

Board election

Residents wondering who's going to lead the munity Schools Board of Education for the next 12 months need to be at the E.J. McClendon Education for the next 12 months need to be at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center Tuesday at 7 pm. That's when this annual organizational meeting, Leadership positions up for grabs include president, siceretary and treasurer Hocurpositions are held compositions are held to the position of the president, secretary and treasurer Hocurpositions are held to the president, secretary and treasurer Hocurpositions are held to the president, secretary and the surface of the president secretary and Mike Maloney, electrons the E.J. McClendon Center is located at 54 s. Harvey in Plymouth.

Sneak peek

Theater lovers can get a sneak peek at Canton's One Acts Festival when TLC Productions" "The Playwright. Next Door" comes to the Canton Public Library 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10.

bray/ p.m. Hursuay, Jan. 10. Canton's own Jake Zinke and Brion Scheidel will share their one-art plays, speak about the art of play writing, get you in a writing mode and even sign a few scripts. Canton's One Acts Festival is at Cherry Hill Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, Jan. 18-20.



RESOLUTIONS THAT ACHIEVE GREAT RESULTS USA WEEKEND



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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTO Presbyterian Church to help the homeless.

Winter warmth

Church project covers homeless in blankets

Arts grants

The Michigan Council for Arts and Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs has approved nearly St. Million, including the Council for Arts and Council for Arts and Council for Arts and Cultural organizations, educational institutions and municipalities in 47 counties for a cultural organizations, educational institutions and municipalities in 47 counties for the programming, MCACA-received 401 applications requesting \$8.9 million in support. The fiscal year 2013 funded applications represent 10,718 full time employees and an additional \$4.888 and additional \$4.886 and additional \$4.886 and additional \$5.886 and

Drew Degener, Jessica Krone and Brenna Degener collect clothing

Moments after Smith's remarks Wednesday afternoon inside the church Canton residents Christine and Leonard Zolivoski, who don't even attend Geneva Presbyterian, drove up to deliver clothing and blankets. "It's a wonderful project." Christine Zoltowski said. Back inside, Nancy Glodick, director of youth ministries, worked Wednesday after-noon with church youths Jes-

sica Krone and Drew Degener both 14, and Drew's sis-ter Brenna. 12, to organize a huge pile of clothing and oth-er items that filled a room. The church draws its mem-bers from Canton and neigh-boring communities such as Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, Redford, Belleville and Ann Arbor. "This is the largest single

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By Darreit Cem
Observe Sulf Weet

A 20 foot truck packed with
winter clothing, blankets,
quilts, boots, sleeping bags
and tolletries left a Canton
church Friday morning for a
Detroit ministry working to
help the homeless population
survive another cold winter.
Presbyretian Church, on Sheldon north of Ford has delivered a truckload of compassion to Fort Street Presbyterian
Church for its Open Door
mission, which provides the
homeless with food, clothing,
counseling, medical attention,
showers, haircuts and jobvices.
"It's wonderful," the Rev.
Bryan Smith of Geneva Presbyterian said. "The great
thing is, the community has
become conditioned to this
project. We star getting calls
who want to help. Sometimes
people will bring in stuff still
in the bag from Kohl's (and
other stores). It's amazing." YEAR IN REVIEW

By Darrell Clem

Last year's gains show promise for the future

By Darrell Clem Saftwine

As the New Year dawned,
Canton Township leaders face
the same challenges they
tackled in 2012 — reining in
spending, finding a solution
to Ford Road traffic woes,
reducing employee legacy
costs last projected at \$75 million and ramping up efforts to
spur residential and business
growth.

Yet, one final look at 2012
shows much of the groundwork has been laid to address
these issues, and encouraging
signs have emerged that hold
cover 90,000 residents.
Canton officials and three
employee unions reached an
accord on concessionary con-



tracts in late 2012 that eased spending and set the stage to reduce legacy costs by adopting changes to retiree pensions. What's more, workers hired after Jan. I po longer receive retiree health care save benefits. Rather, the township agreed to pay \$50 a pay period toward a health care save that the same period toward a health care save with other groups such as firefighters and police lieutenants and sergeants. "Until those (negotiations) are all put to bed," Trustee Pat Williams said, "we don't know how much that (unfinded liability) curve is going to come down. But these lates actions are moving us in the right direction."

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Canton's Allison Schmitt, a 2012 Olympic medalist, acknowledges cheers from the crowd during a ceremony in her honor.

Driver dies in two-car collision

By Darrell Clem

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Concerns Staff Wire

A 41-year-old driver died after he apparently suffered a medical condition Thursday morning in Canton, crossed the center lane while south-cand struck another vehicle, police Sgt. Pat Sullivan said.

The accident happened about 8 a.m. and snarled traffic. Canton Center remained partially closed late Thursday morning with police using traffic cones to keep one lane open in each direction, Sullivan said.

Police and finefighters rushed to the scene, and the 41-year-old man was promoted deal.

"We believe his death is due to a medical condition and not the accident," Sullivan said. "We don't believe speed was an issue, and we don't believe alcohol was a factor with either driver."

Police had not released the man's name Thursday morning. The accident occurred when he apparently crossed the center lane and struck a north-The driver of the second by heart was treated at the scene by paramedics but declined to be taken to a hospital.

Canton police were awaiting results of an autopsy to determine the man's official cause of death, though it is believed suffered a medical condition and dedementmentment com (1018) 222-2218

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Numbers down. need up for local families

By Brad Kadrich

when taken individually, most of the numbers tracked by the Plymouth Salvation Army indicate assistance to local families may have been down been admitted to be the property of the property

Dual help
Aren said those numbers can be attributed to a better job of eliminating duplicate applications—families who apply to more than one member of the Collective.

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Crime scene
On the crime front, Canton resident Brandon Lee
Tomblin, now 27, began
serving four to 20 years
in prison in September



We captured Nancy Spencer with a donated quilt on display at the Canton Library back in 2004. Spencer, the longtime community philanthropist, passed away in 2012 after a long battle with health issues.





BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAP Canton resident Brandon Lee Tomblin, now 27, began serving four to 20 years in prison in September after he pleaded guilty to having sex with male students from Wayne Memorial High School.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PH Canton officials spent much of 2012 trying to convince state and federal officials to help with the traffic issue around the Ford Road/I-275 interchance.

around the Ford Road/1-275 is the pleaded guilty to having sex with male students from Wayne Memorial High School.
Rufuts Brandon Thomas II, 24, was sentenced to 120 days in juil after he drove through a flashing red light at Canton Centle and light at Canton Centle and to a crash that killed his passenger friends Brooke Kennedy, 18, and Danielle Beavers, 19. Thomas hadn't been drinking or using drugs; he was giving the girls a ride home from the Ruby Tuesday where they worked. A Canton father, 25-year-old Anthony Sewejkis, was sentenced to 10-15 years in prison in May after he caused near

after he caused near-fatal injuries to his son, Hunter, when the child was four months old. A

former Catton couple,
Andrea Nicole Rodgers,
20, and her ex-boyfriend,
35-year-old Ryan Keith
Moody, were ordered to
stand trial in Novemberth
old son, Silas, swallowed
Suboxone prescribed to
Moody — medication
used to fight addiction to
drugs such as heroin.
In March, Thomas
Paden became the new
Canton Chamber of Comwhite, Canton Building
Official John Weyer said
the housing market was
improving, with 47 single-Tamily home permits
issued through October
compared to just 61 the
previous year.

er said. Canton residents got a

slight reprieve on water rates, which dipped an average 2.3 percent, as the township embarked on a feasibility study for a water tower Officials also launched a market-ing study to determine ways to spur economic development.

Olympic pride

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helped steer the charity organization through
another Christmas season.
In August, Olympic
swimmer Allison Schmitt
arrived in Herriage Park
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had watched her clinch
five medals in the London Summer Olympics. A
couple month slater, the
Canton Township Board
of Trustees had a ceremony honoring two othecard field husbandtrack-and-field husbandtrack-and-field husbandtrack-and-field husbandtrack-and-field husbandand Tiffany Parker
Canton's diverse population continued to reach
out to the larger commy in 2012. The Canton
Mosque welcomed visitors to an open house to
celebrate Ramadan, and
the local Sikh community and its supporters had

prayer ceremonies to honor those slain at a Wis consin Sikh gurdwara. In November, Democonsus sists purdwara. In November Demo-crat Steven Sneideman emerged as the top vote-getter among part-time township board trushers winning four-year terms included former Supervisor Tom Yack and incum-bent Trustees Pat Wil-liams and John Anthony. Former Trustee Syed Taj lost his Democratic bid against Republican Kerry Bentivolio to claim former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's seat.

Incumbent success
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and Kurt Heise, R-Plymout,
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non Price was elected to
represent Canton and the
Plymouths on the Wayne
County Commission.
Fire Chief Tim Dun
and Public Safety
Director Patrick Nemececk retired. Journa was replaced by
Peptuy Brice
Chief Joshua Meier who,
in turn, was replaced by
Gregory Spry-Pellner
As 2013 arrived, some
issues spilled over from
last year. In coming weeks,
the township board is
expected to vote on a contract to replace longtime
Fellows Creek Golf Club,
owned by Catton framiye, with Virginia-based lian outpouring of support
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and Dearborn to explore

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clothing drive that we are fortunate enough to be the recipient of, "Open Door Director Benjamin Ogden said Thursday min Ogden said Thursday help get us through which the per us through which the per us through the per us the per us



Drew Degener, Jessica Krone and Brenna Degener carry a donation from Christine and Leonard Zoltowski. Christine Zoltowski called the project to help the homeless "wonderful."

covered cardboard box-es, wrapping them-selves in blankets and holding umbrellas in a futile attempt to stay

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warm.
futile steeped an eight outside every year to better
understand the plight of
being homeless. Glodich
and two youth advisers.
Dan Degener and Brian Anderson, spent time
with them.
"It was a really great
experience. It made me
realize how lucky I am,"
Jessica said.
Glodich said the project
teaches church youths
the challenges homeless
people face every day—

and how those without shelter often don't sleep well because they fear for their safety on the street. They have the teens become aware that they are privileged and that showing a small amount of kindness to people who aren't privileged and make a real difference," foldich said. "I know it gives me time to reflect provided they have been became the bankets she wrapped herself in during the snow-storm became wet from the heavy snowfall. "They got wet and froze," she said. "I kept asking what time it was.

