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Mayor makes appointments

The Westland City Council recently confirmed the reappointment of Robert Fritz and Steve Smith and the appointment of Rick Gowan to the Building Authority. All three appointments are for six-year terms.

Fritz, a longtime Westland resident and former Westland building director, has served on the Building Authority since March 2007.

Smith is the city's finance director. He has also served on the Building Authority since March 2007.

Gowan is a Westland resident and city employee who currently works in the Community Development/Housing Department.

The Building Authority is a three-member board that issues bonds to pay for construction of municipal buildings.

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W-W expands schools of choice to K-11 program

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Vowing to provide all children with a quality education, the Wayne-Westland school board Monday evening voted to expand the district's schools of choice program to include grades nine-11.

The board voted 6-0, with board Vice President John Goci abstaining,

to change to a K-11 program with limited schools of choice for its two high schools — John Glenn in Westland and Wayne Memorial in Wayne.

Goci had hoped to have the recommendation tabled and brought before the board at a special meeting to allow for an "open discussion" with the community.

"I'd like to have more

information on this before we vote," Goci said. "I'd like to know how other communities are going to feel about this. I've heard from the community and they're not happy about this. I haven't heard from anyone who is."

"All the districts around us have been marketing themselves, the competition for children has become fierce," said

School Superintendent Greg Baracy. "They're recruiting from other districts because of funding. We have to be competitive."

The district currently offers intra-county schools of choice for its K-8 program. That will grow to include ninth- through 11th-grades as of the 2013-14 school year. Enrollment will be limited at the

high school level with 100 slots available at the two schools.

Good for district

Baracy said expanding schools of choice would be good for the district in that the new students would bring in needed revenue and help maintain current programs.

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Marie Galan of Garden City reaches for an activity book to put in the backpack she's filling.

W-W seniors pack for Kindergarten Roundup

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Henry Ford may have invented the assembly line, but the seniors at Wayne-Westland's Dyer Center have perfected it.

For more than 10 years, senior volunteers have gathered at the center to fill backpacks that are given out to youngsters during the district's annual Kindergarten Roundup. From unzipping and filling them with such things as crayons, glue sticks, worksheets and books to quality control, they spent the morning assembling 1,200 backpacks for the annual event. Their pay was a free lunch.

"Remember, this isn't a competition," said Dyer Center Director Mary Browne. "It's not who gets done first or who can hold how many bags."

Jean Tempe of Westland

WHAT'S NEEDED

Parents who attend the Wayne-Westland's Kindergarten Roundup, 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, March 26, will need to bring a few things with them to register their child.

In addition to bringing their child, who'll get to tour the school, meet the teachers and visit the classrooms, parents will need to have:

- Their child's original birth certificate.
- An up-to-date record of the child's immunizations.
- Proof of residency, including a driver's license, a signed lease or mortgage document and two pieces of business mail that are not more than 30 days old.

Parents can find out the school their child will attend by logging on to the district's website at www.wvcsd.net and clicking on the Locate Your School icon or by calling (734) 419-2083.

For parents who can't make it to the roundup, the school offices will be open 6-7 p.m. that evening. They can also contact the school to make an appointment to register at their convenience.

she said, filling a backpack.

"I realize it's work, but I enjoy it," added Chuck

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New AFSCME contract will save Westland money

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A new four-year contract with Westland municipal clerical and public works employees is expected to save the city \$231,000 over the term of the agreement.

"I believe it is a very fair contract for both the city and the union," said Westland Mayor William Wild Monday after the council approved agreement with American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1602.

Under the agreement, the 59-member bargaining unit members will receive a 3-percent pay raise the first year, a 1-percent increase in year two and pay freezes for the remaining two years. Under the expired agreement,

Local 1602 had agreed to pay freezes for 2009 and 2010, with a 1-percent raise in 2011 and a 1.5-percent increase in 2012.

Employees will now contribute 5 percent of their pre-tax wages towards their pension — something mandated under the previous contract for second tier new hires. Health care will also have employee contributions as required by state law.

"These were the big things for us," said Wild. "The employees really stepped up. There are 25 less employees (in Local 1602 due to retirements) than a few years ago and they are getting the job done. We've asked them to do more with less and they've done that."

Wild, City Clerk Eileen

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Driver won't be charged in fatal accident

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

No criminal charges will be brought in the Feb. 28 accident that killed a Garden City High School senior.

"I heard back from the (Wayne County) prosecutor and no charges will be filed. There was no violation of the motor vehicle code," said Westland Police Officer David Skeans of the Traffic Bureau.

Vincent Meiers, 18,

was walking in the roadway near the east curb on Middlebelt south of the bridge over Hines Park at about 8:30 p.m. when he was hit by a northbound vehicle driven by a 42-year old Livonia woman. He died two days later of his injuries.

"I notified the driver and the (Meiers) family. We couldn't find any negligence on her (the driver's) part," said Skeans. "It was a dark

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SCHOOLS

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“Contrary to information on several social media sites, this will not be a free for all open enrollment, we will not be taking over another district,” he added. “We have empty slots that could be filled and not raise class sizes.”

Rumors about Inkster High School students being sent to Wayne Memorial triggered a flood of postings on the Wayne Pride Facebook page two weeks ago, and comments resurfaced when word got out about the nine-11 schools of choice proposal.

Wayne-Westland’s schools of choice program will be open to only students who live in Wayne County. They can apply up until Aug. 23, or until the openings are filled. If accepted, students must provide their own transportation.

And due to changes in the law, the district will be able to screen applicants. Students must supply an affirmation of prior discipline record which asks if there is any disciplinary issues — suspensions, expulsions and criminal charges and convictions. The information must be verified by the student’s current school.

“Inkster doesn’t need our help, they don’t want us to come in rescue them,” said board President Carol Middel. “Students come here from all over the county. I hope they come here because we offer the best education in the county. We offer opportunities that we need to keep offering. This is open to everyone,

not one building in one district.”

“I’m for it,” said Trustee Frederick Weaver. “These students who come here have a greater scrutiny than the students living in this district. We need not be afraid to allow any child to come into this district.”

“We know what the real issue is,” said board Treasurer Shawna Walker. “I’ve read the blogs that say the people who come there will have low test scores. Who says they can’t thrive in this district? If you’re really here for the kids, you’re here for all the kids.”

‘Heated topic’

A large crowd of residents spoke for the proposal or for tabling it for more information. One woman told the board she had only heard about the plan two days earlier. Chris Bandy of Westland described it as “a heated topic” and said residents don’t have enough information.

Parent Dianna Romas of Wayne talked about her daughter’s concern about class sizes. However, John Albrecht, the district’s executive director of student and legal affairs, told the audience that there are 800 fewer students in the high schools as in 2008.

“I’m all for diversity and openness, but if the class sizes continue to grow and grow, I can’t see it being a benefit for anyone,” Romas said.

Bishop Luke McClen-don voiced support for the change and said the resolution shouldn’t be tabled.

“It’s an honor to live in a school district that has such quality education,” the Westland resident said. “It’s wonderful to be

recognized by other cities for offering a quality education and that our students want to come back here after they graduate.”

Tonya Walls told the board she has tried to get her three children to get into the Wayne-Westland schools. The Westland resident, she lives one street from the district boundary in southern Westland. As a result, her children attend the Inkster schools.

“We have children who are successful, who have high tests scores,” she said. “They’re at Inkster High School because of dual enrollment. My son graduated with his associate’s degree, my daughter graduated with her associate’s degree. Now that you have dual enrollment, I want you to open up so my son can come here.”

Former school board member Cindy Schofield told that from her experience schools of choice for K-eight has been a success.

“I hope you do vote and would vote for this,” she said. “I hate to have to equate students with revenue, but this will allow Wayne-Westland to continue to offer a fine high school program. I fear that if you can’t find funding, you’ll end up gutting the programs and we will become a district no one wants to attend. I encourage you to vote tonight, that is what you were elected to do.”

Following the vote, board members assured the audience that all children would be welcomed in the district.

“Every child is equal,” said Trustee Sally Madison.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Ripple Effect

The Wayne Ripple Effect, a volunteer downtown revitalization group, will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, in downtown Wayne. Any-one interested in volunteering or getting involved is welcome.

For more information visit www.downtownwayne.org or email Sherrie at waynerippleeffect@gmail.com.

Mom2Mom Sale

Designer Duds n Infant Treasures is holding a Mom2Mom Spring Sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the store at 815 N. Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill, Westland. Baby gear and equipment, girl’s and boy’s clothes and accessories sizes 0-8, toy, and much more will be sold.

Designer Duds and Pixie Printz also are holding a “Play Date” 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 6. Taking Appointments are being taken to children’s fingerprints made into a one of a kind piece of jewelry for Mother’s Day! Visit www.pixieprintz.com. For more information, call (734) 331-2519 or check out Designer Duds

on Facebook.

Democratic Club

The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey at Venoy, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, in Westland. The board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Regular meetings will be held May 28, June 25, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 26. The club will hold its chili cook-off April 30. For more information, contact club president Nan Melke at (734) 674-7327 or by email at WestlandDemClub@rob-inwood.com.

ROUNDUP

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Wilson of Westland, a newbie on the backpack assembly line. “I’ve got four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. I love kids.”

Roundup time

Wayne-Westland will hold its Kindergarten Roundup — Become a Learn-A-Saurus Today! — 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, March 26, at the district’s 11 elementary schools. Parents and children will have an opportunity to tour the school, meet the teachers and visit the classrooms. In addition to the backpacks, youngsters will receive a free Class of 2026 T-shirt.

“They go to the classrooms and do a project and then march back to the gym,” said Jackie Wrybkowski, a secretary in the instruction department. “The parents bawl their eyes out. I’ll see some of them come in in the summer wearing their T-shirts because I’m in school.”

Backpacks not given out of Tuesday are returned the district’s administrative offices and given out to youngsters who register for kindergarten during the summer, Wrybkowski added.

Carol Wilson took a break from the assembly line to do a little reading and then went back to work.

“I don’t know who wrote this book, but I read the whole thing,” she said of Natasha Wing’s *The Night Before Kindergarten* which is one of the books in the bag. “It was so cute. I read it out loud to the zippers.”

Quality control

At the other end of the



Della Sigler of Westland gets to put the last pice of information into folders being assembled for parents who attend the Roundup.



Ed Turner and Barbara Martin, both of Westland, check the contents of the backpacks before zipping them closed.

room, former school board member Ed Turner was checking to make sure the backpacks had the proper number of items.

“I’ve been doing this since it started, I’ve had so much fun,” he said, closing one of the bags. “Some zippers are easy and some are harder than heck.”

Ross Bohmhauer of Westland was the jokester of the group, pointing out that “you’ve got seniors out here, packing bags for kids who can’t read,

who can remember their names.”

And like other seniors, Bohmhauer had his eye on one of the books.

“I want one of these,” he said, stuffing it in a backpack.

There also was another assembly line where 12 seniors were filling folders with papers that will be given to parents at the roundup.

“We had 10 people brainstorm as to how to do it,” said Browe. “We had a crew that got everything set up on Monday.”

Paul Salah, deputy superintendent for instruction, and Mary Jane Mielke, the director of professional development, stopped by to thank the seniors for their assistance.

“Thank you so much for what you’re doing, you give these children a really nice welcome to Wayne-Westland,” said Mielke, adding, “When you’re done here, I have an office that needs organizing.”

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CONTRACT

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DeHart Schoof and city department heads already make the health care and pension contributions, along with new hires who also don’t receive retiree health care.

The council approved the contract unanimously but Local 1602 members

had ratified the agreement 28 to 20.

“They didn’t give their reasons (for voting no). We’re working with the city,” said Local 1602 President Paul Synniewski. “I think the mayor has been more than fair on this. He has the continuing support of 1602 members.”

Wild noted the agreement, effective retroactively to Jan. 1, was

reached in five months — record time for the AFSCME local.

“I want to thank AFSCME. These are tough times in negotiating contracts and we appreciate the employees stepping up,” said Council President James Godbout.

The employees are looking forward to moving into the new City Hall early in 2015, Wild said, which provide better facilities for workers and improved services to the public. The city is moving ahead with plans to renovate the former Circuit City building on Warren Road to house city offices.

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ACCIDENT

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roadway. State law is that he was supposed to be walking on the sidewalk. It was a tragic accident. It’s sad.”

Charges would have been filed against the driver, if there had been some negligent actions, such as texting or some other distraction that contributed to the accident, Skeans said.

“We knew from talking to her that she hadn’t

been drinking. We had her do a PBT (Breathalyzer) at the scene and it was all zeroes,” said Skeans, adding local high school students had been spreading false rumors that the driver had been intoxicated.

Meiers’ family had recently moved to Livo-

nia but he was finishing his senior year at Garden City High School. He was walking home from a school function at the time of the accident.

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Charges stick in Verizon robbery

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A judge refused Monday to dismiss gun charges against Canton Verizon store robbery defendant Dantez Lamar Boykin-Johnson, although his defense attorney argued he didn't carry the semiautomatic assault rifle police say was used during an incident described by witnesses as terrifying.

Moreover, 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe indicated in court he expects to issue the same ruling next week against another defendant, Eric James-Lee Wilkins, unless a more compelling argument is made to sway his opinion.

Boykin-Johnson and Wilkins are charged along with accused gunman Antonio Jerome Porter — all 18 — of a robbery police say happened around 11 a.m. Feb. 25 after a semiautomatic assault rifle was used to shoot open a sliding glass door an employee had managed to lock.

Lowe rejected a motion Monday by defense attorney Mark Brown to dismiss a felony firearm charge, which carries a mandatory two-year prison term on conviction, and a four-year felony of discharging a firearm into a building.

Lowe indicated Boykin-Johnson and Wilkins should face the same charges as Porter if, as authorities contend, they shared involvement in hatching the robbery plans.

Potential injuries

"I've got three people who set out theoretically to commit armed robbery," Lowe said in court. "Part of the plan is, who's got a firearm?"

Lowe said each defendant had numerous opportunities to walk away prior to an incident involv-



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Eric Sterbis argues against defense attorney Mark Brown's motion to dismiss weapons charges against Dantez Lamar Boykin-Johnson.



Dantez Lamar Boykin-Johnson will face gun charges in the armed robbery of the Canton Verizon store.

ing an AR-15 weapon that was allegedly used during the robbery. No one was injured, but Lowe said the potential was there.

"Anytime a firearm is brought to the site of a crime, it's a slam dunk that someone could get hurt or killed," Lowe said, in rejecting Brown's motion.

Lowe's decision prompted Boykin-Johnson to waive his preliminary

examination, as Porter already had done, on charges of felony firearm, discharging a firearm into a building, armed robbery, breaking and entering a building with intent to commit a crime, first-degree retail fraud, receiving and concealing stolen property over \$1,000 and illegal entry without the building owner's permission.

Wilkins is due back in court Monday. He missed this week's hearing because he was appearing in Wayne County Circuit Court on another case.

Still in jail

Wilkins and Porter, both of Inkster, and Boykin-Johnson of Westland could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if they are convicted as charged. They have remained jailed with a \$1 million cash bond each.

In court Monday, Brown argued that Boykin-Johnson didn't aid and abet in the gun-related charges

and, therefore, shouldn't stand trial on those counts.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Eric Sterbis disagreed.

"Mr. Porter's possession of the gun was not a secret or surprise to anyone," he said, adding later, "each (defendant) had knowledge of the weapon."

Sterbis argued further that Boykin-Johnson's alleged involvement in robbing the store was made easier by the presence of a gun.

"He benefitted from Mr. Porter having that firearm," Sterbis said.

Customers have said they feared for their lives when the incident occurred along Canton's main shopping district. Police have said the suspects fled in a car and then on foot, hiding inside the storm cellar of a house on Willard Drive before they were captured not far from Oakview Drive and Saltz.

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Council approval lets Happy's Pizza expand

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A former Westland video store will soon house an expanded Happy's Pizza and Pub.

"They are looking at something bigger and better moving across the street," said Westland Planning and Building Director Bruce Thompson. "They will renovate the building."

On Monday, the City Council approved a special land use and site plan which will allow the pizzeria to move from its current smaller facility on the east side of Wayne Road north of Avondale to the west side of the road.

Owner Frank Awdish commented that he was purchasing the 10,000-square-foot building. The building housed Jumbo Video in 6,000 square feet, which will be replaced by the restaurant.

The balance of the building houses My Lady's Florist, which Awdish said is welcome to stay as a tenant.

The special land use approval is required for any restaurant serving liquor in the CB-1, low intensity commercial business district zoning.

Thompson also noted that Awdish plans to update the building with a stone and stuc-

co facade and Downtown Development Authority streetscape pillar and fence treatment along Wayne Road.

The council approved a site plan for renovations and a parking lot addition for Corkscrew retail shops, 37816 Ford, west of Newburgh. The Corkscrew Party Shoppe is located on the east side of the building.

The 14,322-square-foot building includes a 10,710-square-foot warehouse area at the west side of the building which would be developed into commercial retail space.

The additional parking would be developed on the west side of the building to provide access to the new commercial retail development.

A special land use was also approved for Premier Preschool Day Care Center, 2329 S. Venoy. The day care moved two doors down from its previous location in the strip center.

"The day care is actually located in a separate building and on a separate piece of property, so we needed to approve it again," said Thompson. "They are moving to a smaller space."

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Educating Student Athletes ...and Parents about Concussion

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Stan Szczeciński
Sports Medicine

Concussion has been receiving a lot of attention related to football players at the professional and collegiate levels. Unfortunately, the same can't be said for high school athletes and competitors in other sports. "Dr. Stan" Szczeciński, Medical Director of GCH's Center for Sports Medicine, has seen far-too-many cases of concussion — so much so that he's made it his mission to educate as many people as possible about the prevention, warning signs and treatment of this often avoidable injury.

Q: Our 14 year old wants to play football at his high school next season. We are worried about all the risks that come from playing contact sports, mostly head trauma. But, he says his older sister's cheerleading is as dangerous. Is that true?

A: While football is widely recognized for the quantity and types of injuries related to its participants, your son makes a valid point about cheerleading. Last year alone, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons estimates more than 10,000 concussions were suffered among cheerleaders, gymnasts and dancers.

A concussion is a disruption of the normal chemical activity in the brain and is caused by the brain being jarred. Concussions can cause sensitivity to light or sound, headaches, loss of memory, dizziness, balance problems, confusion, drowsiness, nausea, difficulty in concentration and other problems. Concussion symptoms disappear within seven to 10 days in approximately 80 percent of cases, but symptoms may remain for weeks, months and, occasionally, for years.

One of the biggest misconceptions people have concerning concussions has to do with the force needed to cause one. The reality is impact does not have to be hard — and it frequently happens in something other than contact sports. In fact, the person at the top of a cheerleader pyramid is 10 times more likely to suffer a concussion or a catastrophic injury than a football player.

