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W-W school district revamps website

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is adding a new tool to its list of ways to communicate with students, staff, parents and community members.

Later this month, residents will be able to download a mobile app for smart phones to access the district's news, school calendars, lunch menus, contact information and more. The free app will be available in the Android Play store and the iPhone App store.

"It's very exciting what the Wayne-Westland app will be

able to do," Deputy Superintendent Paul Salah said. "It provides another access for our families to our calendars and information also will be available for each individual school."

The mobile app is yet another piece of technology the district is using to communicate with residents. It continues to mail its Connections newsletter to 42,000 homes in the district, and uses eblasts and Robocalls to get the word out to parents.

Making connections

According to Salah, the volume of information sent

electronically is rapidly increasing. This year, the district has sent out 410 total eblasts via email to 508,366 recipients, compared to 226 total eblasts sent to 158,983 recipients in 2012. This year, 1,720 total robocalls have been made to 475,469 recipients compared to the 801 robocalls that reached 244,816 recipients in 2012.

He added that it is projected that by 2020, "most people will access the Internet via a mobile device."

The district also is utilizing social media sites like YouTube and Twitter to post videos and tweets. Every update posted to the district website's Latest

News Section automatically updates its District News RSS Feed and is tweeted on its Twitter account at wwcsd.net.

Board meetings, Curriculum Corner episodes, commercials for cable and graduation ceremonies are among the videos posted in its YouTube channel.

"There's no shortage of ways to communicate," Salah said. "The district now has multiple venues for residents to gain access to information."

Salah announced the new app as part of a presentation on the district's revamped website, which went live Tuesday. The work was done by the communications and technol-

ogy departments to update the district's communications strategy, he said. The new website site contains all aspects of the former site, however, pull-down menus have been switched to a horizontal format so that the entire menu can be viewed on one screen.

Salah praised the work done by the district's communications and technology departments.

"We know that clear and concise communication is utmost to success in a school district," he said. "When we were accredited in 2012, the

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Wayne to interview candidates for city manager

By LeAnne Rogers
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The Wayne City Council has scheduled interviews with candidates for the position of city manager for 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at City Hall.

There will likely be three candidates interviewed. The city manager committee of council members was slated to meet Tuesday to determine which finalists are interested in interviewing.

"We'd like to interview four candidates. I'm pleased with the number of applicants but not the quality," Councilman Skip Monit said. "There were eight we thought qualified. The council made the call."

About 25 applications were received by the Oct. 31 deadline coming from as far as Alaska and California.

"Some of them didn't have experience, had never managed a city or ignored the job

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Church serves dinner to those alone on Christmas

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

St. Dunstan Catholic Church will again offer its popular free Christmas Day dinner for those who are alone on the holiday.

The Garden City church has made it a tradition. Judy Larry, a Realtor known affectionately as "Judy O," always tells people to bring a hearty appetite, a joyful spirit and a voice ready to join in on a Christmas carols sing-along. People from throughout the area who need a place to go on Christmas Day are treated like family at the holiday dinner.

"As always, we are in need of volunteers to help at this event," Larry said.

She appreciates anybody who can help out, make cookies or offer a donation.

Larry, an organizer of the annual dinner, also wants fun to punctuate the occasion and guests to be treated royally. The doors open at 1 p.m. and

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Linda Isakson of Canton, team leader for the Ford Volunteer Group, distributes drinks to Westland residents Alma Wideen (from left), Velda Fraley and Elma Newell, as well as Rocky Newell, who is visiting his mother from Dallas, Texas, for the holidays. KATHY HANSEN

Ford volunteers treat seniors to holiday lunch



Westland resident Lisa Adcock, a mobility engineer at Ford, cuts pieces of cake to serve as dessert. KATHY HANSEN

By Sue Mason
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When Santa asked if she had been good this year, Mary Lamontagne made sure she answered "of course." Usually the guest of honor at the holidays, Santa was playing second fiddle to more than 120 seniors like Lamontagne, who were treated Friday to a holiday lunch at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Community Center.

Seniors from Wayne, Westland, Romulus and Inkster attended the luncheon, prepared and served by 15 Ford Motor Co. employees.

"We do it from start to finish," said team leader Linda Isakson of Canton, who works in the Ford Product Division. "We have one team that chops and preps the food and another sets up the tables. Then we serve them."

As part of their job, salaried employees are required to do 16 hours of community service each year. Employees select where they want to donate their time from a website that maintains a constantly changing list of

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description,” Mayor Al Haidous said. “In this economy, I thought we’d get more applicants. I think there are too many other cities facing the same challenges.”

Wayne Department of Public Works Director Ramzi El-Gharib has been serving as acting city manager since Robert English retired in September after three years in the position. No internal applicants, including El-Gharib, applied for the job.

“We’re not going to jump into this. If one of the candidates is not

agreeable to council, we’re not going to jump into it,” Monit said. “We’re not going to saddle the city with someone who is not good. We won’t make a choice just to fill the spot.”

Haidous agreed, noting El-Gharib is able to fill the city manager role on an interim basis.

“We’ll interview and look until we find someone who is well-qualified,” Haidous said. “We need to have someone who can do the job. Hopefully we’ll interview the candidates and come up with someone. We’ll keep at it until we do.”

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the dinner will be served about 2 p.m. Reservations are preferred, but no one is turned away that day.

Dedicated

Larry’s family knows how dedicated she is to this effort. They also volunteer with her. She looks forward to the event, which she calls “really, really nice.”

After serving her own family a Christmas breakfast at home, her children and grandchildren know that if they want to see more of Grandma Judy, they can follow her over to the church complex on Belton, south of Ford, in Garden City. They roll up their sleeves and pitch in to serve the guests.

Larry’s volunteers haven’t wavered through the years since Larry took over the task more than 10 years ago from volunteers John and Mary Surge.

Recipients come from everywhere, including Livonia, Plymouth, Wayne, Detroit and Dearborn. They

have no one else to be with that day.

“This whole church hall is filled on Christmas Day,” Larry said. “People have no family, nowhere to go and just need to be with someone.”

Larry said that St. Dunstan is the only church in the area that hosts a dinner Christmas Day. More than 100 people usually come, many senior citizens.

Donations needed

People can make cash donations to help off-set the costs for the dinner, which is funded through St. Dunstan’s Christian Service Fund. That money also feeds hundreds of people during the year through the church’s food pantry program.

The full sit-down dinner includes turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, rolls, butter and an assortment of desserts. Larry likes to have a lot of baked goods on hand. People who want to donate something can drop it off at the parish office.

For reservations, call Larry at 734-595-3049.

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evaluators praised our communication efforts and said that the only other thing we could do is send up smoke signals. I took that as a compliment.”

No Facebook page

One social media the district will not be using to get the word out to residents will be Face-

book. When asked about it by school board Secretary John Goci, Salah cited the labor-intensive nature of maintaining a Facebook page.

“It takes a lot of manpower to operate a Facebook page, it’s a real challenge to manage it in real time,” he said. “What we have found is that districts that started Facebook pages have removed them because it’s more than a 40-hour a week task to maintain.” Parent Michelle Sam-

ple reminded school officials that years ago a “certain board member asked to have videos posted on YouTube and was harshly knocked down.”

“Now you’re all for it, now you’re on YouTube,” she said. “I love it. It keeps us in the loop, but you do need to look at all social media. I’m on Facebook, not Twitter.”

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Westland residents Linda Ouellette (from left), Grace Hannon, Dolores Poelstra and Jean Hannan enjoy rolls, salad and drinks before the main course is served. KATHY HANSEN

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volunteer opportunities.

On Friday, a Ford Accelerated Action Day, more than 600 Ford employees were cooking and serving meals, sorting food and stocking shelves and making deliveries to feed adults and children in need. Ford volunteers have teamed with nonprofit partners at food banks, shelters and care centers.

“Ford and its employees are committed to building stronger communities and one of the most important ways we do that is by helping meet some of the most basic needs of our neighbors,” said Jim Vella, president, Ford Motor Co. Fund and Community Services. “We are very thankful for all we have and it just comes naturally to share some of our good fortune with the less fortunate in our communities.”

“Ford has a culture of caring that spans generations,” said Janet Lawson, director, Ford Volunteer Corps. “Go further is not just a slogan. It is how we work together with our partners to meet the challenges of creating a better world.”

Holiday luncheon

The Salvation Army has been doing the holiday luncheons for seniors for years. Capt. Joanna Rose did the planning for 120 seniors,

while the Ford employees “made it happen.”

“Oh my God, this is just wonderful,” she said. “They’re a huge asset. I couldn’t do it without them.”

The Ford employees prepared ham, mostaccioli, potatoes, salads, dessert and rolls for the dinner, although Isakson had to get help from an early arrival on setting up the coffee urn.

“Seniors have a wealth of information that we can use so much,” she said. “There are life skills we can learn from older people that you don’t learn in school. They have wisdom.”

Lisa Adcock, a mobility engineer in Ford’s IT operations, helped with the potatoes and cake. Her engineering background came into play with the cake.

“I tried to get them even, but some are a few centimeters off,” the Westland resident said. “There certainly is some assembly required. You have to get it done in the right order so it’s all hot at the same time.”

Adcock thinks it’s great that rather than being just a company, Ford cares about community and helping people. This is her second time volunteering for the senior luncheon.

“I think I’m going to make it a regular thing. I really enjoy my time here,” she said. “It’s local and I’m helping the community.”

Shawn Daniele of Commerce Township worked at the luncheon last year and said it was “awesome.” She was at Starfish Family Services in Inkster on Tuesday, helping the center get ready for Christmas. The youngsters were so excited about Christmas and were “so cute.” She’s also volunteered with Forgotten Harvest and

went to Vista Maria, where she helped paint rooms. Her department also sponsors a family.

“It’s a joy to see their faces last year. They had a great time,” she said. “I get so much from them.”

In addition to the meal, seniors were entertained by the Salvation Army Band out of the headquarters in Southfield. Santa Claus also stopped by and pulled names for seniors to get a present. They also received coffee cups and candles.

“We love it, especially the seniors,” Rose said. “Often they’re forgotten about, especially when they’re alone and their family has moved away.”

‘Wonderful here’

Elma Newell of Westland was at the luncheon with her son Rocky, who was in from Texas to visit. She lives alone and enjoys going to the center for senior activities. She helped get the monthly seniors meeting started there several years ago.

“It’s wonderful here,” she said.

For Lamontagne, the luncheon helped brighten the day and bring up her spirits. She contributes to the Salvation Army “quite a bit” and patronizes its stores.

“They’re so kind and helped me when my daughter was a little girl,” she said. “They did so much for me that I give back for what they did.”

For Rose, the luncheon and other services that the Salvation Army provide at Christmas fit in with what she believes.

“I don’t know any other way of celebrating the birth of Christ than serving others,” she said.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Goodfellows benefit

US12 Bar and Grill. 34824 Michigan Ave., Wayne is hosting a party from 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, to benefit the Wayne Goodfellows.

There’s no cover. Guests are encouraged to buy raffle tickets for items like Detroit Pistons tickets, plasma TVs, a freshwater pearls and crystal necklace with matching earrings and bracelet, autographed Detroit Lions memorabilia, a tour of Ford Field and the locker rooms and an assortment of baskets.

Proceeds help the Goodfellows make sure there is “No Child without a Christmas.” For more information, call 734-722-3170.

Motivational speaker

The Westland Easy-talkers Club 6694 Toastmasters will present an Evening with master motivator and real estate expert Brent Belesky at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at Warriors Comics & Games, 35613 W. Michigan Ave., two blocks west of the State Wayne Theater. The public is invited to this free event.

Christmas Party

The Wayne Golden Hour Club and Senior Services Office will co-host its annual Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 19. There will be a punch reception at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. There also will be entertainment, raffle, “steal a gift” and the club’s famous rendition of the 12 Days of Christmas.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Senior Services Office located in the Wayne Community Center at Howe and Annapolis in Wayne.

Cookie Walk

Stock up on holiday cookies and pastries at the St. Helen’s Philothochos Cookie Walk and Greek Pastry Sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 14, at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church’s Hellenic Cultural Center, 6375 Joy, Westland.

There will be a large assortment of cookies on sale for \$8 per pound.

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. For more information, visit www.post251.org or call 734-326-2607 or 734-455-3415.

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House bills begin attack on trafficking

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

State Rep. Kurt Heise has said one of the biggest problems the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking faces is defining the depth and breadth of the problem and figuring out whether "we're inventing a crisis where none really exists."

Now that the commission has produced its 2013 report to the governor and Legislature, commission members have a better idea of the enormity of the problem facing them — and they're pretty sure it's a big one.

"It told us a lot about ourselves as a state," said Heise, R-Plymouth Township. "The problem is real."

According to the report, an estimated 20.9 million men, women and children are trafficked for commercial sex or forced labor worldwide. Approximately 75 percent of the victims are women, while 27 percent are children.

A 76-city FBI raid in July led to the arrest of 18 pimps in the Detroit area, more than any other city, and recovered 10 children. Only San Francisco (12) had more.

Taking action

"The FBI raid in Detroit confirmed our beliefs," Heise said. "The report is the most comprehensive of the crisis and what to do about it."

Now the Legislature is doing something about it. The Michigan House passed legislation to strengthen protections for human trafficking victims. Taking its cue from the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking, the House included a Safe Harbor provision that will treat children as victims, not criminals.

HB 5012, introduced by Rep. Eileen Kowall, R-White Lake, creates a presumption that a minor found engaging in prostitution is a victim of human trafficking and mandates law enforcement refer the minor victims for appropriate treatment within the Department of Human Services.

HB 5026, introduced by Heise, provides minor sex trafficking victims Safe Harbor by ensuring the Michigan Department of Human Services has the jurisdiction to treat minors as victims and not delinquents when they are in danger of substantial physical or psychological harm. HB 5026 and HB 5012 were tie-barred together.

The House also passed a resolution to amend the Federal Communications Decency Act to prohibit human traffickers from exploiting victims through online classified ad sites, another recommendation of the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking.

Good start

Kowall worked heavily with the Safe Harbor provisions and thinks the



Heise



Kowall

House came up with solid legislation.

"This Safe Harbor legislation is nothing short of a sea change as to how we view those caught up in human trafficking," Kowall said. "These bills will provide victims with the tools to begin rebuilding their lives and hope for a brighter future."

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette praised the House for the actions.

"A child forced to have sex is a victim, not a criminal," Schuette said. "This victim-centered Safe Harbor legislation ensures young survivors are treated with care — a key recommendation from the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking."

Despite the arrests in the FBI raid, both Heise and Kowall believe it's going to take a holistic approach to attack the problem. It can't just be a law-enforcement problem, Heise said. Other agencies — the governor's office, the Legislature and social service organizations — will have to work cooperatively.

Collecting data

According to the report, the FBI in 2011 opened 183 human trafficking investigations, made 187 arrests and got 79 convictions in the United States. In addition, 352 cases were opened by the FBI on matters related to the commercial sexual exploitation of minors — cases that may have also been related to human trafficking. In those 352 cases, the FBI obtained 196 convictions. Those are national numbers; the FBI doesn't have Michigan-specific data.

Better numbers are what the Legislature is going to need going forward.

"The problem is obviously very real," Heise said. "But I want to get even better data. I want more accurate numbers so we can get a better handle on it."

While the report was about what they expected, both Heise and Kowall were a little surprised at the breadth of the problem.

"I think during the whole process I was shocked and appalled at how far and wide this problem is, that it's going on right under our noses," Kowall said. "It's like the second-largest organized crime in the world right now."

"Sometimes I ask myself if human beings as a species have evolved one nano-second," she added. "You can get real depressed, but then you realize you have to get out and do something about it."

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Cavanagh explores run for county executive

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State Rep. Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford, announced Tuesday he is forming an exploratory committee as he considers a run for Wayne County executive.

Cavanagh served as a Wayne County commissioner from 2001-08 and is on his second term in the Michigan House of Representatives.

He cited the county's financial crisis as the main reason for looking into running for the county's top job.

Cavanagh said he has put together "a council of elders ... a stellar group of people who are interested in correcting



Cavanagh

Wayne County." "They realize it's off course. We want to figure out a plan to put Wayne County as it should be," he said.

He will be looking at raising money and gathering support from local leaders, and possibly make an announcement in early spring or late winter, he said.

"This past weekend I took part in the Wayne County Fiscal Crisis Summit. The facts discussed were not necessarily surprising — we are all painfully aware of the problems plaguing

our county, but the severity of the problem was thrown into stark relief when the facts were discussed in detail, and all at once," he said in a press release.

Fiscal frustration

"I have taken time to consider Wayne County's fiscal situation. I have seen firsthand the perception of mismanagement viewed throughout the state, especially Lansing," the press release said.

Cavanagh, a lawyer and business owner, is the son of Jerome Cavanagh who was mayor of Detroit from 1962-1970. Cavanagh earned a bachelor's in business administration and a bach-

elor's in accounting from Aquinas College, and a master's in business administration and a law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy.

"I have been encouraged by friends and supporters to run for Wayne County Executive, and I feel that it is my responsibility to use my experience to help improve our county in any way that I can," the press release said.

Cavanagh said he has been on a "listening tour" at various meetings and churches around the county.

People have lost faith in government," he said, adding Wayne County does a lot of good things, but has lost credibility.

County hosts annual Holiday Fest, Nankin mill lighting

Wayne County Parks and the Friends of Nankin Mills is inviting families to the annual Family Holiday Fest and Mill Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 14.

