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#### Party at Post 32

Today is the last day to purchase tickets for the New Year's Eve party at American Legion Post 32 in Livonia. Cost of \$50 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, music, dancing, champagne at midnight, pizza and party favors.

The revelry starts at 6 p.m. and goes to 2 a.m. The public is invited. Tickets are available at the post, 9318 Newburgh Road. Call (734) 427-5630 for more information.

#### Ice skating

The Garden City Civic Arena offers glow skate 7-9 p.m. Saturdays and is expanding its public skating times during the holiday break.

Glow skate costs \$5 for adults and \$4 for children. Skate rental is \$2. Glow skate admission includes a free glow necklace.

Public skating will be offered 1:30-3 p.m. Dec. 27-28 and Jan. 2-4. The cost is reduced for those skating sessions only, and is \$2 per child age 5 and under, \$3 for adults age 16 and older and \$1 for rental skates. The arena is located in Garden City Park on Cherry Hill east of Merriman. For more information, call (734) 793-1882.

#### Chamber dinner

The annual Redford Chamber of Commerce dinner will take place Jan. 31 at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26335 W. Chicago. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Seats are \$40. To register, call the chamber office at (313) 535-0960.

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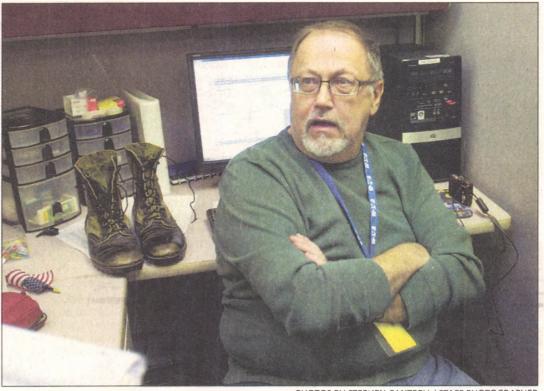
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# Unique clothing drive



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Merv Wygant (above) of Plymouth is working on identifying a pair of combat boots that were donated to the Yankee Air Museum. Flight helmets (top) sit on a shelf in the collections room.

#### Air museum seeks uniforms from Iraq, Afghan veterans

**By Sue Mason** Observer Staff Writer

You might think Scott Gerych is a greedy man. With a collection 300-400 vintage military uniforms, the Grass Lake resident wants more. He's looking for uniforms and personal effects from veterans of recent U.S. military actions in Iraq and Afghani-

But he doesn't want the military clothing for himself. He's looking to add to the collection at the Yankee Air Museum where he has been working with his father, Merv Wygant of Plymouth, since February to organize and catalog donations.

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"There's a huge need to have them in the collection, said Gerych. "This isn't just an air museum, it's about global warfare from the time of aviation.'

The museum lost its entire collection of artifacts in a fire in 2004 and has been slowly rebuilding. Up until a few months ago, donations had been stored in boxes in the collections room of the museum located in a hangar at the east end of Willow Run Air-

**More room** 

By moving the museum library to a nearby schoolhouse, the department has been able to expand and "almost all of the boxes" have been opened. The uniforms now hang on racks by the year they were received,

starting with 2004. "Hopefully, we'll be able to sort them further to identify even more," Gerych said. "The collection goes from World War I to current, but we want more World War I stuff to go with the Spad, which is almost done, and we need jungle fatigues from Vietnam. We have a lot of uniforms and some enemy uniforms, but we'd like the personal stuff, anything that will

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# Divine Savior's poinsettia tree honors Sandy Hook victims

**By Sue Mason** Observer Staff Writer

Each year, when parishioners walk into Divine Savior Catholic Church for Christmas Mass, they first thing they see is a Christmas tree made of 70 red and white poinsettia plants.

It started out with the Westland church members purchasing the poinsettias to remember loved ones. Over the years, the focus shifted to a beautiful display of the hol-

That changed this year. Troubled by the senseless massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., Donna Olmstead decided to add something to the dis-

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Livonia residents Gina Newman (standing) and her sister Heather straighten poinsettias used to create a Christmas tree in the vestibule of **Divine Sav**ior Catholic Church in Westland.

# One size doesn't fit all

#### Specialty courts create local solutions to local problems

**By Cal Stone** Staff Writer

Physically, your local court is housed in one building, but inside there are probably a wide variety of 'specialty courts' operating with jurisdiction over one specific area of criminal activity.

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Michael Bryce, director of University of **Detroit Mercy Law** Clinic, says the movement is about 10 years old, and Michigan has been involved in it at least eight years if not more.

These courts include Drug Court, Juvenile Court, Elder Court, Domestic Court, Tribal Court, Homeless Court, Gun Court, Teen Court and others.

"The specialty court movement, to some degree, was the Renaissance Lawyers Society trying to figure out

ways to resolve problems and issues that weren't necessarily litigationbased," said Bryce, director of University of Detroit Mercy Law Clinic. "It

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## Parents charged in infant's death

**By LeAnne Rogers** Observer Staff Writer

Two Westland parents are facing murder and child abuse charges in the death of their 3-month-old child.

Josh Wilson and Kelli Worth, both 21, are jailed on charges of felony murder and second-degree child abuse in the death of their son

Joshua. Paramedics and police were called to the Palmer Terrace Apartments on South Venoy near Palmer about 1:15 p.m. Dec. 19 about a baby not

breathing. 'The baby had shallow breathing and died at 5:11 p.m. at the University of Michigan Hospital," Westland Police Sgt. David Dinsmore said. "The baby had been taken to Annapo-



lis (Oakwood) Hospital, then a survival flight to the University of Michigan."

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# Heroes and helpers

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## Police officers hit the aisles to help kids shop for their families

By Joanne Maliszewski
Observer Staff Writer

The smiles said it all as children fulfilled their Christmas shopping lists with the help of Farmington Hills police officers early Saturday morning.

The officers — some just coming off their night shifts — gathered at Target on Grand River Ave. through their Heroes and Helpers program to help children with Farmington Youth Assistance finish their holiday shopping.

"I had always heard about the program throughout my career," said Farmington Hills Detective Tom Allen, who initiated the program a year ago. "I thought, 'I would like to do that,"



Heroes and Helpers includes Farmington Hills police officers (from left) Chris Steuer, Marc Kieleszewski, Ryan Yudt, a Target representative, Tom Allen, Virginia O'Neill, Sgt. Greg Hughes, Stacy Trott, Kevin Rowell and Nicole Morton.

Heroes and Helpers is funded with a grant from the Target Corp. The Grand River Ave. store opened its doors early

last Saturday to allow the officers and kids to have the place to themselves.

"We try to gear this to shop-

ping for non-essentials," Allen said.

Rhiannon, 11, shopped for her mom, two grandmothers and sisters. While her younger sister, Zoe, would pass with her shopping cart, Rhiannon had to quick cover the presents.

Joshua was in the home improvement aisles, looking for small tool set for his dad, while Morganne, had big decisions to make in the doll aisle.

Within an hour, shopping carts were full of toys, scarves for the moms and grandmothers, video games and some books.

Barb and Rick DuRei with the FYA were on hand to guide the process, as were parents. Barb DuRei is a member of the FYAs Camp Riley advisory board

and Rick DuRei is a FYA board member.

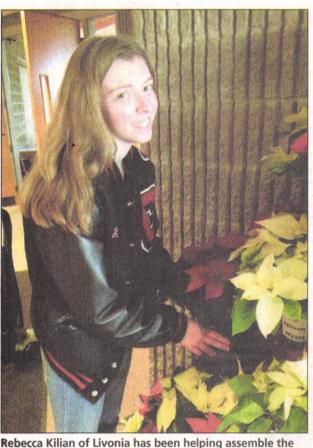
"This is awesome. It is one of my favorite things to do," said Rhiannon's mom, Rachelle Doughty, who is also a Camp

Riley unit leader.

Camp Riley is a summer program in which children learn through imaginative and fun ways. For example, children learn geometry by using water blasters to show various angles and arcs, Barb DuRei

"Camp Riley teaches social skills and gives the kids an opportunity to play and learn," said camp volunteer Valerie Miller, mom of Kaila, 12, who was among the young shoppers.

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Rebecca Kilian of Livonia has been helping assemble the poinsettia tree for four years.

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play — 26 plants bearing the name of a student or teacher who was killed and a small picture of something they liked.

"I couldn't sleep at night after it happened," the Westland resident said. "I read all the articles online, I read about all of the victims. That's when I decided to design a memorial to them."

Olmstead made the decision last Wednesday to turn the tree into "a memorial condolence offering from our church family to all the families that need comfort following this tragedy." She researched articles on each of the children and a small picture of one of their interests is included on the tag that was attached to the containers.

The church gets the

flowers from Graye's Greenhouse in Plymouth, where Alyce Humphrey "baby-sits" them.

"She takes good care of them for us," Olmstead

Those plants not used to create the Christmas tree are decorating the altar of the church that draws members from Westland, Livonia, Canton and Plymouth.

Work on the tree started just after the conclusion of the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass as volunteers readied the church for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. While Olmstead was affixing the cards to the plants, Gina and Heather Newman of Livonia and Rebecca Kilian of Livonia were arranging them on a seven-tiered plant stand in the vestibule.

"We got them started and as I was putting the labels on plants, they were coming back for



A small teddy bear sits between plants honoring 6-yearolds Ana Marquez-Greene and Dylan Hockley.

more," Olmstead said.
"We pushed them to get
done. They're great kids,
they've been doing this
for four years."

The girls were moved by the display and its purpose this year.

"It really hit me a lot. Kids are an important part of our society," Heather Newman said. "We need to honor them."

Olmstead plans to send photographs of the poin-

settia tree to newspapers in Newtown in hopes they will publishing them to extend Divine Savior's condolences to the families.

"I love first-graders. I taught first grade in religious education," Olmstead said. "It's such a wonderful age. We hope this will bring peace to the parents."

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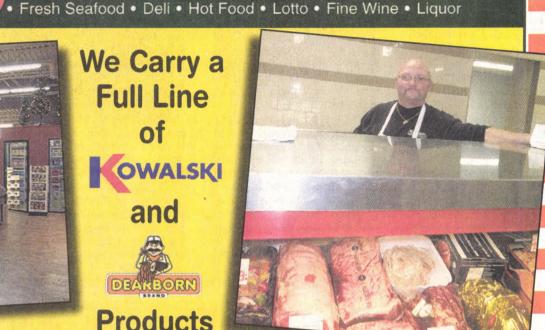
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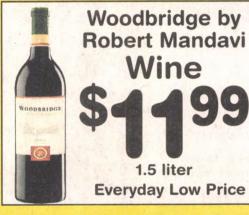


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# PUBLIC SAFETY

# Winter fires are the deadliest

By Tom Kiurski **Guest Columnist** 

inter residential fires account for an average of 945 deaths, nearly 4,000 injuries and \$1.7 billion in property loss each year, based on statistics compiled by the U.S. Fire Administration. Winter residential building fires are defined as those fires that occur in the months of January, February and March. Studying these reports can help keep you safer in the dangerous winter months.

These winter fires occur mainly in the early evening hours, peaking from 5 to 8 p.m., and then decline throughout the night. This three-hour period in the early evening accounts for 21 percent of winter residential build-



Tom Kiurski

ing fires. Being that this time period is peak for families coming home from work and school, cooking and warming up by the fire, we shouldn't be sur-

prised by the timing. Whenever you cook, keep children away from the cooking area, and keep the cooking attended. While you don't have to watch every minute of a simmering pot, you should turn a timer on, or bring a spatula with you, if you are planning to leave the room for any amount of time. This forces you to remember to check the cooking

often. Cook on back burners so

children can't pull pots down on

themselves and bumped pans don't spill down on the people passing by.

December is the highest month for fire incidences, followed by January and February. Again, with December being a busy time for visiting, celebrating, drinking and lighting candles for decoration and ceremony, it isn't too surprising.

Candles should be kept out of the main pathways in the house, to avoid bumping and knocking them over. They should be 12 inches away from combustibles, or any items that can blow easily into them. Place candles on sturdy holders so that they will not easily tip over, and only light them when a responsible adult is in the room who can keep an eve on them.

Causes of winter fires are

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many, but the leading cause of fires throughout the year is cooking-related. We tend to cook regularly, and sometimes take shortcuts when it comes to safety in the kitchen. Following cooking is heating fires, and fireplaces and space heaters are the main culprits. Regular annual fireplace cleanings and inspections are a must, and space heaters must be kept three feet away from combustibles and only be operated in the room that a responsible adult is in. Some of the newer space heaters have tip-over switches that turn the unit off if accidentally knocked over.

By far, the most important part of any home fire safety plan is to have plenty of working smoke alarms in the home. and carbon monoxide alarms as well. Smoke alarms should

be placed on every level of the home, and outside of any sleeping areas. They can easily be placed in bedrooms for maximum protection. Just as important as having them is making sure they work properly. Test the smoke alarms monthly, and change the batteries annually.

Carbon monoxide detectors pick up the unburned gases given off by fuel-burning appliances, such as stoves, dryers and furnaces. These unburned gases are hard to detect so the alarms are very important.

Take a few minutes and make sure your home is safe for the upcoming winter months ahead. Your family will be glad you did.

**Tom Kiurski** is training coordinator for the Livonia Fire Department.

#### Livonia

#### Truck strikes home on **Inkster Road**

A Chevy pickup drove off Inkster Road Christmas Eve and struck a home in the 19100 block of Inkster Road.

The driver of the pickup truck was taken to an area hospital and tests were run on him, as he appeared incoherent, said Sgt. John Gibbs of the Livonia Police Department traffic bureau.

No drugs or alcohol are suspected in the case, and police believe the 54-yearold man may have suffered a medical emergency

The truck struck the home and a Nissan Versa parked in the driveway. No one was injured inside the home when the accident took place at about 9:30 a.m. Monday. Police were still investigating the crash.

#### Canton

#### Home break-ins reported

Canton police confirmed two home

break-ins occurred Saturday - one on Haggerty between Ford and Cherry Hill roads and the other on Cranbrook, southwest of Palmer and Sheldon.

The incident on Haggerty occurred 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said. A resident reported items missing such as a television, a laptop computer, an iPod and a cell phone.

In the other incident, a resident who lives on Cranbook arrived home Saturday shortly after midnight to find her home had been broken into, with items such as televisions, a small amount of cash and jewelry taken, Schreiner said.

#### Redford

#### **Crime Stoppers tips** encouraged

Redford police are praising an area resident for leaving a tip with Crime Stoppers that led to the arrest of a woman wanted for a robbery in Redford that took place in 2003. The arrest is the second in a month prompted by a tip left with Crime Stoppers. Anyone with information regarding incidents in Redford is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP and leave an anonymous tip.

#### Indecent exposure on **Schoolcraft**

Police are searching for a man wanted in connection with an indecent exposure over the weekend on Schoolcraft east of Inkster.

The man, who police say is about 50 years old, heavyset and has a mustache and beard, was driving an old black minivan with silver running boards and rust. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Redford police at (313) 387-2500.

#### **New school building** vandalized

Redford police say it appeared juveniles broke into a building being transformed into a school Dec. 17 in the 25900 block of Grand River and vandalized it.