When deciding on whether to allow your child to participate in a sport, it's important to remember that through proper education and training, we can begin to recognize and help prevent youth sports injuries; thus minimizing long-term effects.

To read more in-depth concussion information from Dr. Stan, go online to GCH.org to view the Spring 2013 Edition of our Healthy Generations magazine.

Also, don't forget the importance of getting involved! Dr. Stan's 2nd Annual Coaches Event is Saturday, March 23. The event, which features national experts speaking on a variety of health issues affecting today's young athletes, is FREE and we encourage all parents to attend. For more information and to register visit GCH.org.

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By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

"Certainly you can see we're talking about crit-



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Carmen Niemiec, a fourth-grade teacher at Kennedy Elementa-



Parent Lee-Ann Riffe looks over a new bus. One notable change is that seat backs are 4 inches higher than in older designs.


ry and a member of the communications team, liked what she saw. She said the improvements

Parent Jim McGowan, a member of the communications team, said he

"I think it is completely fantastic," he said, adding he moved to Livonia 20 years ago because of the quality of the schools and he wants them to keep up with the times. "I need the school district to flourish for my city to flourish," he said. "As the school district

Asked what she will tell voters, Greve said: "I'm going to tell people they should come on Thursday and check it out for themselves."

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By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland's Walker-Winter and Hicks Elementary schools will be rockin' when the district holds dance party

Parents also can hear about Wayne-Westland's talented and gifted program, which is being piloted at Walker-Winter, Adams and Marshall for the 2013-14 school year, and its Spanish language class that will be offered to all elementary and upper elementary students next year to give students a leg up on meeting the foreign language requirement needed for graduation.

The events are open to all families with elementary-aged children. Parents must be in attendance. Walker-Winter Elementary School is at 39932 Michigan Ave., Canton. Hicks Elementary School is at 100 Helen, at Cherry Hill. Inkster

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Detroit trio linked to tool thefts from Lowe's

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

It's not the kind of loyalty stores are looking for but three Detroit men have been arrested for stealing more than \$66,000 worth of tools from 13 Lowe's stores, including the Westland store.

Employees at the Westland store, located on Newburgh at Warren Road, recognized the suspects from prior incidents when two of the men entered the store on March 13.

"We had five cases in Westland. On this occasion, they took merchandise worth just over

\$6,000," said Westland Police Sgt. Randy Thivierge. "They would take high dollar power tools like Dewalt's — combo sets. Each guy would grab two or so. They would be worth \$200-\$500 each."

Sometimes all three men would enter the store but police said often

one man waited in a running car. The other suspects would pick up the merchandise and walk out of the store, police said.

"Store loss prevention called the police department when they recognized the suspects and saw them leaving with the merchandise," said

Thivierge. "They were headed north on Newburgh, so I forwarded the information to Livonia Police."

Livonia police stopped the men's vehicle on I-96 and arrested all three suspects.

The men are facing retail fraud charges in Westland with two also

being charged with being habitual offenders.

The trio are also suspects in thefts from Lowe's stores in Oakland County, Sterling Heights, Allen Park, Woodhaven and as far south as Toledo.

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TV reported stolen from unlocked home

Break-in

A resident in the 33000 block of Wallace told police March 7 someone stole a 39-inch television valued at \$400 from her home. She said she doesn't have keys to the home and habitually leaves the door unlocked.

Vandalism

On March 6, a resident in the 31000 block of Kara Lane told police someone punched the passenger door lock on her 2003 Ford Taurus in an attempt to get inside the vehicle.

The woman told the officer that she had moved to Westland from Detroit the previous night since she thought it was a safer community. Nothing was stolen from the car.

Larceny from a vehicle

Four diesel engine batteries were reported stolen March 7 from the back seat of vehicle parked at 5971 N. Executive Drive. The vehicle was locked and there was no sign of forced entry.

On March 8, a resident in the 5800 block of North Newburgh told police he heard a noise in the parking lot about

WESTLAND COP CALLS

1:30 a.m. but didn't investigate. Around 5 a.m., he said he started his car and found the catalytic converter was gone.

The catalytic converter was missing from a second car also — both vehicles Cadillac DTS models. The officer noted the catalytic converters had been cut cleanly off the vehicles.

Also on March 8, a resident in the 7600 block of Lathers told police that someone had stolen the catalytic converter from her 2000 Mercury Villager while it was parked on the street.

Break-in

The owner of a home in the 31000 block of Arenac Court told police March 10 he arrived home to find the side door had been pried open. Most of the copper plumbing had been cut and removed from the crawl space and utility closet where the water heater is located. The water line to the house had been cut from the ground.

The owner, a St. Clair Shores man, told police he had last been at the home Feb. 10.

By LeAnne Rogers

Police arrest drivers who are over the limit

Drunk driving

The police arrested a drunk driver about 9:30 p.m. March 16 after they observed that he was "all over the road" on Ford Road. They executed the traffic stop in the Gordon Chevrolet parking lot at 31850 Ford.

When they asked for the man's drivers license and proof of insurance, he handed them a receipt for an oil change. The officer said that the 60-year-old Detroit man almost fell out of the car when he reached into his pocket.

The man's blood alcohol level was .17 which was twice the legal limit.

The police arrested a 34-year-old Canton woman about 1:30 a.m. March 18 in the area of Ford and Wildwood.

They made the traffic stop because she was reportedly driving 50 mph in a 40 mph zone.

She admitted that she had a glass of wine and later when questioned said that she also drank a shot of alcohol, police said. She registered a .17 blood alcohol level which is twice the legal limit. She was transported to the police station and her car was impounded.

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

No license

When the man stopped a 27-year-old Highland Park woman about 8 a.m. March 18, they discovered that she had never acquired a license but was the registered owner of the car.

They impounded her 2000 Ford Crown Victoria.

Home invasion

A resident who lives in the 28000 block of Block reported that his Schecter Bass was missing from his house March 18. The police found no search activity and they questioned the man about who may have been in his home at the time.

Vehicle theft

A resident in the 1611 block of Lathers reported at 5:32 a.m. March 14 that her 1997 Dodge Intrepid was stolen from her driveway. She said that she didn't carry theft insurance on the vehicle.

Property damage

A man in the 28000 block of Block reported at 2:30 p.m. March 14 that someone "keyed" his car. A side panel of

the car was damaged.

Fraud

A resident in the 5700 block of Gilman reported at 1:30 p.m. March 15 that somebody used his credit card to charge a home theater system at a Walmart in Minnesota. He told police that he didn't give authorization to anyone to use his card.

Suspended license

After a routine traffic stop because the driver had an expired plate, the police arrested a 44-year-old Inkster man for driving without a license about 3 p.m. March 16. He also had an outstanding warrant out of Romulus.

Retail fraud


A 42-year-old Garden City man was arrested for shoplifting merchandise at the Kmart store at 29600 Ford at 6 p.m. March 14. He reportedly concealed DVDs in his clothing and also concealed other merchandise after he went into the fitting room. He reportedly paid for some merchandise but not for others.

By Sue Buck

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EASTER ACTIVITIES

Easter Festival

Kirk of our Savior Presbyterian Church will hold an Easter Festival Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 23, at the church on Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland.

There will be a coloring contest, craft, service project to benefit children in Wayne-Westland Community Schools, and egg hunt.

All are welcome!

Bunny Breakfast

Youngsters can enjoy breakfast with the Easter Bunny 10:30 a.m. to noon Friday, March 29, at the Wayne-Westland Community Center, Howe at Annapolis in Wayne.

The cost is \$4 for residents and \$5 for non-residents and include pancakes, sausage, juice and arts and crafts. Children age 2 and under are free. Tickets are on sale now and are limited to the first 215 people.

For more information, call the community center at (734) 721-7400.

Marshmallow Drops

Wayne County Parks invites family and friends to the 29th annual Marshmallow Drop on Good Friday, March 29, at Nankin Mills in Westland at 11 a.m.

More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter for children to collect and trade in to receive a prize. Children will be divided into age groups, to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to fully participate.

The Wayne County Parks Marshmallow Drop is co-sponsored by Trenton Parks and Recreation, ITC Holdings and Taylor Ford. Nankin Mills is located 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

The Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department presents the 34th annual Marshmallow Drop, sponsored by Crosspointe Church, at Attwood Park at 10 a.m. Friday, March 29. There will be three drops offered - first drop for walking toddlers to age 4 and children with a disability, second drop for ages 5-7 and third drop for ages 8-10.

The event is free of charge to the community.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Westland Jaycees will sponsor the 16th Annual Easter Egg Scramble on Saturday, March 23, at Jaycee Park, at the corner of Hunter and Wildwood in Westland.

The Easter Egg Scramble, is broken up into age groups and is a free event targeted towards children 14 and under in the Westland community. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. The hunt starts at 1 p.m.

In addition to the scramble, there will be pictures with the Easter Bunny and other activities for kids to choose from while they are waiting for their turn on the field.

For more information on the Westland Jaycees, please call 734-858-4811 or visit www.westlandjaycees.org.

Eggstravaganza

The First United Methodist of Wayne-Westland is holding an Eggstravaganza 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday March 19, in fellowship hall.

Bring yourself and hard boiled eggs.

The First United Methodist of Wayne-Westland is at 3 Town Square, Wayne, across from the Wayne Post Office. For more information call (734) 721-4801.



PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Westland residents Sarah Talis brought her brother, Jeffery Stapleton, to the Avenue Sports Bar in Wayne to get his Red Wing hat signed by retired Red Wing Tomas Holmstrom.

Homer's help: Goodfellows raise money at autograph session



The Horetski-Balderas family pose with retired Detroit Red Wings great, Tomas Holmstrom

If there's such a thing as a hat trick in fund-raising, the Wayne Goodfellows got one as the beneficiary of a visit from former Detroit Red Wings Tomas Holmstrom last week.

More than 200 people turned out to meet and have all sorts of Winged Wheel memorabilia signed by Holmstrom, who earned the nickname of Homer during his career with the Red Wings.

The event was held at the Avenue Downtown Wayne. Fans paid \$10 for Holmstrom's autograph with all the proceeds going to the Wayne Goodfellows. The event raised some \$2,500.

Holmstrom's visit was sponsored by Henry's Service Center, Avenue Downtown Wayne, the Wayne Dispatch, AKA Sports and Sparks Towing.



Wayne resident, Dillion Welch gets a photo taken with former Red Wing, Tomas Holmstrom at Avenue Sports Bar in Wayne.

During the visit, Holmstrom was given a 1,000 game trophy. Made locally for him, it recognized his playing in 1,026 regular season games.

He was only the sixth Red Wing player to accomplish the record.

People can still help out the Goodfellows by sending donations to the Wayne Goodfellows, 3300 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184. For more information, call (734) 722-1111 or send an e-mail to support@waynegoodfellows.org.



Tomas Holmstrom poses with his 1000 game trophy that was made locally for him. He played in 1,026 regular season games as Red Wing player to accomplish the record.



Holmstrom poses with his "number one fans" - Allan MacDonald and stepson Phillip Wilcox of Romulus.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Information Night

Are you or someone you know planning to take the GED Test?

A GED Test Prep Instructor from Schoolcraft College will be at the William P. Faust Public Library at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 21, with information on the GED and tips for how to prepare. He'll answer questions about the GED and show what you can be done to study for the subject tests. This is a helpful program for anyone planning to take the GED.

Registration can be completed online at www.westlandlibrary.org or by calling (734) 326-6123.

Captain's coming

Children's book hero Captain Underpants will be the focus of a Captain Underpants Gross-

Out-a-Rama at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road between East and West Michigan Avenue, Wayne.

Children and their favorite adult Captain Underpants fan are invited to our celebration of the popular books. They will play games, eat gross snacks, make toilet-rific crafts, and every child will get a free *Captain Underpants* book to keep.

This event is sponsored by Target. Registration for the program begins two weeks before the event. It can be done in person or by calling the library at (734) 721-7832.

Wrestling fundraiser

Wayne Memorial High School wrestling boosters are holding a Ruby Tuesday GiveBack Pro-

gram fundraiser Thursday, March 21, and Friday, March 22.

Grab your family and friends and go to the Ruby Tuesday at 37300 Warren Road, Westland, where 20 percent of purchases with Give Back flyer will be given to the boosters. There also will be a raffle for Panera Bread "bread for a year" certificate and Joey's Comedy Club tickets. Donations to the team are also welcome. Raffle will be called at 8:15 p.m.

Proceeds will be used to buy equipment and uniforms for the wrestling team. A printable flyer is available at freeteams.net/wolfpackwrestling/.

Blood Drive

On Monday, April 15, the William P. Faust Public Library will sponsor an American Red Cross

blood drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford, Westland.

To make an appointment log onto www.red-crossblood.org and enter Sponsor code: wplccp or call 800-RED-CROSS. Everyone who comes to donate will be entered into a drawing for a free iPad mini. Anyone over age 17 (age 16 with a permission slip) can donate blood.

Theatre Palaces Michael Hauser will present "Theatre Palaces of Old Detroit," at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road between East and West Michigan Avenue, Wayne.

Hauser will be bringing artifacts of historic theatres in downtown Detroit and talk about the elegance, beauty and sig-

nificance of these theatres at the height of their time. He was also instrumental in the modernization of the State Wayne Theatre.

To register for Adult programs, visit the Adult Reference Desk or call (734) 721-7832.

Clothing sale

The Lighthouse Home Missions and Full Gospel Temple are holding a spring clothing give-away 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 5-6, at the church, 34033 Palmer between Wildwood and Venoy, Westland.

Men's, women's and children's clothing will be given away. Buy a bag for \$2 and fill it with clothes and shoes to the top. Buy as many bags as you like for \$2 each.

Proceeds from the sale will go fund the work of the mission.

St. Damian students present 'Godspell Jr.' at three parishes

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Parishioners at three Westland churches will be treated to performances of *Godspell Jr.* courtesy of students at St. Damian School.

The acting troupe will present the Stephen Schwartz musical, which is based on the Gospel of St. Matthew, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 22-24, at St. Damian, St. Theodore and Divine Savior churches. The traveling show will open with a 7 p.m. performance on Friday at St. Theodore on Wayne Road, north of Cowan, followed by a 7:30 p.m. show on Saturday at Divine Savior on Joy Road, west of Hix. The final performance will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Damian on Joy Road east of Merriman.

"The kids are having a fun time learning from the parables," said Mary Melonio, music minister at St. Damian. "Once people see the show it will bring smiles to their faces."

Melonio, who has a background in music education, came up with the idea of doing a musical to get students involved and let the community know about the school. She talked to then-Principal Mary Stempian, who quickly agreed. "My daughter attended St. Mike's and she did it in eighth grade," Melonio said. "I figured what a better way to teach kids and expose the school to the area. I want to open the community's eyes to the wonderful jewel we have here."

Casting call

She did auditions in October and began rehearsals in November. Eighteen students ranging from first to ninth grade have been rehearsing for several hours on Sundays after 10 a.m. Mass.



The cast of "Godspell Jr." includes Gillian Frazier (back row, from left), Madeline O'Connor, Maggie Behnke, Kari Toloday, Kiley Slevin, Lanya Munson, Danielle Lebsack, Libby Rudzinski (Jesus), Rachel Toloday, Aubree Allie, Tori White, Isabelle Allie, Eva Muller, Rachel Rudzinski (front row, from left), Marissa Muller, Edward Lebsack, Jenna Muller and Bridgette Behnke.

They have learned to sing, dance, memorized lines, and learned the basics of acting along with sign language for one of the musical numbers.

A student from Webster School — Libby Rudzinski of Dearborn Heights — is playing Jesus. Her brothers and sister attend St. Damian. Tony Quillen, a student at John Glenn High School and member of St. Theodore Parish, is playing John the Baptist and Judas. According to Melonio, that's how the play was written.

Melonio is getting help from Quillen's mother, Lisa Marcolina, the children's music director at St. Theodore's, and Ellie Roggenbuck of Livonia, an adult choir member at St. Dami-

an. Marcolina is the choreographer, and Roggenbuck "has been at my side the entire time," said Melonio.

"There's a lot of dancing, and the kids have been amazing," said Melonio. "Ellie, out of the goodness of her heart, has been helping. God sent her to me. Without her, I couldn't do this. It's wonderful to see that kind of spirit, that giving of herself. It's wonderful."

Parental support

Of course, there's been plenty of parental support. All the youngsters have made it to rehearsals, thanks to the parents, who also have provided the props. The play is set in the 1960s, and the cast is providing their own costumes

— tie-dyed T-shirts, jeans and a lot of fringe. The setting will be a park with a fence where Jesus is electrocuted.

The play will be presented in the community rooms at St. Theodore and Divine Savior. The St. Damian production will be in the school gymnasium. The show is

open to the public. Tickets are \$3 per person and \$5 per family and are available at the door.

The three Westland parishes are in the process of merging into one community. *Godspell Jr.* is the results of these parishes uniting in song, talent and dance among the very

young, Melonio said. "These children are 'The Light of the World,' the future of our communities and churches and we are so very proud of them," said Melonio.

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Samsung delivers fresh camera experience

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Many of us own phones, MP3 players, computers and other devices with built-in cameras, but have you ever seen a digital camera with Wi-Fi?

With its new line of "smart" cameras, Samsung allows picture-takers to access the Internet on the go and seamlessly share photos to social networks.

I tested a new Samsung Galaxy camera, which featured a full-touch screen and Wi-Fi courtesy of Verizon Wireless. Verizon is just one way to get wireless Internet on a smart phone — free wireless hot spots are another.

Like the Galaxy smartphones, the Galaxy camera may be the coolest camera on the market. It has a number of mind-blowing features, including voice-command so you can talk to your camera and slow-motion video shooting capabilities. Imagine taking videos of sports in slow motion and then uploading them to the Web.

Impressive specs

The Galaxy Smartphone is sleek and easy to use for beginners, but also has impressive specs like a 21x optical zoom for more advanced users. It runs on 3G or Wi-Fi, so you can share photos with groups easily. No more waiting as every person in the group takes a photo with their

not-so-cool Galaxy cameras.

The Galaxy also includes a content manager, photo editing wizard and video editing wizard. And in true Samsung Galaxy fashion, the camera features a nearly five-inch ultra-clear screen. This 16-megapixel camera costs \$549 and can be purchased from Verizon Wireless.

For users who want more professional shots with less of the cool digital functions, Samsung also has a line of smart cameras, including its NX100 that captures pictures in 20.3 megapixels and records photos in 1080p high-definition. For those of you keeping score at home, the NX100 records higher-definition videos than the iPhone and takes photos with two times the amount of megapixels.

Even Samsung's cheapest smart camera model has features that will make picture taking easy. The DV150 which retails for \$139, offers a front-facing LCD screen, self-portrait mode and even jump mode to help users capture the exact type of photos they love to take.