From 3:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., there will be several holiday crafts, games and prizes for children

in the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. Immediately following, there will be a short outdoor ceremony with the mill lighting and sing-a-long, ending at 6 p.m.

Children also will have the opportunity to visit Santa and enjoy

refreshments after the mill lighting.

There is no charge for the mill lighting and Santa visit. However, to participate in crafts and games, the cost is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult, for Wayne County residents and \$7 per child and \$3 per adult for

non-residents. Limited space is available, so preregistration is required.

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Vandalism

A resident of a home in the 1700 block of Westchester Drive was awakened Dec. 4 by the sound of shattering glass.

The resident told police someone had thrown a landscaping rock through a lower level window of the tri-level home about 7 a.m. The rock sailed through the kitchen, striking and shattering the tempered glass oven door.

The woman had been sleeping on the couch in the living room, about 6 feet from the stove. She told police she initially thought there had been an explosion.

The rock had been taken from the yard of home across the street from the residence. Neighbors told police they hadn't seen anyone in the area at the time the rock was thrown.

Break-in

An estimated 100 feet of copper plumbing was reported stolen from the basement of a vacant home in the 1600 block of Berkshire Drive between Nov. 21 and Dec. 3.

An employee of a construction company found that an unknown suspect entered the home through a rear door. The man said the door was locked but found minor damage to the door and door frame.

» The resident of a home in

the 34000 block of Farragut told police that when he woke up about noon Dec. 3 he saw a person wearing a black or blue hoodie running out his front door.

Nothing was taken and it appeared the suspect entered the home through an unlocked living room window. The resident didn't call police until almost an hour later because there was no phone in the home.

» A humidifier, air cleaner and high efficiency furnace were reported stolen from a home being built in the 700 block of Superior Parkway Dec. 6.

The owner told police that someone entered the home through a basement window and cut the connections to the furnace and thermostat. He also said the hardwood floors and a door frame were damaged as the furnace was being removed from the home.

The items were valued at \$2,200.

» Prescription reading glasses, a GPS unit and a Craftsman socket set, valued at \$480, were reported stolen from an unlocked pickup truck parked in the driveway of a home in the 33000 block of Beechnut overnight Dec. 2.

» A resident told police that someone removed the catalytic converter from his car while it was parked at Capri Terrace

Apartments sometime between 11:30 p.m. Dec. 2 and 1 p.m. Dec. 3.

» On Dec. 5, a resident in an apartment at 197 S. Hubbard Court told police that since Nov. 27 someone broke the lock off her basement storage unit and stole three mountain bikes.

» Several items were stolen from two vehicles from residences in the 5800 block of Newburgh overnight Dec. 3.

The passenger side window was broken out of one vehicle and a black change purse and carabineer containing several different key chains were taken from the center console.

Two pairs of prescription sunglasses and a GPS unit were reported taken from the other vehicle which had the driver's side window broken out. That resident told police he heard an alarm go off about 5 a.m.

» A wallet containing a driver's license, credit cards and \$700 in cash was reported stolen overnight from a car that was locked and parked in the street in front of a home in the 31000 block of Birchwood on Dec. 4.

Break-in

The back door was kicked in overnight Dec. 5, but nothing appeared to be taken from a vacant rental unit in the 8400 block of Middlebelt.

There were two muddy smeared boot prints on the

exterior of the door and the jamb was shattered. The owner told police that his mother, who operated a beauty salon next to the home, saw a suspicious man walk past the home several times a week earlier. The man claimed to be a meter reader and did go into the yard with a device that looked like a phone.

He had no uniform or identification, and the owner's mother took a picture of him with her cell phone, but did not capture his face.

Stolen license plate

A resident of the Westland Colonial Village Apartments reported that someone stole the license plate from her vehicle while it was parked overnight Dec. 3.

Attempted break-in

A resident living in the 7600 block of Carrousel Boulevard told police she believes someone tried to break into her home sometime between 3:30 p.m. Dec. 3 and 9:48 a.m. Dec. 4 after discovering three panes of a glass block basement window broken and the screen ripped on the window above it.

» A man in his 40s wearing a black coat and baseball cap is suspected of damaging the door of a home in the 8400 block of Rickie Lane on Dec. 2.

A neighbor told police he heard a loud noise and looked out to see the man walking

down the driveway of the home. He said he didn't report it because he thought the man was a friend of the man who lives there.

The homeowner told the police he delayed reporting the attempted break-in because he thought his door was dirty until he discovered it was dented and had a distinct boot pattern on it.

Larceny from vehicle

What was thought to be vandalism turned out to be a theft from a vehicle parked in the lot at the Hickory Green Apartments 35520 Hickory Green Court.

The resident told police that when she went out the morning of Dec. 7, she found the engine hood up on her son's car. Also missing was the battery, a backpack filled with schoolbooks, a tool box filled with assorted tools, hunting bow and kicker box with two 12-inch speakers.

Break-in

The owner of a vacant home in the 31000 block of Hazelwood discovered the rear door kicked in and most of the copper plumbing removed. He also found the screen on a storm door cut, possibly in an attempt to access a real estate lock box put on the door by his rental management company.

The break-in happened sometime between Nov. 27 and Dec. 8.

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Break-in

The Garden City Police called the owner of a soon-to-open business, The Perfect Fit Inc., 223 N. Inkster Road, at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 7 after a neighboring business person noticed a broken front glass door.

The affected business owner is in the process of obtaining a certificate of occupancy. When the owner arrived, he found the cash register was knocked off the counter and was on the floor.

Guardian Alarm said the alarm wasn't activated after it was set.

The responding officer noted in his report that the circumstances were somewhat similar to the recent break-in of a North Inkster Road business. The suspect in that case also broke the front door and took the cash register.

Fraud

A 22-year-old Garden City man, who lives in the 31000 block of Windsor, reported Dec. 9 that someone fraudulently opened a Master Card credit card account in his name with Capitol One.

The man said he has disputed the fraudulent charges,

which began Dec. 3, 2011, with the bank and decided to now file a police report.

Theft

A female resident in the 28000 block of Krauter said someone stole items from her 2008 Chevy on Dec. 8.

She said that she found the driver's side door open, also noting that the rear passenger door doesn't lock.

Someone stole about \$200 of fleece material that was in a plastic bag in the back seat of the car. The thief also took her Garmin GPS, valued at \$150, which was in the console.

Property damage

Residents in the 30000 block of Rosslyn reported at 10 a.m. Dec. 8 that someone destroyed their mailbox.

They heard a noise during the night.

When they checked in the morning, the metal mailbox had burn marks on it and the wood pole that supported the mail box was also damaged.

Suspended license

Garden City Police arrested a 26-year-old Redford Township man for allegedly disregarding a traffic light at

Middlebelt and Block about 3 p.m. Dec. 6. The man was stopped in the Kmart parking lot at Ford and Brandt.

The driver could only produce a Michigan identification card and told police his driver's license was suspended, police said.

The police arrested the man and took him to the police station for processing. The officer allowed him to make arrangements for someone to pick up his car.

By Sue Buck

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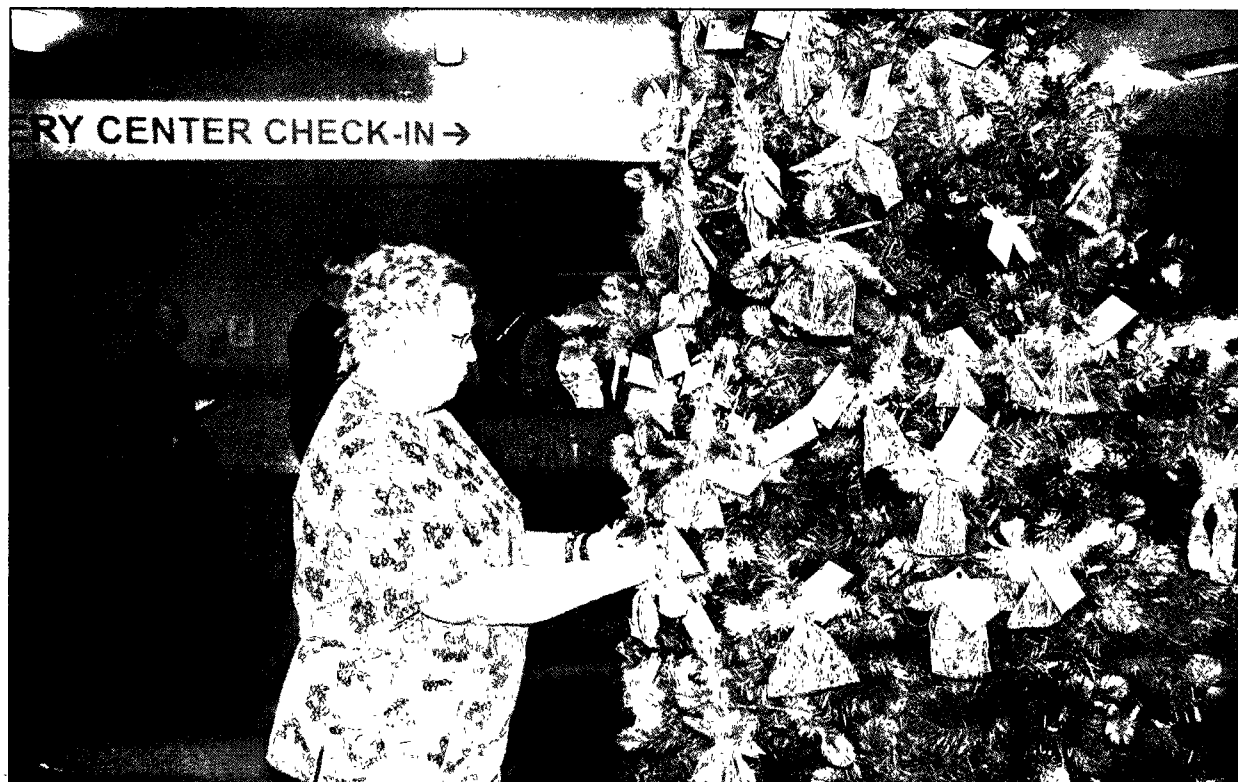
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Linda Brothers, technical partner on the GCH Rehabilitation Unit, places an ornament on the Tree of Angels at the annual dedication ceremony.

Garden City Hospital dedicates Angel Tree

With holiday celebrations approaching, it can be a difficult time emotionally for families who have said final goodbyes to loved ones or for those battling illness.

The staff at Garden City Hospital brought patients and family members some comfort at the 2013 Tree of Angels Dedication Ceremony.

"The Tree of Angels ceremony is an annual event a celebration of life and healing," said Gary Ley, president and CEO of Garden City Hospital. "We all know someone who has been touched by terminal illness in some way, and being able to come together, support one another and find comfort amongst friends during the holiday season is something GCH is proud to be a part of."

More than 125 guests attended the Dec. 5 event. In addition to Ley, Garden City Mayor Randy Walker, Pastor Wayne Parker of Merriman Road Baptist Church, Dr. Stephen Goldfarb, Hematology/Oncology, and Dr. Ronald Lutsic, Radiation Oncology spoke to guests.



The Merriman Road Baptist Church Choir performed inspirational seasonal songs at the ceremony.

As part of the ceremony, guests were invited to dedicate a personalized angel ornament to a loved one and place it on the tree while the Merriman Road Baptist Church Choir sang inspirational seasonal songs. All ornaments were hand-made by members of Garden City Hospital's 3 East Oncology Department.

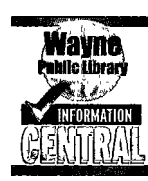
The Tree of Angels is on display in Garden City Hospital's Main Lobby through Jan. 6. Visi-

tors interested in dedicating an angel ornament to a loved one may request so at the Main Information Desk.

Located in Garden City, the hospital provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education and health care related programs to the community at large. For more information about Garden City Hospital, call 877-717-WELL or visit www.GCH.org.

Cook up a holiday with library's help

Are you looking for new recipes to brighten your holiday season? Some recent titles added to the Wayne Public Library may be just what the home cook needs to



create delicious food during this hectic time of year. For the adventurous baker, there's *Sweet: Inspired Ingredients, Unforgettable Desserts* by Valerie Gordon. This hefty volume, complete with mouthwatering photographs of baked treats, includes recipes for Coffee Crunch Cake (called "the greatest cake in history"), Salted-Peanut Blondies, and exotic Rose Petal Petit Fours.

Not feeling that ambitious? Gordon's tome devotes an entire chapter to cookies, with recipes for favorite standbys such as gingersnaps, oatmeal raisin cookies and snowballs. From the simple to the sophisticated, Gordon provides step-by-step instructions designed to ensure baking success for both the novice and pro.

On the other end of the cookbook spectrum is Jessica Seinfeld's *The Can't Cook Book: 100 Recipes for the Absolutely Terrified!* Inspired by her muse, husband/comedian Jerry Seinfeld, her newest book covers everything for the kitchen newbie: recommended equipment, pantry items, and basic how-tos from slicing/chopping onions to deveining shrimp. Along with helpful step-by-step photographs, *Can't Cook's* encouraging tone feels like spending kitchen time with a dear friend who wants you to

succeed and love the culinary arts as much as she does.

The recipes in *The Can't Cook Book* aren't short on taste or sophistication. There's Lemon Ricotta Pancakes, Hoisin Halibut, Cacio e Pepe, Couscous Salad with Chickpeas, Tomato and Mint, as well as simpler fare like Skillet-Toasted Potatoes and Chicken. Although *Can't Cook* is written with the kitchen beginner in mind, the fresh flavor combinations and "basic recipes with a twist" offer something for the more experienced cook, too.

To save you time during the bustling holiday season, Phyllis Good offers the *Fix it and Forget-it New Cookbook: 250 New Delicious Slow Cooker Recipes*. This paperback volume is full of quick and easy recipes from appetizers to desserts. How does Parmigiana Chicken or Seven Layer Casserole sound? Or maybe you'd like to bake some Oatmeal Bread or whip up a Pumpkin Pecan Pie? Good's enthusiasm for this time-saving appliance will have you creating delicious meals that will be ready and waiting when you return home from a busy day.

Find these and other helpful cookbooks at your Wayne Public Library. The library is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. The library is closed Sunday and Monday.

Library Central was compiled by Kathleen G. Kozakowski, Adult Services Librarian. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or go online to www.wayne.lib.mi.us.

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Jordyn Martin, her mother Nicole and sister Maryssa wait along Michigan Avenue for the parade to begin. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Wayne Rotary 'lights up' downtown with annual parade

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Every year Nicole Martin takes her children to see the holiday lights. This year she didn't have to go too far from home.

Martin and her children Maryssa and Jordyn were among hundreds of people who lined Wayne Road and west-bound Michigan Avenue in Wayne on Friday night for the Westland Rotary Club's first ever lighted Christmas Parade.

"Now we can see them here," the Wayne resident said. "We have the best of both worlds."

Some 540 people were entered in the parade, decorating vehicles, floats, musical instruments, pooches and themselves with Christmas lights.

"I'm excited people came to see our first night parade," said Rotarian Gayle Rediske who organized the event. "We had six groups come who weren't registered, and I started to worry. I thought, 'Oh, no, everyone is in the parade and no one is watching.'"

Welcome Santa

The parade, led by grand marshal was Harold Rediske, started on Glenwood and worked its way to the State Wayne Phoenix Theater, where Santa, who arrived in town on an ATV, received the key to the city from Wayne Mayor Al Haidous and youngsters had a chance to visit with Santa before being treated to a free showing of the movie, *Frozen*.

Parade participants also received hot dogs, chips and a beverage, provided by Jack Demmer Ford, Mark Chevrolet and the theater.

"On behalf of every child, seniors and residents, I welcome you to town, but on one condition. You have to fill every child's request," said Haidous, who also had praise for the parade organizers. "This parade takes a lot of work, the Wayne Rotary Club and the Wayne Ripple Effect worked very hard on this."

Four awards were presented following the parade. The best float trophy was won by the Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout troop at St. Mary School. Their float had a camping theme with a tent, lighted campfire and tree. The Moskcall family walked away with the best use of lights honor for their tandem trailer float, and the most creative use of lights went to Rouge-A-Palooza.

The judges award was given to a collection of festively dressed canines, sponsored by the Wayne Dispatch, while Santa's favorite was the float entered by the St. Mary Outreach Center.

'Lots of fun'

Untangling lights from their hair and warming up in the theater were members of the



Lights decorated the instruments and members of the Wayne Memorial High School marching band.



Wayne Mayor Al Haidous presents the key to the city to Santa during a post-parade ceremony at the State Wayne Phoenix Theater.

cheer team and their head coach, Danielle Valdez, from the Tipton Academy in Garden City.

"It seemed like a long walk and because of the cold, our lights keep snapping every time we tried to stretch them out," said parent participant Stephanie Tavener of Carlton.

"We had lots of fun," added Meghan Cassidy of Taylor. "It's always nice to see the girls out there jumping around."

Even though she is confined to a wheelchair, Cassidy did the parade route with the team. Her lap became a popular place for the younger team members to hitch a ride and warm up.

"The kids took turns on my lap," she said.