The building, which is being turned into Detroit West Academy, had a broken window where the suspect entered. The tennis court was ransacked and covered with streamers, file cabinets

were dumped out, light bulbs broken and curtains torn. It did not appear anything was taken from the building.

#### Attempted break-in at **Redford business**

An attempted break-in was reported Dec. 17 at a business in the 27200 block of Seven Mile in Redford.

The suspect attempted to enter the building sometime that day by pulling open a door on the side of the business. A bar was secured on the door, preventing entry. No other signs of attempted break-ins were listed.

#### Farmington

#### **Driving while license** suspended

At about 4:43 p.m. Dec. 13, an officer on patrol stopped a commercial motor vehicle in the area of Eight Mile and Farmington roads for not having a logo/ identification on the vehicle as required. Further investigation revealed that the driver had a suspended license and two warrants for his arrest. The man was

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arrested for driving while license suspended.

#### **Operating while** intoxicated

On Dec. 15, an officer stopped a vehicle on Drake near Grand River for improper lane use. The driver was returning home to Muirwood Apartments in Farmington from a Christmas party in Dearborn Heights and admitted to consuming vodka at the party. A preliminary breath test registered 0.16 blood-alcohol content, and the driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

#### Farmington Hills

#### Smash and grab

No one was hurt Sunday afternoon when two unidentified men smashed a jewelry display case, grabbed what they could and ran out the door at Sam's Club, 32625 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills.

"No one actually saw them," Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus said.

But a videotape picked up the two men at the display case. The video shows one of the men pulling a hammer from

underneath his clothing and smashing the case. It shows the men grabbing iewelry and stuffing it into a bag that one pulled out of his pants, Nebus said.

Customers and employees chased the men into the parking lot. They got into a Chrysler Town & Country turquoise-colored minivan and took off. The minivan did not have a license plate.

Based on the speed in which the minivan left the parking lot, police suspect that a third person, who was driving, is involved.

The men are described as black males between the ages of 20-25. One is short at 5 feet, 4 inches, and slimly built. The second is described as medium height at 5 feet 6 inches to 6 feet tall.

"They may be responsible for other smash and grabs," Nebus said. "We are talking with other police departments."

Police are asking anyone who has seen a turquoise minivan without license plates to contact the Farmington Hills Police command desk at (248) 871-2600.

#### **Gun shot**

Farmington Hills police responded to the Hunter's Ridge condominiums on Orchard Lake Road close to 10 p.m. Friday to a report of a gun shot. No one was injured, but

police found that a bullet hit a car windshield in the condo parking lot.

#### Stolen money

A 20-year-old Livonia man lost \$500 when he met a couple of men who had responded to a Craig's List ad to buy an iPhone 5 just after 6 p.m. Friday at the Citgo gas station at 10 Mile and Middlebelt roads.

The Livonia man placed an ad on Craig's List seeking to buy a phone. The texted response he' received directed him to the gas station to meet the sellers.

At the gas station, the Livonia resident approached the newer model gray Pontiac Grand Prix with tinted windows and asked to see the phone. A man who remained in the car gave it to the Livonia man who, when he looked at it, said it needed a password. When he asked for the password, the unidentified man in the car asked to see the money. The Livonia man showed him the \$500, but the man in the car immediately drove away with the money and the phone.

The Livonia man reported to police that the men in the Grand Prix did not appear to have any weapons.

Police ask anyone who sees the Grand Prix, with the partial license plate

871, to contact the Farmington Hills command desk at (248) 871-2600.

#### Garden City

#### **Vehicle** vandalized

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The Garden City police found no damage on a 2004 Dodge Durango vandalized Dec. 12 in the

32000 block of Bock. The owner said that though the vehicle was locked, someone broke in

and stole his DVD player. He was able to provide a serial number for the unit.

Police weren't able to process any evidence at the scene.

#### Plymouth Township

#### Vehicles egged

Several parked vehicles were egged during a vandalism spree on the township's south side Sunday night and early Monday. Police are investigating.

The vehicles were parked on Green Valley Road, west of Sheldon and north of Ann Arbor Road, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

The first incident was reported shortly before 1 a.m. Monday, and the responding officer noted all other vehicles parked on the same street had also been egged, police said.

A witness told police the vandalism may have been done by three young women driving a dark Ford Motor Co.brand sport-utility vehicle. Police spotted several empty egg cartons littering the area, along with bags from a CVS drug store.

An officer contacted a 24-hour CVS store in Canton Township, and an employee reported selling nine cartons of eggs to three young women there about 11:30 p.m. Sunday, police said.

#### **Fuel heist**

An estimated 200 gal-

lons of diesel fuel were reportedly siphoned from nine delivery trucks at Imperial Beverage, on Plymouth Oaks Boulevard south of M-14 and east of Sheldon, on Dec. 16 or Dec. 17, police

The theft occurred between about 11:30 a.m. Dec. 16 and 5 a.m. Dec. 17, a manager told police. In addition, the padlocks on the box trucks had cut off, but no product had been left on the trucks, police said.

A window on one truck was smashed and a briefcase, with a driver's log and phone chargers in it, was stolen, along with a navigation device, police said.

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The baby's parents were arrested at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital and arraigned Dec. 21 in Westland 18th District Court; not-guilty pleas were entered.

"The baby was bruised from head to toe — front, back, sides, arms, legs,' Dinsmore said. "The

baby had a ruptured spleen. There was ongoing abuse."

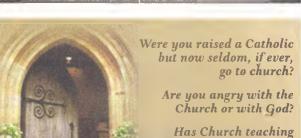
A second Westland couple, Antonio Brandon, 23, and Nicole Roberts, 19, are scheduled for trial Jan. 30 in Wayne County Circuit Court charged with killing their 2½-month-son Kayden Brandon, early Dec. 5, 2011. The pair are also charged with abusing Kayden's twin brother Cameron.

Brandon is charged with first-degree murder and child abuse. Roberts is charged with involuntary manslaughter and child abuse — that she was aware of the abuse and allowed it to continue. Both have been jailed since their arrest a year

The death of Kayden, who weighed 10 pounds. was ruled a homicide

with asphyxiation and blunt force trauma as the causes. Testimony from the Wayne County medical examiner found the infant had a range of fresh and healing injuries, including deep tissue bleeding in his arms and neck muscles, broken ribs and bleeding in his chest cavity.

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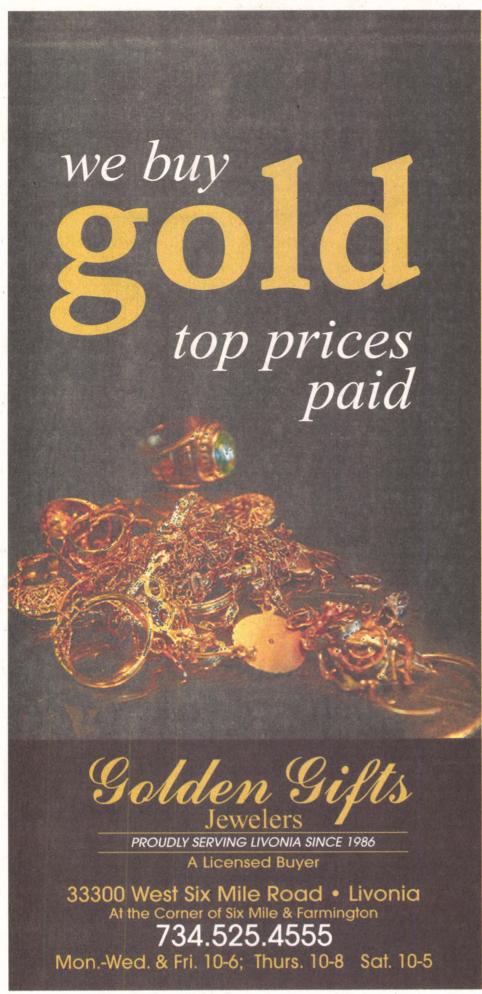
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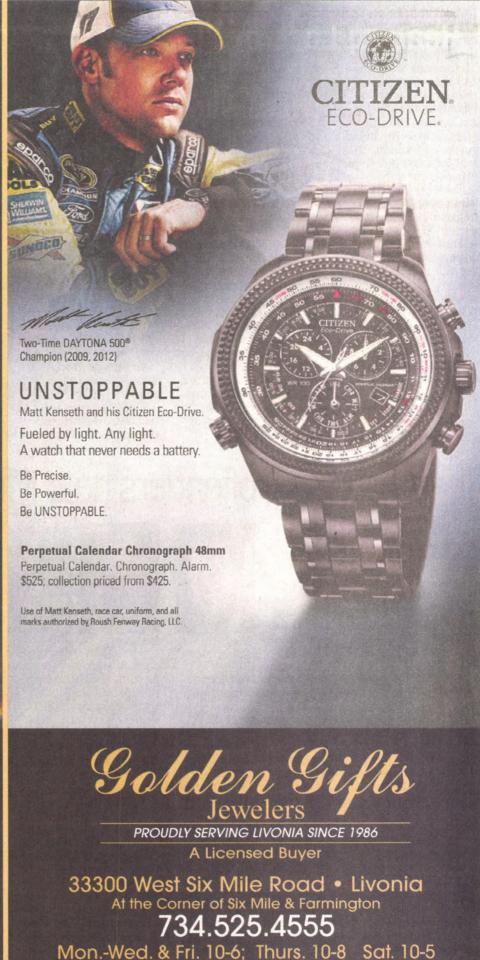
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# Court offers second chance for veterans

**By Cal Stone** and David Veselenak Staff Writers

The 17th District Court in Redford operates a variation on Sobriety Court with its Veterans Treatment Court, offering veterans who are involved in the criminal justice system a coordinated response to the unique problems they are facing.

Military personnel often face intense and traumatic war experiences while they fight for our country. Sadly, the trauma continues even after they return home as they relive the war-zone — fear, horror and feelings of helplessness persist. Anxiety, irritability and emotional numbing are often experienced by veterans. As a result, problems with alcohol and drug use are common

as a way of coping. Dedicated in November 2011 by Judge Karen Khalil, it became the fourth Veterans Court in the state and the first in Wayne County's suburbs. Khalil works closely with the VA and local veterans groups, prosecutors, veterans' defense counsel as well as probation staff and mentors to provide veterans with the tools they need to lead productive and law abiding lives.

"We're dealing with a class of defendants that are totally different," said attorney Richard Graham, who represents



Judge Karen Khalil meets with defense attorney Richard Graham, probation officers Michael Stetz and Muriel LaForge and Detroit Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator Nanette Colling before going into the courtroom to discuss cases before the Veterans Court.

all defendants in the Redford-based Veterans Court. "They're coming back with post-traumatic stress disorder. They're using (drugs) to suppress memories rather than to get high."

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Defendants in the court have the chance to meet with their probation officers, representatives from Veterans Affairs and other support groups before court. After they meet in the morning, they go to the courtroom and have their case reviewed by 17th District Court Judge Karen Khalil.

Elvrett Bowers, 62, of Detroit, came to the court in May after a judge in Detroit recommended him. He got into an argument with his wife, and was sent to veterans

After staying off of substances for 25 years, he found himself giving in and the end result landed him in front of Khalil.

"It gets your head straight," the Vietnam veteran said. "I highly recommend it."

The court brings veterans in with other former military members, giving a sense of camaraderie among peers. The 15 current veterans enrolled in the court vary in age and come from all branches of service, but they do have something in common - counting on each other to get through the system and move on with their lives.

"You feel odd talking to (other) people about it,' Bowers said. "You feel comfortable here.'

Khalil said it wasn't always that way. At the beginning, it was common for veterans to ignore each other. But it wasn't long before the dynamic changed.

"Now, you see the foundation of the community," she said. "We've seen a community form."

Judge Brian MacKenzie, of the 52-1 District Court in Novi, says unlike Sobriety Court, Veterans Court is "not pure addiction; it's a hybrid of addic-

tion and mental health." He said most of the participants have suffered PTSD, brain injuries, or are paranoid schizophrenics.

PTSD (post traumatic stress syndrome) is an anxiety disorder that can occur following traumatic events. Military combat is most definitely traumatic. Estimates of PTSD from the war in Afghanistan are between 6 and 11 percent and 12 to 20 percent in Iraq. Many of our returning vets are at risk of homelessness, broken families and substance abuse.

"One guy got a virus in Iraq and it ate his brain," said MacKenzie. "He was on meds and reacted to alcohol and got arrested. He's a really great guy,

and we got him all balanced out now."

Every participant in Novi's program has to get a physical, which MacKenzie says has resulted in three lives being saved.

The Veterans Administration is a big player in this specialty court, and a VA rep is at every meeting in Novi with a secure laptop containing the offender's records.

Farmington Judge Marla Parker said the 47th District Court has an interest in the Veterans Court area but not enough volume to run a full program. They're keeping statistics on their veteran offenders, working with the VA, and will refer individuals to a Veterans Court if necessary.

Like the Sobriety Court in Novi, Veterans Court operates on a team concept in the 52-1 and is also 18 months long. The probation officer is different, however. He's Mike McGlown, a former lieutenant in the Army.

The fees attached to all drunk driving cases in the 52-1 help cover the staffing of both its Sobriety Court and Veterans Court. Any additional costs in either specialty court, such as the \$13 tests taking at facilities like Jail Alternatives for Michigan Services (JAMS), are up to the offender to cover.

Participants have interlocks in their cars which forces them to breathe into a camera-equipped

machine that registers alcohol. There's a home version, too, as well as tethers that test for alcohol and location.

The 52-1's Veterans Court was also the 18th in the country and formed in 2009.

"And no one has been re-arrested out of about 75," said MacKenzie. "Five washed out and went to jail, and they haven't been re-arrested either."

At the November 2011 graduation ceremony, Kurt Mosher joined 10 other military veterans who successfully completed the program.

"If I had done this when I was 20, I would have been a lot smarter man," Mosher said of his experience. "It got me the help I needed."

Mosher went on to mentor kids and volunteer in the Veterans Court.

Dean Hayden, a former U.S. Marine who was arrested for drunken driving, said initially he was reluctant about the program, but found it has given him "the opportunity to get my life back."

Hayden said he was able to get benefits from the VA he didn't know he had, and has a different outlook on life.

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# Sobriety Courts lead movement

**By Cal Stone** Staff Writer

One of the most successful types of specialty courts is the Sobriety Court, and the 52-1 in Novi has one of the oldest in the country. When it was created in 2001, it was only the 18th in the U.S.; now there are 16 in Michigan alone.

Harvey Hoffman in Eaton County is the longest serving Sobriety Court judge in Michigan, and the 52-1's Judge Brian MacKenzie is second.

MacKenzie calls his Sobriety Court a "straight-up addiction program" for offenders with high blood alcohol content arrests and/ or second-time offenders. And, simply put, the Sobriety Court's role is to make the community safe.

"Out here," explained MacKenzie, "drunk drivers are the most dangerous people in terms of who is most likely to kill your family."

Offenders can receive a regular sentence or volunteer to participate in

the 18month program and sign an agreement and waiver of

rights. Although

first nine months are an intense phase, said MacKenzie.

Participants are tested for alcohol every day; they attend a 12step counseling program twice a week; and they meet with their probation officer once a month in a group setting.

