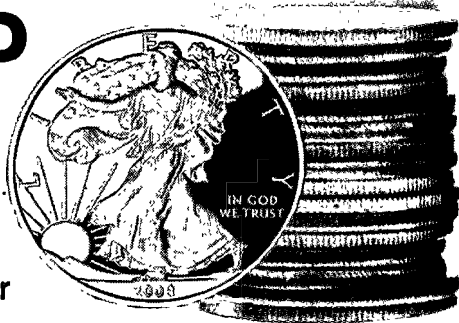
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## Career resolutions the good and the bad

Debra Auerbach  
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At the start of each year, New Year's resolutions are made. Some are kept, while many more are forgotten. Yet making resolutions can be beneficial if they are realistic, they allow for some flexibility and a plan is put in place to achieve them.

The same thinking applies to making career resolutions. While it's good to set goals, not all career resolutions are created equal. Some will help you get what you want, while others will leave you frustrated, complacent or not where you thought you'd be in your career.

"My personal view is that any resolutions, particularly those dealing with your career, must have a good balance between flexibility and specificity," says Lauren Still, founder of strategic career-management company Careerrevolution Group. "A good resolution will allow someone to measure whether they're making progress on it.... A bad resolution is entirely dependent on actions of others, is too broad to be actionable or is unclear as to whether the individual achieved it."

Here are some good career resolutions to make this year, and some bad ones to avoid:

**Good: Get feedback on an ongoing basis**

Patrick Sweeney, president of human capital management firm Caliper, says that a smart career resolution is to continuously work with your manager on development goals. He suggests doing periodic check-ins throughout the year to get constructive feedback and ensure that you're on the same page

with how you're performing. "By taking the reins and showing this initiative with your manager, it shows that you care about your position, your company and helping your manager achieve her goals too," Sweeney says. "Companies look for and want to keep people who are committed to long-term growth, and this helps to cement your place."

**Bad: Get feedback during performance reviews**

Most people don't enjoy getting feedback on their weaknesses, even if it's constructive. So you may tell yourself it's better to wait to get feedback from your manager until performance-review time. That way, you can hear it all at once, and you don't have to worry about it any other time of the year. But doing so may set you back in your career. Without knowing what's working and what's not on an ongoing basis, you'll essentially be running in place. Also, if you're not asking for feedback regularly, your manager might believe you're not that invested in advancing your career.

**Good: Maintain a better work/life balance**

Did 2012 leave you feeling burned out and stressed? Try doing some things to better your personal life, and a better work life will follow. If your long hours at work have made going to the gym tough, try waking up an hour early to go to a fitness class or taking a power walk during your lunch break. While you don't need to push yourself to set specific fitness goals, just getting your

heart rate up or some fresh air will help clear your head and make you feel better all around. Haven't seen your friends in a while because you've been chained to your desk? While it may take a lot of energy to meet up with friends after a long day, it's a good way to get your mind off of work, and it can help put things into perspective.

**Bad: Get more recognition, no matter what it takes**

You may vow in the new year to show your boss that you're committed and that you have what it takes to get to the next level. While that's a positive goal, be careful about how you achieve it. If you work late nights and weekends without having a real reason to do so, or you take on more work than you can manage and don't ask for help, you may set yourself back instead of moving forward. There's a difference between working hard and overworking — the work you're doing should be meaningful if you really want to impress your boss.

**Good: Repair damaged relationships**

"If you left a job on bad terms or you have been out of touch with key people from your old company, you need to catch up with them," says Roy Cohen, career coach and author of *The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide*. Cohen advises, "At the very least, you want to determine what they will say if called for a reference. That should never be a surprise or a last-minute activity. Time is a great neutralizer of frayed edges and unresolved issues. They may also

have interesting ideas regarding opportunities and volunteer to serve as references."

**Bad: Be ruthless**

No one is denying that it's a competitive world out there, but working your way up the ladder by pushing others down isn't the way to win. Taking credit for others' ideas, ratting out a co-worker without talking to him first, holding important client meetings without inviting others who may benefit — you may think these actions will lead to success. But chances are you'll get caught, or you'll lose credibility in the eyes of your boss. Honesty, integrity and teamwork are what will make you stand out for the right reasons.

**Good: Take on more responsibility**

Cheryl Palmer, owner of career-coaching firm Call to Career, says that if you want to position yourself for a promotion, you should resolve to take on more responsibility. "You might ask your boss to be cross-trained so that you are

more valuable to the organization, or you might state your availability to act in your boss' stead when the boss is absent," Palmer says. By challenging yourself, and handling tasks above and beyond your duties, you're showing your boss that you're ready for the next step.

**Bad: Get a promotion**

While striving to get promoted is a positive thing, making it your career resolution won't necessarily get you anywhere. And if you don't get one, you might deem yourself a failure. Try instead to set attainable goals that will help you advance your career, such as take on more responsibility, attend industry conferences or obtain a new certification. By building up your arsenal of skills and experience, you'll be a ready for that promotion — whenever it happens to come along.