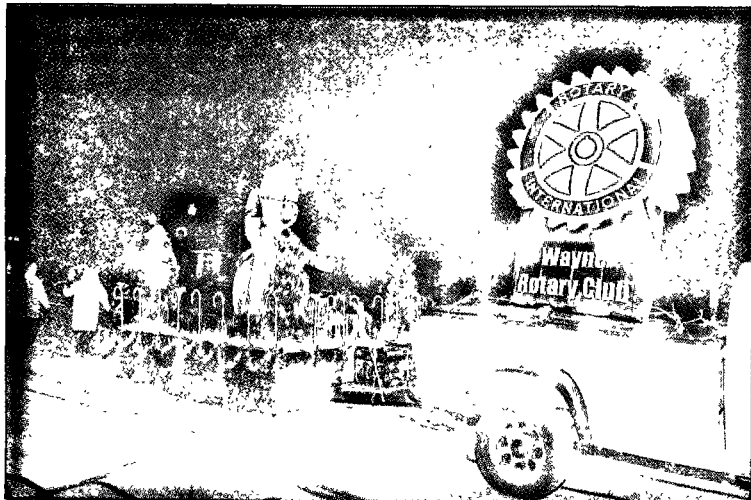
Rediske was disappointed she didn't have an opportunity to see the parade and hopes that next year there will be even more help putting it on. She also thinks the day should be changed to avoid a conflict with the Wayne Goodfellows annual fundraiser that was going on at the Wayne Community Center Friday evening.

"We learned a lot and we'll make changes," Rediske said. "I want it to be successful and get bigger."

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Connie Sutter, with her collie Trooper, of Rock and Roll Canines waves to the crowds. The group received the Judges Award.



The Wayne Rotary Club's float features lighted snowman and Christmas tree. The club sponsors the parade.

What to do with a maturing annuity

At a recent library talk, I was asked about annuities. One attendee has a fixed annuity that was maturing and asked my advice.

I do not assume just because someone purchased an annuity in the past that they should automatically buy another annuity. To me, every time you invest money, you should ask the important questions that deal with goals, objectives and risk tolerance.

Typically when an annuity matures, you have a variety of different options. The first is to cash it in. The only issue for those over age 59½ with regard to cashing out would be tax consequences.

If this was not in a qualified account like an IRA, your tax consequence is the difference between what you invested in the annuity and what you receive when you cash it out. The difference is taxable income. Although no one likes to pay taxes, this is not a bad option, particularly for long-term growth investors.

Another option with a maturing annuity is a 1035 exchange, where you transfer money from one annuity to another. There are no tax consequences and the money can continue to grow on a tax-deferred basis.

The downside of this transaction is that since we are in a low interest rate environment, your returns will be low. Also, if you use an annuity

that has back-end penalties, you are locking your money up for another period of time. However, one way to avoid this is to use an annuity without any back-end penalties. Companies like Fidelity, Vanguard and Charles Schwab all offer annuities at very low cost with no back-end penalties.

Another option is to convert into an immediate annuity, one that would begin to pay you income on a regular basis throughout your lifetime. The downside of this strategy is that, once you're in an immediate annuity, you cannot reverse the transaction. If three or four years from now you decide that the immediate annuity is not for you, you have no options as you cannot cancel the annuity.

If you have an annuity that is maturing, don't automatically roll it into another annuity, no matter what the salesperson tells you. The key is to review your financial goals and objectives, as well as your risk tolerance level, and then make a decision.

The advice I gave the gentlemen at my speech was to cash out the annuity, pay the taxes and use the proceeds to pay off his mortgage. He had a 5-percent non-tax deductible mortgage and the guaranteed interest on the annuity was only a little over 1 percent. Whenever the interest you pay on your debt is more than you're earning on your investments, it certainly looks good to pay off that debt.

Good luck.

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Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS



Dr. Douglas Grucz and nurse Jennifer Rivera evaluate mock patient RoseAnn Dubke during a tornado response drill at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital last Wednesday.

Drill tests hospital's emergency preparedness

The staff at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital took the concept of a tornado drill to the ultimate extreme last Wednesday.

With the help of dozens of volunteers and cooperation with the Wayne-Westland Fire Department, staff tested the hospital's ability to handle a large-scale emergency caused by a tornado that touched down within the community.

"As the only certified Level III Trauma Center in western Wayne County, we have to be prepared for any and all emergencies," said Eric Widner, division president of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. "Obviously, this is something we hope we never have to experience, but it is important for us to ensure our staff is ready and that we can take care of patients and serve the community no

matter what type of crisis we face."

Under the drill scenario, the tornado destroyed several homes and sent dozens to the emergency department to seek care. The drill also factored in possibilities that the hospital itself may be damaged and that patients may need to be evacuated from any or all floors.

More than 80 volunteers took part, including 60 mock victims that volunteered from four different nursing programs. Firefighters from the Wayne-Westland Fire

Association also simulated a rooftop evacuation with a 120-foot ladder truck.

"It was important to get as many people involved in this exercise as possible," said John Cargill, Trauma and Emergency Management Coordinator at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, who coordinated the disaster drill. "We wanted to test our emergency management procedures as realistically as we could and determine how we would respond if we were pushed to our limits and beyond."

Afterward, Oakwood and emergency response staff got together to discuss what went right and look for opportunities for improvement.

"We learned a lot during this exercise," Widner said. "Overall, I think our staff and the community worked well together. It was gratifying to see that the skills and values we practice every day provided an excellent foundation for us during this 'crisis.' We hope that something like this never happens in our community but if it does, we'll be prepared for it."

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New 'resort' is suite retreat for pooches

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

As Rick Ruhland sees it, if it's good for the east side, it's good for the west side. That's why he and his wife Pat are opening their second All American Pet Resort in Canton next week.

It makes sense for the Garden City couple who also own the All American Pet Resort on Cornillie Drive in Roseville. "We live on this side of town," Ruhland said. "Our son runs the one in Roseville, but we said let's put one in closer to home. We decided that if it's good for that side of town, let's do it on this side of town."

The Ruhlands will be holding an open house 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the new facility, located at 7320 Haggerty, north of Warren Road, in Canton. It will be the only time pet owners will get a chance to see the entire facility. Once it's open, the only view of the accommodations will be through a window on the observation deck.

The 6,000-square-foot facility has suites for 78 dogs, ranging in size from small to extra large. It has a rubber-coated indoor play yard and four artificial turf-covered outdoor exercise areas — one for a group and three for those dogs that "don't play well with others."

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Business contact: 734-455-DOGS (734-455-3647), info@aaprcanton.com, www.aaprcanton.com and www.allamericanpetresorts.com

coating used in hospital operating rooms. It also offers 24/7 staffing, check-ins and checkouts, doggie day care, overnight boarding and grooming. While it's closed to the public on the six national holidays, there is staff on site.

There also will be TVs and classical music, as well as 24-hour webcams with audio and video capability, so clients who can check in with their pooches from any smart device using any browser.

"It's also fully fire protected," Ruhland said. "It wasn't required, but it's just as important for our clients and employees to put in fire protection. The fire marshal was impressed we did that."

The Ruhlands got into the dog boarding business after Rick retired from General Motors in 2009. With a sister involved in the franchise

business and dog lovers themselves, they decided to open their first resort in Roseville four years ago. When they decided to add a second resort on the west side, they looked around the area and settled on the Canton location, which has easy access to I-275 and good visibility.

"We didn't want to be a destination, we wanted to be a location," Ruhland said. "We didn't want to have people driving around to find us, we wanted to be a location where you drive by and see us."

The Ruhlands "tore the whole place apart" to transform the industrial building into the resort. The only thing left of the original building is the outside shell. Even the concrete floor was removed to install 78 floor drains.

A stickler for details, Ruhland was at the facility every day, checking on the work. With 78 drains and wondering on how they would move sewage to the main line, he admits he was in with his level after the plumber left to make sure the lines had the right dip.

'Marvelous'

"I know every inch of this place. The contractor, Kemp, did a wonderful job," Ruhland said, adding that Canton Township officials also were "marvelous to work with."

"Chris Thomas in Economic Development has been fantastic in helping us get organized and in bringing a new business to Canton," he added.



Rick and Pat Ruhland are opening a new All American Pet Resort in Canton next week.
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All American Pet Resorts is on Haggerty in Canton, just south of Koppernick.



One of the outdoor exercise areas will have awnings for sun protection.

Ruhland plans to develop connections with veterinary facilities in the Plymouth-Canton area, but if a dog requires emergency care and the family vet is in the area and available,

they will take the animal to there for treatment.

While the resort officially opens Monday, Dec. 16, the Ruhlands have already started taking reservations for the Christmas holidays.

"We've had dogs all our lives, we're dog lovers," Ruhland said. "It made sense to do this."

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SNOWPILE benefit

This holiday season, local Olga's Kitchens are partnering with Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation to spread cheer to hospitalized children and their siblings at DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan, through their annual SNOWPILE program.

SNOWPILE allows parents of children who are in the hospital on a special, secret day to "shop" for their young patients and present them with cheerful gifts.

Now, through Dec. 15, Olga's Kitchen is asking everyone to bring new, unwrapped toys, books, games and stuffed animals to the restaurant, located inside Westland Shopping Center at 35000 Warren Road, Westland.

"Olga's was built on family tradition across generations, so we know how important it is for family members to support one another, especially during the holidays," Olga's Kitchen CEO Jonathan Fox said. "We are committed to giving back to our communities and are eager to join our guests in the support of families and children through the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation."

Olga's partners with the Foundation on other initiatives throughout the year; this is an opportunity for everyone to contribute to brightening the faces of young people who need a smile, especially during this season of merriment and giving.

"We are so thankful for community partners like Olga's Kitchen," said Tony Werner, Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation President and CEO. "By supporting the efforts of Olga's Kitchen, many more children will feel the warmth and happiness of the holiday season."

For more information on Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, visit the Children's Hospital of Michigan website at chmfoundation.org or call Tony Werner at 313-745-5422.

Photos with Santa

Spread joy and holiday cheer by participating in Tail Waggers 1990's Photos with Santa event. Bring home a memory that will last a lifetime and receive a 4-by-6-inch photo of your

pet in a keepsake frame along with other goodies from Tail Waggers 1990.

Photos will be taken from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Westland Petco, 35725 Warren Road, west of Wayne Road, in Westland.

Proceeds from the \$8.95 donation will go to the Petco Foundation and Tail Waggers 1990 to help the organization continue its mission of "Helping People Help Animals."

Return on investment not always possible

Some things in life are worth doing just because they're the right thing to do. The world is full of crossroads where commercial interests and human concerns seem to point in different directions. Today's sunny note is simply a reminder to take the high road.

Do the right thing just because it's the right thing to do.

Not every action needs an obvious "return on investment." It's inevitable that some of the things we do for the people in our lives will go unnoticed or even unappreciated. Yet we do them anyway. Not for pats on the back or commercial rewards, but simply because we care.

In fact, caring turns

out to be its own reward, making each of us happier at the end of the road.

Travel safely — and have a sunny day! **Clarity**

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A SUNNY NOTE

Fans celebrate B-25D war bird's 70th birthday

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Jim Rucker made a promise to Gavin Olson on Sunday. The co-pilot of the Yankee Air Museum's B-25D bomber, the *Yankee Warrior*, Rucker promised the 7-year-old Canton resident that the plane will still be around for many years to come.

"My job is to make sure it's still here when you're ready to fly it," said the Northville resident. "I'm flying it now so you can fly it later."

Gavin and his family were among several hundred people who packed Bay 8 of Hangar 1 at Willow Run Airport on Sunday afternoon to celebrate the 70th birthday of the *Yankee Warrior*. The Mitchell bomber rolled of the assembly line in Kansas City, Kansas, on Dec. 8, 1943.

The youngster came dressed for the occasion, wearing a blue flight suit and helmet and aviator sunglasses. He even had the aviator lean when standing around.

"His great-grandfather, Col. Jack Sims, flew with the Doolittle Raiders," said his mother Sara Olson. "The helmet belonged to his great-grandfather. He is his absolute hero. He was a co-pilot of B-25 B14 on the raid."

It was B-25 bombers that Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle used in a carrier-launched raid on Japan on April 18, 1942. The *Yankee Warrior* wasn't one of them. It saw service during World War II in Italy, flying eight missions from the island of Corsica until being sent back to the States in May 1944.

The war bird

The Olson family came to the party to see the bomber. They had been at the hangar in October when the volunteers showed off the portion of the Willow Run Bomber Plant it hopes to buy to turn into a permanent home for the museum.

"Gavin came dressed in costume and ended up in their newsletter," Olson said. "He wants to grow up to be a pilot and fly a B-25. He wrote about it in school."

Rucker has been flying for more than 40 years, but has only been a pilot of the B-25 for



Recognized at the party were former B-25 pilots Earl Hart of Westland (left) and Art Love of Ida and Ruth Webster of South Rockwood, one of the original Rosie the Riveters at the Willow Run Bomber Plant. PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

two years. He described the plane as loud and very responsive in the air. On the ground, it's "grassroots flying."

"In the air, it's wonderful, on the ground, it's a challenge," he said.

The air museum acquired the bomber in 1987 and restored it to its military war bird status. Volunteers have been able to document the plane's travels from Kansas City to Europe to Canada and final Willow Run Airport, and the crew of six help maintain it and keep it in flying condition.

"What makes this plane special is that it's a B-25D with a combat history," Rucker said. "When we say it's a war bird, it truly is a war bird. There are only 24 still flying in the world today."

Air museum officials and volunteers were recognized at the event as well as veterans, an original Rosie the Riveter from the Willow Run Bomber Plant and two original B-25 pilots - Earl Hart of Westland, 94, and Art Love, 97, of Ida.

Hart was 21 years old when he enlisted in the military. He and two buddies decided to sign up before being drafted so they wouldn't end up in the infantry. Hart and one friend enlisted in the Air Force, while his other buddy signed up for

the Navy.

'Good and bad'

Listening to Jerry Lester, the *Yankee Warrior's* public relations officer talk about the bomber brought back memories, "both good and bad," for Hart.

"We got shot up bad a couple of times, but some were milk runs," said Hart who flew a total of 55 missions in the Pacific Theater. "We had two bad missions; one was to hit on a Japanese airfield on the tip of Bougainville. I don't know who dreamed up that mission, but we were supposed to come in low over the water and strafe and bomb the airfield."

He recalled one crew member saying they must have hit something big on the ground because of the explosion he saw. Hart didn't tell him that it was one of their planes.

"When we came across the runway, the Japanese opened up with everything they had; we lost 45 percent of our aircraft on that mission," he said. "I came off that airfield and I was alone. I came home by myself."

Love came to the hangar Sunday "just to see the plane." He was drafted into the service in 1941 and signed up for the Air Force after the war broke out. He flew 17 missions off Okinawa

ground and was mushroom shaped," he said. We didn't know until two days later that it was an atomic bomb, the one they dropped on Hiroshima. We didn't know what atomic bombs were; the ones we dropped were explosive."

He also recalls being ordered to load the bomb bay with the beer a supply ship had brought for the men and fly around until it was cold. He did, but the result wasn't what the men had anticipated.

"You couldn't drink it, it tasted horrendous," he said. "I don't know if it was because it got warm and then we chilled it, but it tasted bad. And there were a lot of guys waiting, with their tongues hanging out."

Flying high

In a brief ceremony, Lester explained the history of the plane and how fortunate the museum is to have it. Volunteers like Rucker fly all over the country as a way to raise money for the museum. In its hangar for the winter, the war bird will be back in the skies during the 2014 flying season and along with the museums B-17 bomber will be available to the public for rides. The cost is \$450 for the B-25 and \$475 for the B-17.

Olson is hoping to book a ride on the B-25 plane next year.

"I got to fly in one a year ago at a Doolittle reunion in Columbia, S.C.," she said. "I hope to get my husband Kirk and Gavin up in it next year."

The museum is located at 47884 D St., Belleville, and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. For more information about the Yankee Air Museum, the air-plane rides and its current fundraiser to buy a portion of the former Willow Run Bomber Plant, visit the website at www.yankeeairmuseum.org or its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/yankeeairmuseum, or call 734-483-4030.

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Sara Olson of Canton brought her son Gavin to the birthday party. He came dressed as a pilot in honor of his great-grandfather, Col. Jack Sims, who flew a B-25 in the Doolittle raid over Japan. PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

and remembers a mission in which, at the last minute the target was shifted 100 miles.

"As we were flying

over Japan, we saw a little cloud forming on the ground below us; when we came back it was way above the

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL INVITATION

Livonia Public Schools, located in Livonia, Michigan is accepting sealed request for proposal for Real Property, three units in Churchill Manor Site Condominium, City of Livonia, and County of Wayne, Michigan.

Request for proposal packages are available at the Livonia Public Schools Purchasing Bid website: <http://www.livoniapublicschools.org>. The School District is seeking proposals to purchase the Property that must be submitted to Lisa Abbey, Director of Business Services of Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152, on or before 3:00 P.M. EST/STD on December 19, 2013. No phone, fax or electronic transmission proposals will be accepted. If mailed no responsibility is assumed for postal delays, notwithstanding the foregoing, the school district reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals in whole or part. The school district also reserves the right to waive any irregularities contained in any proposal or requirements of this request for proposals.

All proposals must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement certifying that the Offeror (including its officers, directors and employees) is not an Iran Linked Business within the meaning of the Iran Economic Sanctions Act, Act 517 of 2012. No proposal shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement. All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Lisa Abbey, Director of Business Services of Livonia Public Schools, (734) 744-2584.

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 23 12/2/13

Presiding: President Godbout

Present: Cicirelli-Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves

194: Appr. Minutes of meeting held 11/18/13.

- Appr. "Car Cruise" event 7/12/14.