"It's a challenge for them to get tested by 8 a.m.," said MacKenzie.

Those who fail to are 'sanctioned,' which usually means jail time - "and we will go through your house (to check for alcohol)," said MacKenzie. "It hasn't been done a lot, but it's been done."



MacKenzie

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Those who succeed are given positive reinforcement — maybe tickets to a sporting event or movie passes.



Parker

MacKenzie. "Some of these peo-

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ple have never succeeded at anything."

The 52-1 District Sobriety Court operates under a 'team' concept - the Sobriety Court Advisory Board — consisting of the judge, prosecutor, probation officers, defense attorney, coordinators, law enforcement officer, treatment counselors and a victim/community

advocate. This team communicates and tries to reach a consensus on the offenders. The judge leads the discussion and, if need be, is the deciding vote.

"It's easy unless they're (participants) not doing well," said MacKenzie. "Our team is good, and there's always consensus."

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#### **MADCP**

Karen MacKenzie, wife of 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie, is the executive director of the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals. At the MADCP's website (http:// madcp.dreamhosters. com/) you can find an interactive map of all the Michigan Drug Courts.

gram are recognized at an annual graduation ceremony.

#### 35th District Court Judge Michael J. Ger-

ou handles the Sobriety Court in 35th District Court which serves Canton and the cities and townships of both Northville and Plymouth.

While the Sobriety Court staff in the 52-1 court is partially funded by grants, the 35th receives no grant fund-

"And quite frankly, we don't want any," said Gerou. "We didn't want to

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was a different approach than the standard I'magainst you-and-you'reagainst-me approach. That movement grew and is also connected to therapeutic jurisprudence, which has a similar kind of ultimate goal."

The 52-1 District Court in Novi was one of the first on board, and 18th in

"That really is remarkable," said Bryce. "If you look at Sobriety Courts, you'll see that the prosecutor, defense attorney and judge take a different approach and try to help people with these situations in a way that's different."

Veterans Court, Bryce said, deals with different issues. "We helped create the one in Ingham County, which I think is the first in the state that adopted that kind of approach," he said. "It's not intervention. Attornevs aren't juxtaposed against each other, but rather trying to work out a particular result."

Ingham County's was formed in February 2010, according to Tammy Kudialis, director of Project Salute and the Veterans Appellate Clinic at UDMercy.

"Instead of punishment, you get treatment," she said.

The veterans get a mentor and access to Veterans Administration programs to help them deal with issues. They also get oversight, which means they come before to court at regular intervals to meet with the judge and make sure they're on the right track.

They also get connected to pension and disability benefits through Project Salute which provides outreach and assistance for veterans and trains attorneys to handle benefit claims pro bono. Now in its fifth year, Kudialis says Project Salute has helped more than 4,000 veterans, trained some 1,200 attorneys, and currently has 120 cases placed throughout the country.

#### Localized

"The concept behind specialty courts is that local courts should try

solutions to local problems," said Judge Ronald Lowe, who has served the 35th District Court for seven years. "What you've seen with Sobriety Court is a variety of things - some use it primarily for alcohol, some use it for some type of drug."

and come up with local

He said the drug and alcohol courts are doing "remarkable things" and even noted a Meth Court to deal specifically with that drug.

The 47th District Court in Farmington operates a Sobriety Court, and Judge Marla Parker calls it one of the most reward-

ing aspects of her job. 'People's lives change right in front of you," she

Parker noted that at a recent Sobriety Court graduation ceremony, the guest speaker was a graduate in 2007.

"He's still sober," she said. "He talked about how much his life has changed, and it was pretty amazing."

But not every court can afford to offer a wide variety of specialty courts and may just have one or two, according to Judge Brian MacKenzie, of the 52-1 District Court. "Novi has a lot," he said. "The breadth of our programs is pretty unique."

52-1 District Court serves the communities of Novi, South Lyon, Wixom, Walled Lake, Milford, Highland, Commerce Township, Lyon Township, and Wolverine Lake.

Lowe noted that some judges have agreed on a system of "sharing" their specialty courts, sending offenders to a specialty court they might not operate and in return taking offenders from other courts to go through their specialty court.

"That is in infant stages and having a lot of growth problems," said Lowe. "If I send them to jail, who is paying? There are a lot of logistical problems. But it's demonstrative that District Courts are trying to find solutions.

"But," he added, "there is a story in each one of them."

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# Teen Court lets offenders hear it from peers

**By Cal Stone** Staff Writer

Northville's Brian Morrow, deputy chief of the iuvenile division in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, has seen first-hand the positive effects of handling cases in different specialty court formats like Teen Court.

Teen Court is a juvenile diversion program in which trained, high school-age jurors sentence real delinquency cases that have been screened by the Prosecutors Office specifically for this program. In every case, the juvenile offenders that are selected to come before the Teen Court have no prior records of delinquency and have committed relatively minor misdemeanors.

Earlier this year, Morrow received the county's Anthony C. Wayne Award for developing the awardwinning juvenile program that is

Gerou

having a positive effect on reducing recidivism among first-time offend-

"Unfortunately in Wayne County, we have a lot of juveniles that are committing crimes on that high end of the spec-trum," he said. "That program has taught me that alternative forms of retribution can work.'

The teen jury is totally responsible for fashioning an appropriate sentence. It will typically include requirements such as the payment of any restitution, community service, letters of apology and individual and



offense.

commit any new offences while under the term of supervision dictated by the teen jury, which usually lasts three to six months. If the offender successfully complies with the jury's sentence, the case is dismissed without him/her having a juvenile record for the

Under Morrow's supervision, the Prosecutors Office began the Teen Court program in 2006 and currently operates four teen courts -- one in the 34th District Court in Romulus and three which are held in Detroit Public high schools (Denby,

tral). **District courts** 

Judge Ronald Lowe, of

Southeastern and Cen-

the 35th District Court (includes Plymouth, Canton and Northville), oversaw the creation of a Sobriety Court, but he also implemented the jurisdiction's Teen Court.

"The advantage is simple - it's a positive use of peer pressure," said Lowe. "I tell them straight up that hearing it from their friends is far better than hearing from an old fart in a black robe."

He says it's an empowerment of teens, who end up coming out stronger proponents of what the court is doing than someone who hasn't been through it.

Lowe, who is the president-elect to the Michi-

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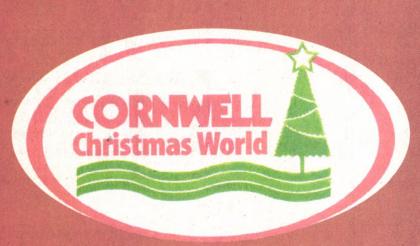
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set up a program that's dependent on grant money. We've prioritized cases we think need more attention."

More resources are dedicated to repeat offenders, and there is an intensive probation fee. The 35th Sobriety Court, unlike the 52-1's, does not do home checks for alcohol either.

Again, participants volunteer for the Sobriety Court, and begin with suspended jail time. There are four stages, and as each is completed, the daily requirements and testing decrease.

"In the first stages, they get a grip on sobriety and testing," said Gerou, "and the latter parts they have to complete community service."

Likewise, participants

see the judge in the first two stages and then the court's probation officer, Jim Hand, in stages three and four.

"Our program was designed to take 15 at a time, but that has tripled and quadrupled in its nine years," said Gerou.

One of the reasons is that legislation that went into effect last year allows offenders to get a restricted driver's license.

"Before, we didn't have as many (participants) because it's a lot of work," said Gerou.

Like the 52-1, the 35th district court program utilizes the team concept and behavioral modification system.

"You control the keys to the jailhouse," said Gerou. "If you have a good report, you earn credit off your jail time. You come back and see me monthly and sign an agreement of what you'll do the following month. Then it's reviewed the following month with the probation officer."

Gerou said consequences for failure typically are predictable at first - jail for a few days and longer if it happens again. The third failure usually results in the participant being discharged from the Sobriety Court program and serving whatever time is remaining on their initial sentence.

Gerou said the program is going "very well," especially considering the high-risk population it deals with. At last check, the success rate was over 70 percent. Compare that to a 55-percent success rate for all the offenders the 35th puts on probation

"We have had some great success stories," said Gerou.

And those are noted at a monthly day-long event with a certificate, congratulations, sharing of stories, and passing of wisdom along to those entering the program and those who have slipped up and went to jail.

#### **47th District Court**

Farmington Judge Marla Parker's Sobriety Court has been operating since 2005 and has graduated 56 participants in twice-ayear ceremonies.

"The difference in ours is we have a two-year probation," said Parker. 'I think every court is a little different. Some of it is the court's culture; some is how the program was initially designed and structured."

The key similarity in all three of the court's

programs, however, is accountability and the goal of giving more applause than sanctions to the participants.

For a long time, the 47th District Court boasted of no-recidivism among participants, but that ended a month or so ago.

"Still, it's much better when you look at the rate for people who don't go through a program. It's 60 to 80 percent (recidivism). It's really high," said Parker.

Like, the 52-1 and 35th Sobriety Courts, participants in the 47th District Court have to volunteer. "You do have to agree to be part of it," said Parker, "but the other options aren't so hot!"

She said her Sobriety Court has very specific eligibility requirements. At the time of arrest, the offender's blood-alcohol content must register .15 percent or greater. They must also have a prior record of alcohol related offense(s).

A key requirement is that the drunken drivers must be residents of Farmington or Farmington Hills. Parker said that's because many offenders don't have licenses, and it's not realistic for people to commute long distances to

appear in her court. "And we want to serve citizens of our community first," she said.

#### **16th District Court**

The 16th District Court in Livonia uses drug and sobriety courts to get offenders' lives back on track. Judges Kathleen McCann and Sean Kavanagh are involved in overseeing the progress of offenders, according to **Probation Director Nata**lie Stojcevska.

Judges and probation officers examine whether the offenders are considered "high risk." "That is if they have a high blood alcohol content or run a high risk of re-offending," Stojcevska said. "That can be a first-time offender with a high BAC or a repeat offender."

The court also employs a program geared toward 17- to 21-year-old at risk offenders who are involved in drug and alcohol use. "It is run outside of those other programs and it puts the younger offenders under intense supervision," Stojcevska said. The program provides guidance and education.

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gan District Judges Association, said that when he first took the bench, district courts didn't handle juvenile cases. Rather, they were assigned to probate judges on a juvenile docket. But there has been much growth, especially in western Wayne County.

At John Glenn High School in Westland, a classroom has been transformed into a courtroom

— including a judge's bench, jury box and witness stand — and 18th District Court (jurisdiction is Westland) judges go there to listen to selected cases in Teen Court.

Paul Motz, director of Westland Youth Assistance, finds actual misdemeanor court cases everything from shoplifting to assault - that are appropriate for Teen Court. The majority of the offenders, called respondents, are middle schoolers and there are

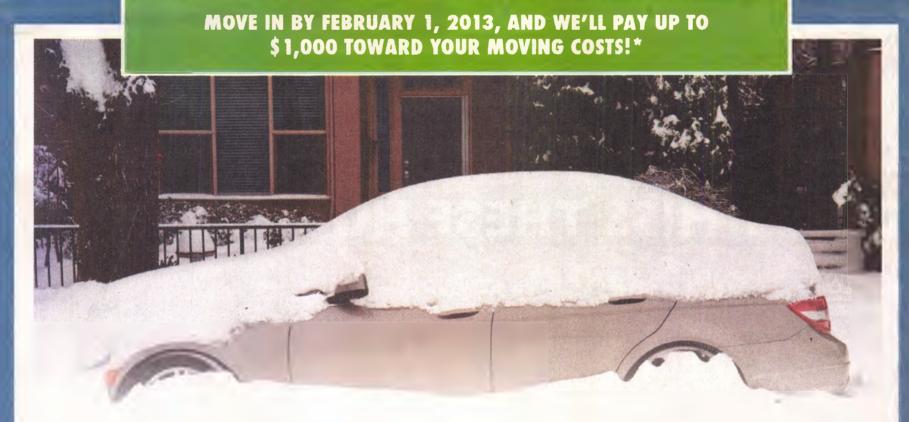
some high schoolers. Students in the high school's business and personal law class serve as the jury, questioning the defendant and witnesses and then coming up with a sentence after defendants admit their guilt to

juvenile authorities. As part of the sentence handed down by the Teen Court jurors, the respondent is placed on diversion. If he or she complies with the terms of the diversion, the case is dismissed and doesn't appear on the respondent's juvenile record.

"This is a great partnership certainly between the court and the school district," said Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland schools superintendent. "I'm impressed by the students' questions and their maturity level. This is a great learning opportunity."

Staff writer Sue Mason contributed to this story.

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# BUSINESS

**Parkside Credit Union** employee Rachel Reynolds (left) and Heather Gatewood. marketing coordinator, are surrounded by the gifts provide for 28 boys at the Methodist Children's Home Society in Redford for



# Parkside brings Christmas to boys at Methodist Home

Many hours were spent walking the aisles of local tov stores looking for MP3 players, walkie talkies and Bayblades so the boys from the Methodist Children's Home Society could wake up on Christmas morning with their wishes fulfilled.

This holiday season, the employees of Parkside Credit Union played Secret Santa for 28 of the boys who reside on the Methodist Home campus in Redford. The Methodist Children's Home has been caring for Children in need for 95 years. They currently help boys who have been abused and/or neglected, creating a safe haven for them.

The boys Parkside purchased presents for range in age from six to 17. A trunk-load of gifts was dropped off on Friday, Dec. 14, at the Methodist Home and opened by the children on Christmas morning.

"We're excited to say that the boys' wish lists have been filled," said Heather Karschner, development and marketing associate at the Methodist Children's Home. "We want to say "thank you so much' to those who made our Donation Drop-Off Day a success!"

Parkside staff had a blast shopping for the boys. Many of the toys were items they had never heard of. The shopping trips were definitely filled with education on what toys are hot this year, and the Parkside staff was excited to help the residents of the Methodist Children's Home Society this Christmas and throughout the coming year, according to

Karschner.

A staff member from Parkside added that "it makes you feel good to know that your contribution will put a smile on these children's faces.'

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# What you may have missed in December

By Jon Gunnells **Guest Columnist** 

f holiday parties, baking and entertaining the in-laws have eaten up your holiday season,

you've likely missed some of the biggest tech stories and trends of the year. Tech Savvy With the holiday hassles in

Jon Gunnells

the rearview mirror, you can now catch up on what you've missed.

#### **Social Media**

The story that garnered the most social buzz in December was Instagram's unpopular terms of service change. The popular photo-sharing application changed its terms of use in mid-December leaving many users outraged that their filtered photos of dinners and cloudscapes would be sold for money.

After nearly two days of angry tweets and deleted accounts, Instagram decided to readjust the terms of service. This much is now obvious, Instagram and parent company, Facebook is not beyond exploiting hipsters to make money.

Facebook also announced a number of other initiatives to help increase its bottom line in 2013 and beyond.

The popular social network will begin embedding video ads into users newsfeeds and is also considering to allow private messages to users that are not friends for a

dollar per message. Facebook is even developing technology to compete with one of the most popular apps of 2012 - SnapChat. Snap-Chat is a photo messaging app that automatically self-destructs photos shortly after they are sent. As you can imagine, the application's unique functionality makes it popular among teens for sexting.