This new line of Samsung smart cameras is just another example of innovative products being developed by the South Korean-based company. While the company is still battling Apple for market share in the mobile and tablet world, there is arguably no company making a full-line of electronics better than Samsung is right now.

Digital March Madness

Important basketball games during your work day are happening this

week with major college basketball conference tournaments and next week with the NCAA tournament. There are many ways to follow the action from your cubicle or office — without your boss knowing.

This year, the NCAA — in conjunction with your cable company — is making every game available for free on computers and mobile devices. Users who visit www.ncaa.com/marchmadness can download an application that will stream games during the entire weekend. And if the games are blocked at work, you can stream them using your wireless connection (just be careful of high data costs).

If you don't need video, keeping up with the tournament is as easy as checking news and scores with an app. Consider using the Sporting News NCAA basketball app for scores. It is free and available for Android and iPhone devices.

Additionally, ESPN is offering a similar app called "Bracket Bound 2013." It provides scores, highlights and access to the ESPN tournament challenge. The coolest app of all might be the Buffalo Wild Wings Big Shot Challenge, where users play a game using augmented reality. Top scorers can even win a \$25 Buffalo Wild Wings gift card or a trip to the 2014 Final Four. And as always, the app is free and available on Android and iPhone devices.

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Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells



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Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

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Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

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Observer: How has it

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ETD: Since ETD has opened things have changed due to the economy and downsizing of companies staffing. On the good side

technological changes have created new staffing positions and more offerings.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

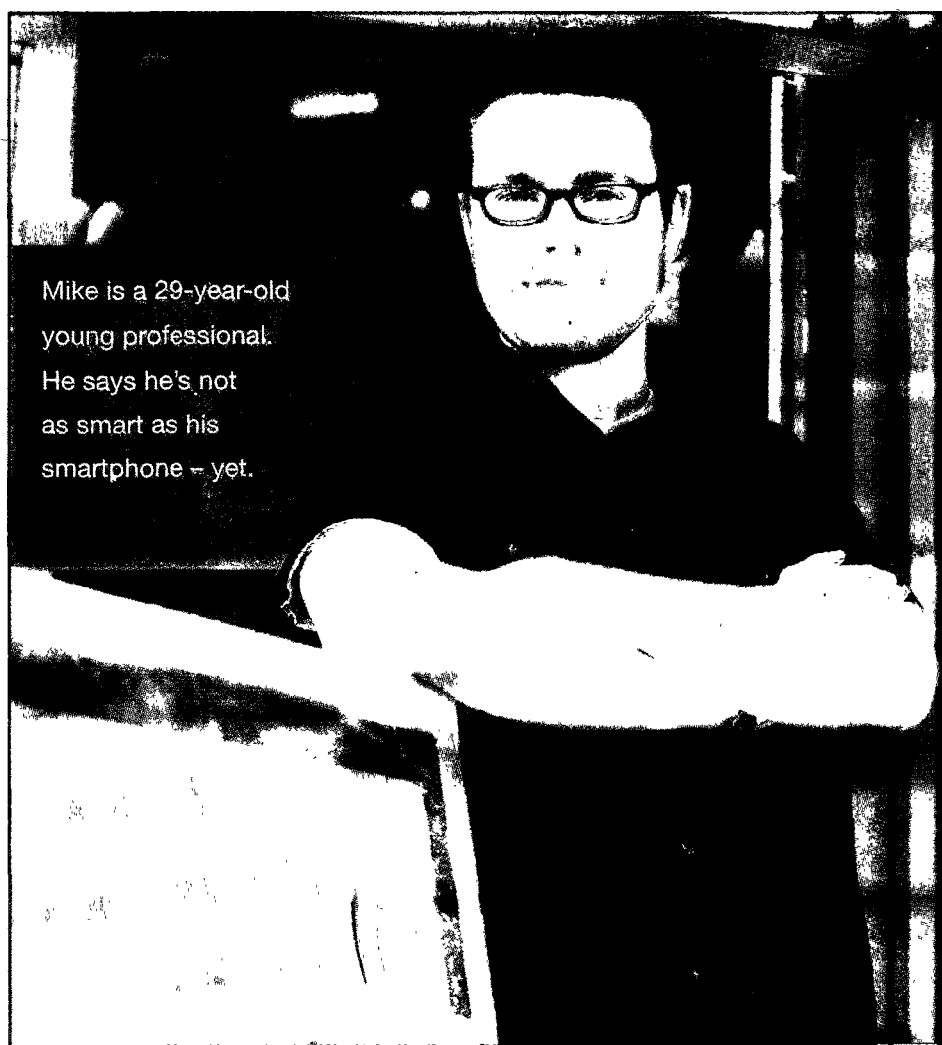
ETD: The recent economy has affected our business because companies who used our services were downsizing staff. We have noticed that many companies are poised to grow and things are starting to pick up. The use of temporary staffing helps companies grow. Companies are now realizing that we can take care of their burden due to staffing cost which frees them up for other areas of focus

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

ETD: Our advice to other business owners is stay true to what you do best, don't take shortcuts, and if you want to grow give us a chance to take on your burden and prove ourselves.

Observer: What's in store in the future for your business?

ETD: Our future is bright. We have weathered the storm and the horizon looks awesome.



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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Physician honored

Dr. James Meza, a family medicine and geriatrics physician based in Westland, was honored with the Faculty Award for Excellence in Clinical Science Teaching recently by the Wayne State University School of Medicine. Dr. Meza, who is also an assistant professor of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences at WSU, is the first person to receive the award, which is one of four new accolades developed by the university school of medicine.

"These awards were created to recognize outstanding accomplishments by faculty in the specific areas of clinical teaching, basic science teaching, outstanding and lifelong research achievement, faculty mentoring, and support for women clinicians and scientists," said Dr. Roberta E. Son-nino, vice dean of Faculty Affairs at the WSU School of Medicine.

The award recognizes faculty who have demonstrated excellence in teaching students in the clinical or behavioral sciences over an extended period of time and who consistently serves as an effective and inspiring educator, she said. Potential honorees are nominated by their peers and are evaluated through an in-depth review of a committee of their peers.

"The awards will not necessarily be awarded every year if there is



Dr. Meza



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OMG, cheesecake!

Manuel P. Lentine II of Manny's in Wayne took second place in the Cheesecake Division for his White Chocolate and Honey Cheesecake at the 24th annual Michigan State University Museum Chocolate Party Feb. 24. The party is a benefit for the MSU Museum during which Professional and Student Chefs form around the state compete for awards and recognition for their chocolate masterpieces and creations. Attendees got to view the masterpieces and sample the creations from the chefs and other vendors.

not a candidate who sur-faces as being outstanding in that area," Dr. Son-nino said.

Dr. Meza holds office hours at the Oakwood Healthcare Center-Westland and is affiliated with Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

New to staff

Dr. Joseph Walkiewicz has joined the medical

staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. A board-certified orthopedic surgeon, he sees patients at Great Lakes Orthopedics, 6255 Inkster Road, Suite 103, Garden City.

Dr. Walkiewicz is fellowship trained in joint replacement and sports medicine. His specialty interests include joint replacement, fracture care, and arthroscopic surgery of the knee and shoulder.

A trained physical therapist, he went on to obtain his medical education from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. After interning at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital and Bi-County Community Hospital, he completed the orthopedic surgery residency at Garden City Hospital.

Dr. Walkiewicz also performed a yearlong sports medicine fellowship in adult reconstructive surgery at the Florida Knee and Orthopaedic Centers based in Clearwater, Florida.

Dr. Walkiewicz is an assistant clinical professor at MSUCOM's Division of Orthopedic Surgery. He is professionally affiliated with the American Osteopathic Association, the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, the Michigan Orthopaedic Society, the Detroit Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and is a past president of the Michigan Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

Upcoming Events

MOM 2 MOM SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13, early bird at 8:30 a.m.

Location: Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, between Warren Road and Ford in Garden City

Details: More than 85 tables are available. The also will be a big item area, concessions and a bake sale. Admission is \$1, \$2 for the early bird. A contract is available on M2M sale list at www.Mom2Momlist.com. **Contact:** gcmom2mom-sale@hotmail.com or (734) 277-0791.

TRIVIA TOURNAMENT

Time/Date: 7:15 p.m. Saturday, March 23

Location: Romanowski VFW Post, 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

Details: The Post will be holding a Trivia Tournament. Doors open at 6 p.m., and reservations are needed by March 22. There also will be "Wrestling at the V" at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24 (tickets are \$7) and a Corn-Hole Tournament on Saturday, March 30. Sign up at 7:30 p.m., play begins at 8 p.m. **Contact:** For more information, call (734) 525-9454.

WRIF AUDITION

Time/Date: 4-8 p.m. Saturday, March 23

Location: Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt, Garden City

Details: 101 WRIF is looking

for the next Rock Girl! One lucky woman will represent the legendary Detroit rock radio station at concerts, VIP events and on the air. The winner of the competition will be awarded a \$40,000 salary, plus, the final four girls will be whisked away to the Hotel RIU Palace Pacifico in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for a professional photo shoot with Robert Bruce Photography. To enter, log onto WRIF.com and fill out an application or visit one the casting call. Contestants who preregister will have set appointment times to avoid the line at the casting call. Contestants must be 21 or older to enter.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. second Wednesday of the month

Location: Lower level Classroom 2 of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City

Details: Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, group will meet for the final time at the hospital in April. It is for family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join the free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns.

Contact: Call (734) 58-4330 for more information.

MODELS NEEDED

Date: By Saturday, March 30

Details: Models are needed for fully styled beauty sessions to be used in a photographer's portfolio. Join Susan Richardson and makeup artists Melissa Rolins for an amazing experience. Applicants must be 21-55 years of age. Selected candidates will be required to sign a standard model release prior to session. Participants are not obligated to make any purchases from

Timeless Images By Susan and will receive a print package. Prior modeling experience not required. Space is limited. Apply by March 30.

Contact: (734) 391-8662 or susan@timelessimages-bysusan.com.

WIDOWED MEN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Thursday

Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men to meet with other widowed men for breakfast at 9 a.m. at Steve's Family Restaurant on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Many topics are discussed including those that may be pertinent to your own situation. Also, ideas are presented to help you become involved in the activities of Widowed Friends.

Contact: For more information, call Dick at (313) 534-0399.

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month.

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth

Details: Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join us to socialize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet is available but not mandatory.

Contact: John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com

Volunteers

FIRST STEP

Details: First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers.

Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

Contact: (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

VNA HOSPICE

Details: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

Contact: (248) 967-8361, www.vna.org

SEASONS HOSPICE

Details: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.

Contact: (800) 370-8592

LITERACY COUNCIL

Details: The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area.

Contact: (734) 416-4906

HEARTLAND HOSPICE

Details: Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western

Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.

Contact: (888) 973-1145

SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

Details: Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.

Contact: Chris Goldberg at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Thursday of the month

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

Details: - Westland

Details: A support & education group for family caregivers is available for residents of southern and western Wayne County. The group, for people who are caring for family members 60 and older, or who are 60 years and older themselves, is offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Call Helen Streett at (734) 629-5004 to confirm time and date, if attending for the first time.

For Your Health

W-W NAMI

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month

Location: St. Johns Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: The Wayne-Westland affiliate of the National

Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) provides support and information for individuals and families dealing with mental illness.

SAFE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

Contact: Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

ADULT DAY SERVICES

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth MI

Detail: A structured week-day alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals

Contact: Laurie Krause at laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com and (734) 956-2600

METRO FIBROMYALGIA

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month

Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City

Details: The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.

Contact: Lucy at (734) 462-1768, www.MetroFibro-Group.com.

MENOPAUSE & MORE

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month

Location: Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.

Contact: (734) 655-1100

LENTEN FISH FRIES

Ss. Simon and Jude

The Ushers Club of Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will be serving dinner at the fish fries 4:30-7 p.m. every Friday during Lent except Good Friday at the Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, Westland.

Baked fish, fried fish or fried shrimp, baked potato or fries, coleslaw, roll, dessert, and beverage costs \$8. Mac and cheese, coleslaw, dessert, and beverage is \$5, as is grilled cheese, fries, coleslaw, dessert and beverage and a children's fried fish dinner for those 12 years and younger. Dine in or take out available.

For more information, call (734) 22-1343 or go online to stssimonand-jude@gmail.com.

First United

First United Methodist Church of Wayne is holding a fish fry 4:30-7 p.m. 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 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.

St. Damian

Saint Damian Parish will have its Lenten Fish Fry 5-7:30 p.m. now through Friday, March 29.

The menu includes one piece of fish for \$6, two pieces for \$8 and three pieces for \$9, Baked Had-dock is \$8, five pieces of shrimp for \$8 and five pierogi for \$7. There's a limited Salmon special for \$10. Side orders include macaroni and cheese for \$3 and fries for \$4. Dinners include fries, tartar sauce, coleslaw, roll, and drink. Desserts also will be available.

St. Damian's is at 29891

Joy, east of Merriman in Westland.

St. Dunstan

St. Dunstan Church at 1515 Belton, Garden City, is holding its annual Lenten fish fry 4-7 p.m. Fridays, March 15, 22 and Good Friday, March 20.

Fish can be ordered baked or fried. The cost is \$5.50 for a one-piece dinner, \$7 for two pieces and \$8.25 for three pieces. Shrimp and combo dinners also are \$8.25. All dinners include fries or baked potato or macaroni and cheese, a choice of salad or cole slaw, roll and coffee, tea or milk. Entrees include a slice of pizza, macaroni and cheese, french fries or baked potato for \$1.25 and salad for 50 cents.

Dessert and pop are available in the Dining Room at nominal prices.

Romanowski VFW

The Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896 is holding a fish Fry 4-7 p.m. every Friday during Lent at the

post hall, 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland.

The cost is \$8 for a complete fish dinner - fried or baked, child's plate is \$4. Also available are chicken sticks, \$7; mac and cheese, \$5. All dinners include cole slaw, roll and butter and choice of fries, baked potato or mac and cheese. Side dishes are fries, \$2, mac and cheese \$2, baked potato, \$2, and cole slaw \$1. Coffee or tea is \$1.

Carry-outs are available and cost and additional 50 cents.. To order or for more information, call (734) 525-9454.

Legion Post 32

American Legion Post 32 is holding Lenten fish fries 5-8 p.m. Fridays now through March 29 at the post, 9318 Newburgh, Livonia. Dinners are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children for all-you-can-eat cod, served with cole slaw and choice of french fries or macaroni and cheese.

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

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The following boat and trailer of Kelsey Anne Grace, will be sold at 9am on 4/5/13 at Top Notch Marine Service 32400 Ford Rd Garden City, Mi. 48135 >>>>> 1989 Bay liner boat and trailer. Hull ID: BL1H05CXK889

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OUR VIEWS

Winning ways Be proud of Glenn, GC female athletes

Oh, so close.

That's what it was for the John Glenn High School girls basketball team who for the first time in school history made it to the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Final Four.

The team posted some awesome stats on its quest for a state championship. The team had a 24-2 record, including the KLAA South Division, Kensington Conference, KLAA Association, district and a first ever regional titles. The last time the Glenn team came remotely close was in 1972 when it won at the district level.

The Lady Rockets played their best, but could not overcome Grand Haven in the semi round.

Other girls teams have also shown they have the right stuff athletically. While not a sport sanctioned by MHSAA, pompon requires the same level of commitment, athleticism and determination shown by the Lady Rockets. And in the Garden City Public Schools, the middle school and high school pom squads came away from competition last month as state champions.

Being on top is a familiar spot for the Garden City pom squad which has reigned supreme over

Class A, winning seven state championships since 2004, including four consecutive titles in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. It's an awesome achievement for the team which is considered a club.

We can credit the athletic opportunities these girls have in part to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Title IX was introduced by U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana. It was meant to level the field in education. Title IX stated that "no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Bayh saw Title IX as "an important first step in the effort to provide for the women of America something that is rightfully theirs - an equal chance to attend the schools of their choice, to develop the skills they want, and to apply those skills with the knowledge that they will have a fair chance to secure the jobs of their choice with equal pay for equal work."

It was. And the effect it had on high school and collegiate sports,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westland John Glenn's Sha'Keya Graves is guarded by Courtney Springer in her drive to the basket. The Lady Rockets made their first ever trip to the MHSAA State Semi-Finals last Friday, losing to Grand Haven 55-46.

while not foreseen at the time, is astounding. The year before Title IX was enacted, there were about 310,000 girls and women in America playing high school and college sports; today, there are more than 3,373,000. In 1972, only two women's teams were offered at NCAA schools. Today, the average is 8.7 teams.

Because of Title IX, these girls can be all star athletes. They can look at their titles and know that someone thought they should have every opportunity to succeed. And they so deserve recognition for what they have done and the honor they have brought their high schools.

The Lady Rockets may not have won the championship, but they went where no other John Glenn girls basketball team has gone before. They are now among an elite group of athletes.

And the Cougars pom squad gives new meaning to the word precision. The fact that the high school team's winning ways have trickled down to the middle school speaks volumes about the role models they have become for younger girls. They want to be a part of that winning tradition.

Congratulations, ladies! Keep up the good work.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think about the Postal Service proposal to eliminate Saturday mail delivery?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



"I've felt badly for the post office because they're operating at a deficit. I'd gladly give up Saturday service to help balance their budget."

Nan Borders
Westland



"It really doesn't matter. A lot of people depend on the post office, a lot of people depend on Saturday delivery. It's a bad idea and thousands are going to lose their jobs."

Kathy Williams
Westland



"I don't think they should. I remember as a kid getting Christmas mail twice on Sundays."

Dan Stachow
Westland



"It's sad that it's gotten to this point. If it saves jobs, I'm OK with it. If it doesn't, I think it's going to be hard. It'll be a hardship on people all the way around."

Jennifer Wilson
Westland

OUR VIEWS

Be an informed voter - get your questions answered

Livonia school district residents will vote May 7 on a \$195 million bond proposal for districtwide improvements.

The *Observer* has recommended a yes vote to keep the district competitive and to preserve home values.

The bond would fund renovations to the district's buildings, which are 40-60 years old and, in many cases, have the original doors, windows, heat systems and fixtures.

It would also pay for technology upgrades, needed to help students meet the Common Core State Standards and prepare them for college and careers, as well as renovations to the three high schools' auditoriums and fine/performing arts classrooms, buses and furniture.

The cost would be 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, the first year of the 30-year bond.

While we have endorsed the bond proposal, voters need to do their own due diligence. We encourage them to get their questions answered during informational meetings scheduled for tonight and in April.

An Informational Tour will be held 6-7 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. today, Thursday, March 21, at

Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile. Voters will see, first-hand, the needs and the proposed improvements of the bond proposal during a hands-on tour of old classrooms, newer classrooms and examples of modern classrooms envisioned in the proposal.