- Placement of board-up fees on 2013 winter tax bills.

- Ext. deadline to pay 2013 winter taxes to 2/28/14.

- Appr. to purchase 5 new unmarked police vehicles; cost \$114,328 to be paid out of drug forfeiture fund.

- IGA btwn. Wayne County, Garden City & MDOT for resurfacing of Merriman Rd. from s. of Cherry Hill to Ford Rd.; City's cost \$9,365.

- Adopt Budget Amendment 2013/14-03-1st Quarter revenue & expenditures.

- Adopt Budget Amendment 2013/14-04-Manpower for Community Development, Building/Planning & DFS.

- Adopted Ord. 248-A-75 rezone CB-2 to CB-1, PID #035-99-0016-000, NW corner of Ford Rd. & Wildwood Ave.

- Adopted. Ord.191-B-8-1, an ordinance to amend Ch. 22, Art. II, Sec. 39 of the City Code re. enforcement of FEMA Floodplain Management Regulations.

- Adopted NSP disposition resolution for 1 property.

- Appr. reprogramming of CDBG Program Income to CDBG NSP3 Family Self Sufficiency, amt. \$3000, HOME Homeowner Rehabilitation to HOME Acquisition/Renovation, amt. \$50,000 & NSP Acquisition to NSP Rehabilitation, amt. \$7,695.

- Appr. 2014 City Council Schedule of Meetings.

195: Inter-local agrmnt. w/Inkster & Wayne for sharing of Fire Chief services.

196:pr. Addendum to 2012 Independent Contractor Agreement-Fire Chief.

197: Appr. site plan for prop. Auto Reclamation Yard, 300 S. Newburgh, PID #053-99-0014-000, w. side of Newburgh Rd., s. of Cherry Hill w/contingencies.

198: Appr. prop. rezoning from CB-4 to CB-3, NW corner of Middlebelt & Warren.

199: Appr. spec. land use for prop. CVS Pharmacy w/drive-thru, PID #008-99-0003-000 & -0005-000, NW corner of Middlebelt & Warren.

200: Appr. site plan for prop. CVS Pharmacy w/drive-thru, PID #008-99-0003-000 & -0005-000, NW corner of Middlebelt & Warren w/contingencies.

201: Appr. checklist: \$ 3,013,601.07.

Mtg. adj. at 7:50 p.m.

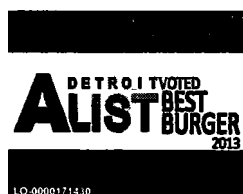
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James Godbout
Council President

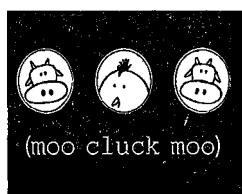
Tina M. Stanke, CMC
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ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-75

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-1 district classification where CB-2 district classification are now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

THAT PART OF THE S W 1/4 OF SEC 9 T2S R9E DES AS BEG AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE W LINE OF WILDWOOD AVE 86 FT WIDE AND THE W LINE OF FORD RD 120

FT WIDE SAID POINT BEING NOD 33M 16SEC W 60FT AND N 89D 51M W 43FT FROM THE S 1/4 CORNER OF SEC 9 AND PROCEEDING TH NOD 33M 16SEC W ALONG SAID W LINE OF WILDWOOD AVE 150 FT. TH N 89D 51M W 150 FT. TH S OD 33M 16SEC E 150FT. TH S 89D 51M E ALONG SAID N LINE OF FORD RD 150FT TO THE POB 0.52 ACRES

Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

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

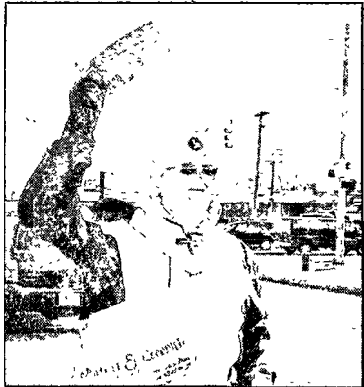
Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 2, 2013
EFFECTIVE: DECEMBER 12, 2013
PUBLISHED: DECEMBER 12, 2013

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OUR VIEWS

Think giving during the holiday season



In Garden City, Dan Newton continued his five-year tradition of selling Goodfellows newspapers the weekend after Thanksgiving to assure others will have a wonderful Christmas.
PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

For many families in Wayne, Westland and Garden City, the holidays are a time of celebration — a time of gift-giving, house decorating, parties and fun.

For decades these nonprofits have been helping those in need. They rely on our support both financially and in donations to help the less fortunate. Instead of dropping \$10-\$20 on a quick dinner out, use it to help someone in need.

Helping out can be as easy as dropping money into Salvation Army Red Kettles, putting unwrapped toys in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots boxes or answering the call of the Red Kettle bell. Use a good deal on food at

the grocery store to buy a few extra cans and donate them to the local food pantries at St. Dunstan and Good Hope Lutheran in Garden City and the John Bolde Food Depot in Wayne or Lighthouse Home Missions in Westland.

There are many people who work to help the needy. Carol Sharp and her volunteers through Warm Hearts spend countless hours gathering up items that are put in gift bags and given to children at soup kitchens and homeless shelters around the metropolitan area. Not only do they provide a gift of warmth with hats and gloves, but also books and stuffed toys to brighten youngsters' lives.

In Garden City, the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs work together to provide a Christmas party complete with gifts, food and Santa for needy elementary-aged children in the Garden City Public Schools. For more than 46 years, the Mayor's Committee for Underprivileged Children has provided a Christmas party for special needs kids, and United Needy Families provides food baskets for residents who need a little help during the holiday season.

And it's a labor of love for the Goodfellows in these three communities who work year-round to ensure that there is No Child without a Christmas. From bowling and dinner

benefits to newspaper sales, these volunteers work tirelessly to help make the holidays brighter for the less fortunate.

When making your Christmas list this year, be sure to include a line for giving. Whether it's food, clothing, toys, money or time, every donation you give will help brighten the holidays for someone else.

Remember, not everybody in the community can afford Christmas this year. If you're lucky enough to know you have a bountiful holiday coming, find a way to spread that cheer to those less fortunate. After all, that's what Christmas is all about.

LETTERS

Censoring the press?

It was with some apprehension that I responded to a knock on my front door. It turned out to be the UPS driver. The reason for my caution was that I feared the Gestapo would be standing on my porch.

When the Nazis came to power the first thing they did was censor the press to stifle the opposition and end free speech.

According to an article in *The Detroit News* Nov. 28, a right-wing politician from Troy, John Pappageorge, has introduced a bill in the Senate that sounds like it was drafted in 1935 Germany. The bill would make a criminal out of anyone who dared to share their opinion of politicians in the "Letters

to the Editor" section of our newspapers.

These tea party hacks have no shame. Even when a law is thrown out by our courts, they have accomplished their goals: Fear and intimidation.

Well, Mr. Pappageorge, let's dance. Get your cohorts to make this law, get your "yes man" governor to sign it and give it immediate effect, just like all the other laws you passed that have hurt my people. Oh, and make it retroactive to include this letter.

Then, make me the first, how did you put it? Oh, yeah, bottom-feeder. You persecute, oops, prosecute.

Finally, I would like to know who you are trying to protect with this bill?

James Huddleston

COMMUNITY VOICE

Lawmakers are talking about doing away with telephone landlines? Is that a good or bad idea?

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



"Uh-oh! That's bad. When you have a landline, if you have a power outage, at least you still have communications. Personally, I think it's wrong."

Martha Goddard
Belleville



"Absolutely not. It's not fair. Not everyone can afford a cell phone. And what about the seniors."

Pam Slone
Westland



"No, because your 13-14-year-old babysitter might not have a cell phone and what does she do when she has an emergency."

Whitney DiFranco
Westland



"It's a bad idea because seniors like myself can't afford those phones the kids have. It sounds like Big Brother to me."

June Cole
Westland

Pensioners are last

Detroit's bankruptcy is probably going to affect its pensioners in a negative way and that is a very bad and unfair thing. To understand why this coming to pass you need to understand a couple of things.

The first concept is called preeminence. It is a legal concept that says when two laws contradict each other; the law from the superior governing body is given precedence. Even though the Michigan Constitution has wording that would seem to protect pensions the Federal Bankruptcy code takes precedence.

That brings us to the second concept. In an article (www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/retirement/interviews/warren.html) former law professor Elizabeth Warren explained the U.S. Congress rewrote the federal bankruptcy code in 1978 and that change put pension holders at the back of the creditor line in a U.S. bankruptcy. Apparently this was opposite what most other countries in the world do. It would seem that banks and big business had Congress in their pocket,

so to speak.

Recently we have seen Congress throw our Fourth Amendment rights under the bus with the NSA spying, disregard our Tenth Amendment rights with "Obamacare," attempt to further impede our Second Amendment rights and execute outright tyranny against the Tea Party by turning loose the IRS on 503 C applications from groups thought to be right of center, politically.

Now that the Congress approval rating has never been lower, we might wake up and throw them out of office. Or at least the majority that refuse to comply with our Constitution.

Bob Cushman
Northville

Problem solved

In response to Phil Powers' recent "Dark Money" article, I agree. Have no campaign contribution limits whatsoever. Put all the campaign contributions in a single pot, evenly distributed amongst all the legislature. You do not even need public disclosure. This way donors' free speech rights are not violated, and the "retaliation" argument is moot.

SEND US YOUR VIEWS

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats:

Web: www.hometownlife.com

Mail: Letters to the Editor, Wayne-Westland and Garden City Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226

Fax: (313) 223-3318

Email: smason@hometownlife.com

Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com.

Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Problem solved.

Gerald Harbowy
Livonia

'Trickle up'

So, how's sharing the wealth working out for you? Since 2008, median income has dropped to 1989 levels and 6 million Americans have stopped

looking for work.

The Federal Reserve chipped in with "quantitative easing," also known as printing money. It's fueled a stock market run enriching the 10 percent who own 80 percent of the stocks. The rich are getting richer. Poverty is at levels not seen since the 1960s.

Interest rates are kept near zero so government pays very little to service its enormous debt while banks pay very little on our savings accounts. We're subsidizing government.

We're in a "trickle up" economy. Higher business and income taxes and regulatory costs reflected in the prices we pay are enriching the ruling class. Six counties around Washington, D.C., have become the country's wealthiest, sporting \$93,000 to \$117,000 median incomes and 5.5 percent unemployment.

When the President spoke of sharing the wealth, we thought we'd be on the receiving end. We also believed we could keep our health insurance and it would be \$2,500 cheaper. Fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice ...

Jack Belisle
South Lyon

GUEST COLUMN

Improving safety of compounded prescription drugs

In November, the Senate passed the Drug Quality and Security Act, legislation aimed at strengthening the safety of compounded prescription drugs in Michigan and around the country in the wake of a deadly meningitis outbreak.

It has been more than one year since the public became aware of what quickly became a far-reaching fungal meningitis outbreak affecting citizens in 20 states, including Michigan.

Following an investigation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration along with local health departments, it became clear the outbreak was caused by contaminated steroid injections produced by the now-defunct New England Compounding Center, a compounding pharmacy in Massachusetts.

According to the CDC, more than 750 people across the United States seeking pain relief were affected by tainted steroid injections produced by NECC. More than 260 of these victims, more than one third of the hundreds made severely ill from contaminated injections, reside in Michigan; 64 of the victims lost their life as a result of illness, including 19 Michiganders.

This tragedy brought a spotlight to bear on the opaque regulation of what are known as mass-compounding pharmacies — facilities that produce large amounts of custom-formula drugs.

Strengthens rules

On a bipartisan basis, members of the Senate and House



Sen. Carl Levin

of Representatives worked through this issue to produce legislation that both strengthens federal authority to regulate mass-compounding facilities and will lay the groundwork for a nationwide system to track prescription drugs. While not as far-reaching as some may have initially intended, the bill we passed represents an important and necessary step forward.

It is important to draw a distinction, as this legislation does, between so-called "traditional compounding" — where a pharmacist tailors a particular drug to meet the unique needs of a patient, such as removing a certain dye or altering the dosage level of an adult medication to be suitable for a child — and the mass compounding of drugs for wholesale distribution.

Compounding pharmacists have long been regulated by state boards of pharmacy. However, as was made clear in the investigation that followed the meningitis outbreak, NECC, a mass compounding pharmacy, was operating in a regulatory gray area where neither the state nor the federal government took full responsibility for ensuring their facility and compounding practices were safe and sterile.

The Drug Quality and Security Act, signed into law by President Obama in late November, aims to address this regulatory gray area by clar-

ifying the responsibilities of the FDA with regard to the oversight of mass compounded pharmaceuticals. Specifically, it further defines the distinction between traditional compounding and compounding manufacturers that make large volumes of drugs without individual prescriptions.

Detailed labeling

Under this law, mass compounding pharmacies can choose to register as "outsourcing" facilities that would be subject to new FDA regulatory oversight similar to that of other pharmaceutical manufacturers. And in an effort to provide patients with better information about compounded drugs, the law calls for detailed labeling of compounded drugs and directs the FDA to make available on their website a list of FDA-regulated facilities.

Importantly, this law also will implement a new system for tracking drugs from the manufacturer to the pharmacy in an effort to ensure accountability at every step along the way. This new system will replace the current state tracing laws with a uniform standard and also will establish nationwide drug serial numbers to allow for efficient tracing.

While this law will not compensate those who have been harmed or bring back those who we have lost, I am hopeful it will help to ensure Americans are not faced with a similarly tragic, avoidable situation in the future.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

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Santa pays special visit to special kids

The Livonia and Redford Township Lions Clubs co-sponsored a Christmas party Friday for 242 students with special needs at Cooke School in Northville.

"It was just awesome to see our kids so happy and excited," Dean Malloory Carmack said. "They just got a kick out of it."

The students' favorite parts were visiting with Santa and eating lunch, Carmack said. Each of the students, who ranged in age from 3-26, received a gift from Santa, picked out especially for him or her.

Other activities included face painting, caroling and musical entertainment.

This was the first year for the party at Cooke School. Previously, the Lions Clubs held a Christmas party for students of Old Village School at St. Edith Church in Livonia. Also, Cooke School had its own Christmas program, Carmack said.

But the two schools merged two years ago, so it was decided to start a new tradition and have one large Christmas celebration.

Collins said they served 580 meals to the students, staff, parents and siblings. "It was twice as large as last year's," he said.

The party was co-sponsored by the Daniel C. Lord Council of Knights of Columbus, Alhambra and the Mitsubishi Corp.

"Together we teamed up and threw a great party," Collins said.

Collins said the goal of the party, a Lions tradition for several decades now, is to give the students a special day. And that goal was achieved once again.

"Anybody that was there witnessed the fact the kids had a great day," he said.

— By Karen Smith



Matthew Holycross of Livonia thinks about what he wants to ask Santa for Christmas. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN



Kelfer Hindel of Garden City and mom Tina get ready to enjoy lunch at Cooke School in Northville.

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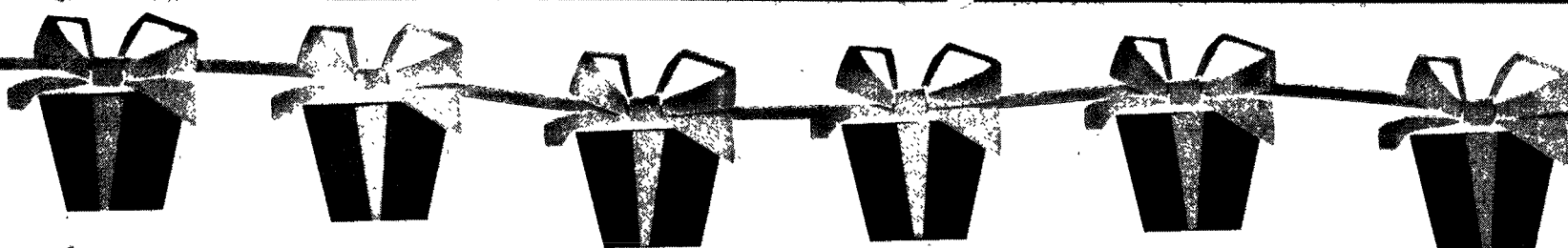
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The performers in Forever After Productions' second annual 'A Christmas Carol' range in age from 6 years to 74 years.

Forever After to perform 'A Christmas Carol'

Canton-based Forever After Productions is one of this area's youth theater companies. Producing several productions a year, FAP is known for its technical feats on the stage, like flying and incorporating pyrotechnics and motorized set pieces.

Creative stage designs and costuming are staples of an FAP performance, always leaving audiences delighted. A combination of incredible volunteers and staff work together to give these productions the polish needed to dazzle audiences.

FAP performers have danced and sung to sold out audiences at Canton's Village Theater and have also been on stage at the Berman Center for Performing Arts in West Bloomfield and the Power Center for Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.

In the five years since

it began, all of FAP's shows have been youth productions, except for one, last December's *A Christmas Carol*. In following its mission statement, "to provide quality performing arts education and family-friendly entertainment ... and to create a supportive community where families can learn and grow together." FAP took a chance and produced its first show with a stage of multi-generational actors.

It was a chance that proved positive for the FAP family and for those who bought tickets. A new tradition was born.

The performers in the second annual *A Christmas Carol* are as young as age 6 and as seasoned as age 74. It's the second part of the FAP mission statement — to create a supportive community where families can learn and grow together — that takes place as the

cast readies for its Dec. 20 opening at the Power Center for Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.