It must be terrible to have to live outside."

Drew said the night outdoors made her appreciate the conveniences of her life in a more of the life in a series of the life in

raise awareness. For more on the church, go to www.genevachurch. org. For more on the his-toric Fort Street Presbyte-rian Church and its Open Door program, go to www. fortstreet.org or call (313) 961-4533, ext. 34.

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A driver was airlifted to U-M Hospital after this serious accident on Ford Road near Ridge.

Driver flown to U-M after Ford Road crash

Canton police were investigating what was described Priday afternoon as a serious injury crash involving a semi-truck and two vehicles on Ford Road just west of Ridge.

A driver of one of the vehicles possible of the vehicles of the vehicle of the vehicles of the vehicles of the vehicles of the vehicle of the vehicles of the vehicle of the vehicles of the vehicles

over into the westbound lane and was strouch lead-on by a semitractor real-vening driven by a 61-year old male. The impact of the collision pushed the passenger vehicle back into the eastbound lane, where it was then struck by a care being driven by a care by a

FAMILIES

Continued from page A1 ting help from other organizations, 'Aren said. The rest of the Collective assisted 59' families; the assisted 59' families; the continued of the continu

ton assisted 34.

Kettle campaign
Meanwhile, the 2012
Red Kettle fundraising
campaign topped its goal.

Campaign topped its goal.

Sandly Rollinger said Friday the campaign drew
some \$253,000.

She attributed the success to three new kettel locations — at Greek
Islands Coney in down
town Plymouth, at the Old
Navy store in Canton and
at the Belleville Kmart —
plus strong performanc—

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es at two Hiller's Market locations and Busch's. Some 300 volunteers put in more than 4,700 hours ringing bells for the campaign. The volun-teers included Rotarians, Kiwanis Club members, Boy Scouts, Optimists and Civitans. "It was a good year, a successful campaign,"
Kolinger said.
Officials had an inkling it would be a good kettle year at the kickoff in November, which drew a good crowd and great community support right from the beginning.
"I was surprised to see the number of people at the kettle kickoff," said Maj, Keith Bailey, who worked his first Christ-mas season in Plymouth after moving from Owos so. "I've never seen that many people. It was a very pleasant surprise."

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Youth Advisory Council member Danielle Bushaw, poses for a fun photo with two BLOCK kids during the Halloween

YAC hopes to bolster grant funds iday parties and holiday projects for various groups. It has also volunteered for things like Christmas in Action. Paz, who joined YAC her freshman year, had a cousin involved in the YAC and "I admired her." While she got involved in a lot of activities, Paz found it daunting the she got involved in a lot of activities, Paz found it daunting the she got involved in a lot of activities, Paz found it daunting the she got involved in a lot of activities, Paz found it daunting the she got involved in the she got think the organization has definitely improved, and I've come to know how to handle the overwhelmingness of it. I've learned how to keep my head on straight." Robichaud, who joined YAC as a sophomore, stumbled across the organization while doing a job search on the Internet. "Thought (YAC) would in the she will be she will include the councill" Robichand said." really enjoy it. It's fun being involved and being able to see children happy."

By Brad Kadrich

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When Canton's Youth
Advisory Council was
trying a year ago to find
a way to raise money for
its grant fund, someone
floated the idea of a pancake fundraiser, but the
notion couldn't gain any
traction.

In year, teeding to boost
the group's grant fund,
the pancake idea popped
up again. The difference
this time? There's plenty of support for it on the
YAC board.

That's why the pancakes will be on the gridcakes wil

ry Council. "Our (grant) funds are gone, so we decided this year we're going to get some money back, and get enough for future years." Our future years with the gold of the g

"It has to be beneficial to kids," said Abigail Robichaud, a Canton High School senior who serves as YAC's historian.

The YAC is funded by fundraisers and donations, according to Paz. Working with Chris Cakes of Michigan, YAC members used a "profit calculator" to figure out how much they might reap from the fundraiser. The proceeds from the pancake breakfast are being used for the grant fund for a reason.

"We put it toward our grant fund because it helps the kids the most," she said.

The YAC is open to students in grades 8-12 interested in making a difference in their community by taking part in community service projects, special examining.

Among Its civic activities, the group hosts hol-

W-W board ready to elect new officers

By Sue Mason

When the Wayne-West-land school board meets next week, one of the items on the agenda will be the election of offi-

cers, the moving of school elections from May to the November election in even numbered years, the school board is holding its organizational meeting in January. That's when trustees will decide who will hold the four board offices—president. And as part of its operational procedures regarding board officer transitions, trustees made it known which spots they were seeking. The procedure requires they are the seeking that the proper seeking they are the seeking they are the seeking they are the seeking they are seeking. They consider the seeking they are the are th

schofield. "She wants to focus on learning the position of trustee." Griffin likewise stressed his" short time on the board" in bow-ing out.

ing out.

Board President Carol Middel let her colleagues that if they see

fit, she would like to keep the position. "It's been an honor to serve as president," she said. "It is a posi-tion I have not taken lightly. I would like to serve again, if my fel-low trustees wish me to serve."

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She also indicated she would be interested in white the would be interested in white the work of the form of the work of the w

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Meeting dates in 2013: January 8, February 12, March 12 & 26, April 9, May Î4 & 28, June 25, July 23, August 20, September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22, November 12 and December 10.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

Nancy Conzelman Township Clerk

Special meetings should be scheduled for Tuesdays, unless otherwise posted

CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE #2012-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PLYMOUTH CITY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 70, ARTICLE II, SEC

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 70, Article II, the City of Plymouth by adding the following language:

(b) MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE. The Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PAA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923 and as Subsequently amended, is adopted by reference.

REFERENCE TO CODE. References in the Michigan Vehicle Code to "local authorities" shall mean the City of Plymouth.

PENALITES. The penalties provided by the Michigan Vehicle Code are adopted by reference, provided, however, that the City May not enforce any provision of the Michigan Wehicle Code For which the maximum period of imprisonment is greater than 93 days, with the exception of subsection 2(a) below as Permitted by Public Act 7 of 2012.

SECTION 2. Made, passed and adopted by the City Commission of the Michigan, this 17th, day of December, 2012. LINDA LANGMESSER, CITY CLERK DANIEL DWYER,MAYOR

events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@ hometownlife.com.

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FREE THROW CONTEST

mann catholic Church in Canton Details. Knights of Columbus, Father Victor J. Renaud Council §2322 of Plymouth, Nots a free throws shooting contest. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of state competition for 2013 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international by the K of C international consent in the Competitions. Last level competitions, Last level competitions, Last level competitions. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and writter parental consent.

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the cold for the warm vibe
of Hawaii are encouraged
to attend an adult Luau
hosted by the Canton
Newcomers and Neighbors
club. The evenings' agenda
includes: tons of socializing,
Hawaiian music and themed
game, a best-dressed for
the Island context, a raffle
to benefit St. Christines
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AROUND TOWN

Two-wheel fun

In the spirit of Christmas, working together gave 24 community children a very Merry Christmas. When Joe Grima of Freudenberg-Not contacted Cindy Morency at the Plymouth YMCA with the news that they had 24 bikes to be given for Christmas, things went into motion. The bikes, put together at 51-blon's by employees, were transported to the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office, where Plymouth YMCA staffers distributed the bikes to 24 families.

contact: RSVP to Noreen at nrybar@yahoo.com or (734) 981-0486. To order a complimentary January newsletter, and/or learn more about the club's upcoming events of interest, visit www.cantonnew.com ersandneighbors.org.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

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DateFirms: Monday, Jan.
14, 6-8:30 p.m.
Location: Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley Road, in
a strip mall across the street
from Mettetal Airport next
to the Secretary of State
office, south of Joy Rod on
the west side of Lilley.
Details: Canton Women's Connection hosts
their meeting featuring
guest speaker Margaret

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MEDICARE COUNSELING Date/Time: Feb. 6
Location: United Home
Health Services, 2200 Canton Center in Canton.

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website at www.mmapinc org/pages/about.html SEWING GUILD SEWING GUILD
DateFirme: First Thursday,
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location; First Preclypterian
Church, 701 Church, Plymouth
Details: Meetings are open
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sewists of all levels. The
"PurseTote challenge" judging and holiday grift ideas:
The Dec. 6 meeting features
"Holiday pottuck funcheon."
Contact: For more inforantion, e-mail ASGPC@
comcast.net

Date/Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m. Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group. "Compassionate Words." providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief, and incorporate basic Journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of tharge.

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Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050, or email arhristensen@cchnet.net.