There is some good news, however, Facebook is also adjusting its privacy settings once more in an attempt to make privacy easier for users.

Among the changes are the ability for users to prevent their timeline info such as pictures and status updates from being indexed by search engines. The new changes also helps users determine which Facebook users can search them or find their profile. Unfortunately, the changes do little for users who want to remain more private or unsearchable.

Additionally, those fed up with Facebook and Instagram all together may have a new option to share photos. Twitter recently announced photo color filtering - an obvious attempt to steal users away from Face-

#### Hardware

Now that the biggest shopping season of the year has come and passed many manufac-. turers and retailers are planning deep discounts. Google for instance is rumored to be slashing the price of its popular Google Nexus Tablet. The unit may soon be going for as low as \$99, that's \$100 less than the current price.

January's annual Consumer Electronic Show is also typically an indicator of new models of televisions, computers, cameras and other gadgets hitting the markets. As a result, surpluses of last year's gifts usually go down in price as well.

If you are still in the market for electronics or have holiday bonus money to spend, you may want to wait until the end of January or early February to make your purchase.

For those looking to keep a closer eye on the 2013 International Consumer Electronics Show - the event runs from Jan. 8-11. During the show, products from all categories will be unveiled including health and fitness gadgets, home health care products and even land line telephones (hey, that's not new technology).

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## Presbyterian Village joins national health initiative

Presbyterian Villages of expertise to this impor-Michigan has been selected to partner in a national initiative to create strategies that improve quality of life for senior residents while producing cost savings to the health and long-term care sys-

Developed by LeadingAge and Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. (Enterprise), the Learning Collaborative will engage 12 teams of senior housing organizations and service providers to develop and refine housing and healthcare models over a two-year period.

Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future is also participating in the effort, providing strate-gic policy support to the

"PVM is honored to be selected to participate in the Learning Collaborative. We bring 67 years of tant national issue," said Roger Meyers, president and CEO. "PVM is committed to service excellence. Our efforts in this initiative will improve quality of life for seniors locally and across the country."

Through the Learning Collaborative, teams will explore components of housing with services strategies, such as partnership development, operations, financing mechanisms, outcome measurement, data collection systems and processes, and policy and regulatory changes. The Learning Collaborative model highlights peer-topeer education, harnessing the vast expertise among the participants.

"At a time when our senior population is growing more rapidly than ever before, and public resources for affordable

housing and services are shrinking, it is vital that we take the necessary steps to support innovation, identify successes, and encourage the adoption of these emerging successful models," said Terri Ludwig, president

and CEO of Enterprise. "Serving the most vulnerable and low-income populations is one of our greatest responsibilities," said Larry Minnix, president and CEO, LeadingAge. "This Learning Collaborative will provide an opportunity for us to identify the essential elements and practices of effective housing plus services models so we can serve these populations to the best of our ability."

For more information on the collaborative, visit www.enterprisecommunity.org/learningcollaborative or www.leadingage.org/learningcollaborative.aspx.



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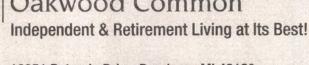
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#### Joins law firm

Karen L. Boore, a Livonia resident, has joined the law firm of Mill-



er Canfield as an associate in the Real Estate Group in the Troy office. She focuses her prac-

tice on commercial development, economic development incentives, construction law and commercial leas-

Prior to joining the firm, she served as an intern for U.S. District Court Judge John Corbett O'Meara of the Eastern District of Michigan. She also interned with Wayne County's Economic Development Growth Engine.

Boore received her J.D., cum laude, from the University of Michi-

gan Law School and her B.B.A., with high distinction, from the University of Michigan, Stephen M. Ross School of Business.

#### Re-elected to board

Joleen Immerfall of Wayne has been re-elected for a third consecutive term to the Blue Cross Complete of Michigan Board of Directors to represent Blue Cross Complete members. Blue **Cross Complete serves** Medicaid members.

Immerfall, a Blue Cross Complete member, has served as a board member since 2007. She was elected by Blue Cross Complete members. Her third term begins on Jan. 1.

"Serving as a board member gives me the opportunity to learn about the benefits Blue

Cross Complete offers its membership, and address member concerns with my peers," said Immerfall.

Immerfall looks forward to continuing to be the members' voice and is especially interested in what Blue Cross Complete does to improve lead screening rates

among children. A devoted grandmother, wife and mother, Immerfall has been a licensed practical nurse and also served as past president of the Council of Catholic Women in Washtenaw County. In April, BlueCaid of Michigan changed its name to Blue Cross Complete of Michigan to recognize its affiliation with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and expanded its service area to include all areas within Wayne County.

**OUR VIEWS** 

# Be smart and safe

## Don't let alcohol ruin holidays

Let's start this off with a very sobering statistic: In 2010, 17 million people admitted to driving drunk. If they had their own state, it would be the fifth largest in the U.S.

Yes, this is that editorial that most media companies feel obligated to write every year around this time. Frankly, by now we were really hoping to be preaching to the choir. Unfortunately, that's not the case.

The holiday season, which is considered Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, is a traditional time for families and friends to get together to enjoy food, laughs, fellowship, gifts, memories and love.

Often, alcohol is included in these celebrations. We don't condone or condemn it. But when those who imbibe decide to get behind the wheel and risk ruining and taking lives, that's a different story.

Yes, it's true that overall the number of annual drunken driving deaths has been cut in half since Mothers Against Drunk Driving formed in 1980.

However, MADD also reports that there has been an increase in the proportion of drunk driving deaths around the holidays. The percentage of Christmas holiday highway deaths jumped from 32 percent to 37 percent from 2008 to 2010. Likewise, New Year's holiday deaths went from 41 to 48 in that time period.

For some reason, people still aren't getting it - especially those who have already been down that road. About onethird of all drivers arrested or convicted of driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence of alcohol are repeat offenders.

Statistically, we know that males are more likely than females to drive under the influence of alcohol. And we know that the ages of 21-25 make up the highest percentage, with rates declining after 25.

But, regardless of gender or age, the average person metabolizes alcohol at the rate of about one drink per hour. It doesn't matter what you're drinking, either. A 12ounce beer, a glass of wine, a standard mixed drink — they all contain about .54 ounces of alcohol. Impairment is based on amount of alcohol, not type.

And alcohol, unlike food, doesn't have to be digested slowly. If you drink faster than alcohol can be eliminated, it accumulates in your body, which means higher levels of alcohol in your blood.

Now this part is important to remember — only time will sober a person up! So don't fool yourself into believing that drinking strong coffee or energy drinks, exercising or taking a cold shower will help. Neither will eating a pizza, turning up the car radio or rolling down the win-

If you know you're going to be drinking, plan ahead so you're not driving. Designate a sober driver. Take alternative transportation (i.e. a cab, a limo, a bus). Call a relative or friend to pick you up.

Or, just stay where you're at. Hosts who throw parties with alcohol should be prepared to offer lodging to their guests who have had too much to drink. (In fact, it's a good idea to gather car keys when guests

Recent events have made all of us realize just how precious is life. Every day, about 28 people die as a result of drunk driving crashes. The time to end this is long overdue. Simply stated: Enjoy the holidays, but please don't drink and drive.

#### **TYPES OF CHARGES**

According to Michigan law, violations for

- **Operating While Intoxicated include:**  Alcohol or drugs in your body substantially affected your ability to operate a motor vehicle safely
- A bodily alcohol content (BAC) at or above 0.08. This level can be determined through a chemical
- High BAC means the alcohol level in your body was at or above 0.17. This level can be determined through a chemical test.



#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

#### What is your one wish for the country in 2013?



"A better economy. That's probably what everyone wants."

**Robert Rowe** Canton



"The economy to get better, first and foremost. Then maybe people will be nicer to each other."

**Pawona Lewis** Canton



"Fiscal responsibility. We need to get it solved." **Ruth Rosenberg** 



"I want to see President Obama's agenda be successful in terms of the fiscal crisis and gun control. These two items seem to be paramount, and I wish us well."

**Brian Hermes** Plymouth



"For everybody to come together. Quit blaming the people in the other party and just figure it

out.' **Kathy Theodore** 

(with grandson Nathan) Plymouth



"After Sandy Hook, I'd like to see a little more gun control."

Jeff Brown West Bloomfield



"Peace." Jim Forsthoefel Plymouth



"For Obamacare to get overturned."

Teri Sage Livonia



"I'd like the country to return to more values. Because I'm a Christian, I think we need to get back to a belief in God, valuing life and respecting others."

**Rebecca Byars** Garden City



"To live in peace. For world peace."

**Margaret Hughes** Westland



"Restart and refocus in America to get jobs in this country and bring down unemployment, rather than losing jobs to other countries.

**Heather Dixon** Livonia



"My hope is that it will be better in 2013 ... less political, less confusing."

Suzie Skorupa Westland



'Peace and happiness." **Summer Saffold, 15** 



"Justin Verlander wins his second MVP. It would be good for Detroit, and the Detroit economy would revive, and that would be good for the country."

**Jason Poblacion** Farmington Hills



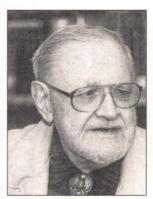
"Less violence, more harmony. We need more patience with each other."

**Christine Bezy** Farmington



"I hope that America will have more jobs; we'll be at peace overseas, and our country will be on the way up, not down."

**Barbara Bridges** Garden City



"My hope is that the country can pull together and do the things that need to be done. It won't be easy."

**Billy Pate** Garden City



"I hope that the economy grows, that people can see without colored eyes and get rid of the meanness."

Bonnie Sue Olds-Asbury



"I'm hoping that the government can work together to resolve the issues. They need to set aside their problems and work together."

Lorene Waybrant



"Hopefully, they can make a decision about the fiscal cliff. As a small business person, if they don't we're screwed."

William Long Wayne

# Weary travelers find a friend in airport Ambassadors

**By Sue Mason**Observer Staff Writer

Tom Beyersdorf remembers well the day he stood in a Tokyo train station looking at a dazzling display board when a voice said, "Can I help you?" The assistance he received was much appreciated and led to an important decision — someday he would "pay it forward."

The retired executive director of Gift of Life Michigan, Beyersdorf has traded in his business suit for the red vest of an ambassador at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, helping travelers and guests navigate the 17th busiest airport in the country.

"Airport junkies like me like hanging out here, it's fun out here," the North-ville resident said. "I get to help people who are confused or distressed or even blind. You have to put yourself in their frame of mind to do it."

Beyersdorf is part of a cadre of 65 volunteers who belong to the Travelers Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit's Airport Ambassador Program.

They work an average of four hours a week, manning five booths — two in the North Terminal and three in the McNamara Terminal — and serving as an information conduit for travelers.

"I think the ambassadors are very important," said James Kelly, executive director of the Travelers Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit. "They're on the front line of customer service at the airport. They're here to serve the public and help the airport to achieve its goals."

There to help

More than 30 million people pass through the Detroit Metropolitan Airport each year, and it is the ambassadors who are there to help them. Seniors, people with special needs, children traveling alone, business and foreign travelers can count on the ambassadors for assistance. They also connect lost passengers and families and provide resources for people who are stranded at the airport.

"Any holiday is a busy time and bad weather can have an impact," Kelly said. "Our people help people get to where they can be comfortable."

be comfortable." The program also is part of an international network. The ambassadors wear a red vest so people can find them, Kelly said. He added that the ambassadors get more than 200,000 requests each year for assistance. With Metro Airport serving as a primary gateway to Asia for Delta Airlines, a lot of requests come from China. One request came several weeks ago to help a couple who spoke no English and faced a three-hour layover in Detroit. Photos were supplied so the ambassadors could locate them quickly.

"We've been asked why we get so much contact from China," Kelly said.

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The Travelers Aid Society has been around since the early 1900s. It helped families during the Depression, worked with the USO during World War II and is now helping those who are homeless. It's been involved with the airport since 1948, serving as a link between travelers, Wayne County Airport Authority and the entire airport community.

"The airport has something designed for returning veterans," Sharon Kelly said. "It was something we did, but we couldn't keep it up. A group of veterans has created a lounge for returning veterans."

#### 'Love people'

Many of the volunteers are retirees like Beyersdorf and Sharon Kelly of Trenton. Kelly has been an ambassador for more than eight years. She worked in fleet service for Northwest Airlines and decided to come back to the airport after retiring.

"I love people, I love helping people," she said.



Ambassadors Tom Beyersdorf of Northville and Sharon Kelly of Trenton work the information booth in the baggage claims area of the North Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

"It's what makes me feel good. You have to like people and have patience. If you don't, don't volunteer."

Good was how she felt after recently helping a woman who had lost her passport. Kelly went with her to look for it all over the airport.

"We found it in the nick of time," she said. "She was from India and wanted to go home. She was in tears, and when she found it she was so happy and grateful. She hugged me.

"Instead of telling her what to do, I went with her," she added.

Kelly admits she has learned a lot from Beyersdorf. He's good at giving directions and looking up

#### **AMBASSADORS PROGRAM**

Volunteer airport ambassadors are needed by the Travelers Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit to assist people at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Volunteers can work as much as they want. The information booths are open 12 hours a day, seven days per week, 365 days per year. Most volunteers work four hours per week. A lot of what they do is answer basic questions, such as "Where do I claim my luggage?" or "How do I get to my rental car agency?" but they also help a lot of very stressed travelers who have much bigger issues.

Among the benefits is free parking, even when a volunteer isn't working. Volunteers also receive an airport badge that not only gets them through security without a boarding pass, but provides discounts on food and at the gift shops at any airport in the country. Discounts can range from 10 to 20 percent.

For more information on the Airport Ambassador Volunteer Program, contact the Travelers Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit at (313) 962-6740, toll-free at (800) 207-1771 or by email at volunteer@tasmd.org. The organization's website is www.TravelersAidDetroit.org.

things on the Internet.

"He's taught me a lot about bus schedules," she added.

And being a part of the Ambassadors Program doesn't preclude a person from getting help.

James Kelly was on his way back from a conference and was in Chicago when he was approached by a Travelers Aid volunteer.

"I was coming home from a Travelers Aid conference and after 14 hours, I wanted to get home," he said. "I heard someone tell me, 'You look like you could really use some help."





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give the story that goes with the uniform.'

The Spad is a French SPAD XII World War I fighter that a group of volunteers have been building from scratch using the original blueprints. The plane will look as it did as part of 103d Aero Squadron in 1918, complete with the Hat in the Ring emblem.

Gerych sounds like a walking encyclopedia when talking about the uniforms. His interest in collecting began when he was nine years old. His grandfather, a World War II veteran, took him to gun shows and would "buy me stuff to keep me quiet.'

A veteran himself, Gerych was studying for his master's degree in history and was required to do community service during one semester. His father-inlaw wanted to volunteer at the museum and one thing led to another.

Gerych wanted to work on airplanes, but that was in flux, so he went into collections. It's been "very interesting" and he's learned a lot, he said. Now the two men are working on making the museum's catalog system better.

"When we find something in the collection, we search to see if a number exists for it, sometimes we find it was brought in and not cataloged," said Wygant who was working on a pair of Vietnam jungle boots. "They're not in the system, so I have to track them back.'