The supportive learning community actually consists of several family groups in this cast of 44. There is a father-daughter-grandfather, mother-son and mother-daughter-grandmother combinations, as well as a father, two sons, one daughter, grandmother and daughter-in-law.

Forever After Productions' *A Christmas Carol* will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at The Power Center for Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.

Tickets are \$22. Group rates are available. They can be purchased at www.foreverafterproductions.com, 734-547-5156 or in person at 50429 Independence St., Canton.

Pet food assistance for the holidays

With the holidays fast approaching and some families struggling to provide a Christmas for their children, Tail Waggers' 1990 would like the community to know that family pets can enjoy the holiday season by receiving help from their Pantry 4 Paws Pet Food Assistance Program.

The community is encouraged to help fill the pantry by dropping off food and/or supplies for both dogs and cats to the Tail Waggers' office located at 28402 Five Mile Road at Harrison between Middlebelt and Inkster in Livonia. The goal is to collect enough

food so that dogs and cats in the community can have a little something special under the tree for them this holiday season. Both dog and cat treats are desperately needed as the supply has run extremely low. Gift cards to Petsmart, Petco, Target and Walmart are also welcome.

The Pantry 4 Paws Pet Food Assistance Program gives assistance to animals in need so that they can stay with the family they have grown to love.

"The goal of the Pantry 4 Paws program is to help eliminate additional financial stress on a fam-

ily during the holiday season and to ensure the animals of the community are being fed and not going to sleep hungry at night," said Founder Laura Zain.

Families in need of pet food assistance can contact the Tail Waggers' office at 734-855-4077 or email tailwaggers1990@dp>yahoo.com.

Financial contributions can be made through the website at: tailwaggers1990.org or by mail to: 28402 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. All financial contributions are tax-deductible.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Zumba Gold

Elements of Exercise, together with City of Garden City, is now offering Zumba Gold at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City.

Gold takes the Zumba basic program and makes Zumba accessible to active older adults, de-conditioned, pregnant, and those recovering from injuries. Zumba Gold class is given standing and seated. It incorporates fun music and Latin and international dance rhythms.

The class is from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Mondays. Winter session I will be Dec. 16 through Jan. 20. The cost is \$36 for a six-week session. Drop in for \$8 per class.

Call 313-274-3406 to register or visit www.elementsofexercise.com.

Toys for Goodfellows

Century 21 Castelli will sponsor its annual toy drive for the Garden City Goodfellows. Residents can drop off new, unwrapped toys through Dec. 22 at the office, 1812 Middlebelt, south of Ford.

For more information, call Barb Carreon-Haw-

orth at 734-644-2402.

Guns vs. Hoses

Garden City Police and Fire Departments will face off in for the third annual "Guns vs. Hoses" charity hockey game at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Garden City Civic Arena in Garden City Park at Merri-

man and Cherry Hill. There will be raffle prizes, 50/50, and more. A post game party will be held at Albert's on the Alley on Middlebelt north of Ford. All proceeds will benefit the Burger School for Students with Autism.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, children are free with parents. Tickets can be bought in advance at the police and fire departments. They also can be purchased at the door on game day.

Talent Show

Garden City Schools Students and Staff's Got Talent! and Holiday Auction will be held from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, in O'Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt.

Each school in the district will have one student act and one staff act. School board mem-

bers will have "bribe buckets." Help your favorite act win by adding money to their bucket.

There also will be a selection of items in the auction. Come early to bid. Winners will be announced at the end of the program.

Admission is \$2 for students and \$5 for adults. Proceeds will go to Garden City Education Foundation for teacher classroom grants.

Figure skating show

Come celebrate the holidays with the Garden City Figure Skating Club at its annual holiday show from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Garden City Civic Arena in Garden City Park at Merri-

Tutoring

Tutoring is available to Garden City School elementary and middle school students at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, in room 118 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, contact Myrna Hathaway at Garden City High School at 734-762-8350 or email hathawm@gardencityschools.com.



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BOYS BASKETBALL



Stevenson's Jailen Webber (top) shoots over Franklin's Nick Mardeusz. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Spartans bounce Pats in boys hoop opener

Campbell, Webber lead 68-37 victory

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was a season boys basketball opener Monday night that Livonia Stevenson hopes to build upon.

But for host Livonia Franklin, it's time to burn the game tape.

The Spartans used a 15-2 run to end the first half and

parlayed it into a convincing 68-37 win over the Patriots.

Franklin trailed 24-19 with 3:21 left in the second quarter after Nick Guest's three-pointer, but then the roof caved in as Stevenson went on a tear.

Junior guard Josh Campbell, coming off the bench, led the second-quarter uprising with 12 of his game-high 17 points.

The Spartans, who nailed a total of eight triples on the night, led 39-21 at the half following a pair of free throws by senior guard Jailen

Webber with only 0.005 seconds remaining.

Stevenson then outscored Franklin 16-9 in the third quarter and 13-7 in the fourth while holding the Patriots to three second-half field goals.

"Defensively in the second half we really stepped up," Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi said. "To hold them to 37 points and to hold them to one field goal in the fourth quarter ... we challenged our guys defensively and they responded."

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Kimble goes out in style

Anchors stingy Grand Valley defense to NCAA Division II title

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The script couldn't have been written any better for Kayla Kimble.

The 5-foot-3 defensive dynamo for the Grand Valley State University women's soccer team started her career on an NCAA Division II National championship team and ended her career Saturday in the same fashion as the Lakers blanked West Florida, 2-0, for the coveted title in Evans Park, Ga.

As a center back, the 2010 Livonia Stevenson High grad anchored the nation's stingiest defense which recorded 21 shutouts en route to a 24-0-1 record.

Kimble, the 2013 Daktronics Midwest Region Player of the Year, also learned Monday that she had been a first-team All-America along with Lakers senior goalkeeper Abbey Miller.

All told, Kimble was a part of two national titles and four straight trips to the NCAA Division II Final Four while playing for Grand Valley.

"It's been an amazing career," Kimble said. "Honestly, I couldn't ask for a better senior

year going undefeated throughout the season and winning the national championship. Overall, I've had a great experience with the program. I met and made a lot of new friends that I now call family. I've learned a lot of new things and overall it's been a really, really great experience to be here at Grand Valley."

All-America

Kimble anchored a defense that allowed just four goals all season.

"This year there was no doubt she was leader our back line," said Grand Valley coach Dave Dilanni, who has guided the Lakers to three national titles in five years. "She's the leader on the field as a player as well as a coach on the field. She's an All-American, no doubt about it."

Dilanni didn't hesitate to put Kimble at the center of the Lakers' defense during her senior season.

"She became a player who was going to give everything she had for her senior year to win a national championship,"

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Grand Valley State center back Kayla Kimble helped the Lakers win the NCAA Division II national soccer championship. GVSU SPORTS INFORMATION

Bentley, 88, longtime LPS coach, A.D. remembered

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Robert Bentley, one of the cornerstones of athletics for the Livonia Public Schools, passed away Monday at his home in Monroe at the age of 88.

Robert Bentley is survived by his wife, Dorothy, along with two sons, Bradley and Bob. Arrangements are pending.

Bentley wore many hats for

Livonia Public Schools serving as the first athletic director at both Franklin and Churchill high schools, along with a stint later on at Bentley, which closed its doors the same year he retired in 1985.

Bentley also served at Bentley High's varsity boys basketball coach and coached Franklin to an undefeated 9-0 football season in 1964 which featured the likes of Sam Antonazzo, Larry Vaughn, Neil Thomas and Roger Frayer.

"My dad cared about the kids first, both in school, on the football field or on the basketball floor, I know he always gave to the kids first," Bradley Bentley said.

Bentley played football, basketball and baseball and Monroe H.S. and later played three sports at Michigan Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) before earning a master's degree from the University of Michigan.

He worked for the Summerfield Schools in Petersburg prior to moving over to Livonia.

"Bob was very important in my life," said Roger Frayer, who played football under Bentley at Franklin. "He was a great teacher that got along with not only the athletes, but other kids in the school. He was very much a disciplinarian. I remember he got rid of a couple of kids off our undefeated team because they got

caught smoking. A rule was a rule with him."

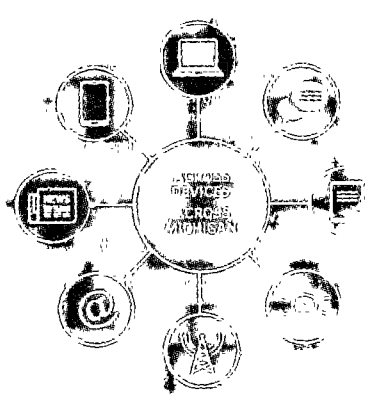
Frayer, who played football and baseball at Alma College, was hired by Bentley when Churchill opened in 1969 as a teacher, assistant football and head baseball coach.

Frayer then moved on to become the longtime athletic director at Livonia Stevenson H.S.

"I owe him so much,"

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PREP BOWLING

John Glenn girls earn Early Bird Invite title

Westland John Glenn is off to a fast start in girls bowling.

The Lady Rockets earned a first-place finish with a total pin count of 3,939 in Saturday's Early Bird Invitational held at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington.

Farmington Harrison and Walled Lake Central finished second and third with 3,737 and 3,620, respectively.

Glenn fired a 1,253 during the Baker set, while averaging a 208 for

the six games. Harrison and Farmington Hills Mercy placed second and third in the Bakers with totals of 994 and 990, respectively, as the Rockets opened up a 259-pin advantage heading into the regular games.

Leading Glenn was Julia Huren, who posted a 610 series en route to all-tournament honors. She was followed by teammates Olivia Cabildo (552), Jessica Pate (538), Emily Dietz (514) and Ashley Kolb (472).

GIRLS DUAL RESULTS
TAYLOR KENNEDY 22
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 8
Dec. 9 at Indian Lanes
Top Kennedy scorers: Andrea Claypool, 227-162-389; Morgan Alexis, 203. Baker games: 235-151-386.
Clarenceville scorers: Erin Walters, 156-184-340; Anna Greenwald, 117-138-255; Sarah Estep, 131-120-251 Elizabeth Kerr, 113-125-238. Bakers: 131-118-249.
Dual match records: Kennedy, 1-0 overall; Clarenceville, 0-1 overall.
BOYS DUAL RESULTS
TAYLOR KENNEDY 28
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 2
Dec. 9 at Indian Lanes
Kennedy leader: Clayton Williams, 200-225-42. Bakers: 191-189-380.
Top Clarenceville scorers: Samuel Moore, 177-203-380; Jerrin Kreger, 158-135-293; Kyle Coughlin, 123-152-275; Jeremiah Wright, 95-98-193. Bakers: 123-161-284.
Dual match records: Kennedy, 1-0 overall; Clarenceville, 0-1 overall.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
LIVONIA BLUE 134.325
SALEM 126.175, Dec. 9 at Churchill H.S.
Vault: 1. Alexia Frantzeskakis (Salem), 8.85; 2. Jessic Weak (Blue), 8.75; 3. Paulette Martino (Salem), 8.55; 4. Bri Rhoad (Blue) and Alex Morford (Blue), 8.5 each.
Uneven: 1. Weak (Blue), 8.85; 2. Alex

Zukowski (Blue), 8.525; 3. Rhoad (Blue), 8.45; 4. Frantzeskakis (Salem), 8.4; 5. Martino (Salem), 8.125.
Balance beam: 1. Frantzeskakis (Salem), 9.675; 2. Weak (Blue), 8.875; 3. (tie) Emily Chatterjee (Blue), Katie McDougall (Blue) and Rhoad (Blue), 8.55 each.
Floor: 1. Brianna Heilmeyer (Salem), 9.375; 2. Chatterjee (Blue), 8.6; 3. Martino

(Salem), 8.575; 4. Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 8.1; 5. Weak (Blue), 7.95.
All-around: 1. Frantzeskakis (Salem), 36.30; 2. Weak (Blue), 34.425; 3. Martino (Salem), 33.25.
Dual meet records: Livonia Blue, 2-0 overall; 1-0 KLA Association Division; Salem, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLA Kensington.



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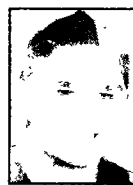
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PREP BOWLING CAPSULE OUTLOOK



Mike Russom
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Kody Wojewski
Wayne



Olivia Cabildo
John Glenn



Julia Huren
John Glenn



Sabine Hutter
Ladywood

BOYS PREVIEWS
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Bill Ringrose, first year.
League affiliation: Western Wayne Athletic Conference.
Last year's overall record: 8-4.
Titles won last year: MHSAA Division 3 state and regional champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Kaylup Richards (first-team All-Area); Tyler Fox (second-team All-Area); Kyle Kissandi (third-team All-Area); Ricky Rutenbar, Matthew Thayer, Shane Martin.

Leading returnees: None.
Promising newcomers: Samuel Moore, Jr.; Jerrin Kreger, Jr.; Kyle Coughlin, Soph.; Alvin Tong, Jr.; Jeremiah Wright, Soph.

Ringrose's 2013-14 outlook: "The boys team is starting over fresh after last year's state champion team all graduated. Some bowled on JV last year, but didn't get a lot of attention. They are a work in progress, but are working hard and improving every day."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Ron Staples, second year.
League affiliation: KLA Association and South Division co-champions.
Last year's overall record: 13-2.
Titles won last year: KLA Association and South Division co-champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Steven White (first-team All-Area; regional champion); Mark Kassab, Ryan McCarthy.

Leading returnees: Mike Russom, Sr. (second-team All-Area); Steven Brusseau, Sr. (third-team All-Area); Bill Wicker, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Tim Zigalis, Sr.; Brad Wheeler, Jr.; Tyler Riblett, Soph.; Damien Strohschein, Soph.; Jon Schaber, Sr.; Nick Bell, Jr.; Dante Fischer, Soph.; Jared Stevens, Jr.; Kyle McCarthy, Jr.
Staples' 2013-14 outlook: "If our team can be mentally focused on making the crucial spares, we'll be very competitive again. Our practices will not be about just bowling. It will be about adjustments, ball speed, angles, slowing down on approach and mental toughness. I look at this South Division and it is stacked from top-to-bottom. With everyone going to the house pattern, the scores are going to be much higher. The team that can make the little adjustment at the right time will win this league. To be the best we must beat the best. This year will be a year to look forward to."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Bob Jawor, eighth year.
League affiliation: KLA Association and South Division.
Last year's overall record: 8-6.
Titles won last year: KLA Association and South Division co-champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Shane Randaldo (first-team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Kody Wojewski, Sr. (second-team All-Area; state qualifier, 12th; regional, fifth; 199 average); Conner Weber, Soph. (third-team All-Area); Matt Mikulec, Sr.; John Willet, Jr.; Darrick Craig, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Brandon June, Jr.; Cody Gilbert, Sr.; Nathan Van Meter, Jr.; Brandon Woods, Sr.

Jawor's 2013-14 outlook: "We are hoping to rebound from a subpar season. We have a good start with Conner (Weber) and Kody (Wojewski), who had good seasons last year. Kody has been a top player for us since his transfer from Glenn a couple years back, and Conner is an exceptional talent at his age. I look for him to have a break-out year. John (Willet) has a year under his belt and continues to improve, while Darrick (Craig) has made a few changes in his game that I really like. And nobody works harder than Matt (Mikulec). (Brandon) June and (Cody) Gilbert are ready to make the jump from JV as are (Nathan) Van Meter and (Brandon) Woods. We're looking forward to getting started."

GIRLS PREVIEWS
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Bill Ringrose, first year.
League affiliation: Western Wayne Athletic Conference.
Last year's overall record: 0-11.
Titles won last year: MHSAA Division 3 state and regional champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Amber Young.
Leading returnees: Erin Walters, Soph.; Elizabeth Kerr, Soph.; Sarah Estep, Soph.; Anna Greenwald, Jr.; Sarah Meili, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Caitlyn Kissandi, Jr.; Emily Lazette, Jr.
Ringrose's 2013-14 outlook: "The girls team is returning five bowlers from last year's team and has a good chance compete for the conference. We don't have any seniors."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Judy Jaeger, 10th year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (West Division).
Last year's division record: 5-5.
Titles won last year: None.

Leading returnees: Sabrina Hutter, Sr. (second-team All-Area; state qualifier, 19th, 247 high game); Veronica Estigoy, Sr., All-League, 247 high game; Kallyn Delonis, Jr.; Alexandra Morris, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Stephanie Bolk, Jr.
Jaeger's 2013-14 outlook: "Similar to last year and only having five bowlers, our team has learned to work together and support each other. This year we have the added benefit of two seniors with strong experience and leadership abilities. It should be an interesting and exciting year."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Ralph Cabildo, second year.
League affiliation: KLA Association and South Division.
Last year's overall record: 15-0.
Titles won last year: KLA Association and South Division 1 regional champs.

Notable losses to graduation: Caitly Lenard (second-team All-Area; regional champion); Yvette Ayers, Bre Riblett.

Leading returnees: Olivia Cabildo, Jr. captain (first-team All-Area; state qualifier, 35th; third, regional); Julia Huren, Soph. (second-team All-Area); Emily Dietz, Soph.; Ashley Kolb, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Jessica Pate, Jr.
Cabildo's 2013-14 outlook: "I'm very proud at how hard our five girls have worked off season. We will be focusing on trying to get back to the state tournament. Several of our girls have won or placed second in tournaments this off season and I'm hoping that their experience will take us to the next level. We will be trying to break a lot of team and personal goals this year. We have a lot of experience for a young team and with the addition of Jessica Pate, this season will be really exciting."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Diane St. Louis, fourth year.
League affiliation: KLA Association and South Division.
Last year's overall record: 7-7.
Titles won last year: None.