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of the month, 2-30 p.m.
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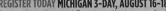




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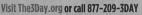
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Canton kicks off 100 days of health

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, January 6, 2013

Canton Leisure Services will once again partner with Oakwood Healthcare System to promote healthy living and community well-mountly by offering its "100 Days to Health". The program, starting in January.
This popular fitness program will officially kickoff on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Summit on the Park, located at way, from mont not 3:0 p.m. Oakwood Health-way, from the kickoff providing health screenings. Other activities planned during the kickoff proinclude Summit tours, Family Zumba and

snacks. Participants can also enjoy a special open swim starting at 1-30 p.m. This year's program offers everything you need to build a health-tier lifestyle for you and your family. However, and you far the you and your family and your family and your family and your family and you had you far you and your family and you had you ha

This year's participants will also receive a punch-eard for five free visits to the Summit on the Park during the program; classes and events offered at a times to accommodate your busy schedules; innovative new classes, and the return of some of our most popular events including Zumba, Boot Camps, and Healthy Cooking with Chef Pault these healthy offerings throughout this program, which ends in April 2013. To learn more about 100 Days to Health program, visit Cantonfunorg or call (734) 394-5460.

Seven-week Congressman ends stint with historic vote

By Ken Abramczyk

David Curson ended his seven-week stint in U.S. Congress with an historic vote on Jan. In prevent the so-called "fiscal clift" was one of seven by Democrats and five by Republicans from Michigan supporting the extension of tax cuts for middle-income Americans, but the action also end by the condition of the company of t

"I'm done as of noon tomorrow." Curson said Wednesday. Curson, 64, a UAW activist who has spent several years in contract negotiations as an executive assistant to two UAW presidents and worked with the auto task force representing the UAW on the GM and Chrysler ballouts, won the special election Nov. 6 to finish the unexpired term of



after pettions signatures were deemed to be photocopies by the Secretary of State's office. Attorney General Bill Schuette's investigation eventually led to charges against four McCotter staffers, alleging that they were involved in a debling and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 primary ballot. Gov. Rick Snyder's office scheduled a special primary election on Sept. 5, followed by a spot on the Nov. 6 general election ballot, to complete McCotter's unexpired term. Nov. 8 and Thursday, On Thursday, Republican Kerry Bentivolio, who won election on Nov. 6 to a two-year term in the redistricted 11th Congressional District, began

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his term.

Curson returned to his Belleville home Wednesseld with the Belleville home Wednesseld, expected to make sure his district office was closed that afternoon. "I lowed the experience. It was seven weeks of non-stop, very hard to do a lot of preparation." The seven was a seven weeks of non-stop, very hard to do a lot of preparation. The seven was a seven weeks of non-stop, very hard to do not of people on both sides who believe in this country. It's kind of the same thing that I'm doing for the UAW, working for the things I believe in." Curson said he will return to his job with the UAW of the work of th

Current to ms job with the UAW.

Curson does not see himself running for elective office again.

"The constant campaigning and always asking for money, I just don't think I could stomach that," Curson said. "I will probably not run in any election in my future, but I think I will be helping out someone else down the road."

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Citizens for Peace to show documentary 'I AM'

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The film asks two central questions: "What's wrong with the world?" and "What can we do to fix it?"

fix it?"
Hollywood director
Tom Shadyac wrote,
directed and narrat-

ed the film after a bley-cle accident changed his life. His journey from materialism to purpose took him from living in a 17,000-square-foot man-sion to bapplly living in a trailer. On his quest for answers to the root causes of the problems in our world, Stadyae inter-views scientists, psychol-ogists, authors, philos-phers and others, includ-

ing Desmond Tutu, Howard Zinn, Lynne McLinggert, Thom Hartman and Noam Chomsky. He discovers scientific evidence that we are hard wired for connection and compassion, and that our power comes by being able to cooperate rather than compete. For more information, good the cooperate rather power comes by being able to cooperate rather power comes and the competition of the cooperation of the c



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Walsh arson bill signed into law

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley has signed legislation introduced by state Rep. John Walsh (R-Livonia) that stiffens penalties for arson-related crimes. When the stiffens penalties for arson-related crimes. When the stiffens penalties for a four-bill package that provides law enforcement, prosecutors and judges with more tools to fight arson crimes. It also establishes degrees warying penalties, which range from 93 days in jail for a misdemeanor to life in prison for the deliberate burning of a multi-unit dwelling or a fire that results in physical in the state of these new laws is to send a



message that arson crimes will not be toleral will be prosecuted to the fullest," said Walsh. "We are confident this will deter arsonists from targeting the above resulted from foreclosures, and we further hope it will have an impact on the number of fires that occur every year near Hallowen."

Under the legislation, penalogical properties of the said of the said

ty win a value of \$2,00 or more, or a value of \$1,000 if the arsonist is a repeat offender.
Lighter sentences would apply to lesser degrees of arson.



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West Nile virus turns woman's life upside down

By Sue Buck

Observe Staff Writer
A small winged creature turned Fran Smith's
life upside down on Aug.
Is and left her unable to
walk after she contracted
an infected mosquito.
Smith, 86, a Garden
City resident and former
nurse, is making small
strides to recovery following time spent at Garden City Hospital and in rehabilitation. She now
uses a wheelchair to get around.
She came home Friday,

around.
She came home Friday, Dec. 28. She continues to receive therapy at home in southwest Garden City where her frustrated but supportive family tries to learn the medical facts about her severe worst case scenario.

But Smith considers herself lucky to be a statistic because she could have died.
Grandson Dan Smith has arrived from Arizona to help care for his grandmother with his grandfather, John Smith. The couple has been married since 1945 and were the subdivision on Michelle Court about 55 years ago. "I have a long battle," Smith said. "I have been in the hospital 4½ months."
She recalled getting up Aug. 15 and "dropping like a bag of potatoes." She thought that she had a spontaneous break. "I remember EMS coming and not remembering any the said. "I was in a coma in ICU. I was



STEPHIN CANTRELL STAFF PHOTOGRAPHIE
Garden City resident Fass Smith is enduring a long recovery since being bit by a mosquito infected with the West
Nille virus Jast summer. She said that her supportive family
which includes grandson, Dan Smith field and husband
John (right), is helping her gain recovery. She also credits
the prayers of all her friends.

make it."
She doesn't understand why she was bit.
She called her husband

a meticulous person who doesn't have standing rubbish or standing water around the house which can attract mosquitoes. "I didn't even know that I got bit, I didn't even know the standard water and the standard water

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id was tested.

"The CDC contacted us and told us that she was positive for West Xilic," he said. "Prior to this, she those stairs. It would wear you out watching her because she was so active. There was absolutely nothing that she didn't do prior to this. It has crippled her feet. We have had to train her again to stand and walk. She has always been the glue in this family." Smith has also lost some of her vision and hearing. Smith was especially the standard of the control of the

den City Hospitai and Four Chaplains in West-land.

family has rallied around her. The couple has three sons, Wayne, Greg and Keith, as well as six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Son Keith and his wife, Sue, have especially helped out locally. Fran and John Smith have roots in the community, helping to start Cub Scout Troop 744 at Memorial Elementary School in Garden City.

Medical view
Laura Kehler, a registered nurse and an infection prevention coordinator, said that in 2012, Garden City Hospital had nine cases of West Nile virus with Wayne County registering 105 cases and the state of Michigan 507 cases.

the state or Michigan or cases.
Kehler said previous to 2012, she had not recorded a case of West Nile virus since 2005. The outbreak in 2012 can be attributed to the unseasonably warm winter, early spring and hot summer. "The average tem-perature in 2012 was 54 degrees," she said, add-

ing that there was an overall increase in cases nationally in almost all of the states.

The fit Hospital showed itself in August. No deaths were recorded among those patients. Kehler said that Smith's case was more severe than others.

For many people the symptoms are mild and they don't even know they kno





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The BeckRidge Chorale performs its 2012 Christmas concert. The choir begins its spring

Choirs kick off spring season

The BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers are kicking off their 40th season of music making next week.

The BeckRidge Chorale will begin their season on Tuesday, Jan. 8. The chorale rehearses at Plymouth First United Methodist Church on North. Members of the Beck. Ridge Chorale are required to audition for placement within the organization. Their upcoming spring concert titled "Crayons" will be held April 27-28 at Northville High School in Northville. Art isste Director. Michael Gross said, "This direction for great music," said artistic director Michael Gross. "I borrowed a line from Forrest Gump when

I put this program together and began to explore why life is like a box of crayons. I was surprised in the number of songs that include colors. It's going to be a blast."

Cherry Hill Singers begins rehearsals on Monday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Cherry Hill Singers begins rehearsals on Cherry Hill Singers is a non-auditioned choir designed for people who have not been part of a choir before or have been away from singing for a while.

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Hospitals announce first babies of 2013 field Hospital. The proud parents are Amy and Jus-tin Weber of Livonia. Alexander was born at 8:28 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and is 19.3 inches long. He has a big brother named Jacob.



St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hear First bables of 2013.
Nox Junior Scheich was the first bably 500 nat the St. Mary Mercy Miracle of Life Birthing Center. The proud parents are Steve and Nicole Scheich of Garden City.
Nox was born at 347 Nox was placed in a 18 pounds, 9 Ounces and was 21 inches long, He is Steve and Nicole's first bably. Alexander Weber was the first bably born at Henry Ford West Bloom-



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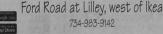


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Little Stars perform for seniors

The Little Stars Foundation, a non-profit youth organization based in Canton, performed nine Christmas concerts for local seniors in the 2012 Christmas season. It's the seventh consecutive year putting on free concerts for local nursing homes and senior communities, and giving the seniors Christmas presents.

munities, and giving the seniors Christmas presents.
This year, Little Stars went to Hope Nursing Care in Westland, Four Season Nursing Center in Westland, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill in Canton, Park Assisted Living in Canton, Waltonwood at Cherry Real Living in Canton and Independence Ullage of Plymouth.
As this year's Christmas present, TLSF members brought 200 fleece scarves to the seniors, paid for by money members raised from their



Little Stars member Anna Sun shows off 200 fleece scarves the foundation purchased to pass out to seniors as Christ-

mas presents.