The district will also host two Community Forums and Q&A sessions. The first is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, and the second is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh.

Be an informed voter. Register to attend at www.livoniapublicschools.org.

LETTERS

Places to go

I'm Jean Smith and me and my husband really enjoy being Nana and Papa to our three granddaughters. I sent this story to you because there are still a lot of wonderful things that families can do in our area with preschoolers and some activities are free.

Here are a few places that my granddaughters ages 1, 2 and 3 really enjoy:

- The Garden City Library. My girls enjoy picking out books for their Nana to read to them and they love playing with the puppets and puzzles. Ms. Stephanie has wonderful programs for our preschoolers — story time, crafts, a Halloween party. The first of January, we had all month to make a recycled showman. Our girls had lots of fun helping Nana and we used detergent, pretzels, a coffee can, an old dish, newspapers, jar lids, Christmas tree branches, an old nightgown and a lot of puff balls. We made the Mackenzie-Emilia-Gabriella Snowlady. She sits in the library showcase.

- The Garden City Historical Museum. Our girls made a couple of trips in October to the Garden City Museum. It was decorated with skeletons and black cats, and there was a cute contest of how many cats you counted walking through the museum. My girls also enjoyed the Halloween Extravaganza 2012 featuring the Ford Motor Chorus at Henry Ruff School for free. They also

enjoyed going trick or treating in our local Kroger store, it also is for free.

- The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. Every second Monday of the month is Macy's Preschool from 10 a.m. to noon. The girls enjoy playing in the museum at the preschool Legos area and in George Carver's cabin. We are all counting down to April 15 when the village opens and Thomas the Train will visit again.

- The Heritage Park Petting Farm in Taylor. What about all their wonderful programs and free days for Mother's, Father's and Grandparents' Days.

- The Detroit Zoo. Every year, my girls go the day before Easter for Bunnyville. This is put on by Meijer's.

We all enjoy going to see Sesame Street at the Fox Theater when they have \$10 per person nights. And this past summer we discovered this wonderful and free water park by the Westland Police Department.

Two other places we are looking forward to going is to Ann Arbor to the Hands-On Museum — the second floor is for preschoolers — and Museum of Natural History.

If you wish to share this story, please share. Let's have some fun together.

Jean Smith
Garden City

Say yes to our schools

The proposed bond for Livonia Public Schools is crucial to maintain-

ing our schools, providing undeniably necessary access to technology and keeping our home values strong in this competitive marketplace. Our children and our community deserve this commitment to their future.

I have been a Livonia citizen for over 50 years. I was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, I was the first baptism at St. Edith church, and was raised on Fitzgerald Street. I graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School. My wife is a lifelong Livonia resident as well who also graduated from Livonia Stevenson. We have been married for 25 years and are the parents of five children, all of whom attend or have attended Livonia Public Schools.

We made the conscious decision to raise our family in our home town. We are very proud of our Livonia community and its excellent education system.

As a businessman, I take the responsibility of educating young people very seriously. I feel fortunate to have received the education that I did from LPS and will focus my efforts on continuing the tradition. Our schools were once "state of the art," and while we employ a very talented group of educators, they need the tools of their trade to be as successful as possible.

I strongly encourage a yes vote on May 7.

Joe DiDomenico
Livonia

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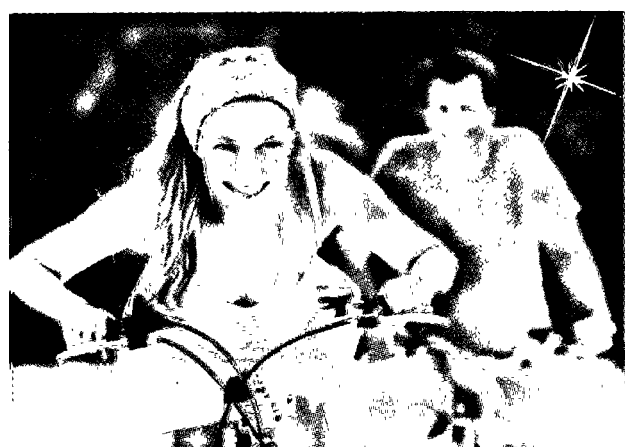
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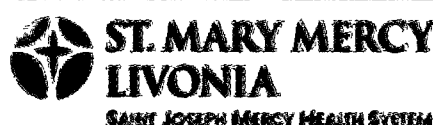
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Stevenson MS presents 'Monsters in the Closet'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

What do you do when you discover a monster is living in your closet?

That's the premise of the comedy, *Monster in the Closet*, being presented by the Stevenson Middle School Drama Club at 7 p.m. Friday, March 22, at the school on Palmer Road west of Newburgh in Westland.

"It definitely a comedy, but there's a touching moment when Emily realizes Murray isn't such a bad guy," said director Kevin Scollin.

The play is a "student-run production" with 19 cast members and a crew of 10 seventh- and eighth-graders doing everything from the acting, to the lighting, creating props and making posters. Linda Knapp, Scollin's mother-in-law, has made the costumes, while his wife, Caitlin, and father-in-law Bill have helped put the set together.

Monster in the Closet is the story of Emily, played by eighth-grader Madisyn Bobby, and her best friend Stephanie, played by eighth-grader Jacquelyn Schlicht, who try to catch the monster — Murray, played by eighth-grader Brendan Johnson — to prove there is one after seeing him sneak out of her bedroom closet to play her video games.

Work on the play began just before Thanksgiving. The cast has been rehearsing after school twice a week. According to Scollin, the school's instrumental music and drama teacher, the hardest part has been coordinating schedule. "Attendance is huge in



Appearing in the production are Rachel White (bottom row, from left), Kaitlyn Balko, Eliza Polk, Madisyn Bobby (center row, from left), Jacquelyn Schlicht, Sydney Lowery, Payton Kilgore (top row, from left) and Abby Hardin.



Brendan Johnson (left) plays Murray and Rynne Hamill is Wanda in "Monsters in the Closet."

a production like this," he said. "The students are involved in a lot of other things — sports, National Honor Society, clubs. Just getting everyone on the stage at the same time is a trick."

This is the second year students have put on a play. Last year, their produc-

tion of the *Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* attracted a full house and Scollin is hoping for the same this year.

The play will be presented in the school cafeteria, which poses a few challenges with an outdated lighting board and competition with the sounds from the kitchen,

but Scollin doesn't want to move it to another venue like Stockmeyer Auditorium in Wayne.

"We don't want to move it because this is the Stevenson Drama Club," said Scollin. "There's something about the students owning it and owning the space. It's something special."

The play will be presented only on Friday evening although Scollin is looking at possible adding a second performance next year. Admission is free although donations will be accepted. There's also will be photographs of the cast and crew and T-shirts for sale, a concession stand and other goodies.

"Last year, we had a packed house, we hope that happens again this year," Scollin said.

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Westland teen faces charges after chase

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A 17-year-old Westland male is facing criminal charges amid accusations he led Canton Police on a 20-minute chase while his little brother, 4, was in the back seat.

The chase began just before 3 a.m. in Canton and ended here, though a police report indicated it spilled over to neighboring communities as the accused driver ignored red traffic lights, swerved across the center line and drove the wrong way on Michigan Avenue.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said it's fortunate the incident ended peacefully without any injuries. However, he said it should serve as a reminder that fleeing drivers endanger others and invite criminal charges when they refuse to stop for police and ignore traffic signals.

"It's not much different than getting a loaded gun and standing in an intersection shooting in all directions," he said. "The only difference is the gun is a car. It's that dangerous."

According to the police report, the teen's mother said he has been struggling with "mental issues" partly due to a breakup with a girlfriend. The report indicated authorities had petitioned to have the young man referred to a hospital for evaluation.

However, he is facing a felony charge of third-degree fleeing and eluding police and a misdemeanor charge of reckless driving. He could potentially face penalties ranging up to three years in prison.

The police report indicated the teen hadn't been involved in any other crime prior to fleeing from police in a 2005 Chevrolet Classic.

The incident started near Warren and Ridge when police noticed the driver swerving on the road, already posing a threat to other motorists prior to the pursuit.

The police report said the teen led police on a winding path that ended near Michigan Avenue and Beck. He is accused of driving 50 mph through 25 mph zones and as fast as 60-70 mph in other areas, swerving around other vehicles as he fled.

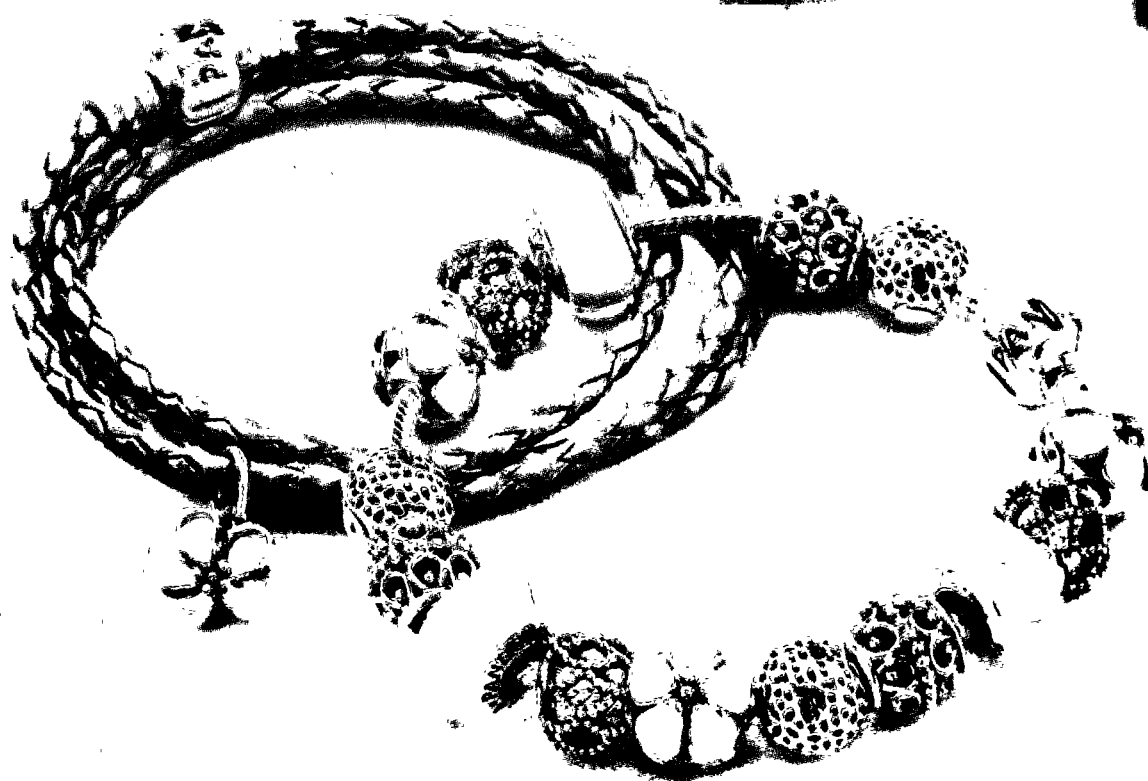
The report said the suspect's 4-year-old brother was sitting in a car seat in the back seat but wasn't strapped in as he should have been. The report said the child appeared frightened but not injured.

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Girls soccer teams scrambling at start

See capsule outlook of area teams on page B4.

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

If Friday's Livonia Churchill-Livonia Ladywood girls soccer game does go off as scheduled Friday afternoon in the season opener for both teams, it may have to be dubbed "The Winter Classic."

With an extended spring break and dead period just over a week away, athletic directors have been scrambling to find enough

open dates for the 2013 season — even if Mother Nature isn't cooperating.

When the frozen tundra does eventually thaw, there could be some compelling stories to the 2013 campaign.

Ladywood is coming off a 21-3-2 season and a Catholic League A-B Division title, but lost its top two offensive threats in Kelly Capoccia (Grand Valley State), who scored 24 goals, and Paige



Garber

Brennan, who added 27 assists.

The rest of the team, however, remains virtually intact led by first-team All-Observer pick and Division 2 third-team All-Stater Catherine Garber, a senior defender who spearheaded a backline that allowed just 17 goals all season.

Expected to pick up the scoring slack for the Blazers are senior returnees DeYana Walker (Northern Arizona) and Dominique Sarnecky. Senior goalkeeper Sara Even (Siena Heights) also returns.

"It helps that we are return-

ing nine starters from last year's team including our entire defense and goalkeeper," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, who guided the Blazers to a runner-up finish in Division 2 in 2001 and a district title last year. "Some of our seniors have over 70 starts in their Ladywood careers. So experience won't be an issue with this team."

Lutheran High Westland (9-5-3), the Blue Division champions in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, could

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MU softball blanked, 3-0

The Madonna University softball team was held scoreless for just the second time this season as the Crusaders fell Saturday to NCAA Division II foe Ohio Dominican, 3-0, at Panther Field.

Visiting MU registered four hits with sophomore designated player Caitlyn Keuvelaar accounting for two of them.

Senior outfielder Amber Rafko and junior third baseman Carlee Meek each added one as the Crusaders slipped to 10-11 overall.

Sophomore Bree Crampton (5-6) was charged with the loss as she gave up three runs on five hits over her six innings of work, striking out three.

Madonna took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second when it appeared sophomore outfielder Karleigh Creighton (North Farmington) belted a two-run homer, but the Crusaders had batted out of order and the round-tripper was taken off the board leaving the game 0-0.

Ohio Dominican (4-17-1) got on the board in the bottom of the fourth when Caitlin Jividen and Taylor Thomas hit back-to-back home runs to center field for a 2-0 lead.

The Panthers tacked on their third run in the bottom of the sixth on a homer from Kelsey Albanese for a 3-0 lead.

Keuvelaar and Rafko both singled in the seventh, but were stranded as Rachel Stanzel (2-11) worked out of the jam for the complete game shutout. She struck out three.

The Crusaders are idle until 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, when Albion comes to open the brand new University Field.

Matmen earn spring titles

The Backbone Wrestling Club, based out of Livonia Franklin High School, had five grapplers place fourth or better in last weekend's Triway Spring Open in Wooster, Ohio.

In the 15-19-year-old age division, Marco Lytwyn placed first at 126 pounds, while Nick Frazier was runner-up at 160.

Jeremy Castillo (220) added a third, while Nick Robertson (126) and Kenneth Steele (152) each placed fourth.

Also participating in the tournament for Backbone were 14-year-olds Ryan Tracy (160) and Jeremy Nelson (126), both of whom wrestled up in the 15-19 age group, along with Daniel Huber (185) and Adam Ross (132).

For more information on Backbone Wrestling Club, which also includes ages 5-13, call director Lee Tracy at (734) 716-4503; or e-mail backbonewc@gmail.com.

Crusaders add more firepower

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham has signed a pair of prep standouts to NAIA letters-of-intent, adding Romulus' Maya Davis and Fenton's Payton Maxheimer.

The duo join the defending Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season and tournament champion Crusaders, who are coming off of their 11th trip to the NAIA National Championships last December.

Davis, a 5-foot-10 middle hitter who lives in Wayne, led Romulus to a Western Wayne Athletic Conference championship last fall in her third varsity season.

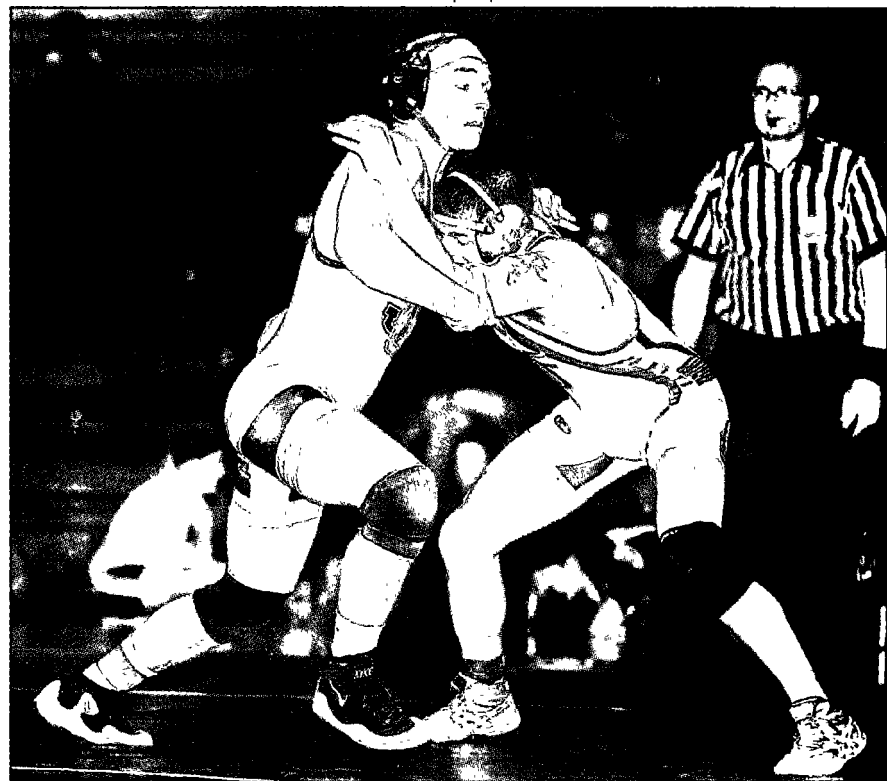
She earned a pair of Offensive Player of the Year awards as well as All-WWAC, All-District and All-Region honors in addition to being a nominee for an All-State.

A selection to the principal's honor roll, Davis is the niece of former NBA player John Long and the cousin of former NBA player Terry Mills.

"Maya is very athletic," Abraham said. "She is the kind of player who can come in bid for a starting position as a middle hitter and that is what we hope she will do as a freshman."

"Maya has really good

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All-Area grapplers

Westland John Glenn's Travis Mann (left), the Division 1 state champion at 145 pounds, leads the way for the 2012-13 All-Observer Wrestling Team. See page B2 for a complete rundown of the squad.

Whalers eye OHL playoffs vs. Sting

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers are white-hot entering the Ontario Hockey League playoffs, which for them kicks off 7 p.m. Friday against Sarnia at Compuware Arena.

Sunday's 4-0 whitewashing of Windsor gave Plymouth 16 victories over the final 17 contests of the regular season and the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference (42-17-5-4, 93 points).

Sarnia opens the first round after a third-place finish in the OHL West (which the Whalers won, by the way).

The Sting posted a 35-28-1-4 record, good for 75 points.

But Plymouth coach and general manager Mike Vellucci has been around the block a few times.

He doesn't put any stock in the Whalers' torrid second half, rather focusing on the fact both teams in the playoff matchup are at zeroes.

To that end, he kept regulars Tom Wilson and Colin MacDonald home for the finale, in order to rest nagging injuries.

Both are expected to be ready for Friday night.