Notable losses to graduation: Lorissa Willet (second-team All-Area); Kira Leach (second-team All-Area); Tiffany Markham.

Leading returnees: Christina O'Harris, Soph. (third-team All-Area); Gabriel Charron, Jr.; Hope Vail, Sr.; Amy Hoch, Jr.; Marisa Boyd, Sr.; Hayley Gilbert, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Shaelyn Wojewski, Soph.; Savannah Smith, Sr.

St. Louis' 2013-14 outlook: "I have a young team but a team with a lot of promise. Wayne has decided not to have a JV team this year. I have returning varsity and JV. I've had the opportunity to work with them all last year. They are excited and ready to compete."

ORDINANCE NO. 191-B-8-1
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE II, SECTION 22-39 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT OF FEMA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

Section 1. That Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-39 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:
"Sec. 22-39. Enforcement of FEMA floodplain management regulations.
(a) Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, Appendix G of the Michigan Building Code and the State Construction Code shall be enforced by the Westland Building Director - Inspections within the City of Westland, and the City of Westland assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act throughout the corporate limits of Westland.
(b) Designation of Regulated Flood Prone Hazard Areas. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Entitled "Wayne County, Michigan (All Jurisdictions)" and dated 12/3/13 and the Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) (FIRMS) panel number(s) of 26163C; 0208E, 0210E, 0216E, 0227E, 0230E, 0231E, and 0233E dated 2/2/2012 and 0220F, 0240F, and 0243F dated 12/3/2013 are adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code."

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 22, Article II of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

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

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 2, 2013
EFFECTIVE: DECEMBER 12, 2013
PUBLISHED: DECEMBER 12, 2013

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On December 17, 2013 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1998	Ford	Taurus	Silver	1FAFP52U6WGW115114
2001	Mazda	626	Silver	1YVGF22C115208824
2002	Chevy	Monte Carlo	Burgundy	2g1WW15E629108322
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1997	Ford	Taurus	Green	1FALP52U0VGG301930
2004	Pontiac	Grand Prix	Brown	2G2WR524741127548
2002	Chevy	Venture	Blue	1GNDU23E72D162851

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

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION
Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after January 12, 2013 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

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WEEKEND MAT ROUNDUP



Livonia Churchill wrestlers celebrate after winning Saturday's Waterford Mott Invitational dual meet crown. LUANN ENGLEHART

Churchill grapplers capture dual crown

For the second straight year, Livonia Churchill brought home the first-place trophy from the Waterford Mott Invitational wrestling tournament.

The Chargers went 5-0 Saturday capped by a 52-28 victory over Pontiac in the finals following a 42-27 semifinal victory over Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse. Other dual wins came against Capac, St. Clair Shores Lakeview and the host Corsairs.

Sophomore Chase Gardner (145 pounds) led Churchill by going 5-0 – all by pin – on the day.

Other 5-0 grapplers included sophomore Zac Leck (140), who had four pins, along with senior captain Josh Perez (119), who recorded three pins.

Junior Jake Mercieca (285) also won all four matches by pin, while sophomore Spencer Blanchard (125), Josh Mussen (103) and Ethan Englehart (112) each finished 4-1.

In all, the Chargers had 19 wrestlers posted victories en route to the title with Colin Englehart (189), Ryan Delp (160) also notching three wins apiece, while Baker Hadwan

and Desard Dervishi combined to go 3-0 at 215.

Spartans runner-up

Livonia Stevenson boasted a pair of individual champions en route to a second-place team finish in Saturday's Beaty & Lambros Invitational at Ypsilanti.

Walled Lake Central paced the 16-team field with 227 points followed by Stevenson (169), Temperance Bedford "B" team (156), Chelsea (145) and Michigan Center (134).

Earning individual titles for the Spartans was Sandro Lytwyn (140 pounds) and Connor Vaughan (171).

Other placers for Stevenson included Brad Scott (189), second; Will Eckerle (112), Trevor Demers (130) and Majdi Hatem (152), third; Tyler Statham (145), fourth; Jack Sullivan (103), fifth; and Tarik Alcodray (130), sixth.

"This was a great opening competition for us to participate in," Stevenson coach Dan Vaughan said. "Some of the weight classes had state champions, placers, qualifiers and regional qualifiers in them. It certainly gave the boys an idea

of how much work we need to do to get to that level."

Patriots go 4-1

Livonia Franklin captured four of five matches in Saturday's Westland John Glenn Rocket Duals as Nathan Atienza (130), Nick Frazier (16) and Jordan Atienza (171) all finished 5-0 on the day.

The Patriots, who placed fifth overall, defeated Romeo (49-24), Belleville (45-23), Allen Park (59-16) and Utica Eisenhower (47-33) before losing to Clarkston (44-33).

Dan Huber (189-215) and Mitchell Retting (189) went 3-0, while Kenneth Steele (152) and Joe Fortin (215-285) went 4-1.

"We're about where I expected at the beginning of the season," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "So much instruction is done the first few weeks that it's hard to be in the condition we'd like to be. We still have some major holes to fill and we need to improve in a lot of areas. If this is what we have at the end of the year, we will be in big trouble. But I think we'll steadily improve each week and by the end of the year we'll be fine."

Wayne's Wolfpack 3-peats as Garden City mat champ

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial's Wolfpack were no doubt in the mood to sing a few verses of "Jingle Bells" following Saturday's Garden City Christmas Wrestling Tournament.

Led by bracket champions Tyler Mulligan (125 pounds) and James Pomerico (189), the Wolfpack racked up 219 points to out-distance runner-up Gibraltar Carlson's 179 and capture the season-opening title for the third straight year.

"It was nice to three-peat," Wayne coach Steve Vasilloff said. "It has always been one of my favorite tournaments with this being its 49th year."

Rounding out the top-five spots in the standings were Walled Lake Western (135 points), Ann Arbor Skyline (121) and Livonia Clarenceville (120).

Runner-up finishers for Wayne included Tim Way (119), Tim Nicholson (145), Aaron Heinonen (160) and Aaron Mauldin, while Jack DeJack (119), Dom Sanders (130) and Sam Moody (215) placed each placed third.

The Wolfpack also got a fourth from Terrance Perkins (152), while Jordan Mills (140) took a fifth.

"Tyler Mulligan outclassed all of his opponents and looked great doing it, while James Pomerico made an amazing last period comeback to win in the finals," Vasilloff said. "I was especially proud of Tim Way, who dominated two returning regional qualifiers to make the finals. In the finals, he was in a 0-0 match after two periods with a returning state champ



Clarenceville's Domanick Slagle (top) took runner-up honors at 152 pounds in the Garden City Christmas Invitational. ED WRIGHT

from Erie Mason. In the third he gave up an escape and went for the win. I love the fact that he went for it, and almost got it. Losing 3-0 to a returning state champ proved to me that he can hang with anybody."

Clarenceville, meanwhile, had seven placers led by individual runners-up Joey Walker (135) and Domanick Slagle (152).

In the finals, Walker was pinned in 50 seconds by Western's Austin Murray, while Slagle was pinned by River-view's Brandon Garcia in 3:40.

Alan Baumgardner (135) and Cameron Fyffe (160) added thirds, while Ryan Groves (285) placed fourth for the Trojans.

Dyland Brigham (103) and James Ascott (189) each earned fifths.

2013 GARDEN CITY CHRISTMAS INVITATIONAL
Dec. 7 at Garden City H.S.

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Wayne Memorial 219 points; 2. Carlson 179; 3. Walled Lake Western 135; 4. Ann Arbor Skyline 121; 5. Clarenceville 120; 6. Almont 114; 7. Riverview 105; 8. Erie Mason 96; 9. Garden City 85; 10. Redford Thurston 72; 11. North Farmington 56; 12. Grosse Ile 49; 13. Berkeley 41; 14. Brighton 38; 15. (tie) Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy

and Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 0 each.
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
103 pounds: Robert LeFevre (EM) d. Travis Abbo (WLV), 8-2; 3rd place: Michael Wright (RIV) pinned Dawson Fosnaugh (EM), 2:01.
112: Kyle Sparks (Riv) dec. Marina Goocher (RIV), 3-1; 3rd: Jack DeJack (WM) p. Doug Williams (NF), 1:35.
119: Logan Griffin (EM) dec. Tim Way (WM), 3-0; 3rd: Jacob Battani (Almont) p. Ryan Conroy (GC), 1:55.
125: Tyler Mulligan (WM) won by major dec. over Tanner Coolsack (GI), 9-1; 3rd: Mason Brott (Carlson) p. Austin Perkins (Almont), 0:28.
130: Grant Turmire (Almont) p. Travis DeRossett (Carlson), 1:18; 3rd: Dom Sanders (WM) dec. Andrew Lapins (RT), 11-1.
135: Austin Murray (WLV) p. Joey Walker (C'ville), 1:25; 3rd: Billy Gibson (Carlson) dec. Austin Penn (EW), 2-0.
140: Anthony Chudler (WLV) p. Silas Richardson (AAS), 3:55; 3rd: Michael Wolkowski (GI) won by injury default over Jared Remer (NF).
145: Alex Franco (Carlson) p. Tim Nicholson (WM) in 5:39; 3rd: Alan Baumgardner (C'ville) won by injury default over Gary Brown (B).
152: Brandon Garcia (Riv) p. Domanick Slagle (C'ville), 3:45; 3rd: Colt Desmit (GC) dec. Terrance Perkins (WM), 5-3 (OT).
160: Max Underwood (C) won by major dec. over Aaron Heinonen (WM), 12-4; 3rd: Cameron Fyffe (C'ville) won by disqualification over Dakota Martin (Riv).
171: Charles Jones (AAS) dec. Boyd Glenn (Almont), 3-2; 3rd: Any Mydloski (Carlson) p. Jordan Ferrell (Carlson), 1:32.
189: James Pomerico (WM) dec. Doug Bunea (Carlson), 7-6; 3rd: Mo Mokbel (NF) pinned Dylan Taldo (NF), 1:25.
215: Tony Biggs (AAS) dec. Zach Underwood (Carlson), 5-4; 3rd: Sam Moody (WM) dec. Toreano Nichols (GC), 3-0.
285: Melvin Ivey (RT) dec. Aaron Mauldin (WM), 11-6; 3rd: Cody Zeisler (AAS) p. Ryan Groves (C'ville), 5:15.

PREP HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Stevenson chills Bulldogs in state champions clash

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

Tyler Irvine lit the lamp four times and added one assist as Livonia Stevenson won the battle of state champions with a 7-1 triumph Saturday over Brighton at Western Michigan University's Lawson Arena.

The Spartans, who improved to 6-1 overall, jumped out to a 3-0 first period lead and opened up a 6-1 advantage after two periods.

Dominic Lutz also chipped in a goal and five assists, while Devin Kelly added a goal and three assists.

Ray Chartier's goal from Jon McDonald and Michael Sinclair staked Stevenson to a 1-0 lead at 6:45 of the first period.

Other assists went to Alex Hunt, Drew Hunter and Chartier for the defending MHSAA Division 2 state champions.

"Our top line was once again clicking offensively," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "Our other forwards and our defensive corps played an extremely strong game as well. It was a total team effort to hold such a talented team like Brighton to only one goal."

Stevenson goaltender Andrew Rozenbaum stopped 19-of-20 shots. His shutout bid was spoiled by Brighton's Cole Hohmann with 43 seconds left in the second period.

"Andrew Rozenbaum was also really solid in net for us," Mitchell said. "It was a great hockey game for us and a great trip that we would like to continue doing in the future."

The loss drops Brighton, the defending Division 1 champion, to 2-3 overall.

"It was a great experience for our players and our program for us to play on the campus of Western Michigan University," Mitchell said. "We would like to thank the hockey staff at WMU for welcoming us with open arms and allowing for the players to have this unique experience."

SALEM 6, FRANKLIN 1: Noah Willer and Nick Danis each tallied a pair of goals Saturday leading the Rocks (2-1, 2-1) to a KIAA South Division win over Livonia Franklin (2-3, 1-2) at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Willer scored on a power play from with 4:44 left in the first period from Jack Driscoll and Jake Sealy, but Franklin's Josh Dudek tied it up with an unassisted goal just 12 seconds into the period.

Salem then scored five unanswered goals including three in the second period – Richie Corso (from Noah Saad at 5:43); Jason Nevell on a power play (from Willer and Sealy at 8:57); followed by Danis on a power play (from Corso 9:58).

The Rocks put it away with two more in the final period – Danis from Nick Smith at 1:19 and Willer on a power play (from Sealy at 8:17).

Salem goaltender Parker Godfrey stopped 24-of-25 shots, while Franklin's Matt Monendo had 24 saves.

"We're happy and proud of the way our guys battled," Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon said. "Salem is a top-notch team and we were right there with them for the most part... We had several quality chances that unfortunately didn't cross the goal line. Salem has an excellent power play and converted on three of them which was pretty much the difference in the game..."

P.H. NORTHERN 6, CHURCHILL 2: Clay Wilson and Justin Van Busurk each tallied three goals four assists leading host Port Huron Northern (3-3) a nonconference victory over Livonia Churchill (1-4-1) in a game played Saturday night at McMullan Arena.

Brendan Shagena added two goals for the Huskies, who led 2-0 after one period and 6-1 after two.

Nolan Cloch had both goals for the Chargers with Andrew Sparks and Dylan Smith assisting on the first, while his second was a short-handed effort from Jack Behen.

Churchill's David Turel and Chris Adams split time in goal each allowing four while facing a total of 34 shots, while Trevor Mamps made 20 saves for Northern.

"We pride ourselves on a tough schedule and we're going through growing pains and it's going to take time with the new guys," Churchill coach Jason Reynolds said. "We gave them too many odd-man rushes and they're a skilled team that is going to take advantage when you make mistakes."

CRANBROOK 7, LADYWOOD 1: On Monday, Katie Hayward had the lone goal from Jackie Kristofik as host Livonia Ladywood (0-5, 0-5) fell to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (3-0, 3-0) in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 game played at Plymouth's Arctic Pond. Cranbrook led 2-1 after one period and 5-1 after two periods before scoring twice in the final period.

Sophomore Michaela Warner made 32 saves in goal for the Blazers.

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he said. "Not only for herself – and to end her career on a high note – but also for the team. She became more of a vocal leader, which is not her forte. We needed her to do that."

"What separates her as a center-back ... she's a competitor. She has a competitive spirit. She shut down two All-Americans, neither which scored during the Final Four. She's an All-American as well and in my opinion makes her the (NCAA Division II) Player of the Year."

Kimble always accepted the challenge of taking on the opponents' top goal scorers in a one-on-one matchup, but always within the team concept.

Marking back

"Over the last two years, that's been my main role in games, especially when there's a strong forward up top," she said.

Kimble also provided the Lakers some offense of her own when she drilled home a penalty kick in Thursday's national semifinal win over American International. The PK gave Grand Valley a two-goal advantage and eventually a 4-1 victory.

It was her second PK goal of the season.

But the old adage "Defense wins championships" certainly applied to Kimble more than anything else.

"We're the oldest (back) line, but we had a lot of freshman playing a lot of minutes this year and people coming off the bench who were very adept," Kimble said. "We've been playing together so long and I think it played a lot into our success because we know each other inside-and-out. Being the oldest and strongest line back there helped us out a lot. I think overall we played a lot of defense, just not the back line. It was all over the field. I think that played a lot into our success as well."

As a freshman, Kimble played in 21 games (454 minutes) with one start on the Lakers' national championship team.

During her sophomore year, she started 21 games on a defense that allowed just 10 goals and posted 16 shutouts, while earning second-team All-Midwest Region honors.

More experience

After battling an early-season injury in 2012, Kimble

returned to start in 16 matches while earning second-team All-Midwest Region and first-team All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference accolades as the Lakers' defense topped the nation in shutout percentage and a second-place goals-against average (0.429).

"As a player she was instrumental in a lot of things we've done," Dilanni said.

"She book-ended her career with national championships. She played different roles during those years. She was injured quite a bit her freshman year, but played off the bench and played a key part to what we were trying to do as a central midfielder."

Kimble's father Jim, is also Stevenson grad who played soccer at Central Michigan University. He coached the Stevenson girls to back-to-back state titles (1997 and 1998) and was a member of Stevenson's boys state championship teams during the 1980s.

So needless to say, Kayla's fundamentals have been strong from the start.

"The other thing is that she is so very technical," Dilanni said. "Her soccer I.Q. is very high and some of that is playing for her father and some of it is playing for the club program soccer that she played for (Michigan Hawks)."

Finished product

Kimble also matured as a player and person during her four seasons at GVSU.

"I'm going to miss the growth she had and how she became a woman vs. a kid," Dilanni said. "She's funny, she's charismatic. On one end you're proud of the way she finished her career, but on the other hand you see all what they've put into their career and you want another year for them. She and another senior were the heart-and-soul of our team."

Kimble is scheduled to graduate in April with a degree in business/marketing.

There will be a void not being part of one of the nation's top Division II women's soccer programs come next fall. A new script will have to be written, but there are memories that she'll cherish for a lifetime.