#### **Painted jacket**

In addition to uniforms, the collection includes such things as a hard-toget painted bomber jacket belonging to J.D. Asmussen who was credited with seven kills as a member of the crew of the Yankee Queen.

The collection also includes World War I avi-



J.D. Asmussen's bomber

jacket is painted on the back

with a picture of the Yankee

Queen and seven swastikas

representing his number of

Japan, we wouldn't have

had a bomber plant in

Detroit," said Gerych.

"They started the war

While Gerych would like

younger veterans of recent

stand them wanting to pass

recommends that they take

care of their items. The col-

lections room has the dis-

tinct aroma of moth balls

and some of the wool uni-

forms are moth eaten.

People can call and

make an appointment to

drop off items, and muse-

um volunteers will go out

ly need the average soldier

sonal effects," Gerych said.

and pick up donations.

"We're not just looking for uniforms, we real-

stuff - uniforms and per-

wars to consider making donations, he can under-

it down to their kids. He

and we responded."

planes shot down.

Scott Gerych and volunteers in the collections room are working to organize the 300-400 uniforms that have been donated to the Yankee Air Museum.



The museum will be reorganizing displays that will take visitors from World War I through the Iraq and Afghan wars.

ator uniform Henry Rex Waddell, who was a personal secretary for the Ford family, Marie Mountain Clark who was a Women's Air Force Service Pilot during World War II, and her husband, John Alden Clark, a B-17 pilot.

Waddell's uniform is in a display case near where the World War I fighter is being built.

The museum also has

several North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong uniforms. And in boxes in the collections room are items such as Nazi banners. While some people don't think the flags should be shown, it was the flag and flew in Germany in the 1930s through 1945, Gerych said.

"One thing my fatherin-law says is that if it wasn't for Germany and

#### Personal info helps tell story

Knowing more about the clothing and artifacts donated is important to the Yankee Air Museum which is participating in the Veterans Oral History Project.

The information provides a story of the uniform beyond what can be determined by looking at the patches which can tell the last name of the person who wore it, what unit the person was in, where he or she served and in what branch of the military.

A case in point: the uniform and artifacts of a World War I aviator Henry Rex Waddell which is on display in the museum near where volunteers are building a French SPAD.

A native of Port Lambton, Ontario, Waddell was enrolled in the University of Michigan School of Engineering when he left in 1915 to join the Canadian Regiment and become a Royal Flying Corps pilot and flight instructor in England. He also piloted a Handley Page bomber and patrolled the North Sea before being reassigned to France just before the Armistice began on Nov. 11, 1918.

After being discharged from the service, he worked for a nickel mining company in Ontario before taking a job at Henry Ford's Dearborn

Publishing. He was transferred by Henry Ford to his office in 1924 and the next year was introduced by Ford to his future wife, Etha Peabody. The couple was married in 1926.

Waddell went on to serve as the personal secretary of the Fords and later joined Ford Archives where he worked until he retired in 1979.

The museum also has uniforms and personal artifacts donated by Marie Mountain Clark, who was a Women's Air Force Service pilot during World War II, and her husband, John Alden Clark, who served in the 8th Air Force 100th Bomb Group and flew 32 missions over Germany.

While those are some of the "stars" of the collection, the museum also is looking for donations from others.

Veterans and their families who would like to make donations can bring items can contact Pete Stowe who is at the museum Tuesday through Thursday. Call (734) 483-4030, Ext. 255, to schedule an appointment.

The Yankee Air Museum is at 47884 D St., west of Beck Road, in Van Buren Township. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



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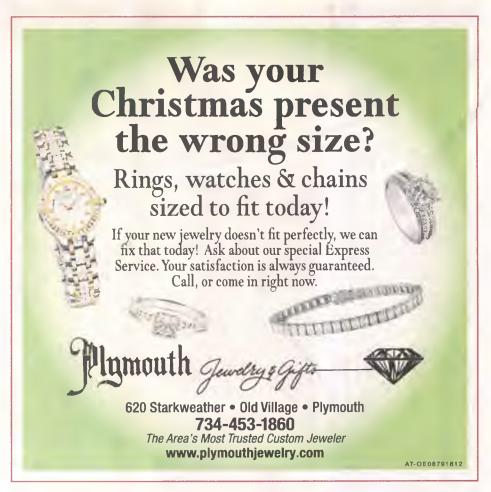


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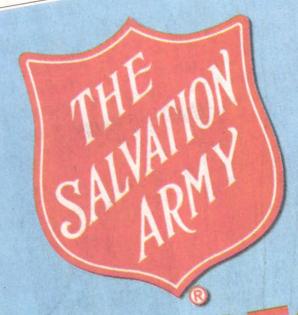


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Madonna's Kaylee McGrath (41) goes in for the uncontested layup being pursued by Detroit's Demeisha Fambro (left) and Megan Hatter (right) during Saturday's game at Calihan Hall.

# Out of its league

#### Madonna no match for Lady Titans

**By Brad Emons** Observer Staff Writer

The Madonna University women's basketball team bit off more than it could chew, facing its third NCAA Division I opponent of the season Saturday.

The Crusaders, who made respectable showings in losses to Eastern Michigan University, 75-64 (exhibition), and Bowling Green, 68-57, got demolished Saturday by host Detroit Mercy, 90-43, at Calihan Hall.

Detroit, led by the nation's leading scorer Shareta Brown's

game-high 28, improved to 7-4 overall.

The Crusaders, getting 11 points apiece from Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) and Michelle Lindsey, fall to 6-5.

The Lady Titans came out and hit their first seven shots from the floor during the first 4:48 to take a 16-8 lead and the rout was on.

The Lady Titans went up 42-20 at halftime as Canton native Rosanna Reynolds, a 5-foot-10 freshman point guard from Dearborn Divine Child, had 13 points, while Brown added 10.

Detroit's dominance was most evident in the paint, as it outscored MU 56-16.

Brown, a 6-1 sophomore from Grand Blanc, made 13-of-15 shots from the floor to lead five Titans in double figures.

"It was all Brown, they got 56 points in the paint," Madonna coach Carl Graves said. "Literally, our last three practices, that's all we worked on, so I was really disappointed. She (Brown) finishes with contact. I thought we were in good posi-

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# Govantes earns first in County

See complete tournament results, B2.

**By Brad Emons** Observer Staff Writer

You can never count Immanuel Govantes out of a match.

And that was never more evident than Saturday, as the senior from Farmington rallied to pin Novi Detroit Catholic Central's

Myles Amine with 10 seconds remaining in the second period to earn the 130pound weight class title at the 53rd annual Oakland County Wrestling Cham-

pionships held at Lake Orion.

"Immanuel was behind in match points with all three of his matches Saturday," Farmington coach Al Beyar said. "He will always give you his best effort, and with his athleticism, you always have a chance to win the match with a pin." Govantes, now 17-1 overall.

was selected as the meet's lower weights MVP and became the first Oakland County champion for the Falcons since Matt Michalski captured back-to-back titles in 1994-95.

Catholic Central, the top-ranked team in Division 1 and defending MHSAA champion, captured the team title with 347 points, with Oxford (278), Rochester (264.5), Clarkston (239) and the host Dragons (207) rounding out the top five in the 39-school field.

Individual champions for CC included Trevor Zdebski (119), Evan Toth (125), Drew Garcia

Please see WRESTLING, B2

#### **Barber earns USA** position

Miami (Ohio) University freshman forward Riley Barber (Livonia), the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's leading point producer, has earned a roster spot on the U.S. Junior National team that will compete Dec. 26 through Jan. 5 in the International Hockey Federation World Junior Championship in Ufa, Russia.

Barber is the seventh Miami player to earn a Team USA spot at the World Juniors. The sixth-round pick of the **Washington Capitals** previously helped Team USA to a gold medal at the 2012 U-18 World Championships.

#### **Prep harrier** going to CIU

**Farmington High** School senior Drew Lindman has signed a

national letter of intent with Columbia (S.C.) International University

the Rams.

Lindman to run cross country for

Lindman was a fouryear varsity runner for the Falcons, ending his career at the Division 1 state meet in November with a personal best time of 16:35 that placed him in the top half (120th) of the competition.

From a field of 45 applicants, Lindman was selected the winner of the McQuilkin Scholarship to attend CIU, a. member of the National Christian College Athletic Association.

# Falcons pay back

**By Brad Emons** Observer Staff Writer

Farmington High turned the tables Saturday night on its rival North Farmington-Harrison Flyers for a 2-1 overtime boys hockey victory at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

With 4:48 remaining in OT, Farmington senior assistant captain Cooper McLean picked up the puck along the left boards, moved just inside the faceoff circle, and scored the game-winner off an assist from Austin Meltzer.

The Falcons, who improved to 5-4-1 overall and 1-0-2 in the Oakland Activities Association's Red Division, avenged a 3-0 setback to the Flyers on Nov. 21 when they were outshot 48-17.

"It was a great night for hockey in Farmington — two evenly matched teams that played their hearts out," Farmington coach Mark Vellucci said. "It was a big crowd and they got their money's worth.'

After a scoreless opening period, Farmington senior Nick Gensheimer unloaded a shot from the high slot and scored 43 seconds into the second period off an assist from McLean to make it 1-0.

But the Flyers (6-4-1, 2-1-1) evened the count at 1-1 on senior Noah Downs' goal from the high slot off a rebound from assists by Sean Devlin and Roman Firestone at 11:22 of the second period.

Farmington goaltender John Lethemon sparkled in net by making 27-of-28 saves, including three in



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Senior Cooper McLean (77) scored the winning goal in Farmington's 2-1 overtime victory

over the rival Flyers Saturday night at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

the overtime.

Meanwhile, the Flyers' Hunter Myers stopped 24-of-26 shots, including two in OT.

"Both goalies were very good," Velluc-ci said. "Both Cooper (McLean) and Nick (Gensheimer) were standouts up front and we basically went with four defensemen all night, led by D.J. Rankin."

The Falcons took eight penalties to the Flyers' three, but were able to fight off every NorthHarrison power play opportunity, including one in OT.

"Special teams won the game for us," Vellucci

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#### GC alumni hoops game The Garden City girls

basketball program will host its annual alumni game Thursday, Jan. 3, in the high school gymnasium. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and opening tip is set for 6:30 p.m. All former Garden

City High School girls basketball players are invited to participate in the doubleheader, which will pit former Cougars against the current JV squad in the opener and current varsity players in the nightcap.

For more information, email head coach and former player Michele Tyree at tyreem@ gardencityschools.com.

#### MU adds trio

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the signing of three players for the 2014 season, including Thomas Daffern and Sean Ritchey, both of district champion Grand Blanc, along with Alec Padilla of Romeo.

As a junior, Daffern played infield and hit .378 with six homers and 12 doubles en route to all-KLAA and all-district honors, while Ritchey, an outfielder and catcher, posted a 17-game hitting streak while batting .375 and making all-KLAA and all-district honors.

Padilla, a 6-foot-4right-handed pitcher, posted a 1.92 earnedrun average as a junior, leading Romeo the Macomb Area Conference and district titles.

# Chargers tie, unbeaten streak goes to five

Livonia Churchill ran its unbeaten streak to five games, but had to settle for a 3-3 KLAA Kensington Conference boys hockey tie last Friday night with host Northville at Novi Ice Arena.

Churchill, now 5-4-1 overall and 3-2-1 in the KLAA's South Division, took a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Brad Milks (from Riley Brown and Evan Gibboney) and Nick Misiak (from Brown and Milks).

Northville (5-3-2, 2-2-2 KLAA Central) tied it with a pair of goals in the second, with Ben Crabil notching a power-play goal from Ryan Bloom and Alex Morgan, followed by Alex Shuart's

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short-handed goal from Buddy DeBrabander with 11 seconds left.

Churchill regained the lead, 3-2, just 41 seconds into the third on Tommy Carey's power-play goal from Brown and Milks.

Northville responded with a power-play goal at 3:30 (from Alec Melucci and DeBrabander).

Churchill freshman goaltender Alec Calvaruso made 14 saves, while Northville's Jake Pawloski had 22 stops.

FARMINGTON 2, LAKE

ORION 1: Junior Nick Kozoro's goal with 1:49 remaining in overtime Thursday won the game for the Falcons (4-4-1,

The victory counts as an

overall win for Farmington, but it goes down as a tie game in the OAA Red Division.

Kozoro was assisted on the even-strength goal by DJ Rankin and Drake Cole.

The game was scoreless until 9:17 in the third period, when Farmington junior Roman Firestone scored on a power play from Austin Meltzer.

The Dragons (3-6-1, 1-1-1) sent the game to overtime with Connor Moesta's powerplay goal with 1:59 to play in regulation time.

The Falcons had a 37-35 edge in shots on goal. John Lethemon made 34 saves for Farmington, Logan Aldrich 35 for Lake Orion.
SALEM 10, FRANKLIN

4: On Dec. 19, Jake Fedel notched a hat trick leading the Rocks (5-2, 3-2) to a Kensington Conference crossover victory over host Livonia Franklin (3-5-1, 1-3) at Edgar

Noah Miller and Jason Newel

each added two goals for Salem, which led 3-0 after one period and 6-2 after two. Alek Zultowski, Jake Sealy and Kyle Downey also tallied a goal each for the Rocks.

"Salem played well and fin-ished," Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon said. "We had several good chances, but were unable to finish. We gave up way too many quality chances in the red zone in front of our net. That's something we will work on — taking away the opponents' stick in front of our net."

Franklin scored twice in the second period — Richie Wieczorek (from C.J. Cromie and Ryan Pace) and Adam Stadler (from Josh Dudek and Daniel

Pedersen). The Patriots got two more in the third period - Greg Bo (from Bailey DiClemente and Wieczorek) and Tyler Morrison (from Alex Stavar

Franklin goaltender Sean Reeves-Carson, making his first start, faced 34 shots, while Anthony Veresan was in goal for Salem.
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nior forward Matt Kirunchyk notched a hat-trick to lead the Chargers to an emphatic victory over Airport in a game played Tuesday night at Canfield Ice Arena Both teams unleashed 25

shots. Justin Sims, Matt Sandburg and Joey Testane also lit the lamp for the winners.

Kirunchyk, Lucas Johnston, Steve Bennett, Scott Bleim, Micki Nanovski, Wil McDonald and Chris Greco recorded assists. The Chargers led just 2-0

after two periods before turning on the after-burners in the third. Greco made 25 saves to record his first prep shutout. "We limited any quality

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# Spartans recall T-Birds, 64-41

Senior Josh Campbell scored 20 points and sophomore Jailen Webber added 16 to lead Livonia Stevenson to a 64-41 nonconference boys basketball win last Thursday at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

The Spartans, who improved to 3-1 overall, led 32-13 at intermission and had 11 different players score

Jihad Baydoun tallied all nine of his points in the second half to pace the Thunderbirds (0-5), who shot 5-of-14 from the

foul line. Stevenson made 12-of-19 foul shots. RU 38, BISHOP FOLEY 37:

On Saturday, Tyler Hathaway drained a three-point shot at the buzzer to lift Redford Union (2-4) to a victory over Madison Heights Bishop Foley (2-2) in the consolation final of the Royal Oak Christmas Tournament

DeAngelis Rodgers led the Panthers with nine points. Jacob McKiddie and Manny Chatman both added eight. W.L. CENTRAL 49, PLYM-OUTH 46: On Dec. 20, the host Wildcats (2-3) held Walled Lake Central (4-2) to 12 first-half **BOYS HOOPS** 

points but could not stem the tide after intermission. Vikings guard T.J. Warren

sparked the visitors with 18 points, including "two threes in the third quarter that really sprung them to life," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said. For the Wildcats, Josh Priebe led the scoring with 25 points. Other contributors in a losing effort included Tyler Gamblin (eight points), Sid Acharya (four points, six rebounds), Deji Adebiyi (six rebounds) and Josh Reynolds, who tallied four point in his first varsity action after being called up from the JV.