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tion consists of members from Canton, Plymouth, Novi, Livonia, Farmington Hills, and Westland, and currently has over 30 active members. While they play music and spread joy primary over the holidays, they also perform for local seniors periodically throughout the years. For more information, visit www.thelittlestars.org or email ulsf@thelittlestars.org.





rs brought scarves and Christmas music to Walte



TLSF members with seniors from Waltonwood at Carriage Park after performance inclu (from left) Marlowe Susselman, Paul Shen, Alan Sun, Carolyn Xue, Anna Sun, Amy Sun, Elbert Yi, Edward Lin, Howard Zhang and Daniel Li.





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Awrey Bakeries
appears to be preparing to sell its assets in an online auction Peb. 20-21, but the continuous and t



FILE PHOTO
Awrey Bakeries is a familiar Livonia landmark on Farmington Road

notice to the state confirming it plans to shutter its facility and lay off.
203 employees in 60 days. That notice stated the company "will be forced to close its entire Livonia, Michigan facility ... as the result of economic conditions."

The company has 157 union employees and 46 non-union workers, according to the notice

Bob Wallace, and will "fully and permanently ly close" during a 14-day period between Jan. 27 and Feb. 9 unless a buyer or investor is found. Wallace would not return a phone call for comment on the items listed for auction or whether the company had any buyers or investors interested in purchasing or investing in it. Other non-company sources

have indicated that they have heard that there are interested buyers in a continuous continuous and the continuous contin

company's top brass.
Corrigan learned of
the items listed for auction over the weekend
from friends. "Iwas trying to keep my hopes up
that somebody would buy
or invest in the company,
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Free throws lift Rockets



John Glenn's Isaac Everette (4) takes the ball to the basket over Canton's 6-foot-8 junior center Jordan Nobles in Friday's KLAA South Division opener.

By Brad Emons

You could call it a philanthropic win Fridaw night for the Westland John Glenn boys basketball team.

The Rockets opened defense of their KLAA South Division
The Rockets opened defense of their KLAA South Division
10-610 from the charity stripe in the decisive fourth quarter Friday to beat host Canton, 53-48.

Glenn improves to 5-1 overall, while the Chiefs slip to 2-5.
Canton trailed 16-11 after one quarter, 27-23 at intermission and fell behind by as many as 10 points in the third before rallying to take the lead before rallying to take the lead specific properties. The stripe of t

floor (35.4 percent). Canton, however, also struggled from however, also struggled from the control of the cont

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Waza Flo game Jan. 6

Now that college football bowl games are dwindling to a precious few, there's indoor soccer on the horizon.

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Wednesday, the OHL
deadline for overage
players.
Other overage players on the roster as of now are forwards Alex
Aleard (Tarmington
Hills) and defensionen
Austin Levi. One of
those players must be
moved.
"We never expected
to get Mitchell Heard
aback," Velluci said.
"We've been fortunate
enough to get him sent
back, so now we have
to make an adjustment." I haven't decided
what I'm going to do."
The trade deadline
for all other players is
Thursday.

Just like old times

Game brings out the best in former and current Cougars

By Ed Wright

Jenks was one of 15 former Cougar girls basketball play-ers who returned to their old hoops home to participate in the annual alumnae basket-ball event, which pits former players against current ones. "I'try to show up for this game every year." said the new mom, a member of the

Class of '95. "It's fun, there's a lot of camaraderie and it's nice to see all the old coaches who come back, and to hang out with everybody." The alumnae game tradi-tion was started in the 1980s by former GC girls basketball



Garden City alumni player Alisha June (left) grabs a rebound in front of cur-rent junior varsity play-ers Amber Swisher and Ashlynn Caviness.

Hawks off to good start in '13

By Dan O'Meara Observer Staff Writer

Not having played a basketball game in nearly two weeks, the Farmington Harison boys team was a little rusty when it resumed competition following the holiday recess Thursday.

The Hawks fell behind early against crosstown rival Farmington, but they soon got it together and earned their fourth straight victory, 65-57, on their home control to start 2013. It's either 1-0 or 0.1," Harrison coach Jason Pickett said. "The fact we were able to do that, that was great.

"We haven't played in a while. At the start, we were rushing some shots that we don't normally rush. When we started to settle down, better things happened." Farmington took an 11-5 lead, but Harrison quickly turned the situation around, shutting down the Falcons with its defense and going on a 21-2 run.

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After a layup by Justin Banks that put Farmington within two, 15-13, Harrison posted 11 unanswered points to double the size of its lead.

Craig Wilson and Quinton Carter each.

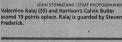
Craig Wilson and Quinton Carter each related and Wilson and some sharp passes for nice assists during the run.

"Again, it's the guys playing defense," Pickett said. "If we play team defense, that starts a lot of stuff for us. If we're able to do that, good things will happen to us overall. "It's starts with us playing defense as a group and, when we do that, we get our "It's starts with us playing defense as a group and, when we do that, we get our integrated the start getting some buckets."

The Falcons (6-1, 2-5) closed the margin to six at halftime, 2-2-3, and Valentino Kalaiy, who tallied 19 points and shared game-high scoring honors with Harrison's Calvin But-ler, made a three to start the second half. But the Hawks kicked their game into high gear and surged again, netting the

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Bankstons wreak havoc on Chiefs

By Tim Smith

For a while Friday night, Canton hung in there against Westland John Glenn and the Bankston

twins.
The visiting Chiefs
trailed 23-19 at halftime
but could not stem the
Rockets in the second half
—dropping a 59-38 decision in the KLAA South
Division opener for both

Division opener for both teams.
Leading John Glenn, as usual, were talented guards Raven Bankston of CO points) and receipt points; Raven Bankston of the Raven Eankston open Eankston op Ea

their athletic abunty neet ty solid.
"In the third quarter we played their style.... They want to get after you, they want you to turn it over and they want to get lavups."
The relentless defensive pressure by the Rockets also led to 24 Canton turn-overs, many on intercept-ed passes.

overs, man, ed passes. "That's something we've

definitely been working on the last week," John Glenn head coach Eric Kovatch said. "We really want to apply more pres-sure on teams as we enter the KLAA.

we've done so far this year as far as applying pres-

ing almost routine to watch the Bankston's work their magic.

There's something telepathic gone on with them. There's something telepathic gone the ros olong and they know exactly where each otheris going to be;" Kovatch said.

Leading the Chiefs (4-3, 0-1) with 19 points was Paige Aresco, who in the first half made all eight of her free through the routine of the

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Hawks keeping up pace; Marlins, Blazers also win

Farmington Harrison remained a game behind Oxford in the OAA White Division guits basketball standings Friday with its 37-28 victory at Rochester Adams.
"Tonight's game was going to affect the league standings pride the total free the the same standings by the Micklash, whose team is 5-1 overall and 5-1 in the OAA White Division."For us to get another road win was huge.

and 5-1 in the OAA White Division. "For us to get another road win was huge.

Be where we are after nine games with so many (seven away games. I'm very, very pleased with the girls and how they 've responded to that challenge."

The Hawks played good defense and held the Highlanders to single-digit scorning in three quarters. Harrison led 20-12 at halftime, and each team had 11 points in the When the some adjustments at halftime, and our girls did a great job coming out to start the second half and executing. "Micklash said." Our guards did an excellent job at the end of the game of taking care of the ball and controlling the term."

o." Stephens scored 13 points, Cot-on 10 and Kyla Roland six for the

Hawks.
The Highlanders (4-4, 3-2) got 10 from Raiven Owusu and eight from Lauren Fukelstine.
MERCY 60, RICHARD 28: Farmington

Eleven of 12 players scored for Mercy, which won its first five games. Lindsay Rhodes had eight points and Kora Dreffs six for the fighting Irish. Journal of the State of the

LARE UNION The host program to the day and a 18-17, half-time lead into a nine-point victory with a 24-16 margin in the second half Thursday to be a the Falcors (1%, 1-5). Aron Howell mad half of a framington. The host program of the host program

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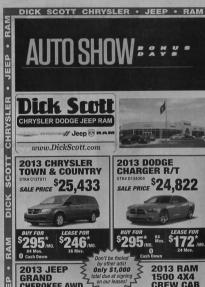
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Quick start sparks Wildcats

By Tim Smith

The holiday hiatus did not create any rust for Plymouth's varsity boys basketball team, as the host Wildcats defeated Livonia Churchill 45-36. Plymouth charged out to a 94-lead after one quarter of the KLAA South Division opener for both teams.

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195-196. The control of the

points, 11 rebounds) chip-ping in.
For the Chargers (2-4, 0-1), Brian Alsobrooks scored eight points while Robert Foster and Dwayne Scott each tallied seven.
"They O'Pymouth did everything harder than we did," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "They our-rebounded us and every one of their points as and every one of their points as and every one of their points and they only harder and finish around the basket."

basket."
Plymouth took an 18-12
lead into halftime and really took control in the third,
thanks to a 12-7 edge in scor-

thanks to a 12-7 edge in scoring.

The Wildcats helped themselves by making 16 of 19 free-throw attempts — while Churchill made just two of four foul shots.

Churchill also had trouble hitting field goals, making just 14 of 51 (27.4 percent).



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHEI Plymouth's Sid Acharya (No. 22) goes up over Livonia Churchill's Jaylen Davis for a basket Friday night.