"I'll miss the girls," Kimble said. "We've formed such a strong bond over the years. We're friends on and off the field and I'm really going to miss being able to see them every day and hang out with them all the time."

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S'craft musicians jazz up season

Audience encouraged to join in during college performance

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Winter Wonders concert at Schoolcraft College is no place for passive listeners.

Riccardo Selva gives audience members permission to snap their fingers, clap to the beat and even shout "go go" or "yeah," in response if the music moves them.

"The nature of a jazz concert is participatory," said Selva, director of the college's jazz studies program. "It comes from the black music tradition ... the preacher says something and the congregation answers back. There's energy and interaction and creativity. You don't just sit and people shush you."

"There is an energy in the room that is fun and creative. It's positive for the performers — when you hear a good response it encourages you — and the audience gets the feel that they are involved. When the audience just sits there unresponsive, it's a different feel."

Jazzy arrangements

Selva hopes to leave the audience "wanting more" when he brings the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble and Schoolcraft College Improvisation Combo together for a free holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, in the Diponio Room at the VisTaTech Center, on Schoolcraft College's main campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

The groups will play a variety of traditional, contemporary and holiday jazz arrangements and will feature the music of Stan Kenton, Maynard Ferguson, Glenn Miller, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Dave Brubeck and Vince Guaraldi. The audience will hear *Skating* and *Christmastime Is Here*,



Musicians jazz up traditional Christmas tunes at a previous holiday concert.

from *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *Sleigh Ride*, and *Good King Wenceslaus*, among others. The groups also will play a few nonholiday songs, such as *Straighten Up & Fly Right*, and *Fly Me to The Moon*.

"One of my trumpet players, Dave DeClark, has done an arrangement of *Nuttin' For Christmas*. It's a charming arrangement. There's a little narrative of dialogue back and forth. It's cute and funny," Selva said.

Unusual instruments

The Ensemble, the larger of the two groups, plays arranged and written music that "makes use of beautiful instrumentation," Selva explained. The

Combo is smaller and creates music "in the moment."

"I'd love to get a few more unique instruments. I have a couple accordionists, which is cool," Selva said. His groups also include piano, vibes, guitar and drums, in addition to brass instruments.

"We'll even have some chimes for the holiday sounds," he added. "We'll have tambourines, sleigh bells, finger symbols — a battalion of percussionists."

For more information about the concert, call the Schoolcraft College Music Department at 734-462-4403 or email Selva at rselva@schoolcraft.edu.



Riccardo Selva, Ph.D., director of the jazz studies program at Schoolcraft College, takes the stage during a concert.

Concert features band, singers, synthesizers

Music students at Schoolcraft College will be busy celebrating the season next week.

In addition to the Winter Wonders Concert by the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Improvisation Combo on Monday, Dec. 16, the Wind Ensemble, Synthesizer Ensemble and Choral Union will present *Sounds of the Season*, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the VisTaTech Center, located on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

The free concert will include a variety of spirited seasonal selections.

Jonathan Drake will direct the choir; Paul Michalsen will lead the wind ensemble, which consists of brass and woodwind instruments, percussion and keyboard; and Barton Polot is in charge of the synthesizer group.

Patricia Minnick, music activities coordinator at the college, described the synthesizer sound as "electronic" music.

"It's very unique. The electronic instruments can do pretty much anything — horns, percussion parts, lead instruments. The programs are so amazing," she said. "The performances are projected on huge screens, so there's no way you can miss any of the action."

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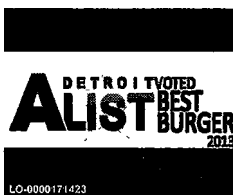
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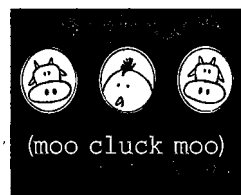
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1 cup fresh or frozen broccoli florets
2 tablespoons butter
1 ½ pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into 1 ½-inch pieces
1 can (10 ½ ounces) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
½ cup milk
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

Prepare linguine according to the package directions in 3-quart saucepan. Add broccoli during last 4 minutes of cooking time. Drain linguine mixture well in colander.

Heat butter in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook until well browned and cooked through, stirring often.

Stir soup, milk, cheese, black pepper and linguine mixture in skillet and cook until mixture is hot and bubbling, stirring occasionally. Serve with additional Parmesan cheese.



ULTIMATE CHICKEN POT PIE

1 package (about 14 ounces) refrigerated pie crust (2 crusts), at room temperature
1 can (10 ½ ounces) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup
½ cup milk
2 cups diced cooked chicken
1 package (12 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables, thawed (about 2 ½ cups)
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (about 4 ounces)

Heat the oven to 400°F. Line the bottom of a 9-inch pie plate with 1 pie crust. Trim any excess.

Stir the soup, milk, chicken and vegetables in a medium bowl. Spoon the chicken mixture into the pie plate. Sprinkle with ½ cup cheese. Place the remaining pie crust over the filling. Trim any excess. Crimp the edges of the top and bottom crusts together. Using a sharp knife, cut several slits in the top crust. Bake for 35 minutes or until the crust is golden brown. Sprinkle the crust with the remaining cheese.



MINI TACO TAMALE PIES

12 jumbo-size (3 ½-inch) foil baking cups
1 pound ground beef
1 can (10 ½ ounces) Campbell's Condensed Cheddar Cheese Soup
1 cup frozen whole kernel corn
1 can (about 4 ounces) chopped green chiles, undrained
1 envelope (about 1 ounce) taco seasoning mix
1 package (8.5 ounces) corn muffin mix
1 egg
½ cup milk
¼ cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Heat the oven to 350°F. Line 12 (2 ½-inch) muffin-pan cups with the baking cups.

Cook the beef in a 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat until well browned, stirring often to separate meat. Pour off any fat. Remove the skillet from the heat. Stir in the soup, corn, chiles and taco seasoning.

Mix the corn muffin mix, egg and milk according to the package directions. Spoon about ¼ cup beef mixture into each baking cup. Spread about 1 tablespoon corn muffin batter on each.

Bake for 20 minutes or until the corn muffin topping is golden brown. Top each with 1 tablespoon cheese.

Bake for 5 minutes or until the cheese is melted.



MINI CHICKEN & STUFFING CUPS

2 cups diced cooked chicken or turkey
1 ½ cups uncooked Pepperidge Farm Herb Seasoned Stuffing
1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped broccoli, thawed
1 can (10 ½ ounces) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup
½ cup shredded Cheddar cheese
½ cup whole berry cranberry sauce

Heat the oven to 350°F. Place paper liners into 12 (2 ½-inch) muffin-pan cups.

Stir the chicken, stuffing, broccoli, soup and cheese in a medium bowl. Spoon about ½ cup chicken mixture into each muffin-pan cup. Lightly press the chicken mixture down so it's level.

Bake for 25 minutes or until the chicken mixture is lightly browned. Top each with 2 teaspoons cranberry sauce.



CITY BITES

Vegetarian cooking

Farmington Hills — Learn how to make Iranian Lentil Bean Soup and apple pie at Zhong Shu Temple's vegetarian cooking class, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the temple, 23845 Middlebelt. Dildora Damisch will lead the free cooking class, which gives participants a chance to help prepare the food in the temple's kitchen, and then share in eating it. They also may stay after dinner to learn more about Lao-Zi's words of wisdom. A study session will be held from 9-11 p.m. RSVP for the cooking class and dinner to the temple at 248-579-4791.

Bubbles and reds

Livonia — John Sedestrom from Vintage Wine will lead a tasting of five wines, including reds and sparkling varieties, 7-9 p.m. Thursday,

Dec. 19, at d.vine fine wines, 17386 Haggerty. The wines will be paired with gourmet cheese. Cost is \$25 for Wine Club members and \$30 for nonmembers. For reservations, call 734-432-3800.

Cupcake Day

Southeastern Michigan — Livonia-based Just Baked will recognize National Cupcake Day on Sunday, Dec. 15, by donating more than 1,000 cupcakes to several local charities. Also, the first 50 guests to come into any of the 16 Just Baked locations throughout Metro Detroit that day will receive a free "pay it forward" two-pack of cupcakes. Among the 16 locations are 41747 Ford Road, Canton; 39765 Grand River Ave., Novi; 33309 Seven Mile, Livonia; 25198 Evergreen, Southfield; and 32828 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak.



Get free cupcakes Sunday, Dec. 15, from Just Baked.

Realtors' gala has fun, fellowship, outreach to needy

Tuesday evening, Dec. 3, the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors held its annual Holiday Party at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. The GMAR Member Services Committee coordinated the event. Over 135 members and associates were in attendance, along with Santa Claus.

Over 30 prizes were raffled off, including gift baskets, wine, decorative holiday pieces and a large flat screen smart television. All proceeds from the 50/50 raffle, totaling \$524, went to Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan and all toy donations, totaling \$606, went to the Farmington Area Goodfellows.

Celebrants enjoyed a large buffet dinner, speeches from GMAR leadership, music from a professional piano player and a DJ. Women were presented a red rose as they entered and attendees had a professional picture taken of them in front of the tree to commemorate the occasion. The night was filled with laughter, dancing and camaraderie as GMAR ends the year and looks forward to the next.



Santa Claus was a big hit with the revelers on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Chicago a toddling town

Q: We are thinking about building a new apartment building in the Detroit area, but understand that Chicago has been avant garde with respect to high tech high-rises. Do you have any information about that?

A: Chicago is a hotbed for high tech high-rises, as was depicted in a Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013, *Chicago Tribune* Real Estate article, and my personal observations. Many of the apartments in Chicago, particularly along the Gold Coast, have been converted to condominiums. However, with the influx of young persons who cannot afford condominiums, developers have recognized the need for apartment development. So called smart technology is giving some apartment communities a competitive edge by expediting the leasing process. Some of the high tech amenities which Chicago developers are utilizing are keyless entries, fob-reading elevators, package tracking, a distributed antenna system, tracking workouts, tech gurus acting as concierges, Bluetooth audio systems and convenient charging power outlets with USB ports. You are best advised to consult with a rental agent in Chicago to compare these apartments with more traditional ones.

Q: Could you give me some basic information about the Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW Act)?

A: The BW Act requires that most properties insured through the National Flood Insurance Program be charged rates reflecting the full risk of flood loss. The premium increases apply immediately to flood insurance policies covering businesses and when residential properties are sold or a lapsed policy is renewed. Additionally, the BW Act requires that flood insurance rate maps be updated on an expedited schedule. Apparently, due to BW Act reforms, many homeowners are facing significant increases in their flood insurance premiums. It may be that these increases are so substantial that owners can no longer afford to maintain flood insurance coverage. Obviously, this is a substantial problem for homeowners in areas where flood insurance coverage is required by federal law for mortgaged properties. To help Congress better understand the impact of BW Act reforms, the law required that FEMA determined how flood insurance rate hikes would affect homeowners living in areas where flood insurance coverage is mandatory. The BW Act additionally required that FEMA study how substantial increases in flood insurance premiums would affect overall participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. There is new legislation that has been submitted in an effort to set aside substantial flood insurance rate hikes, but you are best advised to consult with your local congressperson or senator as to how it may impact you.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



Robert Meisner

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 26-30, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

4015 Berkeley Ave \$122,000
556 Buchanan St \$307,000
7025 Chadwick Dr \$290,000
1048 Chelsea Rd \$239,000
410 Cherry Grove Rd \$208,000
475 Cherry Orchard Rd \$160,000
7335 Chichester Rd \$235,000
45061 Coachman Ct \$151,000
263 Concord Dr \$183,000
635 Constitution St \$206,000
842 Constitution St \$230,000
44765 Danbury Rd \$287,000
48211 Deer Trail Dr \$350,000
1556 Delancy Cir \$450,000
1353 Dundee Dr \$250,000
195 Edington Cir \$155,000
281 Edington Cir \$170,000
1693 Fairfax Dr \$185,000
45483 Glengarry Blvd \$335,000
365 Greenleaf St \$190,000
50101 Jackson Ln \$245,000
42748 Lilley Pointe Dr \$72,000
39815 Lynn St \$143,000
6125 Marshall Rd \$298,000
41870 Metaline Dr \$235,000
4172 Monarch Ave \$200,000
1977 Morrison Blvd \$175,000
132 N Village Way \$148,000
39567 Peters Dr \$125,000
48100 Picadilly Ct \$360,000
4761 Pond Run \$243,000
3933 Ravensfield Dr \$200,000
50821 Redding Ct \$600,000
440 Roosevelt St \$226,000
347 S Village Way \$160,000
45759 Samantha Dr \$199,000
721 Scottsdale Ct \$175,000
3792 Shepherd Ct \$191,000
41507 Simcoe Dr \$185,000
2498 The Crossings Ln \$80,000
44588 Tillotson Dr \$220,000

46876 Torrey Hill Ct \$317,000
1590 Tradition Dr \$425,000
47837 Vistas Circle Dr S \$265,000
44630 Whitman Ave \$135,000
2545 Woodmont Dr E \$195,000
GARDEN CITY
32201 Alvin St \$64,000
33603 Alvin St \$90,000
29061 Barton St \$27,000
28960 Elmwood St \$52,000
30520 Florence St \$93,000
201 Helen St \$82,000
6520 Huntleigh St \$50,000
30155 Maplewood St \$85,000
33145 Pardo St \$55,000
LIVONIA
9076 Adams St \$140,000
15862 Alexander St \$144,000
19637 Antago St \$44,000
13944 Ashurst St \$200,000
14034 Ashurst St \$275,000
10420 Bassett St \$235,000
15875 Blue Skies Dr \$280,000
32934 Bobrich Ct \$255,000
32267 Brettton St \$127,000
32965 Brookside Cir \$216,000
29614 Buckingham St \$174,000
10015 Camden St \$150,000
36253 Club Dr \$37,000
14233 Cranston St \$174,000
9662 Deering St \$130,000
30922 Dorais St \$171,000
14323 Ellen Dr \$185,000
18150 Fairfield St \$155,000
17961 Floral St \$108,000
14134 Foch St \$160,000
9468 Gillman St \$85,000
39220 Grennada St \$186,000
33718 Grove St \$192,000
16860 Hubbard St \$260,000
29719 Jacquelyn Dr \$180,000
9419 Lathers St \$117,000
35259 Leon St \$140,000
14182 Loveland St \$169,000
34783 Middleboro St \$256,000
29471 Morlock St \$75,000
32463 Norfolk St \$215,000
32511 Norfolk St \$254,000
15186 Norman St \$172,000

34698 Northland Dr \$267,000
35814 Orangelawn St \$143,000
34312 Pembroke Ave \$295,000
35184 Pembroke Ave \$330,000
27707 Perth St \$140,000
8846 Saville Row \$66,000
19938 Sunbury St \$130,000
15500 Surrey St \$83,000
31160 Westfield St \$130,000
15816 Woodring Dr \$220,000
NORTHVILLE
44444 Broadmoor Blvd \$490,000
17961 Crestbrook Dr \$465,000
42064 Crestview Cir \$375,000
47072 Curtis Rd \$281,000
39605 Dun Rovin Dr \$296,000
49102 Freestone Dr \$512,000
39570 Muirfield Ln \$280,000
39697 Muirfield Ln \$320,000
18169 Shoreline Ct \$533,000
20599 Woodcreek Blvd \$400,000
PLYMOUTH
15050 Bradner Ave \$220,000
235 Burroughs St \$200,000
1696 Cassidy Place Dr \$205,000
44710 Charnwood Dr \$353,000
500 Ford St \$70,000
444 Jener Pl \$256,000
590 Jener Pl \$210,000
10649 Jo Ann Ln \$285,000
1410 Junction St \$99,000
669 Karmada St \$145,000
11636 Morgan Ave \$126,000
47623 Norton Ct \$400,000
49402 Pine Dr \$675,000
49404 Pine Ridge Dr \$610,000
9320 Pineview Dr \$365,000
234 Pinewood Dr \$84,000
49598 Plymouth Way \$155,000
13381 Portsmouth Xing \$377,000
9264 Rocker Ave \$223,000
448 Roe St \$105,000
101 S Union St \$156,000
9187 Tavistock Dr \$196,000
REDFORD
26527 Clarita \$70,000
9936 Farley \$25,000
13211 Hemingway \$74,000
17686 Indian \$68,000

26427 Lyndon \$50,000
19368 Macarthur \$57,000
20569 Macarthur \$48,000
11396 Riverdale \$27,000
14158 Salem \$60,000
26714 W Chicago \$30,000
8919 Woodbine \$69,000
WAYNE
4090 Second St \$30,000
4260 Eastlawn Ave \$64,000
4609 Elizabeth St \$55,000
5228 Fletcher St \$15,000
34920 Glover St \$27,000
34869 Winslow St \$31,000
34869 Winslow St \$59,000
WESTLAND
1600 Ackley Ave \$81,000
29101 Brody Ave \$113,000
144 Darwin St \$95,000
32767 Fairchild St \$59,000
33726 Fernwood St \$88,000
35703 Florane St \$80,000
31703 Glen St \$75,000
7966 Hugh St \$122,000
8226 Huntington St \$30,000
2181 Martin St \$110,000
2618 Muirfield Dr \$110,000
7909 N Henry Ruff Rd \$125,000
37612 N Rhead Cir \$105,000
443 N Sybald St \$95,000
34448 Nancy St \$57,000
32237 Palmer Rd \$33,000
34000 Pawnee St \$57,000
8185 Randy Dr \$105,000
8305 Roselawn St \$115,000
8349 Roselawn St \$122,000
724 S Henry Ruff Rd \$40,000
443 S Marie St \$115,000
8599 Sanford Dr \$108,000
32663 Steinhauer St \$92,000
1819 Treadwell St \$128,000
35222 Wallace St \$30,000
38135 Warner Farms Dr \$83,000
39005 Willow Creek \$169,000
Pkw
39019 Willow Creek \$148,000
Pkw
7385 Woodview St \$27,000
6044 Yale St \$90,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 5-9, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