"It was another pretty tough one where we just didn't have enough to close it out," Soukup said. "We held them to 12 points in the first half and promptly gave up 37 in the second half.
"... We need to just keep plug-

ging away at it and see if we can get a couple of these close ones to go our way

**HOWELL 54, CHURCHILL** 48: On Dec. 20, the host High-landers (2-2) rallied from a 30-22 halftime deficit to beat Livonia Churchill (2-3). Pete Cender and Jeremy Matras paced Howell with 13 and 10

points, respectively Robert Foster, Jr. led the Chargers with 14 points and six steals, while Dwayne Scott Churchill made only 7-of-19 free throws, while Howell hit 8-of-16.

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"We're layups and free throws away from being 4-1," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We missed 12 shots that were either layups or putbacks. We're playing hard, but we have to finish better around the basket."
ANNAPOLIS 60, CVILLE 57:

Jacob Butzin hit three consecutive 3-pointers with just under three minutes remaining last Thursday to give host Dearborn Heights Annapolis (2-2) a victory over Livonia Clarenceville (0-7). Nehemiah Graddick paced the victorious Cougars with a game high 22 points, while KYon Lavant added 11 and Butzin finished with nine

Jawan Nelson led the Trojans, who 44-41 after three quarters, with 18 points. James Hill chipped in with 10. Clarenceville struggled at the foul stripe going 5-for-16, while

Annapolis was 2-of-5. PLY. CHRISTIAN 65, EVER-EST 56: A 23-point outing by Alex Huber last Thursday lifted host Plymouth Christian Academy (4-0) to a non-league victory over Detroit Everest Col-

legiate (3-2). Mick Noel chipped in with 19 points for the Eagles while Daniel Jipping tallied eight points and 11 rebounds.

Richie Cross scored 14 points for Everest Collegiate.

#### PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

53rd annual **OAKLAND COUNTY** WRESTLING TOURNEY Dec. 21 at Southfield Dec. 22 at Lake Orion **TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi** Detroit Catholic Central, 347 points; 2. Oxford, 278; 3. Rochester, 264.5; 4. Clarkston, 239.5; 5. Lake Orion, 207.5; 6. Holly, 187.5; 7. Ortonville Brandon, 176: 8. Rochester Stoney Creek. 152; 9. Waterford Kettering, 146; 10. Rochester Adams, 135.5; Farmington Harrison, 133.5; 14. Farmington, 115; 28. Livonia Clarenceville, 54.5; 37. North

Farmington, 33 (39 schools). **CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS** 103 pounds: Bryan LaVeran (Brandon) decisioned Alex Hrisopoulos (Oxford) 8-4; 3rd place: Mike Volyanyuk (Harrison) dec. Colton Cleaver (Holly) 5-4; 5th place: Kaleb Marion (W.L. Central) dec. Kevin Thomas (Troy) 4-3: 7th place: Ban DeNova (Novi) won by major dec. over Justin Miller (W.L. Northern) 12-2.

112: Kyle Noonan (Stoney Creek) won by major dec. over Parker O'Brien (CC) 12-4; 3rd: Daniel Shear (W.L. Central) dec. Nick Biss (Ortonville) 5-4; 5th: Justin Shofield (r Adams) dec. Nate Vandermeer (Clarkston) 6-1; 7th: David Moore (Lake Orion) won by major dec. over Lee Hewson (Royal Oak) 17-4.

119: Trevor Zdebski (CC) dec. Justin Kim (Rochester) 7-1; 3rd: Daniel Curtis (Oxford) won by major dec. over Aaron Par-Besemer (Berkley) 13-2; 5th: Gordy Dwyer (Ortonville) pinned Keith Lee (Southfield) 4:35; 7th: Devin Acker (Kettering) won by major dec. over Conner Ryan (Clarkston) 13-3.

125: Evan Toth (CC) won by maj. dec. over Ross Bahro (W. Bloomfield) 12-4; **3rd:** Sam Johnson (Holly) d. Cameron Wilkie (Clarkston) 5-1; 5th: Anton Letica (Lake Orion) dec. Joe Saferian (Hazel Park) 6-5; 7th: Tyler Dukart (Rochester) p. Tim Hagelin (Kettering) 3:55.

130: Immanuel Govantes (Farmington) p. Myles Amine CC) 3:50; **3rd:** Edwin Schlickenmeyer (Oxford) p. Thomas Keyes (Athens) 2:44; 5th: Alex Potoniec (Adams) dec. Austin Murray (W.L. Western) 7-4; 7th: Keegan Soles (Holly) dec. Mike Cardinale (Clarkston) 7-6.

135: Mason Cleaver (Holly) won by major dec. over Charlie Highlen (Lake Orion) 10-2; **3rd**: Christian Lauderback (W.L. Northern) dec. Andrew Fialka (Harrison) 3-1; **5th:** John Schuele (Rice) p. Jake Dionne (Clarkston) 1:32; 7th: Eli Joseph (CC) d. Mario Giglio (W. Bloomfield) 8-7. 140: Anthony Gonzales (Holly) d. Malik Amine (CC) 8-5; **3rd:** Mike Willits (Oxford) dec. Trevor Bourdeau (Ortonville) 6-0; 5th: Chris Mikhjian (Adams) won by major dec. over Tim List (Seaholm) 10-1; 7th: Jazz Hubbard (Athens) p. Bobby Mathieson (Harrison) 4:48.

145: Andrew Napieraj (Rice) dec. Kaelan Richards (Rochester) 8-7; 3rd: Rocco Borg (Oxford) won by major dec. over Larone Mack (Harrison) 8-0; 5th: Chris Naubert (CC) ded. Jake Hazelton (Rochester Stoney Creek) 3-1; 7th: Jesse Torres (Holly) d. Dave Dolehanty (Kettering) 2-1.

152: Andrew Price (r Stoney Creek) won by major dec. over Wesley Maskill (Oxford) 8-0; **3rd:** Kyle Pepper (Holly) dec. Jack

Addy (Adams) 4-2; 5th: Mike Babicz (CC) ded. Patrick Kern (W.L. Northern) 5-1; 7th: Thor Wardell (Ortonville) p. Dazon Cole (Pontiac) 1:47. 160: Shon Powell (Rice) dec.

Nick Vandermeer (Clarkston) 9-6; 3rd: Mitch Craig (W.L. Central) d. Aaron Morgan (Rochester) 8-5; 5th: Max Wardell (Ortonville) dec. Wesley Kuutila (Farmington) 4-3; **7th:** Sam Gomez (Seaholm) won by forfeit over Andrew Subuda (Adams).

171: Drew Garcia (CC) dec. Dean Vettese (Rochester) 4-2; 3rd: Marty Giannola (Oxford) dec. Ethan Gros (Lake Orion) 4-1; 5th: Jake Pankey (Stoney Creek) won by forfeit over Ryan Southerland (Farmington); **7th:** Steve Toporowski (Troy Athens) maj dec. Zach Carter (Kettering) 8-0. 189: Chris Calvano (Clarkston) p.

Nick Giese (CC) 3:34; 3rd: Josiah Thomas (Rice) d. Shane Shadaia (Rochester) 5-3; 5th: Durham Basso (Lake Orion) dec. Liam Logan (Lake Orion) 4-2; **7th:** Alex Sovel (W.L. Central) dec. Austin Denha (Stoney Creek) 3-2. 215: Schwan Shadaia (Rochester) dec. Matt Okaiye (Kettering) 3-1; 3rd: Noah Hosking (Milford)

won by major dec. over Jay Peterson (CC) 10-2; 5th: Prince Onwenu (W.L. Central) dec. Luke Patterson (S. Lyon East) 7-1; 7th: Adam Myers (Clarkston) p. Ryan Groves (Clarenceville) 4:30. 285: Bob Coe (CC) d. Zach Wood (Oxford) 5-2; 3rd: Paul Scott (Lake Orion) dec. Tyler Lovelace (Milford) 8-5; **5th:** Josh Dabney (O.L. St. Mary's) dec.

Reyes Luis (Clarkston) 2-1; 7th: Tommy Edwards (Kettering) p. Cameron Daniels (Rochester)

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL** Thursday, Dec. 27 Glenn at Musk. Hts, 7:30 p.m.

Salem at Chelsea Inv., 8 p.m. (Patriot Inv. at Franklin) Richard vs. Lakeland, 5:30 p.m. Franklin vs. Crestwood, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28

Glenn at East Kentwood, 6 p.m. N. Farm. vs. Detroit Henry Ford at Ypsilanti H.S., 6 p.m. Patriot Inv., 5:30 & 7 p.m. (Northville Holiday Tourney) C'ville vs. Wat. Mott, 1 p.m. N'ville vs. Farmington, 7 p.m. Salem at Chelsea Inv., TBA. (M.C. Roundball Classic at Detroit Country Day) Canton vs. Withrow, 2:20 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 Northville Tourney, 3 & 7 p.m

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** Thursday, Dec. 27 (M.C. Roundball Classic at Detroit Country Day) N. Farm. vs. Lakes, 12:40 p.m. Lady. vs. G.P. South, 7:30 p.m. Glenn vs. Toledo Rogers, 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 28 (M.C. Roundball Classic at Detroit Country Day) PCA vs. Franklin Road, 9:20 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 (M.C. Roundball Classic at Detroit Country Day) Harrison vs. Consortium, 4 p.m. PREP HOCKEY Thurs.-Sat., Dec. 27-29

Traverse City Tourney, TBA. PREP WRESTLING Friday, Dec. 28 Milford Yeti Challenge, 9 a.m.

Ionia Invitational, 9 a.m. Salem Elks Tourney, 9 a.m. MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS Sunday, Dec. 30 MU at Roosevelt (III.), 3 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS** Friday, Dec. 28 MU at Ave Maria (Fla.), 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 MU vs. Auburn-Montgomery at Ave Maria (Fla.), 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30 MU vs. Virginia-Lynchburg at Ave Maria (Fla.), 1 p.m.

**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE** 

Thursday, Dec. 27 Saginaw vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 London vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

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(171) and Bob Coe (285). Farmington Hills Harrison placed 11th overall in the team standings with 133.5 points.

Mike Volyanyuk (103) led the way with a third-

place finish, while Andrew Fialka (135) and Larone Mack (145) each placed fourth; Bobby Mathieson (140) was eighth.

Farmington, finishing 14th overall with 115 points, also got a pair of sixths from Wesley Kuutila (160) and Ryan Southerland (171).

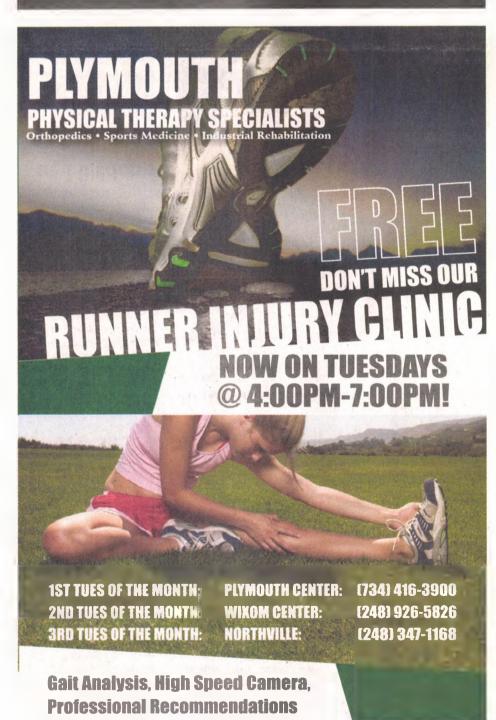
Livonia Clarenceville and North Farmington were 28th and 37th, respectively, with 54 and 33 points.

Clarenceville senior Rvan Groves placed eighth in the 215-pound weight division.

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#### **ICERS** U-D Jesuit Tourney, TBA. Saturday, Dec. 29 TBA - time to be announced.

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scoring chances for Airport throughout the game, but when they did have quality shots, Greco was there to make the saves," Unified coach Steve Popp said. "I was happy with our killer instinct to open the third period. Overall, it was a good effort and a game that we can all be happy about for the time being."
PLYMOUTH 8, CANTON

1: The Wildcats (8-1-1, 4-1-1) won three games over a fourday stretch, capped off by a

win Dec. 18 over rival Canton (1-9, 1-7) at the Arctic Edge Arena.

Senior forward Nick Schultz again led the offensive attack for the Wildcats with two goals (14 for the season) and three assists. His brother Mike Schultz added his 12th goal of the season and two assists. Plymouth jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the second period, but Canton forward lan Fagan scored late in the period to narrow the gap. Forward Christian Flack and

goalie Justin Kolbicz assisted on the play. The Wildcats expanded the lead with four third-period goals by junior forward Conor

Browne, sophomore defenseman Jake Zaborowski (power play), senior defenseman Cam Nadell and senior forward Jordan Lopetrone.

"The Hartland game on Monday took a toll on us physically, and Canton was ready to go from the start and made it difficult for us the first two periods," Plymouth coach Gerry Vento said. "We seemed to find our legs in the third and created more scoring chances.' Sophomore Jared Mad-dock stopped 11 of 12 shots to earn his fifth win of the season in goal for Plymouth. Canton's Kolbicz faced 20

#### SPORTS ROUNDUP

**Book reading** 

Paul Lubanski of the Farmington Hills Hockey Association will read from his new children's book "Bonky, a Moose and the Magic Hock-ey Stick" 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at the Farmington Hills Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Rd. (just west of the post office).

Lubanski, who teaches in the FHHA's TimBit's Learn to Play program, also will make a short presentation to encourage and instruct children how to be the best teammate possible.

Seating is limited, so

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call ahead (248-848-4315) to reserve a seat.

K-of-C contest

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton.

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. with all agegroup contestants recognized for their participation in the event, which will progress through local, district and state competition.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

Wildcat shots.

For more information, call Dave Lengel at (734) 516-4930 or email dlengel2@yahoo.com.

Softball camp Madonna University will hold a series of winter softball camps (ages

7-18) including: Fundamentals (Camp I) - 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26;

Fundamentals (Camp II) - noon-2:30 p.m., Sundays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24. (Cost for each is \$125 by Dec. 1; or \$150).

For more information. visit www.Madonna Crusaders.com.

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#### **ORDINANCE #2012-05**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PLYMOUTH CITY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 70, ARTICLE II, SEC. 70.26.

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 70, Article II, Section 70.26 of the Code of the City of Plymouth by adding the following language:

> 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 PENALTIES. 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 Vehicle 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.