RIVALS

next 10 points and outscoring Farmington in
the third quarter, 20-7.
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scored seven points apiece for the Hawks, who sank 12 of 15 free throws. Carter and Fields added six points each. Eleven players scored for Harrison, which sank mine of 11 shots is as the first pame back," Pickett said, "Coach Porter does a great job with his kids, you can see they never stop. It's a good win for us. Hopefully, it pubes us to keep working hard." Ameer All scored all 10 of his points in the fourth quarter and helped fuel the Farmington rally. Tyler Knox added seven, Kenneth Hammond and Harris six each with the same sight threes. The Falcons sank five of the learn's eight threes. The Falcons sank five of 11 foul shots and were 22-of-51 from the field.

ROCKETS

Glenn's senior point guard Nick Daniels, an Oakland University signe, holding him to six points through three quarters. But it was Everette's shot which proved to be the game-changer. "Isaac's big three' to put us up three gave us a chance to say, 'Hey, we got the lead, let's clamp down before, and the state of the lead, let's clamp down before, "Young said." He (Daniels) is a marked man

and people put so much pressure on him that some-times it's hard on him. But he's got to continue to learn maybe a good play is kicking it to the next guy. He used to have to carry us before, but he doesn't have to carry us now. We have enough guys."

For Reddy, it was another frustrating early-season loss.

son loss.
"We've struggled scoring around the rim all year," the Canton coach said.
"We've struggled finishing games all year. Four of our five losses are by five (points) or less. In three of

those games, we had double-digit leads.
"An I proud of the way
we competed and fought
back—because we were
down 10 late in the third?
Absolutely, but we've got
to find a way to finish
games. We're up 46-44 with
under two (minutes)—
we foul Danielis, we come
down and miss and lose
the knocks down a 'three.'
It's not winning basketball,
what we're doing down the
stretch."



John Glenn's Dre Black (11) tries the scoop shot around Canton's Scott Gring (10) during Friday's KLAA South Division opener.

Raiders prevail

Big 1st-half surge staves off Pontiac

North Farmington built a
20-point halftime lead and
survived a second-half radiby by sisting portinate to
win by eight in boys baskethall Friday, 64-86.
The Radders (2-0 OAR
Red, 5-2) had their best
quarter of scoring in the
first and led 19-8 at the
lead to 37-17 at halftime
and overcame a 39-27
advantage for the Phoenix
in the second half.
"Pontiac kept coming at
us with their pressure, and
we didn't handle it well in
sputts," North assistant coach Pete Mantyla said. "They did a good
ojb of atracking the basket
while we settled for jump
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still the settle of the second
half."
Caleb Hogans was
North's high scorer with
16 points, which included four triples. Jeron Rogers had 15, Sterling Sharp
and Cameron Darden 11
applece and Jaob-Jubert
seven.
Semior guards Jarod.

dell 10 in the fourth quar-ter:
Sharp scored 26 points and tied a school record with eight threes in a 62-38 win over Detroit Henry Ford on Dec. 29 in a tour-ament at Ecores. Sharp tied the record set by Hogans on Dec. 21 against Farmington. Hogans 11 and Joubert five The Raiders led 18-3 are non quarter and 31-13 at halftime. Sophomore guards Justin Davis and James Townes had 13 and 10 points for the Trojans, respectively.

respectively.
FRANKLIN 52, WAYNE 47:
Tyrone Rayford scored 16 points and 6-foot-7 Michael Gluth

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Canton grapplers strong at invite

By Tim Smith

For Canton varsity wrestling coach Cory Mancuso, competition isn't only about wins and finding how his team stacks up against some of the top squads in the state.

Such was the case on Dec. 29 at the annual Canton Invitational, where the Chiefs (12-4) got by the control of the chiefs (12-4) got by Woodhaven, 44-35, in the third-place matchup. The Chiefs I control of the control



Allan Beckman of the Canton Chiefs went unde-feated at the recent Canton Invitational.

DeMarcis, Griffin and Patalech away yet to be defeated this season. According to Mancuso, the key performer for the Chiefs was Beckman. "Allan is a senior who has really steeped up of late;" Mancuso said. "All the hard work he puts in his really steeped up of late;" Mancuso said. "All the hard work he puts in with the hard work he puts in the hard work he hard he

Elks tourney
Despite finishing in the middle of the pack at the Dec. 29 Salem Elks
Tournament, Rocks head coach Pete Israel saw
team (1-3 overall).
The top three teams were first-place Saline, Yale and Belleville.
Earning an Elks championship at 171 pounds was Tylet Gross, pinning Lincoln Park's Christiona
Vales and Belleville.
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noted.

Placing fourth at 215
for Salem was Tony Age
tini, dropping the thirdplace bout to Saline's
Jason Anthony by a 3-0
score.

Members of the alumni team and current varsity team pose for a photo following Thurs day night's annual Garden City girls basketball alumnae came.

ALUMNAE

coach Marshall Henry —
who still shows up to help
coach many of his former
players — and continued
by Barry Patterson, who
stepped down as head
coach this past March.
Thursday night's action
featured two 40-minute,
running-clock games. The
opener pitted the alumcarry current union variety
squad. The nightcap
showcased the former
players against the current varsity contingent.
The more-seasoned
Cougars defeated the 4V
team a lot to a little, which
has been a standard result
over the years, according
to Sherry (Harper) Long
Collasso of the played in
this game when I was a

player, I remember it as being one of the scrappiest games I played in all year," said Long, smiling, "The alumnae want to prove that they still have it. We also want to help the younger girls get better, so, yeah, we're player. The turnout we get every year shows how much respect the former players have for the program. I don't think you'd get this many people out here for many other sports."

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Current GC girls bas-kethall caseh. Michele Tyree has played in the game—for one side or the other—since she was a player in the early '90s. "Back in the old days, we'd make a lot of phone calls to get everybody together," Tyree said. "Now, we still makes calls, but we also use Facebook and texting to

let everybody know about it. It's a really neat tradi-tion."

A paramedic by trade, Andrea Dunn has been a regular in the alumni games since graduating in 2003.

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"It's a great opportunity to see old friends and to see the team's new tralent," said Dunn. "Coach Henry helped me develop a love for the game when I started so believed to be the said of the started so believed to be the said of the s

RU wrestlers finish year strong

By Ed Wright

Redford Union's steadi-Redford Union's steadi-ly-emerging wrestling team put a head-lock on a successful 2012 cam-paign by finishing strong in a pair of December tournaments. On Dec. 29, the Pan-ther's placed fifth in the imaugural 12-team Ovid-Elsie Marauder Invita-tional.

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"There were a lot of state- and regional-quali-fying competitors there, so I was happy with the way we wrestled," said RU head coach Rob Rubert of the said of the and the said of the said of the matches."

Rankin's son, Col-lin, continued to mow down his competition as he improved his season mark to 18-0 by winning the 171-pound weight bracket. Rubert of the said head of the said of the said head of the said of the said with the said of the said with the said of the said collin took a lot of violds last year, which him dered his progress a lit-tle," said Rob Rankin. "Collin took a lot of violds last year, which him dered his progress a lit-tle," said Rob Rankin. "Collin took a lot of violds last year, which him dered his progress a lit-tle," said Rob Rankin. "Collin took a lot of violds last year, which him dered his progress a lit-tle," said Rob Rankin. "Collin Rankin led the

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able stalling point with less than 10 seconds left in regulation. Ranking the second service of the second service of the second service of the second service.

RU senior 152 pounder Jayson Walton continued to shine when he earned a silver medal in Ovid-Elsie.

"The kid he wrestled in the final was seventh in the state last year, but Jayson battled him hard," Rankin said. "He ended up losing by two or three points, but it was any-body's match right down Senior 160 pounder Roderick Howard brought home a bronze medal.

"Roderick made a couple mistakes in the quarterfinal match that kept him out of the finals, but other than that he wrestled really well," Rankin said. "He was focused all day."

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Sophomore Dominic Adams lost to Howard in an all-RU third-fourth-place match at 15 bitters was the was

Churchill icers extend hot streak

and Tommy Carey each added a goal and assist for the Chargers, who led 2-1 after one period and 5-1 after two. Dylan Smith also con-tributed a goal and Drew Puishes collected an assist as Churchill out-shot the Cougars, 28-16. Churchill freshman

and Kevin Danna (112)
just missed medaling for
the Panthers, but the
impressed Rankin all the
On Dec. 15, the Panthers secured a solid
third-place finish in the
first Redford Union Team
Invitational.
"We finished right about
where I expected us to,"
said Rankin, 'I thought
and Lutheran Westland
would be really tough to
beat, and I was right."
Melvindale won the
tournament by going 5-0.
The Cardinals ousted the
Warriors in the day's final
match.

The Cardinals ousted the Warriors in the day's final match.
RU defeated Garden City, Lutheran Northwest and Harper Woods to fin-ish 3-2.
"I like how composed our veterans wrestly of the performed," said Rankin.
"I like how composed our veterans wrestly of focused." Rankin gave some big-time props to his assistants, Wade Natho and Chris Colon, who helped manage the team while he was overseeing the tournament.
"Overall, it went really well and we're definitely going to do it again next year," Rankin said. "We were able to bring in some very respectable programs."

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goaltender Alec Calvaru-so made 14 saves.
Jacob Klapko and Tyler Kersjes tallied goals for the Cougars (3-6-1).
MIDLAND 6, CANTON 5: After going up 4-1 midway through the second period, the Chiefs (2-10) gave up five goals before the end of the frame and lost friday night at Arctic Edge.

Whalers score late for win

A power play goal by defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto with 13 seconds to play in the third period lifted the Plymouth Whalers to a 4-3 OHL win over 0 wen 5,000 min front of about 2,800 fans at Compuvare Curcuruto's game winner saved the day for the Whalers (BL-25-3), who led 3-0 after two periods but gave up three markers in the third to make it 3-3. On the winner, Plymouth, Alex Aleardı and Garrett Meurs collect-

goal of the game.