17124 Birwood Ave \$255,000
18120 Kinross Ave \$223,000
BINGHAM FARMS
23700 Overlook Cir \$305,000
BIRMINGHAM
1000 Ann St \$375,000
211 Aspen Rd \$897,000
652 Bloomfield Ct \$320,000
1462 Emmons Ave \$223,000
1007 Floyd St \$609,000
959 Hazel St \$735,000
2009 Hazel St \$600,000
955 Humphrey Ave \$631,000
1044 Knox St \$513,000
650 Lakeview Ave \$720,000
1045 N Old Woodward Ave \$223,000
760 Pleasant St \$588,000
100 Rugby St \$203,000
538 Smith Ave \$223,000
600 W Brown St # 410 \$230,000
591 W Frank St \$1,118,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
20 Barbour Ln \$205,000
5980 Braemore Rd \$280,000
481 Cambridge Way \$432,000
1054 Stratford Pl \$315,000
3806 Wedgewood Dr \$370,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
2766 Aldgate Dr \$256,000
750 Ardmore Dr \$650,000
2820 Berkshire Dr \$318,000
1861 Brookview Cir \$249,000
2717 Colonial Trl \$250,000
6251 Dakota Cir \$547,000
3731 Darlington Rd N \$363,000
7342 E Greenwich Rd \$381,000
839 Edgemont Run \$290,000
239 Eileen Dr \$266,000
4663 Hedgewood Dr \$335,000
6023 Hickory Tree Trl \$330,000
1206 Northover Dr \$450,000

3237 Pebble Ln \$320,000
570 Provencal Pl \$940,000
677 Rolling Rock Rd \$318,000
1733 S Hill Blvd \$157,000
6604 Spruce Dr \$240,000
1935 Tuckaway Dr \$350,000
1820 W Bend Dr \$250,000
2595 W Hickory Grove Rd \$182,000
3063 Woodcreek Way \$581,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
8519 Buffalo Dr \$161,000
4454 Darlene Dr \$357,000
5624 Lancaster Ln \$345,000
8115 Locklin Ln \$363,000
5200 Paula Crest Dr \$150,000
2757 Pinto Dr \$185,000
2052 Warbler Ct \$318,000
2563 Watonga Dr \$365,000
8270 Woodspur Dr \$230,000
FARMINGTON
21539 Birchwood St \$201,000
23164 Cass Ave \$184,000
23189 Floral St \$110,000
23197 Floral St \$127,000
33712 Grand River Ave \$271,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
22182 Abington Dr \$300,000
23232 Ashley St \$126,000
22130 Averhill St \$104,000
37744 Bradley Dr \$345,000
31174 Bycroft St \$192,000
38906 Country Cir \$115,000
29486 Cove Creek Ln \$165,000
35294 Eydhe Dr \$84,000
30247 Fink Ave \$105,000
36957 Fox Run \$370,000
28547 Green Willow St \$125,000
28815 Hidden Trl \$344,000
30249 High Valley Rd \$290,000
26206 Kiltarton St \$185,000
26297 La Muera St \$172,000
29660 Mayfair Dr \$110,000
29695 Mayfair Dr \$230,000
28299 New Castle Rd \$135,000
32079 Nottingham St \$186,000
28144 Peppermill Rd \$176,000
26004 Power Rd \$75,000
34143 Quaker Valley Ln \$363,000

30400 Ramblewood \$210,000
Club Dr \$6,000
21530 Rensselaer St \$159,000
28221 Ridgebrook Rd \$166,000
38459 Saratoga Cir \$165,000
29655 Sierra Point Cir \$48,000
21652 Tulane Ave \$228,000
31291 Verona St \$45,000
29890 W 12 Mile Rd # 906 \$315,000
25452 Witherspoon St \$820,000
FRANKLIN
25870 Woodlore Rd \$135,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE
18150 Lincoln Dr \$135,000
MILFORD
925 Byron Dr \$160,000
326 Dorchester Way \$275,000
334 Hickory St \$224,000
1575 Michael Ct \$400,000
801 N Garner Rd \$310,000
NORTHVILLE
51824 Eight Mile Rd \$275,000
1026 Andover Dr \$445,000
48891 Barola Ct \$740,000
770 Bradburn Ct \$333,000
21341 Bridle Run \$511,000
1182 Concord Ave \$168,000
20860 Maybury \$670,000
21910 Parkwood Ln \$300,000
20752 Richmond Dr \$200,000
21254 Woodfarm Dr \$255,000
NOVI
45291 Bartlett Dr \$84,000
24425 Christina Ln \$210,000
46270 Cordoba Dr \$470,000
41487 Cornell Dr \$175,000
28367 Declaration Rd \$87,000
43088 Emerson Way \$65,000
29723 English Way \$270,000
24321 Fairway Hills Dr \$185,000
47553 Greenwich Dr \$390,000
27891 Hopkins Dr \$160,000
40678 Lenox Park Dr \$175,000
40767 Lenox Park Dr \$270,000
24250 N Le Bost \$244,000
24250 N Le Bost \$178,000
24500 Park Ridge Ct \$190,000
24278 Saybrook Ct \$630,000
41158 Scarborough Ln \$400,000

25100 Sullivan Ln \$357,000
39875 Village Wood Ln \$70,000
23251 Willowbrook \$206,000
45151 Yorkshire Dr \$245,000
45151 Yorkshire Dr \$245,000
SOUTH LYON
59667 Nine Mile Rd \$255,000
54125 Birchwood Dr \$343,000
54839 Brentwood Dr \$379,000
54873 Brentwood Dr \$332,000
24391 Brompton Way \$395,000
24518 Brompton Way \$392,000
1125 Chestnut Ln \$264,000
25745 Coach Ln \$375,000
1063 Colt Dr \$249,000
26201 Daria Cir E \$350,000
61440 Dean Dr \$180,000
1106 Fountain View Cir \$110,000
24405 Glenwood Dr \$401,000
61208 Greenwood Dr \$62,000
21043 Parkwoods Dr \$331,000
58640 Swing Beam Ct \$80,000
62016 Tayberry Cir \$325,000
60635 Trebor Dr \$279,000
26710 York Ct \$353,000
SOUTHFIELD
20910 Andover Rd \$142,000
22509 Avon Ln \$100,000
27485 Berkshire Dr \$138,000
28233 Berkshire Dr \$89,000
19560 Cherry Hill St \$160,000
21121 Dartmouth Dr \$145,000
27355 Everett St \$70,000
17542 Gateway Cir \$88,000
18530 George \$37,000
Washington Dr
20310 Lacrosse Ave \$63,000
25045 Lathrup St \$44,000
17599 Lincoln Dr \$141,000
17221 Madison St \$164,000
24817 Maryland St \$135,000
29787 Spring River Dr \$70,000
WHITE LAKE
946 Cedar Oaks Trl \$215,000
2103 Hampton St \$177,000
8644 Hancock Dr \$250,000
9095 Huron Bluffs Dr \$293,000
9587 Portage Trl \$55,000
939 Sloane Ct \$165,000

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The Observer and Eccentric is looking for an **Auto Account Executive** to cover the suburban Detroit area. This position will work out of the Sterling Heights, MI location.

This position is responsible for all sales and related activities to advertisers within an assigned geographic territory. Will mainly be servicing auto businesses with the opportunity to sell into the Observer & Eccentric publications and DMP products. Primary responsibility is managing the territory to achieve sales quotas and developing new auto business. The Auto Account Executive will develop strategies, make presentations to new and existing advertisers and be responsive to customer needs. Sales orders, reports and documentation are prepared for management's review.

An Associate's degree and two years of sales experience and/or equivalent. Auto sales experience a plus. Bachelor's degree preferred. Professional communication, presentation and organizational skills are required. Must be highly motivated, analytical, detail-oriented and able to work under deadline pressure. Proficiency using a personal computer is required. Use of personal vehicle, valid driver's license, state mandated auto insurance and good driving record are required.

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REQUIREMENTS: An Associate's degree and two years of sales experience and/or equivalent. Bachelor's degree preferred. Professional communication, presentation and organizational skills are required. Must be highly motivated, analytical, detail-oriented and able to work under deadline pressure. Proficiency using a personal computer is required. Use of personal vehicle, valid driver's license, state mandated auto insurance and good driving record are required.

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ACROSS

- 1 Safecracker
- 5 Explosive letters
- 8 Cut, as logs
- 12 Rajah's spouse
- 13 Whiskey grain
- 14 Director — Kazan
- 15 Shorter and blunter
- 17 Fail to catch
- 18 Nose job
- 19 Merest amount of clothing
- 21 Dangerous shark
- 24 Touche provokers
- 26 Shaman's quest
- 28 Passe
- 29 Take a curtain call
- 32 Not decaf.
- 33 I thought — never leave!
- 35 Not sm. or med.

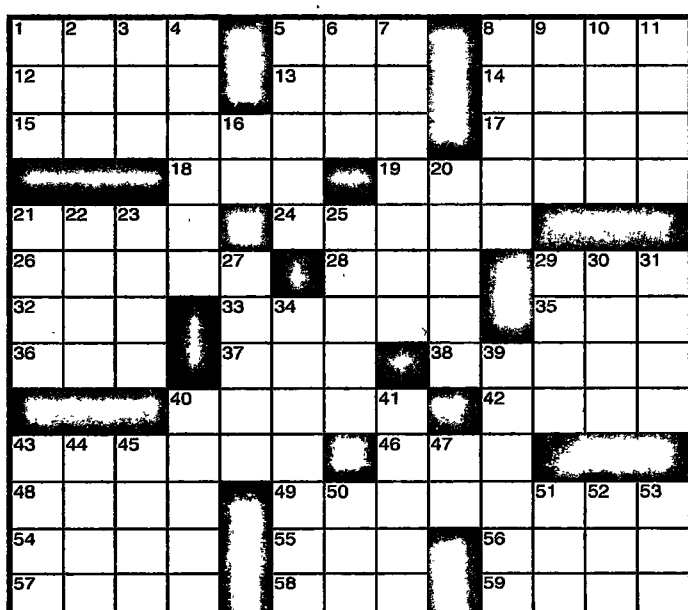
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- 36 Superman's emblem
- 37 — Kippur
- 38 Give way
- 40 Sumptuous
- 42 Billiard sticks
- 43 Happened next
- 46 Numerical prefix
- 48 Potato skin
- 49 Sly hint
- 54 Retirement accts.
- 55 Mesh
- 56 Paris evening
- 57 Dove's shelter
- 58 Check-cashing needs
- 59 Ski lift (hyph.)
- 1 Time divs.
- 2 Wolf down
- 3 Wildebeest
- 4 Historian or ape
- 5 Seneca or Mohawk

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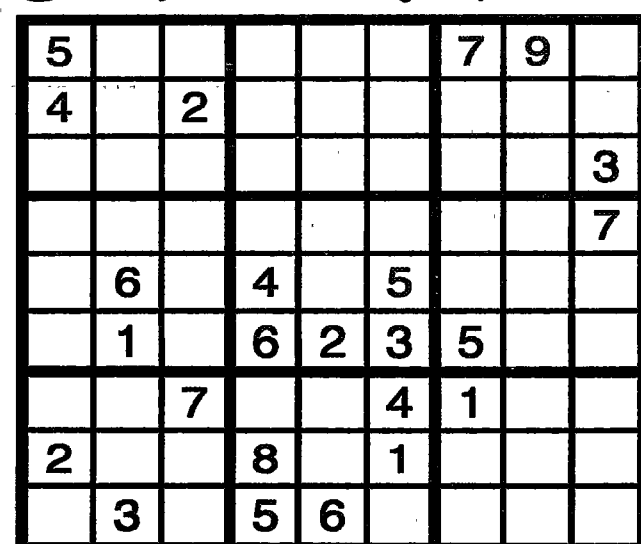
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SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

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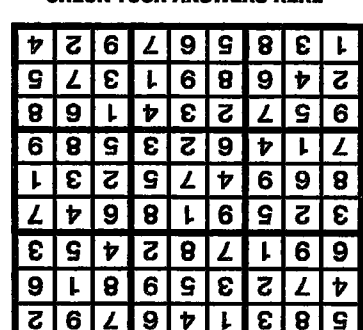
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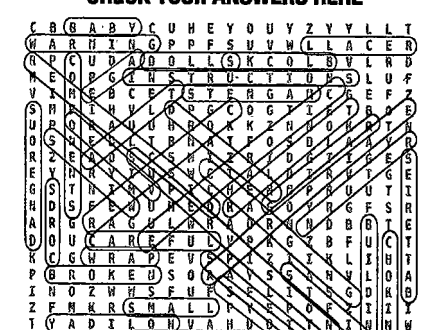
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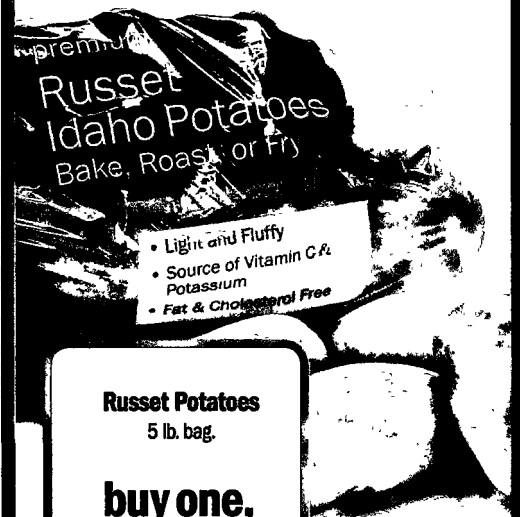
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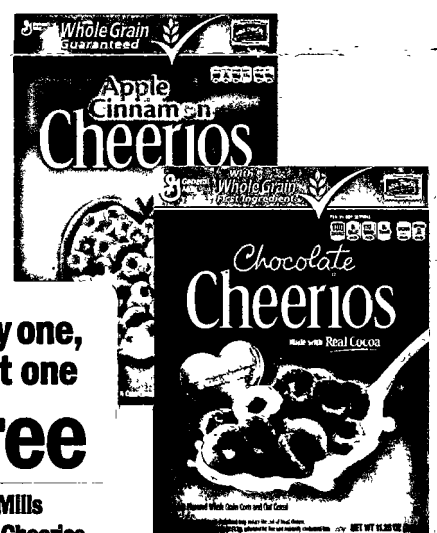
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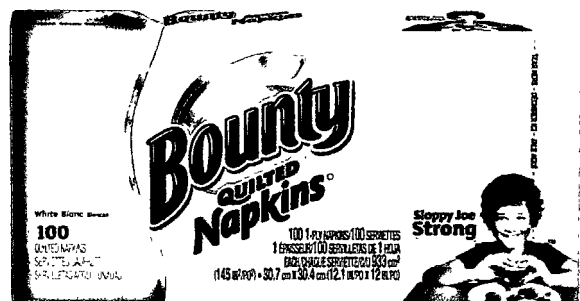
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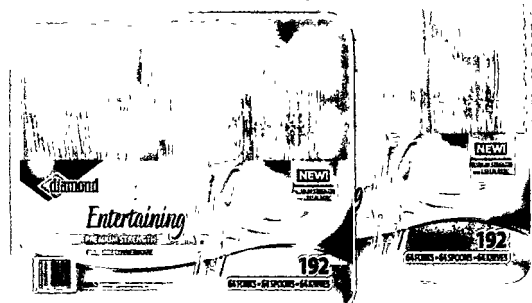
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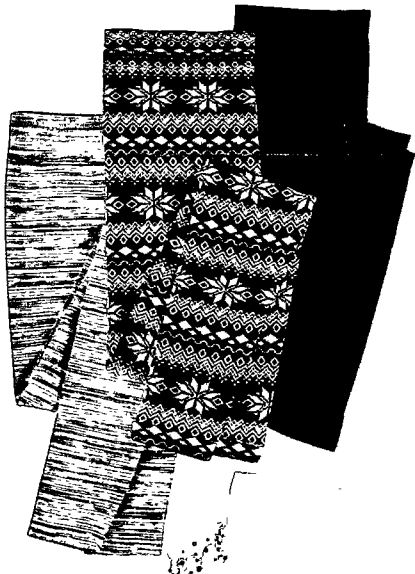
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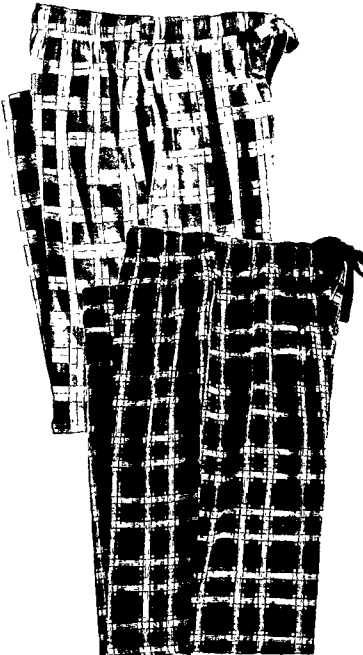
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