(a) A violation of Section 625(1)(c) of the Michigan Voter Vehicle Code (being MCL 257.625) shall be a misdemeanor. And shall be punishable by one or more of the following:

1. Community Service for not more than 360 hours. Imprisonment of not more than 180 days. 3. A fine of not less than \$200.00 or more than \$700.00.

SECTION 2. Made, passed and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth,

DANIEL DWYER, Mayor LINDA LANGMESSER, City Clek

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Introduced: Enacted: Publish: Effective

December 3, 2012 December 17, 2012 December 27, 2012 December 28, 2012

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# All-Observer gridders make first-class lineup

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

Seth Suida, QB, Churchill: The 6-1, 176-pound senior completed 114 of 195 passes for 1,913 yards with 19 TDs and only four interceptions for the KLAA South and Kensington Conference champions.

The all-KLAA pick and team captain also rushed for 271 yards (5.7 per carry) and four TDs.

'Seth is a very competitive kid who has worked very hard to improve his game," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said. "He's a late bloomer who will continue to grow as a player. He's a great leader who showed poise in leading us to 10 straight victories. Seth could run and throw the ball and perhaps was the most accurate passer ever at Churchill."

Joe Mims, QB, Stevenson: A three-year starter and two-year captain, Mims enjoyed his best season, completing 130 of 226 passes for 1,665 yards and 17 TDs with only six interceptions. The 6-1, 175-pound Mims, an all-KLAA pick and team MVP, also rushed for 353 yards and three TDs as the Spartans earned a Division 1 playoff berth.

He is also Stevenson's all-time career passing yardage leader

"I've said this before, but the leadership Joe took on, as far as what he wanted the team to accomplish ... he worked to lead that group toward that goal and was really the driving force for us," Stevenson coach Matt Fielder said.

Romello Brown, RB, Churchill: The 5-10, 240-pound All-State Dream team selection by the Detroit Free Press, who has made a verbal commitment to Wayne State, finished with 1,849 yards rushing (7.6 per carry) with 29 touchdowns.

The all-KLAA pick also had 12 receptions for 151 yards and

"Romello is a great story of a kid who has overcome many obstacles to succeed," Filiatraut said. "He's a tough, hard-nosed runner who can run through you, around you, or by you. He had 1,800-plus yards when everyone knew he was getting the

Malcolm Hollingsworth, RB, Canton: For someone only 5-7 and 170, Hollingsworth once again proved to be a huge thorn in the side of KLAA opponents in 2012, sparking the Chiefs to another playoff appearance.

Just one example of Hollingsworth's ability to find a seam and hit it for major yardage took place Sept. 21. On the first snap of the contest, he broke loose for an 80-yard touchdown. Hollingsworth carried the ball 169 times for 1,517 yards and 19 TDs and broke the Canton record for average yards per

"He took care of the ball, could grind out the tough yards and also break the long touchdown run," coach Tim Baechler said. "He had great quickness and balance."

The All-KLAA selection also was named to the Detroit Free Press All-West first team and Detroit News All-Metro West

Jordan Degreffenreed, RB, Farmington: The senior tailback has explosive speed and power for his size (5-8, 183). He averaged 7.2 yards per carry while rushing for 1,060 yards and 11 touchdowns on 148 attempts. He would've had greater numbers if an injury hadn't slowed him down. Degreffenreed also played cornerback on defense (28 tackles), and he returned punts and kicks, too. Many of the GLIAC schools have offered him a scholarship.

"In our estimation, he's one of the best backs in the state," coach John Bechtel said. "He's the whole package. He hits the hole as hard as anyone, and he doesn't mind running inside. He has great feet and the ability to make good teams' best players miss. He can catch the ball out of the backfield, too. He's as good a running back as we've ever had, and we've had some pretty good players."

Tomaz McNeil, RB, Garden City: Using a slashing, powerful running style, McNeil churned out 1,006 yards in just eight games, averaging 5.72 yards per carry. In addition to scoring a team-high 12 touchdowns, he averaged 29.67 yards per kickoff return for the 5-4 Cougars. McNeil finished his career as the school's No. 2 all-time leading rusher behind only Michael

"What makes Tomaz such a special player is that he runs with a combination of balance and power," said Garden City coach Scott Murray. "He really stepped up as a leader this season, too. He's the best running back I've coached since I've been at Garden City.'

Matt McKoy, TE, Canton: Tough as nails and dependable in the clutch, the 6-1, 190-pound captain earned team MVP honors after posting another big season for the Chiefs.

McKoy excelled as a tight end and wide-out, making 21 catches for 355 yards along with five touchdowns. He set a Canton school record in receptions in the process, not to mention providing dominant blocking at the tight end position. But he also was a key member of the defensive secondary, registering a team-high 77 tackles. He chipped in an interception and two fumble recoveries.

An all-KLAA selection, he also collected accolades elsewhere. He was named to the Detroit News All-Metro West first team as a defensive back and was an honorable mention for the

Detroit Free Press' All-West squad. "Matt made big catches and big blocks all year for us,"

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#### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 28 12/17/12

Presiding: President Godbout Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi,

Kehrer, Reeves

262: Appr. request for closed study session immediately following meeting re. pending real estate matters. Mtg. adj. at 6:04 p.m.

Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout Council President Eileen DeHart City Clerk, CMC

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**Romello Brown** Churchill





John Glenn



**Collin Rankin** 

Mike Kennedy

**Nate Emminger** 

Da'Mario Jones, WB, John Glenn: Committed to the Univer-

sity of Michigan, the 6-2, 190-pound Jones finished with 1,067 all-purpose yards and nine touchdowns for the Rockets.

He rushed for 437 yards (16.2 per carry) and had 17 receptions

Jones, an all-KLAA pick, also played in the defensive backfield

for 362 yards (21.2 per catch) to go along with 268 yards in

total kickoff returns (21.3 per touch)

**Plymouth** 

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**Redford Union** 



Youssef Barakat

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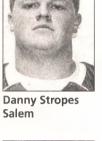
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**Devin Moynihan** Churchill



**JaMarco** Willingham



Franklin







**Kevin Williams Thurston** 



**Andrea Abrams** 

Churchill

N. Farmington

**Chauncey Bridges** 

"Da'Mario is a great kid, was a heckuva football player, but the great thing about him is that he's an even better person," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "Obviously he did a lot of great things for us as a football player, but was a great leader. It's always good when your best player is your hardest worker and has the best attitude, and that's the kind of guys Da'Mario

Please see ALL-AREA FOOTBALL, B4

#### SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1.718th REGULAR MEETING LIVONIA CITY COUNCIL - DECEMBER 5, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present: James McCann, John Pastor, Maureen Miller Brosnan, Brandon Kritzman, and Laura Toy. Absent: Joe Laura and Thomas

#469-12 Resolution by Pastor and Brosnan, unanimously adopted, approving the minutes of the 1,717th Regular Meeting of the Council held November 21, 2012.

President Toy announced a Public Hearing to be held Monday, January 7, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in the Auditorium of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI for the following item:

The City Council of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing to consider adoption by the City Council of an ordinance amending the Plymouth Road Authority District to amend the boundaries of the Authority District pursuant to Act 197. (CR 365-12)

#### AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION: None.

The following resolutions were offered by Brosnan

#470-12 Referring the matter of a possible sidewalk extension on the south side of Ann Arbor Trail from Dowling Street to Rosedale Elementary School for safety reasons to the Administration for its report and recommendation.

#471-12 Approving a request submitted by Charnika Holmes, 1214 Stacy Drive, Building #54, Canton, Michigan 48188, for a massage apprentice permit in accordance with Chapter 5.49 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

#472-12 Approving a request submitted by Jeffrey Ramseyer, 33331 Oregon, Livonia, Michigan 48150, for a massage apprentice permit in accordance with Chapter 5.49 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

#473-12 Approving a request submitted by Amy Jackey, 19936 Poinciana, Redford, Michigan 48240, for a massage apprentice permit in accordance with Chapter 5.49 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended

#474-12 Approving a request submitted by Barbara Iovan, 14956 Auburndale, Livonia, Michigan 48154, for a massage therapist permit in accordance with Chapter 5.49 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

#475-12 Approving a request submitted by Amy Des Jardins, 624 Reed Court, Northville, Michigan 48167, for a massage therapist permit in accordance with Chapter 5.49 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

#476-12 Accepting the quote of Jack Doheny Companies, 777 Doheny Court, Northville, Michigan 48167, for supplying the Public Service Division (Water and Sewer Section) with one (1) 2013 Vactor Model 2115 Combination Sewer Vacuum and High Pressure Rodder with parts and related services for a total price of \$398,512.00 from budgeted funds.

#477-12 Determining that it is necessary for the best interests of the public to amend the boundaries of the Plymouth Road Development Authority district pursuant to Act 197 to eliminate purely residential properties from the Plymouth Road Development Authority district. (CR 365-12)

AYES: McCann, Pastor, Brosnan, Kritzman and Toy.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolutions

NAYS: None.

McCann gave SECOND READING to the following Ordinance: AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 105 TO TITLE

OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing Ordinance:

AYES: McCann, Pastor, Brosnan Kritzman and Toy. NAYS: None.

McCann gave SECOND READING to the following Ordinance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADDING SECTION

155 OF TITLE 15, CHAPTER 36 (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing Ordinance:

AYES: McCann, Pastor, Brosnan, Kritzman and Toy. NAYS: None.

Kritzman gave SECOND READING to the following Ordinance: PROPOSED SECTIONS

AMENDMENTS TO 030 THROUGH 110 OF TITLE 5, CHAPTER 30 (ENTERTAINMENTS AND AMUSEMENTS) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing Ordinance:

AYES: McCann, Pastor, Brosnan, Kritzman and Toy. NAYS: None.

#478-12 Resolution by Brosnan and McCann, unanimously adopted, approving Petition 2012-03-06-06 submitted by the City Planning Commission, proposing to amend sections 9.02 and 9.03 of Article IX, OS (Office Services) District Regulations, in order to modify the types of permitted and

#479-12 Resolution by Brosnan and McCann, unanimously adopted, approving Petition 2012-03-06-07 submitted by the City Planning Commission, proposing to amend Sections 10.02 and 10.03 of Article X, C-1 (Local Business) District Regulations, in order to clarify and make certain changes to the types of permitted and waiver uses.

#480-12 Resolution by McCann and Kritzman, unanimously adopted, approving Petition 2012-03-06-08 submitted by the City Planning Commission, proposing to amend Sections 11.02 and 11.03 of Article XI, C-2 (General Business) District Regulations, in order to make changes to certain types of permitted and waiver uses.

#### **AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION:**

Curtis Lipinski, 36555 Ann Arbor Trail, expressed his concern regarding the proposed sidewalk extension on Ann

Tony Perelli, 36543 Ann Arbor Trail, expressed his concern regarding his landscaping and the proposed sidewalk extension on Ann Arbor Trail.

By Pastor and McCann, unanimously adopted, adjourning this 1,718th Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia at 8:21 p.m. on December 5, 2012.

> TERRY A. MARECKI CITY CLERK

\*The foregoing is a summary of the Council's proceedings in synopsis form as authorized by CR 1158-68. The full text of the official minutes of this meeting is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and is available to the public upon request

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#### **ALL-AREA FOOTBALL**

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Gairus Coleman, WR, Harrison: Coleman, like the other Harrison players on the first team, was a starter on the Division 2 championship team in 2010.

He moved from slotback to wide receiver this year, making 24 catches for 370 yards and seven touchdowns.

He also started two seasons at cornerback. Coleman had 36 tackles, three interceptions, four pass breakups and three fumble recoveries. He was Harrison's team MVP and is one of its all-time leading receivers (65 catches for 944 vards)

"He did a little of everything," coach John Herrington said. "He was our best defensive back and receiver. He also was a punt returner and the holder for extra points. He runs excellent pass routes; he can get open and he has good hands. I think he'll definitely be a receiver in college. He'll be a real good possession receiver and probably a slot receiver. Cameron Dillard, OL, Canton: The 6-4,

290-pound Canton captain grew an inch and gained five pounds since his junior season and grew in stature with another outstanding season.

Dillard verbally committed to University of Florida, where he will receive a football scholarship. He also earned all-conference honors for the third time in three seasons with the Chiefs

Other honors keep pouring in, such as making the Detroit Free Press All-State Dream Team for the second year in a row (the only Canton player to ever do so) as well as firstteam All-Metro West honors from the Detroit News and first-team All-West accolades from

"He was a dominant blocker that finished every block," Baechler said. "He was a rare big man in that he could run and wanted to knock people down, not just block them. Matt Rodey, OL, Stevenson: The 6-2, 270pound senior became a two-way starter his senior year on both the offensive and defen-

The team captain and earned first-team Division 1 Detroit Free Press and Detroit News all-state honors for the Spartans, who earned a playoff spot.

"Matt anchored both our offensive and defensive lines," Fielder said. "I think that separates him from some of the other linemen that were very good that we played against. He was a good on the offensive line as he was on the defensive line.

Riley Moynihan, OL, Churchill: The 6-foot, 232-pound senior was ranked as Churchill's best lineman.

The all-KLAA pick played both ways for three years and was a team captain. Defensively, Moynihan finished with 36 total

tackles, two sacks and seven tackles for loss. "Strong and physical, Riley rarely came off the field," Filiatraut said. "He was a leader by example and helped pave the way for the most prolific offense in school history. He had monumental games against Canton and Grand Blanc. He's also a great defensive player."

DeAnthony Price, OL, Clarenceville: The 5-11, 180-pound two-year, two-way starter helped the Trojans make the Division 4 play-

Voted the team's most outstanding lineman, Price was a tight end and blocking fullback as a junior who made the switch to guard.

"He was shocked when we asked him to play a quard as well as linebacker." Clarenceville coach Ken Fry said. "He was reluctant at first, but soon warmed to the idea. DeAnthony did what every coach dreams that his players will do, and that's 'do what's best for the team.' His stats testify he was an anchor to us on the defensive side of the ball." Defensively, Price had 39 solo tackles and 45

assists, along with two fumble recoveries. Collin Rankin, OL, Redford Union: Rankin was an impactful force on both sides of the ball this season for the Panthers. Although undersized for an offensive lineman at just under 200 pounds, he cleared wide paths for Panther running backs. Rankin was a heat-seeking missile as a linebacker, racking up an average of 20 tackles per game. He is also an outstanding student and captain of the school's wrestling team and track-and-field team.

Brenton Zuzo, P/K, Plymouth: Strong kickers are becoming a staple for Plymouth football, and Zuzo lived up to the standard The Wildcats could count on getting points

out of situations where an offensive series stalled thanks to Zuzo. He connected on nine of 11 field-goal tries, including three of four from the 40-to-49-yard range.

Zuzo's kickoffs were superb, often booting the ball through the end zone, a la Kyle Brindza. Over 71 kickoffs, he averaged 54.4 yards and had a 71-yarder as his longest of the

In the punting department, he averaged 38.6

For his efforts, Zuzo was an all-conference selection and earned accolades from the Detroit Free Press (D1 all-state offense; All-West honorable mention) and Detroit News (All-Metro West First Team).