"Last year, we ran into injury trouble and didn't have the depth," Vellucci said. "Hopefully, this year we have the depth. ... You got to have a lot of depth, four lines that can play. Make sure everybody's healthy and rested."

The Whalers — in the OHL playoffs for the 22nd straight year — know full well they'll need to fire on all cylinders from the opening puck drop Friday to have a shot at bringing home the OHL championship for the first time since 2007.

"We got to go in there, every game is important and every shift is important," Vellucci stressed.

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Livonia native Mike Voran (16) takes the puck near the boards in a recent CCHA game against Bowling Green.

JLA swan song

Irish's Voran cherishes CCHA's finale

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia's Michael Voran knows all too well the significance of the 42nd and final Central Collegiate Hockey Association Championship this weekend.

"You grow up watching the CCHA, you love playing at Joe Louis Arena," said the 5-foot-11, 197-pound right winger from Notre Dame. "Any time you're there you want to be out playing. You have family and friends that are going to be coming out to watch you. And especially since it's the last one, it makes it that much more exciting."

Voran, a junior who played three seasons of high school hockey at Stevenson High, hopes he'll be able to suit up after suffering an undisclosed



Voran

seven assists in 31 games this season.

The CCHA playoffs are down to the final four with the sixth-ranked Irish (23-12-2) taking on Ohio State at 1:05 p.m. followed by the Miami of Ohio-Michigan matchup in the second game. The championship game will be Sunday at the Joe.

A win over the Buckeyes would also help cement an NCAA postseason tournament berth.

"Our main goal is to win the CCHA," Voran said. "They

injury in last Friday's quarterfinal opener against Bowling Green.

"I want to be out there, let's say that," said Voran, who has four goals and

They play hard and they have a great coach over there. I feel like we match up well most teams in the league. That's the great thing about the CCHA. Every night you're in for a battle. Ohio State will be a great test for us and we're excited to play."

With the Big Ten starting up next year and the CCHA dissolving, Voran and his Notre Dame teammates will be playing Hockey East against the likes of such teams as Boston College, Boston University, New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont.

But right now the focus is on the CCHA as the Irish move into the semifinals with a 5-0-2 record in their last seven games.

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Grapplers earn state accolades

FIRST-TEAM

Mohamad Youssef, Jr., Plymouth (103): It was a breakthrough season for Youssef to say the least. He finished 52-5 and established himself as one of the top 103-pounders in the region by winning the Wayne County and Observerland tournaments as well as the Division 1 district and regional championships.

At the D1 regionals, he pinned Ann Arbor Pioneer's Billy Cobb-Gulley in 2:29 and then placed seventh at the D1 finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

With that, Youssef became the third state placer in Plymouth school history.

"Mo started the season with the goal of placing at the state meet and worked all season to achieve that goal," coach Quinn Guernsey said.

According to Guernsey, an example of Youssef's competitive fire was at the individual regionals at Canton High School where "after fighting off his back against Tyler Rogaliner of Bedford, Mo. was able to finish a powerful double leg shot and secure a pin sending him to the regional final."

Michael Volyanuk, Soph., Farm. Harrison (103): Volyanuk was the Division 1 state runner-up, finishing his sophomore season with a 45-8 record. He won a district championship and was a finalist at the Observerland, OAA and regional tournaments. He was third in the Oakland County meet. Volyanuk is 65-18 in two varsity seasons.

"Obviously, being in the state final, there's only one highlight better than that, and that's winning it," coach Jim Stuef said. "By Monday of the next week, he was ready to get back to work. He wanted to get back in the weight room and prepare for next year. He wants to be a state champion. He'll put the time and effort into it and, hopefully, attain it. He showed great growth from one year to the next, and he was definitely the most improved wrestler on our team."

"He's probably the strongest kid, pound for pound, in our room. He really likes the power lifting that we do. (In action photos), he looked like a little kid last year. He looked like a stud this year; he had that cut, muscular look to him."

Kyle Gillies, Sr., Westland Glenn (112): The three-time all-star was the Division 1 runner-up after winning both the regional and district titles.

Gillies, 55-1 overall this season with a school-record 204 career wins, also won Wayne County, Observerland and the Catholic Central invitational.

"Kyle is arguably the best wrestler to come out of John Glenn," coach



Mohamad Youssef
Plymouth



Kyle Gillies
John Glenn



Richard DeMarois
Canton



Trey Berry
Plymouth



Danny Martinez
Franklin



Ben Griffin
Canton



Mannie Govantes
Farmington



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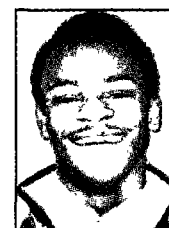
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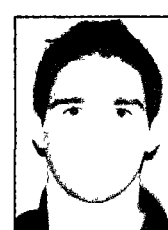
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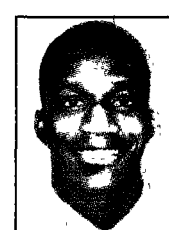
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Manny Haddad
Churchill



Bill Polk
Coach of Year

Bill Polk said. He is a four-year varsity letter winner who won a ton of matches for us. He was a consistent performer for us always stepping up for the big matches.

"You can't replace a wrestler like Kyle. They only come around every once in a while. I'm excited to see the path that Kyle chooses after high school and sure he will be a great success in life."

Richard DeMarois, Sr., Canton (119): The senior enjoyed another outstanding season for the Chiefs, finishing with a 47-6 record while qualifying for the D1 individual regional.

There, he earned an 8-0 major decision over Nick Robertson of Livonia Franklin.

One of DeMarois' highlights this season was at the D1 team districts at Plymouth High School. He won 9-0 against Livonia Churchill's Josh Perez and defeated Plymouth's Trey Berry with a takedown in the second period.

"Richard DeMarois is one of the finest team leaders in the history of Canton Wrestling," coach Cory Mancuso said. "He brought his teammates together as family this season. The heart and dedication he put into (the team) for the last four seasons will never be forgotten by all of his coaches and his teammates."

Next fall, DeMarois plans on wrestling at the collegiate level.

Trey Berry, Sr., Plymouth

(119): Berry capped off a stellar career for the Wildcats by making it to the D1 individual finals, where he fell just short of achieving his goal of being a state placer.

In the blood round, Berry was pinned in 3:15 by Trevor Zdebski of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (third-place finisher) to finish the year with a record of 40-18.

Guernsey said Berry's most successful tourney of the season was the KLAA championships, where he defeated fellow first-team All-Observer wrestler Richard DeMarois of Canton to reach the final.

Berry placed fourth at the D1 individual regionals at Canton High School to qualify for the state finals.

"Trey has competed with some of the best wrestlers in the area and this year was no exception as 119 was again a very deep and balanced weight class," Guernsey noted.

The coach added that Berry is planning on wrestling next season at Muskegon Community College.

Danny Martinez, Sr., Liv. Franklin (125): The senior finished the year with a 40-2 record before suffering a broken arm in the Observerland Invitational finals.

Martinez was champion at the Wayne County and CC invitationals. He also holds the Franklin records for career wins (192) and pins (106). As a junior he took fifth in the state finals.

"Kids like Danny don't come around too often," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "He's an incredible wrestler, a straight A student, a super nice kid, and very humble."

"Danny has been a dominant wrestler in the state for four years and was on pace to have a phenomenal year before he broke his arm. His leadership and work ethic will be missed. His maturity level and outlook on life is that of an adult. I'm sure he will be successful in whatever he does."

Ben Griffin, Jr., Canton (125): Fighting through injury much of the season, Griffin showed time after time why he is one of the toughest wrestlers in Observerland.

At the D1 team district finals, he suffered a torn meniscus yet literally got off the mat to win 13-4 over Livonia Churchill's Jonathan Locklear.

Griffin kept battling all the way to the Palace. At individual regionals, he came in second, losing in the finals by injury default.

Then, at the state finals, he finished sixth to post a season's record of 51-7 — making it to the podium for the third time in three seasons.

"He is by far the toughest wrestler I've been had the privilege to coach," Mancuso said. "His hard work and year-round commitment has molded him into one of the greatest athletes in the history of Canton High School."

Mannie Govantes, Sr., Farmington (125): Govantes concluded his senior season with a 49-7 record and seventh-place finish in the Division 1 tournament, setting a school record for single-season victories. He also broke a 28-year-old school record for most pins in a season with 37.

Govantes, who finished with a 122-44 career record, is fourth on Farmington's all-time victory list behind Nick Tanski (134), Matt Michalski (130) and Mark Churella (123). He also is the Oakland County, Lakeland, Observerland and OAA tournament champion.

"Mannie's exceptional athleticism and acrobatic moves made him a crowd favorite, keeping his fans on the edge of their seats," coach Al Beyar said. "Mannie is a great

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young man with a smile on his face 24/7. He has a personality that makes it easy for anyone to feel comfortable being around him.

"His dedication and love of the sport showed in the practice room and in the meets. He is a hard worker and is goal-oriented, and that will help him in achieving his life goals. His leadership, talent and work ethic will be greatly missed next year."

Zach Francis, Jr., Luth. Westland (125): The junior finished 53-3 en route to a fourth-place finish in Division 4.

He was also district champion and third at the regional. Francis also added titles at Observerland, Adrian-Madison, Franklin, Burton Bendle, Redford Union, Blissfield and Lutheran Westland.

"Zachary obviously had an amazing year," Lutheran Westland coach Joe Schmidt said. "It was nice to see all of his success on-and-off the mat this year. He is one of the hardest working kids that I've ever coached. I'm looking forward to see what he does next year."

Chase Kalili, Sr., Plymouth (130): When the season started, Kalili was enthusiastic about a return trip to the D1 state finals. But then on the first night of the season, he suffered an injury that altered how his senior year would go. But he fought his way back to action, and came up one match short when he lost 9-5 in the blood round of D1 regionals to Sejad Al-Hussain of Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

One of the highlights for Kalili, who finished with a 11-5 record for his abbreviated season, was cruising to victory over a higher-seeded Brighton wrestler at the KLAAs tournament, Guernsey said.

"A lot of the success Chase had this year came off the mat," Guernsey noted.

"After suffering what should have been a season-ending injury opening night Chase led the team in a different way helping coach and bring along the younger, more-inexperienced wrestlers who were being asked to fill his shoes.

"... Chase's leadership will be greatly missed both on the mat and off. His current post graduation plans are undecided but he plans to keep wrestling involved in his life."

Andrew Fialka, Sr., Farm. Harrison (135): Fialka compiled a 40-10 record as a senior and ended a four-year varsity career with 111 victories. He's believed to be the first 100-win wrestler in school history. Fialka is the Observerland champion at 135; he was second in the OAA tournament and fourth in Oakland County. Fialka, who will study engineering at Michigan State, was seventh in the state at 125 last year, and he just missed qualifying at the higher weight.

"Andrew is a great leader and a hard worker," Stuef said. "He's an aggressive, physical type of wrestler. I wouldn't say he's a super technician, but he's going to get out there and punish you when he gets his opportunity. When it comes to what you call home run moves, he'll catch a guy in it and pretty much guarantee a pin out of it."

"If he had been down at 130, I think he would have been a state placer again. He certainly had that ability. It was just unfortunate things went the way they did at the regional when you had the No. 1 and 2 kids in the state at the same weight from the same school. But he's ready to move on to college and do all the things he's going to be really good at. I'm very proud of his efforts."

Jon Conn, Jr., Plymouth (135): After taking some "great steps" his junior season, Guernsey is excited about Conn's chances for standing on the podium at next year's D1 finals. This time around, he fell just short of placing.

"The team is really happy to have him coming back for his senior year and look forward to achieving the goal of being all-state," said Conn, who was a team captain and KLAAs Scholar Athlete for the second year in a row.

On the mat, Conn finished with a 45-14 record, winning one of his three bouts at the finals.

"Jon had a lot of success at tournaments this year, including making the finals at the tough Wayne County and Observerland tournaments," said Guernsey, adding that another challenge came at the Novi-Detroit Catholic Central Invitational where Conn placed sixth "in possibly the toughest weight" of that tourney.

"His biggest win of the season probably came over JD Waters of Hudson, who would go on to win a state title in Division 4," Guernsey said.

Allen Parker, Sr., Wayne (140): The senior, a two-time state qualifier, took eighth in the Division 1 state

ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING

2012-13 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS WRESTLING TEAMS

103 pounds: 1. (tie) Mohamed Youssef, Jr., Plymouth; Michael Volynayuk, Soph., Farmington Harrison; 2. Jack Newa, Sr., Livonia Franklin; 3. Chase Spanos, Soph., Westland John Glenn.

112: 1. Kyle Gillies, Sr., John Glenn; 2. Brandon Harris, Soph., Plymouth; 3. Marco Lytwyn, Soph., Livonia Stevenson; 3.

119: 1. (tie) Richard DeMarois, Sr., Canton; Trey Berry, Sr., Plymouth; 2. (tie) Josh Perez, Jr., Livonia Churchill; Kevin Huynh, Jr., John Glenn; 3. Nick Robertson, Soph., Franklin.

125: 1. (tie) Danny Martinez, Sr., Franklin; Ben Griffin, Jr., Canton; Mannie Govantes, Sr., Farmington; Zach Francis, Jr., Lutheran Westland; 2. Jon Locklear, Sr., Churchill; 3. Tim Way, Jr., Wayne Memorial.

130: 1. Chase Kalili, Sr., Plymouth; 2. Brett Quinn, Sr., John Glenn; 3. Caleb McCabe, Soph., Salem.

135: 1. (tie) Andrew Fialka, Sr., Farmington Harrison; Jon Conn, Jr., Plymouth; 2. Marc Przybylski, Sr., Canton; 3. (tie) Deandre Moore, Sr., John Glenn; Caleb Richter, Soph., Lutheran Westland.

140: 1. Allen Parker, Sr., Wayne; 2. (tie) Alec Breckenridge, Sr., Plymouth; Bobby Mathieson, Sr., Harrison; 3. Brian Spehar, Sr., Garden City.

145: 1. (tie) Travis Mann, Sr., John Glenn; Alec Pantaleo, Jr., Canton; 2. (tie) LaRone Mack, Sr., Harrison; Kody Roy, Sr., Stevenson; 3. (tie) Nick Frazier, Jr., Franklin; Paskual Pietruski, Sr., Harrison; Jacob Richter, Soph., Lutheran Westland.

152: 1. Jordan Atienza, Jr., Franklin; 2. Jayson Walton, Sr., Redford Union; 3. James Ward, Sr., North Farmington.

160: 1. (tie) Aaron Bibik, Sr., Livonia Clarenceville; Tyler Gross, Sr., Salem; 2. (tie) Wesley Kuuttila, Sr., Farmington; Matt Wisniewski, Sr., Garden City; 3. Joey Shaver, Jr., Plymouth.

171: 1. (tie) Sam Ekanem, Sr., Wayne; Collin Rankin, Sr., RU; 2. Ryan Southerland, Sr., Farmington; 3. (tie) Dan Huber, Soph., Franklin; Bret Thrushman, Sr., Franklin.

189: 1. Allen Steele, Sr., Franklin; 2. Adam Druz, Sr., Garden City; 3. Mitchell Gross, Soph., Salem.

215: 1. Jordan Brandon, Jr., John Glenn; 2. K.J. Wooley, Jr., Canton; 3. (tie) Tyler Casteels, Sr., Wayne; Carl

Keeney, Sr., RU; Tony Agostini, Sr., Salem.

285: 1. Manny Haddad, Sr., Churchill; 2. Dylan Morantes, Sr., John Glenn; 3. Aaron Mauldin, Jr., Wayne.

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Bill Polk, John Glenn
HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Jake Hale; **Franklin:** Jeremy Nelson, Tyler Solnikowski; **Stevenson:** Connor Vaughan; **John Glenn:** Quinn Dupraw, Andre Brown, Herbie Taylor; **Wayne:** Jack DeJace, Dom Sanders, Mike Nicholson, Marcus Jordan, Lucas Hofbauer; **Clarenceville:** Domack Slagle, Mike Weiss, Brendan Groves; **Lutheran Westland:** Brad Hura, Alex Reardon, Thomas Krueger, Martin Kemp, Connor Even, Manny Rankine; **Canton:** Allan Beckman; **Plymouth:** Spencer Schifter, Hussein Youssef, Sofus Nielson; **Salem:** Riley Dostader, Alex Arble; **Garden City:** Ali Arab; **Redford Union:** Roderick Howard, Adam Chernavage; **Farmington:** Eric O'Neill, Brandon Schulz, Chase Walkowiak, Trent Bekker, Marcello Perez; **Harrison:** Dan Allor, Gabe Colston, Mike Robinson; **North Farmington:** Justin Shelton, Joe Benjamin.



Indoor track champ

Livonia's Josh Momeyer, 13, of the Waza Track Club, earned titles in the long jump (13 feet, 2 inches) and 800-meter run (2:35.75, as well as a third in the 400 run (1:04.23), at the Michigan AAU Indoor Track and Field Championships held March 10 at Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Fieldhouse.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Pom pon clinic

The Livonia Stevenson varsity pom pon squad will stage a clinic for grades three through high school from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20 at the high school fieldhouse.

Included in the \$25 cost is a light snack, CD and T-shirt. (You must be registered by Friday, April 5.)

For more information, email Kelly Sikorski at kelsikorski@sbcglobal.net.

Football coaches

Livonia Franklin is seeking two assistant football coaches for the 2013 season.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate knowledge and proven ability to train and teach the fundamentals with prior high school coaching experience.

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Chris Kelbert at ckelbert@livoniapublicschools.org.

Foul shot contest

The third annual Sons of American Legion Post 32-Livonia Youth Free Throw championship will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, April 6, at Memorial Church of Christ gymnasium, 35475 Five Mile Road (between Levan and Farmington roads).

SPIKERS

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range as an athlete, hits hard and moves well antenna to antenna. She has a nice serve and has the potential to be a terminating type hitter down the road. We love her athleticism, speed and jumping ability."

The 5-10 Maxheimer lettered in basketball, soccer and volleyball while leading Fenton to three Flint Metro League volleyball championships in addition to a Class B district and regional titles as a senior.

A two-time (2011, '12) All-Flint Metro League first-team selection, Maxheimer was also tabbed as her team's most valuable player and the Tri-County Times Player of the Year as a junior and a senior.

She holds the top two spots in the Tigers' record book for single-

First place and runner-up trophies will be awarded, along with door prizes, for the following age groups: 6-and-under, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12.

The cost is \$5 per participant (payable at registration) will all proceeds going to Blum's Landing, a Michigan bed and breakfast for returning wounded veterans.

Former Grand Valley State and University of Michigan basketball player Jerret Smith will also be making an appearance.

For more information, call Charles Wagner at (248) 420-8472.