Other goals for Plymouth were tallied by Matt Mistele and Cody Payne. Making 26 saves in goal for the victory was Alex. Sparking the rally for Owen Sound (25-10-1-2) in the third was Kyle Hope, with two goals. Plymouth 6 of the victory was Alex. Plymouth 6 of the victory was Alex. Sparking the rally for Owen Sound (25-10-1-2) in the third was Kyle Hope, with two goals. Plymouth 6 of Guerra Sound 10 of the Victory of Victory of the Vi

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Net gains

Livonian Moldovan eyes more in 2013 after winning bronze ball in USTA event

By Brad Emons

Observe Staff Writter

2012 was a breakout year
on the national jurinor tennisc circuit for Bianca Shur
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And the best could be yet
to come in 2013 for the 16year-old sophomore from
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impressive 88-16 record in
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Livonia's Bianca Moldovan took the bronze ball this week at the Girls 16s USTA Winter Nationals in Scotts-dale, Ariz.

(Ia Mirada, Calif.), 6-2, 6-2, and Rebecca Weissmann (Loveland, Colo), 6-2, 6-2. After losing to Shibahara, Moldovan won on a injury walkover over Angela Kulikov of Sun Valley, Calif. in consolation final. Shibahara, Kulikov of Sun Valley, Calif. in consolation final. Shibahara, Kulikov Davis are all ranked in the top 35 nationally in their freshman or sophomore class years by TennisRecruiting, net, so it was a another step in the right direction for Moldovan. Prior to the Scottsuder in the prestigions Eddle Herr International junior event (Nov. 22-Dec. 2) at the IMG Academy-Bollettier in Bradenton, Final. Moldovan won her first won matches over Zhang & Jan 200 and Jan

Tucson, Ariz. in the round of 16 in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3.

"I didn't play that well, not even the first match. I didn't play that well, not even the first match. I didn't play that well, and the service because I was very nervous. I was like shaking on the court. I don't know, I was just out of it that day. Before that tournament I was going through a rough time. I was very mad at myself and I just happening on the control of the service of the serv

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WRAPS

Brad Milks tallied a pair of goals Friday lead-ing host Livonia Churchill to a 6-2 non-conference boys hockey victory over Grand Rapids Catholic Central at Edgar Arena. The Chargers, unbeat-en in their last six games, improved to 6-41 overall. Riley Brown, Luke Otto

added 11 points and eight rebounds Friday leading host Livonia Franklin (3-4, 1-0) to a KLAA South Division victory over Wayne Memorial (2-4,

over Wayne Method.
0-1). The Patriots, who led 30-19 at halftime, also got nine points from Andrew Lebbos.
Rio Washington led Wayne

and 10 rebounds while Brian Williams scored 12. SALEM 51, MORTHALE 36: Chris Dierker 3, 15 Print 12. SALEM 51, MORTHALE 36: Chris Dierker 3, 15 Print 12. SALEM 51, MORTHALE 36: Chris Dierker 3, 15 Print 12. SALEM 51, 15 Print 12. up 41-18. PCA 66, LUTH. NW 61: Mick

Noel and Alex Huber each scored 23 points Friday as visiting Plymouth Christian (5-0) beat Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Daniel Jipping contributed 16 points and nine rebounds for the Eagles.
SOUTH LYON 56, STEVEN-SON 48; Connor Weldmann led the way with 20 points

SON 48: Connor Weidmann led the way with 20 points carrying the Lions (5-1, 1-0) to a KLAA Central Division victory Friday over host Livonia Stevenson (3-2, 0-1). Steven-son, 11-of-15 from the foul stripe, got 10 points from Chris Haldane.

SINDAY IMADE (5,2013) DESERVER & COMMUNITY LIFE HOMETOWNILIFE COM

Get your fitness routine on track in 100 days

Trying hard to keep your new year fitness resolutions? No sweat. The 100 tuttors is not a control of the contro

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Start now
Livonia kicks off its 100
Days to Health from 9-11
a.m. Sunday, Jan 6 at the
Livonia Community Rechelled to the Livonia Community Rechelled to the Livonia. The kick off event will include giveaways raffled every half hour, tote bags and mugs given to the first 150 attendees and a chance to meet the program sponsors, including the DMC, Running Ph. Time 10 MC, Running Ph. Time 10 MC, Running Ph. Time 10 MC, Running Ph. Joseph Start (Start Start Sta ormation. Canton will begin its pro-





Sign up for the 100 Days to Health program in Canton, and you'll get a chance to try exercise classes, like this abs gram with a kick off, noon-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Oakwood Healthcare Sys-tem staff will be on hand to administer health screen-ings. They'll also offer screenings at the end of screenings and screenings. They are ticipants to gauge their fit-ness transformation. Other activities planned during the kick-off include Sum-mit tours, Family Zumba, and an open swim that will start at 1:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided. For more information visit Canton-funorg or call (734) 394-5460.

Weight loss challenge

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Can't attend the kick off
sessions? You can sign up
at any time during the 100
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first weigh in is Jan 6 or
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doing a raffle, we're raffling off \$50 Dicks girls
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Other weigh in dates are Feb. 3 or 4, March 3 or 4

and April 13 or 14. A grand prize will go to the person who loses the most tweight—of figured by percent age—figured by percent age—figured by percent age—figured by percent age—figured by percent for 100 Days program. Other program features:

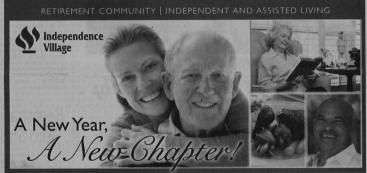
• Most areas of the Livonia recreation center, such as the rock climbing wall, will be open to 100 Days participants on "Free Fridays" are a a valiable for youngsters and senior both Canton and Livonia.

• Participants in Canton get five free visits to the Summit, along with the 100 Days classes.

• The children's pass in Canton gets the free visits to the Canton gives them access to day care.



at the Livonia Community Recr Fitness classes include cycling.



Bunyan & Banjos Friday, January 18 2:00 p.m.

Join us as we travel back through Michigan's history through songs, stories, and great food! Presented by Kitty Donohue.

RSVP by January 14.

Expert Seminar for Seniors & Families Wednesday, January 23 6:00 p.m.

Try and stump the experts as we will have them here to give you expert advice on the challenging questions you may have!

RSVP by January 21.

History of the Underground Railroads Wednesday, January 30

Keep us on the track as we take a look at how the railroads came about! Presented by Author/ Historian: Carol Mull.

RSVP by January 28.



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Four generations



ate Monroe Rosser, held by her mother, Lina Asquini Roeser of Royal O. Her great-grandmother, Marjoey Gade, (Center) of Livonia for the first Late's grandmother, Lisa Asquini of Livonia at right. The photo was take Ir when the Roesers and Asquini visited Gade.



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The award, sponsored by Hour Detroit Magazine, is presented to a nurse who demonstrates exceptional practice and inspires others. Anyone can nominate a nurse, quickly and easily, by submitting a one-page form (available at www.oakland.edunightingle), now through Feb. 3. The winner of this award, as well as the other eight categories, will receive a solid bronze statue of nursing pioneer, Florence Nightingale and a check for \$1.00 mt. runners up in all categories will be bonored at The Nightingale Awards for Nursing Excelence on May 9, at The Mirage in Clinton Township. All nominated nurses will receive a certificate of honor. Last year's People's Choice category winner, Norma Spryszak, an oncology nurse, not only developed a comfort cart of CDs and DVDs for patients receiving chemotherapy treatments, but also demonstrated compassion as she held and read to a young child so her father could spend the last few minutes of his wife's life with her in her room.

Submit nominations via. Nightingale Nominations, Veterinics, Cythia Rutledge, 305 F Human Health Building, Rochester, MI, 48309 or via e-mail at carutled@oakland.edu.

Registration open for Auto Show run/walk

Celebrate the opening of the North American International Auto Show and work off a little spare tire at the same time during "The Auto Show Shuffle," a SK run/walk on Jan. 19 along the Detroit River. The event, sponsored by the Michigan Fitness Foundation and the Parade Company, will start at 8 a.m. on the Riverwalk just east of the Port Authority.

SK run awards will go to overall male and female winners, overall male and female "masters," first through third place in age divisions from 5-Oplus. Participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt and a special, discount rate for public tickets to the Auto Show.

Registration is \$25 before Jan. 19 and \$30 on the day

Registration is \$25 before Jan. 19 and \$30 on the day of the race. Registration information, course map and additional information is available at www.autoshow-shuffle.com

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WHEN KNEE SWELLING RETURNS

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

January

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, starting Jan. 14 and 9:30 a.m. Friday, starting Jan. 18 Location: Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth,

Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth,
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DUFLING PIANOS

DUELING PIANOS
Time/Date: Doors open 7
p.m., show starts 8 p.m.,
Saturday, Jan. 12
Location: St. Damian,
30055 Joy Road, Westland
Details: Light refreshment
50/50 taffle and cash bar.
Tickets are \$20 and available at the church office
Contact: (734) 421-6130

TimeDate: 7 p.m. Jan. 16 Location: Northwest Uni-tarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern High-way, Southfield Details: The Church shows the film, "The Freedom Riders," which looks at Americans who deliberately violated Jim Crow laws in southern states in 1961. Admission is free Contact: (248) 354-488; www.northwestuu.org

GREEN FILM SERIES

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TimeDate: 7 p.m. Thurs
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Contact: www.ccbucc.or OPEN HOUSE Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia Details: Tour the school, talk to other parents and staff during this open ho for the school, which in-

cludes classes for preschool through middle school, CYO sports, bus transportation for Livonia residents, and flexible payment plans. Registration packets will be available at the open house Contact: www.saintgen-evieve.org or call (734) 425-4420

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Jan. 13
Location: Prents Apartments community room, 14
Mile east of Greenfield in
Oak Park
Details: The Pomegramate Guild of Southeastern
studies and creates Judais
needlework. It will hold
a "Stitch and Kvell," with
members showing off
recent projects
Contact: Judy Galperin at
(248) 661-5337
SPECIAL SERVICE

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SPECIAL SERVICE Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Sun-day, Jan. 6 Location: Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Parmington Hills

Details: In the midst of dealing with the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, economic herdships, or a grim medical prognosis, the holiday season can be filled with sadness, rather than joy. When the hustle and bustle of Christmas is through, January can feel bleak. "Light in Our Darkness," will be an evening of

prayer and song. Partici-pants may acknowledge the hurts in their lives and pray for God's light to enter into their darkness.