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Lincoln is aiming to re-set its brand with a larger audience



By Dale Buss

Lincoln's brand revival bid slammed into top gear for Super Bowl Sunday with TV advertising that highlights the new MKZ sedan and the fresh positioning Ford is trying to give a marque that has been sleeping for decades. Under Jimmy Fallon's Twitter-fed and crowdsourced creative influence, Lincoln's effort generated perhaps more curiosity about what any auto brand was doing in the Big Game.

In a last twist, the automaker decided to break its presence in Super Bowl XLVII on February 3 into two 30-second spots instead of its originally planned single, minute long commercial.

"The last [few days] have seen the creative process unfold, and what we witnessed was that we're having a hard time containing the content even in a rich 60-second spot," Andrew Frick, Lincoln group marketing manager, said in late January. So, one of the spots focused more intently on the wonders of the re-designed MKZ sedan, while the other 30 seconds gave sway to Fallon's imaginings.

It's little wonder that Lincoln decided to go a bifurcated direction, even so late in the pre-game. Under Lincoln's #SteertheScript promotion launched last fall, it was the job of TV host and comic Fallon to curate the best contributions from 6,117 tweets to create an ad for the third quarter of the game that highlighted contributors' most intriguing road trips.

In the creative mix — as chronicled in the dribs and drabs of YouTube videos that Lincoln posted all along — were 20

alpacas, 10 turtles, several bikers and a hokey-looking spaceship in a desert setting. Indulging Fallon's vision in such a way would seem to leave relatively little room to extol MKZ, which is only the first of the four new vehicles Lincoln has promised over the next few years.

Frick said that breaking its ad buy into two chunks became the most obvious way for Ford to succeed in promoting both the new vehicle and its "new" brand.

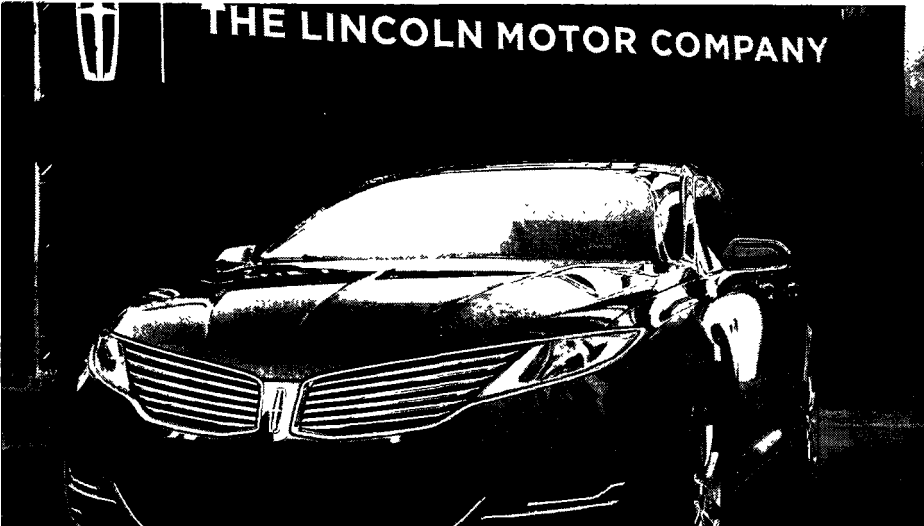
"You want to show your vehicle; the car is always the star, in some ways," he said. "But you also want to strike the balance of not becoming too rational, and showing the more emotional side of the vehicle and how it relates to people individually and how the vehicle becomes a mechanism for their real-life experiences."

"We're trying to connect the vehicle and the experiences in everyday life and how important the vehicle is to them."

In any event, for a brand that has suffered from glaring corporate neglect over the last several years, the attempted turnabout is an ambitious as well as jarring one. Ford has tried to set the marketing stage over the last few months



Former Dallas Cowboys great Emmitt Smith is Lincoln's Super Bowl brand ambassador.



Lincoln MKZ is the car star of the brand's Super Bowl efforts.

by renaming the brand "Lincoln Motor Company," by relying on touches of heritage (even including President Lincoln) in new advertising, and by talking up hopes that the new Lincoln will land the sort of young, "progressive luxury" customer who wasn't on the agenda of the Lincoln of Town Car days.

Lincoln truly planned to throw the long ball in the Super Bowl. Its intended receiver is an upscale Gen X-er who previously wouldn't have considered the brand or its relatively staid cars and instead would be pondering an Audi, BMW or maybe Infiniti or Buick for his or her next purchase. Thus the emphasis in the Big Game commercial on "experiences."

"The progressive luxury customer we're targeting is very much about personal experiences and understanding the story behind the story,"

Frick explained. "And we found there was a good amount of overlap between them and Fallon in terms of their following, based on the way he communicates and the brand around him."

"And we'll surprise a lot of people in terms of how progressive we've become."

Lincoln also is aiming to re-set its brand with a larger audience than those who might be in the market right now for an MKZ. "Any time you advertise on the Super Bowl, it's going to extend to a far greater audience, and these spots will give everyone an idea of where the brand is going," Frick said.

To help create a broader and ongoing conversation about Lincoln, social media is key. That's clear from how the brand chose crowdsourcing from the start and in the lead-up to the game.

"We already received over 100 million impressions for the brand through social media before the ads even ran," Frick noted. "We're getting the message out."

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