Senior softball

A newly formed team in the 65-and-over Western Wayne County Suburban Softball League is seeking slow-pitch players the summer season, which runs from May through August.

Games will be played at 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in the Livonia, Canton and Westland areas.

The league is governed by ASA senior slow-pitch rules. A nominal fee will be assessed to cover incidental team and league expenses.

For more information, call Bob Mosher (734) 502-7477 or Doug Curry at (248) 767-0828.

season digs with 501 as a senior and 489 as a junior.

In basketball, Maxheimer led the Tigers in points, rebounds and steals as a junior, en route to team MVP honors and All-Flint Metro first-team accolades.

Maxheimer has been selected as a scholar-athlete six times.

"Payton is a very experienced player with the ability to play all the way around," Abraham said. "She is an excellent defensive player who has also set in the past. Payton has excellent court sense and really reads well on defense."

"She is extremely quick and athletic on the floor and comes from a very successful high school program. Payton has played at a very high club level and has the ability to come in and compete at a variety of positions."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Saturday, March 23
(all double-headers)
Ypsil Lincoln at Glenn, 11 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, March 21
Thurston at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Friday, March 22
Churchill at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
Saturday, March 23

Luth. Westland at PCA, 1 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Friday, March 21
Franklin at Harrison, 4 p.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all double-headers)
Saturday, March 23
Davenport at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Sunday, March 24
Davenport at Madonna, 1 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Reid Friedrichs, first year.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 4-10-5.

Notable losses to graduation: Rachel Blackney (first-team All-Area), Melissa Bird.
Leading returnees: Rachel Tomassi, Sr. Def.; Kelsey Parrinello, Jr. F (second-team All-Area); Karly Munroe, Sr. MF; Alexis Tzafaroglou, Sr. GK; Ashley Elliott, Sr. GK; Kacie Murray, Jr. MF; Erin MacDonald, Jr. Def.; Sara Nedam, Sr. MF.

Promising newcomers: Lauren Wynns, Fr. F; Alivia Kondrath, Fr. MF; Rylie Fallu, Jr. MF; Kaitlyn Rubenson, Jr. Def.; Sediqa Nedam, Sr. Def.
Friedrichs' 2013 outlook: "I want to feel about mid-to late season that we can compete with anyone. I think we can get there. I am just excited and honored to be coaching ladies like this and want the best for them."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Dean Kowalski, fourth year.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 6-12-4.

Titles won last year: Division 1 district champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Alexis Smith (first-team All-Area), Emily McCullen.

Leading returnees: Natalie Desautel, Sr. Def.; Danielle Howard, Sr. Def.; Shannon Murphy, Jr. F; Michelle Tuyo, Jr. MF.

Promising newcomers: Isabella Yardi, Soph. Def.; Riley Burnette, Fr. MF-F.

Kowalski's 2013 outlook: "This will be the most talented team I have coached in my four years at Franklin. There will be a great combination of senior and junior leadership and youthful freshmen excitement. Our team goal continues to aim towards becoming the best team in Livonia."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Chris Grodzicki, fourth year.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 9-9-1.

Notable losses to graduation: Dayna Stevens (first-team All-Area), Payton Kleven, Katie Reamer, Emily Chrzasz.

Leading returnees: Alexi Kliza, Sr. MF; Carlin O'Malley, Sr. F; Allie Corp, Sr. MF; Abby Urso, Sr. Def.; Brandi Jed, Sr. Def.; Katelyn Foster, Jr. F; Rylee Jayson, Jr. GK; Aliya El-Sabeh, Soph. Def.

Promising newcomers: Taylor Cieslak, Sr. Def.-MF; Ally Koltuchnik, Sr. Def.-MF; Emily Mulcahy, Jr. MF-F; Taylor McLaud, Jr. MF; Emily Kubeshesky, Jr. GK; Amy Freed, Jr. F; Lindsay Stevens, Jr. Def.; Madison Caves, Soph. Def.; Sari Rakowicz, Soph. F; Blanca Hasani, Soph. Def.

Grodzicki's 2013 outlook: "Thirteen players are gone off last year's roster, but the girls who are returning bring a lot of experience to the table. Our new players bring speed and a lot of technical skill and confidence with the soccer ball. The returning seniors are showing amazing leadership already, and I couldn't ask for more from them given the number of new faces who are eager to make their mark on Stevenson soccer. I'm excited to coach such a great mix of

young players."

WESTLAND GLENN
Head coach: Ralph Cabildo, third year.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 5-12-2.

Notable losses to graduation: Lexi Gagliard.

Leading returnees: C.C. Said, Jr. MF (second-team All-Area); Marissa Edwards, Jr. F; Olivia Cabildo, Jr. C-MF; Raven Buck, Soph. C-MF; Jenna Redden, Sr. GK; Sydney Climie, Soph. MF-F; Kaitlyn Mitchell, Sr. MF; Katelyn Johnson, Sr. MF; Lori Thompson, Sr. Def.; Violet Gjocaj, Sr. MF; Elise Penhollow, Jr. sweeper.

Promising newcomers: Evelyn Accerrano, Jr. F; Kendra Pennington, Fr. MF; Susie Bryan, Fr. Def.

Cabildo's 2013 outlook: "I'm looking forward to see how well our returning leading scorers will do in Climie, Cabildo, Buck, Said, Edwards, Penhollow and Johnson will do. We'll also have much improved seniors Mitchell, Thompson, and Gjocaj back in the lineup. It's also nice to get back Evelyn Accerrano after taking off half a season last year. Pennington and Bryan are two new players this year. I always worry about playing freshmen on varsity, but I believe this two girls will be up to the challenge. If we can stay healthy this season we should be able to compete at a very high level. One thing I can say already about this season is our girls are line one big family and that means a lot to me."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Jason Dean, first year.

League affiliation: KLAA Kensington (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 1-17.

Notable losses to graduation: Emma Karson.

Leading returnees: Amber Parrish, Jr. MF; Crystal Fletcher, Jr. F; Katie Kuder, Soph. MF-Def.; Savannah Monette, Jr. Def.-MF.

Promising newcomers: Summer Elbaadani, Fr. MF-F; Amiee Hutton, Fr. MF-F; Shaelyn Wojeski, Fr. Def.; Victoria McKague, Fr. MF-F.

Dean's 2013 outlook: "It's a new year and new vision. After a poor seasons last year with only one win, the Wayne Memorial squad is looking to change the tempo they play with and be more structured on the field."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Ken Shingledecker, sixth year.

League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 21-3-2.

Titles won last year: Catholic A-B Division and Division 2 district champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Paige Brennan (first-team All-Area); Kelly Capoccia (first-team All-Area), Erin Cronyn.

Leading returnees: Catherine Garber, Sr. Def. (first-team All-Area; third-team All-State); Dominique Sarnecky, Sr. F (second-team All-Area); DeYana Walker, Sr. F; Liz Danger, Sr. Def.; Shelby Walsh, Sr. MF; Sara Even, Sr. GK-F; Emily Huddleston, Jr. MF; Marissa Ozog, Jr. Def.; Lauren Wandzel, Jr. Def.; Jenna Urso, Jr. F; Mary-Kate Zuma, Sr. MF; Abby Pelon, Jr. Def.; Carlee Faber, Sr. Def.; Brenna Wright, Sr. MF; Whitney Bauriedl, Jr. GK.

Carlin O'Malley.

"We should be strong through the middle of the field with a number of players who can play numerous positions," Stevenson fourth-year coach Chris Grodzicki said.

In the KLAA South Division, both Canton and Plymouth will be the favorites once again.

Reid Friedrichs is new coach, but no stranger to Livonia Churchill soccer after spending 12 seasons as the boys coach.

The Chargers (4-10-5) will rely on senior defender Rachel Tomassi and junior forward Kelsey Parrinello, who is coming off knee surgery and committed to play at the University of Cincinnati.

"We have a lot of challenges ahead of us as we implement new styles and systems of play into a new program with new ladies and with winter still hanging around, I feel very behind," Friedrichs said. "But I like my ladies, I like our work ethic, I like my team and all I want to accomplish is to improve every day."

Livonia Franklin (6-12-4) is coming of only its second district title in school history.

The Patriots lost two of their top players to graduation including All-Observer goalkeeper Alexis Smith (Schoolcraft College).

Senior Natalie Desautel will anchor the defense.

"There are many new

Promising newcomers: Ani Ramon, Soph. F; Andrea Kwasniewicz, Soph. Def.; Kennedy Bullard, Soph. F; Mykela Hawkins, Jr. F; Conner Huggins, Fr. MF; McKenzie Cronin, Jr. F; Katie Miller, Jr. GK; Sarah Bloom, Fr. F; Jackie Bowling, Fr. F; Catherine Kenzie, Fr. F.
Shingledecker's 2013 outlook: "Our biggest challenge this year will be replacing the 24 goals from Kelly Capoccia and 27 assists from Paige Brennan that they tallied last season. We have some excellent young players that will make an immediate impact. We're excited of what we believe this team can accomplish this season."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Amanda Moody, third year.

League affiliation: Western Wayne Athletic Conference.
Last year's overall record: 5-12-2.

Notable losses to graduation: Sadie Zachos, Rana Haddad.

Leading returnees: Ashley Murphy, Sr. C-MF (second-team All-Area; 11 goals, 4 assists); Amal Musleh, Sr. Def.; Rachel Kirschweg, Sr. GK-MF; Grace King, Jr. Def.; Summer Reddick, Jr. Def.; Brianna Turri-Cesarz, Jr. MF; Lindsey Fosth, Soph. MF (5 goals, 5 assists); Jillian Bunker, Soph. MF-GK (138 saves); Jordan See, Soph. MF-F.

Promising newcomers: Gabby Messerschmitt, Fr. F; Hannah Griffin, Fr. MF-F; Skylar Reddick, Fr. MF-F; Samantha Franco, Fr. Def.; Bobbi Skelton, Soph. MF-F.

Moody's 2013 outlook: "We have 16 returning players this season. Our core players are now mostly all juniors and seniors and have had a lot of experience playing together. Ashley Murphy will be our leading force again this year along with offensive players Lindsey Fosth, Jordan See, and Brianna Turri-Cesarz. Our defense is solid with Reddick and King backing up Bunker in net. Both offensively and defensively we have a solid core with experienced players. Our potential is high this year and I have a lot of confidence in this team to have a great season."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND
Head coach: Sarah Schaffer, fifth year.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).
Last year's overall record: 9-5-3.

Titles won last year: MIAC Blue Division champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Taylor Viemer (second-team All-Area).
Leading returnees: Angela Morrison, Sr. GK (first-team All-MIAC Blue); Jessica Drife, Sr. Def. (first-team All-MIAC Blue); Julia Yancy, Jr. Def.; Michelle Greening, Soph. F; Allie Lange, Soph. MF.

Promising newcomers: Bethany Hoehne, Fr. Def.; Mara McMahon, Fr. MF; Samantha Benner, Fr. GK.

Schaffer's 2013 outlook: "We are a young team with a lot of enthusiasm. We lost only one player to graduation last year and we are ready to work hard to finish strong this year. With speed and depth on the field, and bench, we will be a strong team again this year. We are looking forward to getting the season started."

players on varsity this season, and it will take some time for the team to find its stride," Franklin fourth-year coach Dean Kowalski said. "If we stay focused and work hard, I feel we can be a dangerous team in the division."

Westland John Glenn (5-12-2) will try and find the right combinations in the KLAA South.

Leading the way is junior midfielder C.C. Said, junior center-midfielder Olivia Cabel and sophomore center-mid Raven Buck.

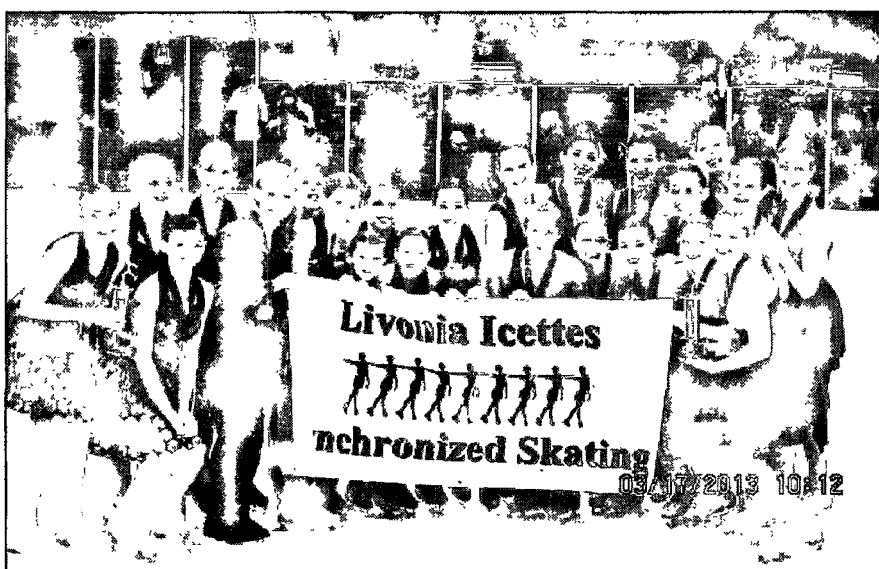
"I'm looking forward to this year," Glenn third-year coach Ralph Cabildo said. "We have eight of our starting girls coming back from last year. Veteran senior goalie Jenna Redden will play a big part in our success this year."

The other new coach in the area is Jason Dean at Wayne Memorial (1-17), who built success at near-by Garden City.

Dean, who also took over the Wayne boys program, will get a boost from juniors Amber Parrish and Crystal Fletcher.

"We will look to play with more control and create more overall possession," said Dean,

whose team was scheduled to open the season Thursday against Redford Thurston. "We are very young and inexperienced, but the group is working hard to improve on last season's results."



In sync skaters

The two top synchronized skating teams from Livonia, the Ice Cubes and Icettes, finished first and second, respectively, in their divisions at the ISI competition held Saturday at Edgar Arena. Over 300 skaters participated in the bi-annual event.

WHALERS

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Pick your poison

The Plymouth-Sarnia matchup boils down to the Whalers' deep-and-talented roster against Sarnia scoring stalwarts led by wingers Charles Sarault (108 points, one shy Plymouth scoring champion Vince Trocheck) and sniper Reid Boucher (62 goals in 68 games).

Conversely, Plymouth features eight players who cracked the 20-goal plateau — led by Trocheck and sniper Reid Boucher (62 goals in 68 games).

Trocheck scored 24 goals for Saginaw before his January trade to the Whalers and then went off on an offensive tear (26-33-59 in just 28 games).

Matt Mistele and Garrett Meurs registered 34 and 32 goals, respectively, followed by Stefan Noesen (25), Cody Payne (24), Wilson and Ryan Hartman (23 each) and Rickard Rakell, who

netted 21 despite missing a month while up with Anaheim of the NHL.

Go ahead and throw the name of forward Mitchell Heard into the mix. Heard scored 17 goals in 31 games and probably would have surpassed 30 goals had he not been with Lake Erie of the AHL for the first half of the season.

Two-way 'D'

On defense, the Whalers gave up just 202 goals while Sarnia allowed 254.

Strong, experienced blueliners such as MacDonald, Nick Malysa and Austin Levi along with newcomers Connor Carrick and Gianluca Curcuruto give the Whalers the best of both worlds — whether playing close to the vest or pushing the offensive envelope with pinching and sniping.

Vellucci's squad also has the edge in goal. Both veteran Matt Mahalak (2.86, .906 save percentage) and rookie Alex Nedeljkovic (2.28, .923) have excelled.

"Both guys have played

great," Vellucci said. "Mahalak has two shut-outs in a row so he's playing well. It's a good time for both of them."

The Sting will rely on JP Anderson, who has a 3.31 goals-against average and .905 save percentage.

A key for Plymouth will be staying out of the penalty box, largely to slow down Boucher, who scored 21 goals on the power play.

As for the regular season series between the teams, Plymouth won four of the six games and lost one in a shootout. In the most recent matchups, Plymouth won 10-2 on Feb. 18 and 4-0 on Feb. 23.

"They got a great team, they got a good goalie," Vellucci said. "They got the leading goal scorer in the league in Boucher, they got a couple good lines and their defense likes to jump into the play."

"So we're going to have to be patient and just push the tempo a little bit."

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VORAN

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Notre Dame started out the 2012 portion of the season with a 16-4 record, but hit a slump during the month of January.

"I thought the first half of the season went pretty well," Voran said. "As a team we had a lot of success. We were definitely on the roll. I came back after Christmas and actually got injured. The second half has been kind of a tough one personally dealing with injuries, but the team has battled through a little adversity that we had early in the second half. I feel like we're back to where we were when we were rolling good, so we're excited to be back at the Joe."

Voran, despite missing seven games, has firmly planted himself as a key contributor.

"Michael came back this year with a great attitude and work ethic and really established himself as one of our top two line right wingers in the early stages of the year," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said. "Unfortunately he had a few injuries that have set him back a little bit. He just started to come back and got dinged up again last weekend. His energy has helped our penalty kill and he's been effective playing with some of our top players and I really like where he is headed as far as his future goes."

Coming off a sophomore season where he had five goals and five assists, Voran has taken on added responsibility this year.

"My role has increased," he said. "I've really started to do a lot more penalty killing

time. I take a lot of pride in that being a P.K.'er. Also, I've been in-and-out on power plays, getting a little more ice time. I'm just happy my role has increased and also it's that our team is also doing so well."

Last year, the Irish finished 19-18-3.

"Last year, we kind of had an off season, but now all those guys are older and we have great seniors," Voran said. "We've kind of all been there. We deal with adversity maybe better than we have in the past."

"We're a pretty exciting team and play good defense. We think we have a pretty good team now."

Voran played his freshman and sophomore seasons at Stevenson, then spent his junior year with Honeybaked's AAA team before returning to high school hockey his senior year where he led the state in scoring with 33 goals and 36 assists (69 points).

He then migrated to the junior ranks, first with the Wenatchee (Wash.) Wild of the North American Hockey League, followed by a season with the Sioux Falls (S.D.) Stampede of the USHL where he proved to be a capable goal scorer with 56 and 74 points, respectively.

As a freshman at Notre Dame, Voran had his best season statistically with four goals and 15 assists (19 points) in 43 games.

Voran, however, still holds his high school hockey days in high esteem, especially after following Stevenson earning its first-ever state championship with a 5-4 win over Hartland on March 10.

"I was pretty pumped," Voran said. "Me and my buddies still haven't gotten over the losses we

had over the years. It was nice to finally see them get one for our school obviously. Stevenson was a great school and they did a lot for me. I'll always be a Stevenson Spartan fan. I actually got up and watched the game. I saw it on a live feed and my parents were there and they were getting me live updates and my buddies were there. It was a pretty cool time for Livonia and Stevenson hockey. It was pretty cool being able to watch, but I wanted to come home. It just didn't work out."