Contact: (248) 553-7170 WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 5 p.m. cash bar, 6 p.m. dinner, Wednesday, Jan. 16

6 pm. dinner, Wednesday, Jan. 16
Location: G. Subu's, 20300
Farmington Road, one block south of Eight Mille, Livonia Details: Cost is 18 and includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and in p. Pay at the door (rash only) with the exact amount Stay for cards, games, and conversations of the cost of

February

LECTURE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11

Location: The Berman Center for Performing Arts, on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Detroit, 6:600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

West Bloomfield

Details: Rabbi Shmuley

Boteach, columnist and author of "The Fed-up Man

of Faith," argues against

Rabbi Harold Kushner's

best-selling "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People" and boldly guides listeners to the conclusion that challenging God and his actions is not just a right but also a foremost obligation for human beings. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$25 at the door.

Contact: (248) 661-1900 or www.theberman.org

SOLANUS CASEY CENTER Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9

Location: Met Hotel, 5500

Location: Met Hotel, 5500 Crooks, Troy Details: The Capuchin ministry will hold its ninth annual wine, dinner, and auction featuring a coktail hour with appetizers, as it down dinner, exquisite wines from around the world along with a silent auction and live auction. Tickets are 575 per person Contact: www.Solanus-Center.org or (313) 579-2100, pt. 153

Ongoing

CLASSES/STUDY
Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7
a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney
Island, 21200 Haggerty,
Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491
New Life Community
Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays. Location: 42200 Tyler, Balloville.

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.,
Monday-Friday
Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand
River, west of Beech Daly,

Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Monday
Location: Six Mile and
Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000
St. Michael the Archan

Thursday.
Location: School library,
11441 Hubbard, just south
of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author
and bible scholar, Gary
Michuta, leads a study of
the Gospel of St. Luke. The
sessions are open to all,
regardless of their faith or
parish affiliation
Contact: (734) 261-1455,
ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

GARDEN & NATURE

Rutterflies

Watch a film about the beauty and design of butterflies at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The film includes a visit to the Monarch butterfly overwintering grounds in Mexico. Parking is of the Monarch butterfly overwintering grounds in Mexico. Parking is of the Monarch Butterfly overwintering the Monarch Butterfly overwintering from Mexico. Trail. (Ost is \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call. (734) 326-6578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

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Stonefly search
Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) seeks volunteers to help with the 12th annual search for stoneflies on Saturday, Jan. 26. Finding a stonefly living in the river is a good indication that the river is healthy because these small insects require cold, clean water. Last year, 73 volunteers found these 'may year's search will begin at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, No searching is done in Dearborn, volunteers carpool out in 10-12 teams to Rouge streams located around metropolitan Detroit. Volunteers must dress for the weather and be prepared to be out in the cold for several hours. Only volunteers search through samples on the bank. Children five years and older are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult; groups of up to 6 people can be accommodated. Volunteers must present the proposed of the cold of the proposed of the proposed and accommodated. Volunteers must propose a commodated. Volunteers must propose of the propose can be accommodated. Volunteers must propose a commodated. Volunteers must propose of the propose of

Livonia Garden Club

Vince Kogo, an urban chicken farmer, will talk about raising chickens,

7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Livo-nia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information visit www.orgsites.com/mi/livoniagar denclub/.

English Gardens

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*Learn what it takes to start seeds indoors at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12.

*A free presentation on fresh flower arranging is planned for 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19.

*Make a Spring floral arrangement, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19. Cost is \$2:99 p. Sign up at www.englishgardens.com. Garden in a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26.

*Voungsters, 3-12, can make a pine cone bird feeder for \$5 at a work-shop, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Register at www.englishgardens.com.

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

60-minute classes

Master Gardeners Western Wayne County (MoWC) will offer a series of houselong seminars in February the Wayne County Extension Office, which wayne County Extension Office, when Born, in Wayne, Claises start at 7-30 pm. and cost \$10 each or \$30 for all four classes if registered in advance. All proceeds fund gardening grants and scholarships. To register, e-mail to mgwwcorg@mail.com. * Pat Mann of Greenfield Village Herb Associates will talk about fairy gardens, including history and popularity, Tuesday, Feb. 5. Learn how to create your own fairy garden.

Winter art classes forming via Visual Arts Association

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) is accepting enrollment for winter classes.
Classes include watercolor, acrylic, mixed media, print making and drawing. They're taught by art professionals and are geared to all levels of ability. The VAAL classroom is located at 37653 Five Milk Road at Newburgh in

Livonia. For more information about classes or to receive a free catalog call (734) 838-1204 or visit the VAAL website at www.vaalant.org. VAAL is dedicated to advancing knowledge and appreciation of the creative arts by offering classes and twice yearly exhibits, all open to the public.

Ford Pension BUY-OUT OPTIONS

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Detroit Historical Museum unveils exhibits

By Julie Yolles

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Historical Museum grand re-opening at its festive gala that was a perfect start to the holidays. Patrons were able to stroil through the were able to stroil through the were able to stroil through the latest and the stroil through the supported by the perfect start to the holidays. Patrons were able to stroil through the perfect start to the holidays. Patrons were able to stroil through the perfect start to the holidays. Ported by the perfect start to the perfect sta

The event will feature poetry readings by authors from Detroit-based Broadside Press; storytellers; readings of the Emancipation Proclamation by local ministers, including the Rev. Dr. Kevin M. Turman of Second Baptist; and tours of the new Doorway to Freedom: Detroit and the Underground Railroad exhibition.

paign was raised for the renovation.

It is a many the reading of the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation at the historic Second Baptist Church in 1863, from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6. The event will feature poetry readings by authors from Detroit-based Bruadside Press, storytellers, readings lamation by local ministers, including the Rev. Dr. Kevin M. Turman of Second Baptist, and tours of the new Doorway to Freedom. Detroit and the Underground Railroad exhi-

bition. Because of anticipated demand and limited seating in the Booth Auditorium, this hour-long program will be offered twice, once at 1 p.m. and again at 3 p.m. The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward Ave., in Detroit.



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The Youth Choir offers beginners to advanced students an opportunity to perform a wide variety form a wide variety of the state o



High School, directs

High School, directs the choir. Ryans also has served as assistant music director at Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit, co-manager of the Michigan Schools Vocal Music. Assistant and the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Detroit.

Since 2007, the Farmington Hills Youth Choir has offered youth the opportunity to learn about choral technique, sight reading, and performance, and for Amichigan Opera Theatre Ensemble performance and in Lansing, in addition, to its own public concerts. It also has shared the stage for selected numbers with the Farmington Community Chorus. For more information, call (248) 473-1859.

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land Township; Gerrianne (Newton) Hurst of Milford, Lori (Scott) Hay of South Jayon, and Matthew (Kim Mandell) of Agou-relials, Calif They have a mander of the Mills, Calif They have great-grandchildren. Bud retired after 43 years as a tool and die maker from General Motors Corporation and Patis a homemaker. The couple, their family and members of their wedding party will celebrate with Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church and an anniversary dinner.



Howard-Miller

Jamie Louise Howard and Andrew William Miller announce their engagement.
The bride-to-be is the daughter of Konrad Lyngvar and Jennie Howard of Livonia. Her fiancé is the son of George Miller and Charlene Tennant of Canton. An October 2013 wedding is planned at Wellers Carriage House in Saline.



Bethany Grace Stawasz and Andrew Karl Donovan amounce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Deborah Stawass of Westland, is associate attorney with Clark Hill all stages of Westland, is associate attorney with Clark Hill all tigation. She is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School and holds a B. S. degree from Eastern Michigan University. Bethany attended Divine Child High School in Dearborn.

Her fiancé, son of Jeffrey and Margorie Donovan of Livonia, is a member of the Kensington MetroPark interpretive staff in Milford. He designs and conducts educational programming for children, adults, and families. Andrew expects to receive a M.A. in American history from Eastern Michigan University in spring 2013. He holds a B.A. from Lake Superior State University and attended Farmington High School.

A June 2013 wedding is planned in Dearborn.



Van Dusen-Sielaff

Jessica Van Dusen and Jason Sielaff became engaged on Dec. 21, 2012. The bride-to-be, daughter of Henry and Missy Van Dusen of Jackson, graduated in 2007 from Michigan Center High School, earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology in 2011 from the University of Michigan and plans to earn a degree in elementary education in 2014 at Eastern Michigan University. The dearn Sielaff of Livonia, graduated in 2009 from Earnington High School and plans to earn a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 2013 from the University of Michigan. A December 2013 wedding is planned.