Michael Voran also played high school hockey at Stevenson with his brother, Marcus, who graduated from U-M-Dearborn and now works in Ann Arbor.

"He (Marcus) comes down quite a bit to watch me and it's cool to have the support from him, and from a guy who also played hockey," Michael said. "He knows the struggles and ups and downs, stuff like that."

A business-marketing major at Notre Dame, Voran pulled a 3.6 grade point average during the fall semester and holds a 3.3 G.P.A. overall, so he'll have something to fall back on once he graduates.

But there's a lot of unfinished business when it comes to his hockey career and beyond.

"I want to keep playing and you do it because you love it," Voran said. "In it's your blood. Whatever happens, happens. I guess I'll worry about it when the time comes. Right now our goal is to win a couple championships and hopefully the first one is this weekend."

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SOCCER

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makes some noise this spring in Division 4 as the Warriors lost only one starter.

All-Conference picks Angela Morrison, a senior goalkeeper, and Jessica Drife, a senior defender, lead the way.

Another veteran squad is Livonia Clarenceville (5-12-2), which is dropping its independent status to join the 10-team Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

The Trojans will be led by second-team All-Area selection Ashley Murphy, who scored 11 goals and added four assists last season.

She will get plenty of support from sophomore midfielder Lindsey Fosth (five goals, five assists) and sophomore goalkeeper Jillian Bunker (138 saves).

Livonia Stevenson (9-9-1), a member of the KLAA's strong Central Division, will feature a slew of new faces after losing 13 players to graduation, including first-team All-Area selection Dayna Stevens.

The Spartans, who lost 2-1 to Division 1 state semifinalist Canton in the district playoffs, could surprise in 2013 led by senior midfielders Alexi Kliza and Allie Corp, along with senior forward

Livonia parish marks its 50th anniversary

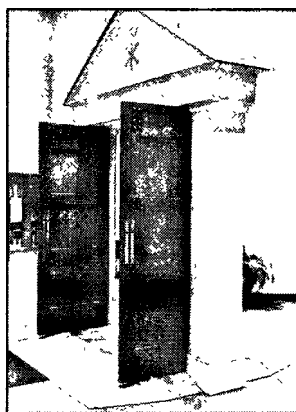
Take a self-guided tour of St. Aidan Parish in Livonia by scanning the QR codes throughout the church with your smart phone and learn about the art in the house of worship.

Check out the 25-year-old time capsule that the church will open next month. Or pass through St. Aidan's holy doors and receive a partial indulgence for your sins.

All of those activities and more will mark the parish's 50th anniversary this year.

St. Aidan was formed in 1963 and services were held in a school while the parish's first church was under construction. That building served the community until the 1980s when the parish outgrew the facility. The new church, complete with bell tower, was finished in time for the parish's 25th anniversary.

A set of "holy doors" recently was added to the atrium of the church. The doors were inspired by a pilgrimage to Rome. The holy doors on the four major basilicas of Rome are opened



Catholics who walk through St. Aidan's holy doors to celebrate its 50th anniversary will receive a partial indulgence.

by the Pope on designated jubilee years. Catholics from all over the world come to cross the thresholds of these doors as a sign of their desire to be free from the effects of sin and to renew their relationship with Jesus. After first celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, those who walk through a holy door receive a plenary — or complete — indulgence, the removal of all punishment due for sins that have been forgiven. The Archbishop

of Detroit, Allen Vigneron, has granted a partial indulgence to Catholics who walk through St. Aidan's holy doors to celebrate the parish's golden anniversary and the Catholic Church's 2013 Year of Faith.

St. Aidan's pastor, the Rev. Kevin Thomas, continues the long-standing tradition of the church's service to its community. Thomas is police chaplain for the City of Livonia. Over the years the parish also has donated clothing to the community, bought food for the needy and supported soup kitchens, held numerous blood drives and assisted those affected by national tragedies and disasters.

The church has planned several celebrations over the year to mark its anniversary. All are open to the public and include a reception on June 19, harvest festival on Aug. 25 and Mass, followed by a gala on Oct. 20.

For more information, visit the Golden Anniversary webpage at www.staidanlivonia.org or call the parish office at (734) 425-5950.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

March

BETHANY

Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 30

Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, east of Inkster, Redford

Details: Bethany, an organization serving Catholics and other Christians, offers a singles dance. Tickets are \$13. Beer, wine, pop, snacks and coffee are included

Contact: (586) 264-0284

BRUNCH

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, March 24

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Palm Sunday brunch will be served between the 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services

Contact: (248) 553-3380

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 22

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Josh Nelson, a popular performer and composer of modern Jewish music, per-

forms. The concert is free and no reservations are required

Contact: (248) 851-1100, Ext. 3150

DISCUSSION GROUP

Time/Date: Miniseries shown 8-10 p.m. Sunday, through March 31; discussion from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, through April 3

Location: Kenwood Church, 20200 Meriman, Livonia

Details: The church will offer a discussion group on the History Channel miniseries, "The Bible"

Contact: (248) 476-8222

EASTER SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 28; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, March 29; and 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 31

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: All services have the general theme "Names of Wondrous Love." Maundy Thursday sermon theme is "The Lamb." Sermon theme for Good Friday is "The Alpha and the Omega" and for Easter is "The Light." A free Easter breakfast will be held from 8-9 a.m. All visitors will receive the free DVD, "The Road to Emmaus."

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IVERSON, MARGARET ELLEN

Margaret Ellen (Golbart) Iverson died Friday, March 15, 2013 at age of 85 from complications of a stroke at her home at Homewood at Crumland Farms, Frederick, MD. She was born March 28, 1927 in Washington, DC. She and her family moved to Lancaster PA in 1935 and then in 1940 the family resettled in Frederick, MD. Her parents were Mark J. Golbart and Margaret J. (Rohrbach) Golbart. She attended the Frederick Academy of the Visitation, and later graduated from the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in 1949, where she received her RN Degree. She was employed at Mercy Hospital before she entered into the US Air Force and was awarded the commission of 1st Lieutenant, and stationed at Clarke AFB in the Philippines. Margaret was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, volunteered at Frederick Memorial Hospital and American Red Cross, and also worked as a Nurse for several years at Homewood (Frederick, MD downtown location). She married Dr. Warren P. Iverson on Feb. 4, 1956 at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, in Frederick, MD. She resided at Homewood at Crumland Farms (and for many years previously on Beechwood Dr. in Frederick, MD). She was predeceased by her husband Warren on Aug. 26, 2008. Also by her sister Madeleine Sherald, brothers Martin T. Golbart and Mark J. Golbart, Jr. Margaret is survived by her son, Martin Philip Iverson (Frederick, MD) and daughter, Mary Katherine Rosso (Birmingham, MI). Grandchildren: Timothy D. Iverson (Frederick, MD); Melody Baumgardner (Frederick, MD); Emily Rosso (Missoula, MT); Jennifer Rosso (Birmingham, MI); Caitlin Rosso (Birmingham, MI); Krista Threefoot (Columbia, MD). Great Grandchildren: Michele & Norah Threefoot. Also sister Jeanne Rogers (Bethany Beach, DE) and Sister-in-law Chica Golbart (Cape Charles, VA). And numerous nieces and nephews. She will also be remembered by many friends, neighbors, and care-givers at Homewood at Crumland Farms. Visitation was held on Monday, March 18 at Stauffer Funeral Homes of Frederick. Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, March 19 from St. John's Catholic Church, Frederick. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in memory of Margaret Ellen Iverson, sent to St. Katherine Drexel Church Building Fund (8428 Opossum-town Pike, Frederick, MD 21702); or to Homewood at Crumland Farms (7407 Willow Rd, Frederick, MD 21702). Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at: www.staufferfuneralhome.com.

KALINOWSKI, GEORGE J.

Age 87, passed away March 15, 2013. He was born on March 27, 1925, in Lodz, Poland. He was a member of the Polish Underground Army during the German invasion of Poland. During that time, George became a P.O.W. After the war, George found and moved his immediate family to Detroit, where he attended college and received a formal education. George retired from Ford Motor Co. as an Electrical Engineer at age 65. He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Alexandra, his loving children: Mark (Patrice), Annie, Thomas, and Susan (Chuck) Dziadzio. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Christopher (Ana), Britanny, Christine, Michael, Nick, Ava, Melody (Tony), and Paul Overley, his great grandchildren: Chris Jr., Marcos, Elijah, and Seilah and his two nieces: Christine and Barbara. He was preceded in death by his brother John in 1969 and his grandson, Ricky in 1990. Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 21 from 4:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 22 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon.

Online guestbook:
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KENT, GLADYS M.

Age 94, of Farmington. Passed away March 16, 2013. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. www.thayer-rock.com.

May peace be
with you in this
time of sorrow.

RANDOLPH, DONNA M.

March 17, 2013, age 72. Beloved wife of the late Buell H. "Randy." Survived by 1 sister and several nieces and nephews. Care and services are entrusted to the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home (734)981-1700. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

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Musical brings passion, resurrection of Jesus to life

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Kelly Nieto punched up her popular Lenten musical with a new name, cast, secular stage and extended story line this year.

The Farmington Hills woman says the changes — which include a venue switch from the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament to Music Hall — will help her reach a broader audience with her dramatic telling of the Stations of the Cross, Resurrection and Pentecost. It's advice she said came straight from God. "We loved being at the Cathedral. It was an incredible two years. It was the biggest event in the history of the Cathedral — over 11,000 (attendees) each year. We sponsored 2,400 low-income children to see it at no cost. But it was difficult for people to see past the 15th row. At the same time we knew we wanted to reach out to people who would not go to a cathedral. We knew God was calling us to a broader audience."

Nieto, who is married and has five children, produced "The Living Stations of the Cross" at her parish, Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington, for 10 years, before moving the production to the Cathedral in 2011. The presentation blended Nieto's original contem-



Kenny Watson portrays Jesus.

porary songs with Pope John Paul II's text of the 14 Stations, which conclude with Christ being placed in a tomb. This year, the musical drama, renamed The Cross and the Light, will begin a week-long run on Palm Sunday, March 24, at Music Hall in downtown Detroit. The title change

reflects the addition of a new second act that includes scenes about the Resurrection and Pentecost.

Nieto said she was inspired to extend the story beyond the Stations of the Cross, while praying at a Good Friday service last year. The day after Easter she revised the

production, making it "10 times better," than the original work.

"When we were at the Cathedral, we'd go to black between each scene. It was very presentational. Now, this is like a full-blown theatrical musical where there are character lines built from the opening number. In fact, one of the coolest things is we now have our singing soldier. His is everybody's favorite character," she said. The character evolves from a "mean and nasty" soldier to Christian covert.

"Now you have a character you can invest in. It's very different in that sense. It's a theatrical piece now, not just a presentation of information."

Somber to joyous

The first act ends with Jesus dying on the cross. The second starts with his placement in a tomb, the culmination of the Living Stations of the Cross.

"After the 14th Station, it turns bright — I mean, the music never stops. There is a stark contrast between what the cross is and what the light is. So, in terms of musical style, energy and emotion, it's very different in act two. We take you from the empty tomb all the way to Pentecost with Peter and the apostles baptizing thousands.

"And whether people will know it or not, everyone in the audience is being baptized spiritually and musically in every sense. You leave there feeling as if 'I have a call. I have to do something for the Lord.'"

Nieto said a priest reviewed the script for biblical accuracy and that it represents a Christian story without denominational overtones.

"Every line is from the Bible. We didn't take any license with the truth of the story. It is a timeless message and we will never water it down."

Volunteers needed

In addition to producing and writing the show, Nieto also serves as technical director and leads promotional efforts. She has distributed flyers and spoken at numerous Sunday worship services, but said she welcomes volunteers to assist with publicity, selling merchandise and other tasks.

An Australian the-



Cast member rehearse a dramatic scene from the "The Cross and the Light."



LaRonn Dolley as the "Singing Soldier" watches as Christ is crucified.

ater troupe contacted her through the Internet and plans to perform the Living Stations portion of the program this year. Representatives from churches in Lansing, western Michigan, Upper Michigan, Ohio, Colorado and Mississippi will view the full show to determine their interest in purchasing rights

to perform it. "That's really the goal because I can't do more than one of these a year," Nieto said.

"If a big production company came in town and saw this, that is what we're looking for our next step, that they would find investors and have an equity production. That's the next level up."

THE CROSS AND THE LIGHT

What: A musical dramatization of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ

When: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 24; 10 a.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, March 26-27; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, March 28; noon and 8 p.m. Friday, March 30; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 30; and 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 31

Where: Music Hall, 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: The cast includes 45 professional and amateur actors, including Detroit vocalist Kenny Watson, who plays Jesus, and Candice Jackson as Mary Magdalene. Kelly Nieto of Farmington Hills is the executive producer. She also wrote the music with Nick Dalbis of Crossroads Productions. Annie Klark is musical director and Jamie Kolacki is the director. The musical takes the audience through the Stations of the Cross, through the Resurrection and Pentecost. Tickets range from \$35-\$100.

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Michael Deller of Livonia will perform paper-cutting stories at the storytelling concert.

Stories come alive at concert due to skill

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Turn off your iPads, iPods, Xboxes, and eBook readers on Saturday, March 23, and head to the Livonia Public Library for some good, old-fashioned storytelling.

Three experienced storytellers will bring the magic of their performance art to children, age 4-10, at 2 p.m. in the library auditorium, 32777 Five Mile. Admission is \$2 per person or \$5 for families.

"Karen Czarnik will start off the program with a couple of songs to get everyone settled," said Judy Sima, who will serve as the program emcee. "We'll have Michael Diller, who was head librarian for Livonia library for a long time. He'll do paper cutting stories. He'll tell a story and when he's finished cutting paper (simultaneously) he'll open it and it will be something — almost like magic. And there's Linda Day, our former president. She's wonderful. She makes all these characters come alive. She puts her whole self and body into the story. Her stories are captivating."

Each child will receive a gift and refreshments will be served after the concert.

The storytelling concert drew 200 youngsters last year. The event is designed to celebrate



Karen Czarnik



Judy Sima



Linda Day

of Farmington Hills will perform at the upcoming Detroit Storytelling League concert.

the audience and the performer."

She said storytelling also brings family members together by sparking discussions over their common experience.

"I think this will be a terrific story concert this year."

For more information call (248) 476-8515 or visit the Detroit Storytelling League website at www.detroitstorytelling.org.

stories and promote reading. Sima said it offers children a chance to experience the oral tradition in face to face communication.

"Seeing live performances is important. I bring my grandchildren to live performances. They learn audience skills and they learn to appreciate the personal connection between

Jewish film fest offers international stories

The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit will present its 15th Annual Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival, beginning April 7, and will offer 30 award-winning films.

"Each year, hundreds of films have to be viewed in order to choose the very best in the largest Jewish film festival in the country," said Rachel Ruskin, film festival director. "Each one of these films is like entering another world, a once-in-a-lifetime adventure."

This state-wide festival offers events in West Bloomfield, Flint, Kalamazoo and Ann Arbor. It features movies from around the world, including Israel, England, France, Germany and the Czech Republic.

Among this year's films: • *Life In Stills*, a documentary, tells the story of Miriam Weissenstein's The Photo House and portrays the relationship between the 96-year-old owner and her

grandson, Ben Peter. Miriam's shop is slated for destruction when Ben comes into the picture. He is determined to save the building and its collection of nearly 1 million negatives that document Israel's birth, beginnings and most notable moments in history. The film runs at 8 p.m. April 15 at The Berman Center for the Performing Arts, on the Jewish Community Center campus, 66600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. See it at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, in Ann Arbor.

• *Hava Nagila (The Movie)* will explore the song that is played at weddings, sporting events and even social clubs in Moscow. How does one song become incredibly popular when so few people even understand the words? Film goes will see why artists such as Bob Dylan and Elvis have tried to make Hava Nagila their own. See it at noon, Sunday,

April 7 in West Bloomfield and 8 p.m. Sunday, May 5 in Ann Arbor.

• *The Price of Kings* takes a look into the life of the legendary and controversial Israeli leader Shimon Peres, a man who went from hawk to dove, from winning the Nobel Peace Prize to mourning the death of former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The film is narrated by Helena Bonham Carter. It will screen at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, in West Bloomfield.

• *In My Best Enemy*, Victor Kaufmann is the son of wealthy gallery owners and living a fairly comfortable life in Vienna. He has a loving girlfriend, Lena, and a best friend named Rudi. Suddenly things take a dramatic turn when the two men learn surprising information about each other. Then roles begin to reverse in this film that is both comic and suspenseful. See it at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 17,

in West Bloomfield.

• *The Other Son* tells the story of two men who were switched at birth. "Joseph" son of a prominent Israeli officer and physician, discovers that his biological parents are Arab and live on the West Bank. The couple discovers that their child, Yassin, is an Israeli. The film screens 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 10 in West Bloomfield and 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, in Ann Arbor.

For a complete list of films visit www.jccdet.org. Admission to each film is \$11. Or purchase a patron pass, which allows guests to see all films, or a matinee pass, for matinee screenings only, for \$40 for JCC members and \$45 for non-members. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.jccdet.org or call The Berman Center for the Performing Arts box office at (248) 661-1900.



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Try these recipes from Hungry Jack using simple pantry staples, and turn them into what will become new brunch favorites:

- Put a unique spin on brunch food with a savory Ham, Egg and Cheese Pizza.
- DIY Pancake Breakfast Sandwiches: You can assemble them for your guests, or get everyone involved by letting them build their own and add some custom touches like eggs, cheese or bacon.
- Combine sweet, spicy and smoky flavors for Spicy Candied Bacon, a definite crowd pleaser.
- Set out some flavored or Greek yogurt and a bowl of Good Morning Granola so guests can create their own breakfast parfaits.

For more creative recipes and ideas, visit www.hungryjack.com.



Ham, Egg and Cheese Pizza

Spicy Candied Bacon

Yield: 6 slices
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes

- ½ pound extra-thick cut bacon, about 6 slices
 - ¼ cup Hungry Jack Original Syrup
 - ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - ¼ teaspoon cracked black pepper
1. Heat oven to 375°F. Line a 15- by 10-inch baking pan with foil. Lay bacon slices on foil.
 2. Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until bacon edges begin to curl. Remove from oven. Tilt pan to drain. Pat bacon with paper towel. Combine syrup, cayenne pepper, cinnamon and pepper in small bowl. Drizzle evenly over bacon slices.
 3. Bake 5 minutes or until evenly browned. Remove to wire rack. Cool 5 minutes.
- Serving suggestion:** Candied Bacon Breakfast Sandwich: Layer fried egg on English muffin. Top with shredded cheese, Spicy Candied Bacon and a dash of hot sauce or ketchup. Top with other half of English muffin.

Good Morning Granola

Yield: 5 cups
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 30 minutes

- 3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
 - 1 cup sliced almonds
 - ½ cup shredded sweetened coconut (optional)
 - 2 tablespoons wheat germ
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 2 tablespoons pure vegetable oil
 - ½ cup Hungry Jack Sugar Free Breakfast Syrup
 - 2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar
 - 1 cup dried fruit, such as raisins, golden raisins, cherries or cranberries
1. Heat oven to 350°F.
 2. Combine oats, almonds, coconut, wheat germ, salt and cinnamon in large bowl. Combine oil, syrup and brown sugar in another bowl. Pour over oat mixture. Toss until well coated. Spread evenly in 13- by 9-inch pan.
 3. Bake 30 minutes or until golden brown, stirring frequently. Cool completely. Stir in dried fruit. Store in airtight container at room temperature.

with a pantry punch

Ham, Egg and Cheese Pizza

Yield: 8 servings
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 35 minutes

- Crust:**
- No-stick cooking spray
 - 1 ¾ cups Hungry Jack Complete Buttermilk Pancake & Waffle Mix
 - ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - ½ teaspoon dry mustard
 - ½ teaspoon onion powder
 - ½ cup water
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Filling:**
- 3 large eggs
 - 1 cup sour cream
 - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 - 1 ½ teaspoons fresh dill weed
 - or ½ teaspoon dried dill weed
 - ¼ teaspoon salt
 - 1 cup shredded Swiss or cheddar cheese
 - ½ cup thinly sliced green onion
 - 4 ounces thinly sliced deli-styled baked ham, coarsely chopped
 - Fresh dill sprigs (optional)

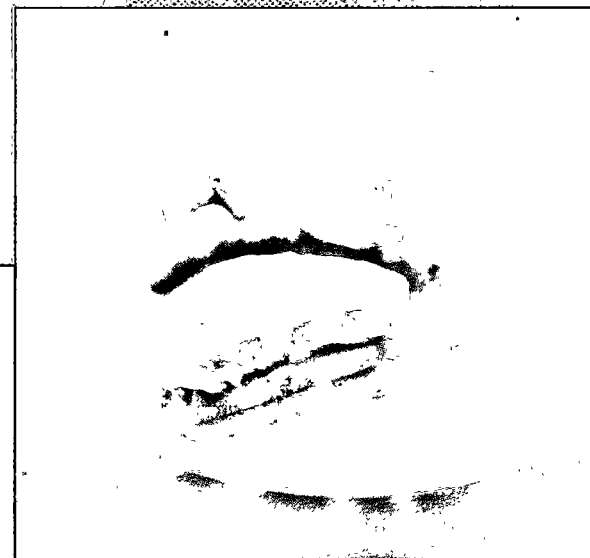
For crust:

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Coat 12-inch pizza pan with no-stick cooking spray. Combine pancake mix, Parmesan cheese, dry mustard and onion powder in medium bowl, stirring until blended. Stir in water and olive oil until dough forms.

2. Press dough onto bottom of prepared pan to form a crust, building up outside edge to form a rim. Bake 7 minutes.

For filling:

1. Whisk eggs, sour cream, Dijon mustard, dill and salt in medium bowl. Stir in cheese and green onions. Pour over hot crust, spreading evenly. Toss ham to separate pieces. Sprinkle evenly over egg mixture. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until egg mixture is set in center. Cool 5 minutes before cutting. Garnish with fresh dill, if desired.



Pancake Breakfast Sandwiches



Good Morning Granola

Pancake Breakfast Sandwich

Yield: 4 servings
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes

- Pancakes:**
- No-stick cooking spray
 - ¾ cup Hungry Jack Complete Buttermilk Pancake & Waffle Mix
 - ½ cup water
 - ¼ cup Hungry Jack Original Syrup
 - ½ cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
 - 1 cup frozen shredded hash brown potatoes, thawed, chopped into bite-sized pieces
 - ¼ teaspoon salt
 - 4 3-inch round sausage patties
- Eggs:**
- 1 tablespoon butter
 - ½ cup diced red pepper
 - 4 large eggs
 - ½ teaspoon salt
- For pancakes:**
1. Coat griddle or skillet with no-stick cooking spray. Heat griddle or skillet on medium heat (350°F).
 2. Whisk pancake mix, water and syrup in medium bowl. Stir in cheese, potatoes and ¼ teaspoon salt. Cook sausage patties as directed on package.
 3. Pour 2 tablespoons batter on griddle, spreading batter to make a 3-inch circle or by using 3-inch pancake molds, coated with no-stick cooking spray. Repeat to make 7 more pancakes. Cook 2 minutes or until golden brown. Turn. Cook second side 2 minutes.
- For eggs:**
1. Melt butter in large skillet. Add red pepper. Cook and stir about 1 minute. Whisk eggs and salt in small bowl. Pour into skillet with peppers. Cook slightly, then shape into four 3-inch circles about the same size as the pancakes and sausage.
 2. Place one pancake on plate. Top with cooked sausage patty, egg and another pancake to make breakfast sandwich. Repeat with remaining ingredients to make 3 more sandwiches.
- Tip:** If using pre-made sausage patties, flatten slightly into 3-inch rounds, if necessary.

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Encouraging news emerges on home permit front

Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan in its Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report, a total of 250 single-family home permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in January 2013.

From a year-over-year perspective, permit activity in January was nearly 84 percentage points higher than January 2012 (136). This year's January total is also the fastest to start a year since 2007. Finally, from a trailing 12-month perspective, southeastern Michigan reached a total of 3,758 permits which is 46 percent higher than January 2012 (2,569) and the highest level since September 2007 (3,849).

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, said, "We've off to a great start," following an improving 2012. "In January, we're off to our best start since 2007."

His organization does a monthly index for builders. "They set a new record high for their optimism index," said Stoskopf, a Williamston, Mich., resident.

"Existing home inventories are very low. That has a definite positive effect on new home construction."

He agreed that opens up job opportunities in the skilled trades, with a challenge now to find carpenters and those who do drywall and plumbing, and similar work.

"The ability to find skilled labor," Stoskopf said, looms large now, with surviving businesses also seeking that labor pool. "They're looking for tal-



Michael Stoskopf

ent to hire as well. That is our next big challenge."

He and colleagues are buoyed by the recent encouraging news.

"There were times when I would wonder if we could get back to this," said Stoskopf, adding the figures are only 45-50 percent back. "Hopefully that will continue."

Oakland County led the way with 119 single-family home permits issued. Macomb and Wayne were literally deadlocked with 68 and 63 permits, respectively. St. Clair County did not have any single-family home permits issued in January.

Looking back, this was the best January for Oakland County since 2006. For Macomb, it was the best since 2007. Wayne County was the best since 2010. Finally, since 2009, St. Clair County has issued only one permit in the month of January (2011), so this year's result is not unexpected.

While sale prices for exist-



ing homes showed significant improvement from January 2012 to January 2013, according to Realcomp, the average new home permit value across the region was mixed. Overall, comparing January 2013 to January 2012, average permit values for the four-county region improved by just over 1 percent to \$217,320. This increase was the result of performance in Oakland County, where average permit values rose by 17 percent to \$255,168. The average permit value in Macomb fell slightly (1.2 percent) to \$225,328, while Wayne County saw a significant decrease of nearly 23 percent with average permit values in January 2013 at \$136,635.

The six-month forecast shows positive permit activity but with muted performance when compared to 2012.

This report is based on an algorithm created by HBA's Stoskopf. It is issued monthly by the association including a six-month forecast and a trailing 12-month perspective.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of SE Michigan (HBA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing 500 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

Ill. court rules on security force

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I have heard about a recent case out of Illinois regarding the association's passage of various rules for the benefit of its private security force. Can you give me any details on same?

A: In a recent decision reached by the Illinois Supreme Court, it was held that an Illinois homeowners association's private security force can, pursuant to its duly passed rules, set and monitor speed limits on private association owned roads by use of

both audio and visual devices and by use of a stop, detain and ticket protocol if the speeders

are homeowner members who drive in excess of the posted speed limit; further, the court said that the use of oscillating amber lights on security devices is lawful. It may also be possible, although the Court did not address this, that a Homeowner's Association's third-party security services vendor is also allowed to use the same lawful methods for enforcing association speed rules. However, it seems that the court is saying that only members may be ticketed, not guests or invitees who can only be verbally warned to slow down and asked to observe the speed limits. This opens up the avenue for much more enforcement, at least in Illinois, and perhaps, in other states, of the right to enforce the road regulations although the association runs the risk of being threatened with a false imprisonment claim as was the case in Illinois. See your attorney first!

Q: The last time I was in Sedona, Ariz., there was nothing but traffic lined up which impeded my ability to consider investing in residential property. Do you have any information concerning any improvement?

A: Sedona has gone through a major traffic reconfiguration using roundabouts as opposed to stop signs and stop lights which has substantially improved the viability of traffic in the city. While my recent last visit was during the off season, it appeared that traffic was moving smoothly without any major tie-ups, and having talked to a number of the residents, it appears that traffic is much better during even the high season which is generally in the spring. I also note much of the development areas which used to be on dirt roads are now paved with a number of residential developments springing up as the economy turns for the better.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit rmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 19-23, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
44208 Ardmore St	\$146,000
41574 Ayrshire Dr	\$135,000
5530 Barr Rd	\$238,000
2469 Brookfield St	\$180,000
1944 Brookline St	\$149,000
6634 Brookshire Ct	\$190,000
747 Buchanan St	\$240,000
184 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$168,000
282 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$140,000
44933 Coachman Ct	\$131,000
565 Constitution St	\$132,000
44247 Craftsbury Ct	\$160,000
39557 Dorchester Cir	\$210,000
41879 Echo Forest Ct	\$310,000
155 Edington Cir	\$150,000
45075 Fair Oaks Dr	\$153,000
906 Huntsville Dr	\$317,000
42614 Keystone Ln	\$174,000
42962 Lombardy Dr	\$156,000
1680 Manton Blvd	\$192,000
45441 N Stonewood Rd	\$160,000
7472 Pointe Dr	\$178,000
6209 Runnymede Dr	\$178,000
43706 Westminster Way	\$150,000

2577 Woodmont Dr E	\$180,000
GARDEN CITY	
28425 Alvin St	\$52,000
32601 Alvin St	\$87,000
1711 Belton St	\$46,000
29045 Birchlawn St	\$39,000
32640 Bock St	\$39,000
32985 Brown St	\$13,000
6563 Cardwell St	\$53,000
980 Douglas St	\$62,000
33367 Florence St	\$64,000
1547 Helen St	\$40,000
6632 Mansfield St	\$75,000
28515 Sheridan St	\$25,000
27621 Windsor St	\$66,000
LIVONIA	
36772 Angeline Cir	\$130,000
14678 Auburndale St	\$120,000
30154 Bentley St	\$134,000
11325 Berwick St	\$165,000
34732 Bridge St	\$291,000
17424 Brookview Dr	\$175,000
10010 Camden St	\$115,000
36473 Dowling St	\$119,000
15160 Fairfield St	\$25,000
15508 Fairfield St	\$60,000
14306 Farmington Rd	\$125,000
16941 Farmington Rd	\$135,000
31552 Fonville St	\$125,000
36580 Gardner St	\$216,000
18255 Gillman St	\$58,000
20617 Golf Ridge Cir	\$340,000
15603 Green Lane Ave	\$152,000
14217 Harrison St	\$123,000
34000 Hathaway St	\$182,000

20263 Hugh St	\$85,000
37362 Kingsburn Ct	\$295,000
18250 Laurel Dr	\$98,000
15521 Levan Rd	\$165,000
18537 Middlebelt Rd	\$65,000
34442 Munger Dr	\$183,000
37466 N Laurel Park Dr	\$117,000
33447 Norfolk St	\$240,000
16887 Renwick St	\$150,000
36894 Sunnydale St	\$177,000
35649 W Chicago St	\$163,000
29724 Westfield St	\$115,000
18645 Williams Ct	\$218,000
15612 Woodside St	\$178,000
14381 Yale St	\$140,000
NORTHVILLE	
44684 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$308,000
44712 Broadmoor Cir N	\$400,000
44854 Broadmoor Cir S	\$337,000
16689 Forest Dr	\$421,000
119 Hampton Ct	\$225,000
18922 Heather Ridge Dr	\$576,000
16025 Johnson Creek Dr	\$505,000
20250 Longridge Rd	\$339,000
41778 Pon Meadow Ct	\$296,000
49118 Rainbow Ln N	\$312,000
17255 Ridge Rd	\$317,000
20000 Springwood St	\$215,000
15832 Spyglass Dr	\$600,000
19265 Surrey Ln	\$81,000
PLYMOUTH	
13256 Beacon Hill Dr	\$330,000
39819 Birchwood Dr	\$170,000
42208 Brentwood Dr	\$145,000
10857 Brookwood Dr	\$330,000

13950 Covington Dr	\$473,000
41429 Greenbriar Ln	\$173,000
643 Herald St	\$175,000
14908 Maplewood Ln	\$190,000
40566 Newport Dr	\$54,000
11249 Parkview Dr	\$171,000
394 Pinewood Dr	\$70,000
49903 Powell Ridge Ct	\$460,000
8871 Quail Cir	\$432,000
13605 Westbrook Rd	\$505,000
REDFORD	
9078 Beech Daly Rd	\$65,000
12862 Brady	\$46,000
17409 Centralia	\$65,000
19133 Centralia	\$55,000
12011 Columbia	\$50,000
17374 Denby	\$65,000
25021 Donald	\$74,000
15048 Gaylord	\$96,000
19163 Macarthur	\$60,000
14222 Mason Dr	\$137,000
13041 Nathalie	\$72,000
19402 Negaunee	\$13,000
9576 Rockland	\$60,000
27011 W Seven Mile Rd	\$46,000
27005 W Chicago	\$60,000
WESTLAND	
32938 Audreys Way	\$200,000
33627 Beechnut St	\$59,000
34640 Florence St	\$86,000
7522 Garden St	\$76,000
7427 Gilman St	\$84,000
30767 Middlebury St	\$64,000
170 S Carlson St	\$80,000
6319 Twin Oaks	\$101,000

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BEVERLY HILLS	
16141 Amherst Ave	\$250,000
16227 Amherst Ave	\$110,000
21843 Hampstead St	\$346,000
22685 N Nottingham Dr	\$379,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1324 Bird Ave	\$530,000
150 Bird Ave # 17	\$42,000
2146 Bradford Rd	\$270,000
768 Emmons Ave	\$150,000
843 Purdy St	\$785,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
6904 Cathedral Dr	\$330,000
2745 Ayrshire Dr	\$333,000
6785 Colby Ln	\$300,000
764 E Fox Hills Dr	\$46,000
3035 East Ridge Ct	\$645,000
458 Fox Hills Dr N # A-4	\$32,000
4702 Hedgewood Dr	\$250,000
7515 Hiddenbrook Ln	\$925,000
2779 Indian Mound S	\$741,000
371 Martell Dr	\$1,475,000
3260 Middlebury Ln	\$288,000
3885 Oakland Dr	\$452,000

5095 Sebring Ct	\$340,000
850 Trailwood Path # D	\$87,000
8 Vaughan Xing	\$685,000
6565 Whysall Rd	\$339,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1621 Franklin Rd	\$420,000
1621 Franklin Rd	\$290,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
1703 Burnet Rd	\$135,000
8627 Cooley Lake Rd # 301	\$235,000
4889 Driftwood Dr	\$172,000
8352 Lagoon St	\$179,000
5391 Lancaster Ln	\$243,000
3278 Ledgewood Ct E	\$180,000
5690 Pickbourne St	\$43,000
FARMINGTON	
23086 Floral St	\$76,000
32718 Grand River Ave Unit B	\$37,000
37759 Windwood Dr	\$254,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
31615 Bella Vista Dr	\$180,000
35701 Congress Rd	\$280,000
21981 Crescent Ct	\$180,000
28900 E King William Dr	\$214,000
29558 Eastfield St	\$131,000
29751 Edgehill Ave	\$160,000
21590 Flanders St	\$142,000
28315 Grand River Ave	\$240,000
28256 Harwich Dr	\$270,000
30518 High Valley Rd	\$235,000
25530 Lynford St	\$188,000
29454 N Meadowridge	\$109,000

27850 Peppermill Rd	\$140,000
36018 Quakertown Ln	\$185,000
30991 Ridgeway Dr	\$190,000
31000 Ridgeway Dr	\$136,000
31579 Rocky Crst	\$115,000
25330 Springbrook Dr	\$150,000
30349 Stratford Ct	\$215,000
22986 Tuck Rd	\$122,000
30314 W 11 Mile Rd	\$140,000
29000 W Nine Mile Rd	\$72,000
27635 W Echo Vly Unit 215	\$43,000
27708 Westcott Crescent Cir	\$150,000
33686 Yorkridge St	\$275,000
MILFORD	
354 Heritage Dr	\$255,000
1655 Indian Garden Ln	\$128,000
2490 Woodridge Ct	\$361,000
NOVI	
50678 Amesburg Dr	\$604,000
24815 Apple Crest Dr	\$170,000
41525 Belden Cir	\$120,000
43519 Castlewood	\$377,000
24690 Cavendish Ave E	\$435,000
25760 Cody Ln	\$420,000
31008 Eagle Dr	\$189,000
24623 Nepavine Dr	\$527,000
24779 Nepavine Dr	\$463,000
31098 Seneca Ln	\$195,000
22692 Shadowpine Way	\$245,000
25284 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
24464 Thatcher Dr	\$438,000
30222 Viewcrest Dr	\$250,000

30232 Viewcrest Dr	\$248,000
39888 Village Wood Cir	\$45,000
24251 Weathervane Ct	\$180,000
SOUTH LYON	
1000 Birchway Ct	\$280,000
24431 Brompton Way	\$40,000
24679 Brompton Way	\$40,000
51922 Copperwood Dr S	\$311,000
304 E Liberty St	\$178,000
24699 Martindale Rd	\$35,000
59585 Mary Ln	\$274,000
22000 N Dixboro Rd	\$181,000
53906 Springwood Dr	\$242,000
SOUTHFIELD	
28035 Aberdeen St	\$33,000
27620 Bradford Ln	\$60,000
29742 Everett St	\$36,000
21128 Evergreen Rd	\$5,000
30116 Marshall St	\$35,000
23420 Noel Dr	\$78,000
23724 Philip Dr	\$70,000
29460 Spring Hill Dr	\$125,000
16255 W Nine Mile Rd	\$38,000
21439 W Nine Mile Rd	\$66,000
25086 Woodvale Dr S	\$55,000
WHITE LAKE	
1148 Castletown St	\$156,000
9076 Cedar Island Rd	\$51,000
10175 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$138,000
9503 Marina Dr	\$90,000
8188 Timber Trl	\$190,000

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