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Stepparents can find support in monthly meetings

By Sharon Dargay

When Jessica Duffey became a step-mom to her boy friend's son two years ago, she searched for guidance to help her boy friend's son two years ago, she searched for guidance to help her will be searched for the searched for searched for the searched for searched for

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so common these days. But it doesn't feel like it. I think there are some areas that you just don't understand how it feels unless you're in that position." Duffey hopes her new organization, Southeast MI Step Parent Support Group, will encourage step-parents to help each other by sharing heir experiences and of the step sharing their experiences are of the step sharing their experiences are of the step sharing the sharing t

the Farmington Community Library, 32737 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Its first meeting is Monday, Jan. 7. Defining boundaries, improving communication with ex-wives and ex-husbands, and coordinating a step-hild's activities between families are among the challenges that step-spouses face. "I went into it so innocently—it's going to be great because we're in love. But it's like anything else. It's like unfolding an onion. There are so many layers and it's all new to us."

Coordinating activities

The five-year-old stepson lives with her and his father for half of each week. He's with his mother the other half.

"You try not to let anything the history of the let anything history of history day life."

A recent family get together at Duffey's sister's home is just one example. Duffey wanted to include her step-son, or her hopfreiend should approach the ex-wife about making sure the stepson would arrive on time for the gathering. Denise Evans, Duffey's cousin, has been there. She became a stepson would arrive ago and has had plealing with her husband's two children and his ex-wife. Her step-daughter, now 17, lives with the couple. A 20-year-old step-son lives in the area. Their mom lives in northern Michigan.

"I did deal with their parent-teacher meet; his did deel with their parent-teacher meet; his did deel with their parent-teacher meet; his did elecause you still feel like an outsider.

"And you have jeal-"And you nave jear-ousy moments, espe-cially when they (step-children) are young-er, moments when they want mommy or dad-dy. Being a step-parent

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is a thankless job. You'll never be number one or two. You'll always be three."

Getting help
Evans met with a
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learned with other step-parents at the support group meetings.

"I've dealt with every kind of issue you could imagine," she said. "One of the biggest things will be to vent and share experiences."

an administrative assis-tant for an advertising firm, said she hopes to make the monthly meet-ings a positive experi-ence.

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Remember, you're not an Olympic athlete, so have fun, eat something decadent once in awhile and don't get so wrapped up in your routine that it becomes stressful.

- A: Before you begin setting goals or increasing your activity level, you should know exactly where you are now. Start, by seeing your doctor and getting a physical exam. You physyician may even want you to take a Stress Test. Once you know where you're a safely easier to determine where you should be, and your doctor can help you get there safely.
- Q: This year I want to quit smoking for good. I was a pack a day smoker for 20 years and have cut back to only 5 or 6 a day, but just can't seem to get over the hump. My husband and children have never smoked and have been asking me to hick the habit for years. I was recently blessed with my first grandchild and have decided this must be a priority. What should I do and can you help offer guidance for my success?
- should I do and can you help offer guidance for my success? There is no "one cire fit hall" coluin to quit smoking, but the first and most important thing is YOU WANT TO QUIT. Kicking the smoking habit requires willpower—but that's only part of the equation. Cigarettes are manifectured to be addictive, and there are a number of prescription and over-the-counter products that can reduce you cravings. Talk to your physician or consider consoling, A doctor can help determine what the best plan and products are for your success. Much like a good workout plan, a journal is a great tool in conquering any addiction. The notes of when and where you typically amoke and why. Now think how you will overcome your urge to smoke in each situation. Good luck and remember you are not alone. Look to your family for support and seek out a reputable expert in smoking cessation.

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Three myths about hiring older job seekers

Big Foot roams the woods Ness Monster lurks below the water's surface in Scotland. Hiring younger workers makes ones. Which one of these myths is most widely believed?

Big Foot and "Nessie" may but mature job seekers are just as attractive job candidates their younger counterparts. More experienced, more mature, more reliable - mature job seekers are the total package when it comes to hiring. So why do employers buy into the notion that their age is a drawback? Learn how to bust three common myths about older workers and get hired.

Myth No. 1: You're out

myth is that mature job seekers struggle to keep up with technology and industry trends. The truth is that it's every job seeker's responsibility, regardless of age, to ensure he has the experience and skills needed for the job he wants.

While younger job seeke may receive the most current education, mature job seekers can take advantage of this opportunity, too. If your job search isn't yielding much in-terest, it may be time to consider attending a workshop or seminar in your field. Tailor your résumé to the job posting's re-



pany and mention specifics in your cover letter. Also note your skills and experience, in-cluding your technology capa-bilities. You can beat this myth package. You have experience, judgment and dependability on vour side.

Myth No. 2: You'll position

The experience, judgment and dependability that make you the total package may also make you appear to be a highmaintenance job seeker or somebody who expects a lead-

your cover letter by explain-ing that you're interested in the specific position and that team. You may be moved into a leadership position soon after starting, but don't expect a warm reception if you mention a leadership position as a requirement to being hired. Instead, explain your leadership qualities and how they apply to the job for which you're inter-viewing, as well as how you'll fit into the company culture.

Myth No. 3: You'll retire soon anyway

yourself in five years?" ques-

most job interviews, though for mature job seekers, this question may sound loaded. Will you still want to work in five years?

While younger job seekers may respond with a positive answer about how they hope to still be working with their team, mature job seekers may need managers may worry that more mature job seekers are looking for a pastime before retiring. Make it clear that the age of retirement is rising and you're looking at this position as an important part of your career. met your professional goals

to your other goals. Then, transition to the company's goals and how you're a great match.

No matter your age, you can bust these three myths and pre-sent yourself as the total pack-age. Prove that you're keeping up with industry trends, make it clear that you want to be a part of the team, and share your career goals to show your work-

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Fiat begins showing their brand's feisty side to the U.S. market



peaceable sensibilities of the holiday season. Fiat has been going to war, on a number of market fronts.

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In the U.S. market, there has been Fiat's

three has been Hat's new initiative, shared with Chrysler brands, to specifically target Volkswagen owners with special sales incentives to switch brands. Flat recently went further than any other car brand in utilizing the unique locationbased capabilities of gas-pump-side TV advertising. Fiat executives also have gloated over the fact that their all-electric vehicle is a version of the classically designed 500 — and have taken many shots at the prosaic design of the allelectric Nissan Leaf.

And, of course, these things have un-folded even before Fiat gets to Super Bowl XLVII in New Orleans. It's expected ad chosen from among several that brand executives have been teasing — includ-ing one involving a supermodel, her bi-kini top and the pincers of a scorpion. Expect a rapt audience for the likely Fiat ad in this Super Bowl, on CBS on February 3, after the brand ran a seductive spot fo the Abarth version of its 500 during the

For now, Fiat has been getting chippy in a new arena for the brand: the high-profile, low-sales world of electric vehi-cles, where it is launching the 500e allelectric vehicle

Apparently unprovoked, a Fiat execu-

tive took a none-too-veiled shot at Nis-san for the styling of its Leaf. And with the Los Angeles Auto Show as a backdrop, Nissan quickly shot right back at some of Fiat's own design executions.

The spat began unfolding at the show's media preview when Matt Davis, head of Fiat product marketing in the United States, was talking about the coming allelectric version of the Fiat 500 and told Bloomberg News, "Let's be honest, ugliness is probably one of the worst forms of pollution. The Fiat 500e proves that you do not have to give up on good looks to deliver an electric car."

to confirm its identity as the offending brand — Nissan shot right back. Unlike the Fiat EV, said Simon Sproule, head of Nissan's global marketing communications, to Automotive News, "Leaf "fully functioning" car for families daily use. And he called the Fiat 500e a me-too car to appease regulators, as con-trasted with Leaf, which was designed as an all-electric from the ground up and has bravely led the EV charge.

Sproule also made an addendum that some might view as gratuitous, but without which this tussle wouldn't be as



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much fun. "Let's face it, Fiat has not shied away from controversial styl-

ing themselves," Sproule told the magazine. "Many viewers would de viewers would de-scribe many of their products as visual pollution. Take a long, hard look at the Fiat Doblo."

If you do, you'll note that the Doblo, for the European market, indeed looks like the unfortunate result of a mating of a compact pickup truck, a shrunken Chevrolet Suburban and some sort of contrac-

Fiat's director of brand communica-tions. Casey Hurbis, was happy to contin-ue the dust-up, at a low level, in his con-versation with me. "Doblo," he snorted, "isn't even in the U.S. market."

Meanwhile, Fiat has come up with an advertisement that is specific only to Gas Station TV, a Birmingham-based company that operates pump-top screens at nearly that operates pump-top screens at nearly 1,900 gas stations across the country. The ad for the 2013 fiat 500 features a character who literally appears to be abiding in the gas pump just so he can get a peek at the 40-mpg Fiat 500.

The ad — initially running only on GSTV at California gas stations — is the most "environmentally relevant" ad yet created for the network by any automaker, GSTV CEO David Leider told me. It ends with a listing of the three Fiat dealers closest to each particular gas station



The man "inside the gas p ump" is starring in a Fiat ad on GSTV.

"We like to do fun, innovative, break through creative, and this provided a unique venue," Hurbis told me. The ad on GSTV "certainly provides a captive audience" while they fill their cars, he said. "I'm a little surprised that more advertisers haven't used this space already to create contextually relevant marketing."

In his most aggressive move, CEO Sergio Marchionne lately has been offering \$1,000 rebates to current VW owners in the U.S. to buy a Fiat or Chrysler vehicle. The offer was only for buyers who cur-rently owned or leased a VW vehicle, and customers didn't have to give up their VW to qualify.

The Volkswagen Conquest Bonus Cash incentive was announced December 4 and expired on January 2, available on all 2012 and 2013 models except the Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT, the SRT Viper, and non-Aero Dodge Dart SE models. Chrysler similarly targeted Toyota models in 2010, a Chrysler spokeswoman noted, and does this "on occasion," she said.

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