"Brenton was a huge weapon for us on special teams," coach Mike Sawchuk said. "His work ethic is incredible and he carried on the legacy that Kyle Brindza started as far as Plymouth High School having a great kicking

**FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE** 

Jake Slobin, DL, Harrison: Slobin was the team's leading tackler with 97 — an impressive feat for a tackle who also played defensive end at times. He had 30 tackles for loss, eight sacks, 10 quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles and three blocked kicks. Slobin (6-0, 235) was a three-year starter at left guard on offense. He committed to Grand Valley and will be a defensive lineman. Slobin is a repeat member of the all-area defense

#### ALL-OBSERVER FOOTBALL **FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE**

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Seth Suida, Sr. QB, Liv. Churchill Joe Mims, Sr. QB, Liv. Stevenson Romello Brown, Sr. RB, Liv. Churchill Malcolm Hollingsworth, Sr. RB, Canton Jordan Degreffenreed, Sr. RB, Farming. Tomaz McNeil, Sr. RB, Garden City Matt McKoy, Sr. TE, Canton Da'Mario Jones, Sr. WR, John Glenn Gairus Coleman, Sr. WR, F.H. Harrison Cameron Dillard, Sr. OL, Canton Matt Rodey, Sr. OL, Liv. Stevenson Riley Moynihan, Sr. OL, Liv. Churchill DeAnthony Price. Sr. OL, Clarenceville Collin Rankin, Sr. OL, Redford Union

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**COACH OF THE YEAR** John Filiatraut, Livonia Churchill **SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE** Jamarl Eiland, Sr. QB, Plymouth Jacob Richter, Sr. QB, Luth. Westland Joe McRobb, Sr. RB, Liv. Franklin Drake Jordan, Jr. RB, Salem Lorenzo Collins, Jr. RB, F.H. Harrison DJ Rossell, Jr. RB, Plymouth

Jalen Bryant, Jr. RB, Liv. Clarenceville Austin Douglass, Sr. WR, Clarenceville Jeremy Lewis, Sr. WR. Liv. Churchill Chad Pounders, Sr. OL, Liv. Franklin Andrew Burek, Sr. OL, Garden City Dan DeRoso, Sr. OL, Canton Mike Ditzler, Sr. OL, Canton

Ryan Caprathe, Sr. Ot., Farmington Kory Ignagni, Sr. OL, Plymouth Noah Downs, Sr. OL, F.H. Harrison Alex Isaevski, Sr. P/K, Westland Glenn **SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE** 

Damon Fuller, Jr. DL, Red. Thurston Alex Reardon, Sr. DL, Luth. Westland Keenan White, Sr. DL, Farmington Anwar Algurneh, Sr. DL, N. Farmington Patrick Sullivan, Sr. DL, Plymouth Kyle Cameron, Sr. DL, Salem Tommy Vincent, Sr. LB, Garden City Abdullah Myles, Sr. LB, Wayne Antonio McKelton, Sr. LB, F.H. Harrison Stefan Turrentine, Sr. LB, Plymouth Wes Kuuttila, Sr. LB, Farmington Matt Janke, Sr. LB, Plymouth Mike McNamara, Sr. DB, Salem Dwayne Scott, Sr. DB, Liv. Churchill Cody Coleman, Sr. DB, Liv. Stevenson Devin Kelly, Jr. DB, Liv. Stevenson

**HONORABLE MENTION** Churchill: Dylan Seifman, Anthony Groat, Robert Foster, Jr., Jake Staff, Matt Bosas, Mike Tanana, Hunter Rimatzki; Franklin: Brian Johnson, Tony Vella; Stevenson: Dom Ferrara, Giovanni D'Agostino, Tommy Orlich, Adam Wheeler; John Glenn: Devin Spalding, Mike Lada, Brandon Jordan; Wayne: Brian Williams, Tyler Casteels, Tor-Clarenceville: Zach Kubiak, Brandon Uren, Aaron Bibik, James Hill, Ma Sambou Jatta; Lutheran Westland: Nick Andrezjewski, Martin Kemp, Greg Klein, Ricky Lachance, Jacob Davenport; Harrison: Dorian Fields, Ryan Scriven, McCoy Sloan, Zac Maas, Peyton Petersen; Farmington: Michael Purry, Curtis Brunson, Kenneth Hammond, David Reese, Josh Craven; N. Farmington: Justin Shelton, Itoh Buley, Drew Correll, Matt Romeo, James Ward; Canton: Kenny Scott, Greg Williams, Ben Slater, Olani Owagbemi, Scott Gring; Plymouth: Josh Dennard, Travis McCall, Jacob Lackey, Shane Raymond, Logan Lutrell; Salem: Jacob Deprez, Justin Sydlowski, Andrew Hunt, Michael Hoover, I'van Rhodes, Ray Fisher, Gu'woin Ingram; Thurston: Shakeer Williams, Howard Young, Anthony Allen: Redford Union: Mark Brunet, Tyler Ouellette, Chris Curry; Garden City: Austin Horr, Daniel Moore, Wyatt Giangrande, Kyle Nelson, Tyler Wilson.

"The best thing about Jake is he has great football savvy, and he's able to read the offensive schemes," Herrington said, adding Slobin is a quick and explosive player off the line. "He's very versatile and can play a lot of positions. He was our best offensive lineman. He has good, all-round football knowledge. He's been around football since he was a young boy, and he really knows Hawk football on both sides of the ball."

Danny Stropes, DL, Salem: Another key cog for the improved Rocks was the 6-0, 226-pound two-way lineman, who is being targeted by Hope College of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Stropes made 37 tackles, three sacks, one forced fumble and four tackles-for-loss. On offense, where he played center, he helped Salem running backs earn an average of 4.9 yards per rush.

Accolades included all-conference, All-Metro West second team from the Detroit News, and All-West honorable mention from the Detroit

"Danny has a high energy motor," Britnell said. "He made players around him better. And he was smart, with no penalties on offense.

JeMarco Willingham, DL, Franklin: The 6-2, 244-pound Willingham finished with 75 tackles, including 15 for loss along with two sacks, four forced and two fumble recoveries.

"JaMarco is one of the best defensive linemen we've had at Franklin," coach Chris Kelbert said. "We moved him to tight end late in the year and it made a huge change in our offensive line.

Willingham is also a two-time all-KLAA selec-

Kyle McMillan, DL, Plymouth: The 6-1, 215pounder proved to be an invaluable weapon on the line of scrimmage for the Wildcats. He was credited with 22.5 tackles and one sack on defense while also blocking with a vengeance when Plymouth's offensive team was on the field.

When McMillan was injured in the second quarter of Plymouth's D1 regional loss to Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, "it was a huge blow to our chances," Sawchuk said.

McMillan was selected to the all-KLAA team and received other honors, namely the Detroit News All-Metro West second team and Detroit Free Press All-West second team

"Kyle is a relentless player on both sides of the ball," Sawchuk said.

Mike Kennedy, LB, Plymouth: Much of Plymouth's dominant defense, which limited opponents to 216 points over 11 games, featured his punishing play at linebacker. The 5-11, 180-pounder tallied 47.5 tackles, five of them for a loss, while breaking up one

pass and intercepting another. "Mike is just a nasty football player," Sawchuk said. "He was undersized as a linebacker. but made up for it with his intense and physical play.

Kennedy made outstanding contributions to offense and special teams, too. Not only did he lead the team in touchdowns and scoring (14, 84, respectively), he collected

786 all-purpose yards — including 672 rushing in 86 carries for a superb 7.8 average The all-conference pick was named to the All-West first team by the Detroit Free Press and All-Metro West second team by the Detroit

Youssef Barakat, LB, Salem: One of the prime reasons Salem came oh-so-close to making the state playoffs was the strong play of Barakat, who did it all for the Rocks.

Not only did the 5-10, 188-pounder make 58 tackles, he wreaked havoc on opposing backs with three tackles-for-loss, two fumble recoveries and one fumble recovery. He also chipped in on offense, making 10

catches for 198 yards and scoring a touch-

down Barakat, who is being recruited by the Mid-American Conference, was an all-conference selection and was selected to the Detroit News' All-Metro West first team. The Detroit Free Press named him as an honorable mention for the All-West squad.

Youssef's a tough kid, with no regard for his body," praised coach Kurt Britnell. "He worked hard every day to be a better football player."

Connor Mohr, LB, Farmington: Mohr, who is going to Michigan State on a baseball scholarship, was a three-year starter for the Falcons and their team MVP. He ranks third in school history for scoring and tackling. An all-state linebacker, Mohr (6-0, 200) made 63 tackles, intercepted one pass and recovered two fumbles this year. As a running back, he gained 829 yards on 113 carries for a 7.3 average and nine TDs. He was the leading receiver with 11 catches for 227 yards and four scores, and he was the leading scorer with 92 points. Mohr also averaged 21.7 and 13.5 yards per kick and punt return, respectively.

"Connor does everything," Bechtel said. "He's an outstanding special teams player. He's one of the most talented and, arguably, most complete player I've ever coached. (If not for baseball), I think he's a Division I football player, probably in the secondary as a deep safety or outside linebacker. He runs a 4.5 and has great speed, and he's a highly intelligent player. He's the whole package.

Charlie Yost, LB, Churchill: The 6-5, 220pound junior is a two-way, two-year starter at both tight end and linebacker for the 10-1 Chargers.

On defense, the all-KLAA selection had 102 total tackles including five sacks, 12 tackles for loss and five pass deflections.

"Charlie is a dominant blocker who set the edge for many outside running plays," Filiatraut said. "He's a great practice player and a guy that makes big plays in games be it sacking the quarterback or making a key first down catch.'

Andreel Longs, LB, Thurston: The senior covered the field like a blanket for the Eagles this season, recording 76 tackles, including six for loss, and one sack. He recovered one fumble and picked off a pass. On the offensive side of the ball, Longs gained 221 yards on just 32 rushes (6.9 yards per carry) and five

"Andreel is an outstanding linebacker with the rare qualities of speed which allow him to play sideline to sideline and play man coverage on a receiver, while still having the toughness to defend the inside run," said Thurston coach Bob Snell.

Ed Huckleby, LB, Harrison: Huckleby was a three-year starter on defense, playing outside linebacker the first two and moving to an inside position this year. He had 64 tackles, including two sacks, two picks, four pass breakups and a fumble recovery. Huckleby (5-11, 190) also started for two seasons at upback, but he went to tailback and carried the ball a lot this year after an injury to Lorenzo Collins. Huckleby rushed for 526 yards, averaging 5.7 per carry, and five touchdowns.

"Eddie is just an outstanding all-round player," Herrington said. "He hadn't practiced that much at tailback. In the first game, when Lorenzo got hurt, we put him in there and he did a great job against Renaissance and Oxford. He played almost every down. He's someone like Jake (Slobin); he has good football savvy. He'll always be in the right position, and he has the speed to cover receivers out of

Nate Emminger, DB, Plymouth: For his 5-7,

180-pound frame, Emminger packed a big wallop into his penchant for crunching oppos-

The all-KLAA defensive back who always seemed to be in the middle of things registered 40 tackles, fifth most for the Wildcats. He also broke up 13 passes and forced one fumble with his tenacity.

Emminger chipped in with four interceptions, including one he returned for a touchdown. In addition, the captain provided a boost to the offense with 1,201 all-purpose yards — including 15 receptions for 407 yards, 261 on kickoff returns and 240 on punt returns. He contributed five TDs, three on the ground and two in the air.

"Nate's the best pure football player that we have ever had at Plymouth," Sawchuk said. "He can do it all."

Emminger earned plenty of accolades, foremost being named to the Detroit Free Press All-State Dream Team. Other honors included selection to the Detroit News All-Metro West and Detroit Free Press All-West first teams.

Isaiah Gourdine, DB, Farmington: Gourdine, who committed to Cincinnati last summer, was Farmington's leading tackler the last two years from his free safety position, which is by design in the team's defensive scheme. He made 83 tackles, including 35 solos, had one pick and blocked three kicks. As a wide receiver, he caught eight passes for 171 yards and three TDs.

"He's a gifted athlete and a big hitter," Bechtel said. "He comes up and supports the run as well as anybody would want. When he does, he can unload. He has that big body (6-3, 195) and he runs a 4.5 40. He creates a lot of problems for people in the run game. In pass defense, he has great skills and great hips. That's why he had so many Division I offers. Isaiah also was a real good receiver, too. He can do it all. He was on every special team just like Connor, so he never left the field either."

**Chauncey Bridges, DB, N. Farmington:** Bridges was voted team MVP after a standout junior year in which he also received an allstate honorable mention (Division 1-2). He led the Raiders with 1,110 rushing yards and eight touchdowns on 178 carries. Bridges (5-10, 170) also returned punts and kicks, averaging 167.3 all-purpose yards per game. He caught for 13 passes for 151 yards and a TD, and he had a punt return for a TD. As a defensive back, he had 33 tackles (four for loss) and 10 pass breakups.

"We knew he was a good cornerback, because he played there last year," coach Todd Schultz said. "With the running back crew we had last year, he didn't get many chances to carry the ball. But he got plenty this year and showed what he could do. On special teams, he was a threat to go any time with a punt or kick return.

"He's just a great kid. He has a great attitude and is easy to coach. He's kinda the perfect player you like to have."

Kevin Williams, DB, Thurston: Williams did it all for the Eagles this fall, serving as the team's No. 1 running, a lock-down cornerback, dangerous kick-off returner and reliable placekicker. Williams ran for 558 yards on 69 carries (8.1 yards per carry) and eight touchdowns. He made 21 tackles on defense with four pass break-ups, and nailed 20 of 27 extra points.

"Kevin is an excellent athlete who was a standout at defensive back as well as running back," said Snell. "He also returned kicks and was our place kicker. He is a great competitor with outstanding speed and toughness, which makes him very dangerous to play against. Andre Abram, DB, Churchill: The 6-foot, 175 pound senior excelled on both sides of the ball.

The all-KLAA pick finished with 68 tackles along with five interceptions, along with 27 catches for 403 yards (14.9 per catch) and five TDs at wide receiver.

"Andre is a great team leader who made timely catches and interceptions," Filiatraut said. "He was the quarterback of our defense and got us aligned in the right spot. He has matured physically and mentally into one of the best players in the KLAA. He had a great game-winning interception against Plymouth."

#### **COACH OF THE YEAR**

John Filiatraut, Churchill: The 16th-year coach guided the Chargers to their most successful season in school history with a 10-1 record, including a KLAA South and Kensington Conference championships. Churchill also put up record numbers this

total points (452). "Offensively we were able to play at a high level all year and defensively we improved greatly as the year went on," said Filiatraut, a Dearborn Divine Child High

season for total offense and

grad and former University of Wisconsin player. "Achieving measurable goals like city, division, and conference champs is also



Coach of Year

very rewarding because of the tough schedule we play. Week after week school spirit seemed to build and our team certainly enjoyed the ride. It was an honor to coach with our staff and to go to practice every day with our kids. His varsity assistants included Bill DeFillipo (offensive coordinator), Al Smith (defensive coordinator), Matt Fryer (offensive line), Marcus Dukes (wide receivers), Ron Targosz (defensive backs), Dave Crispin (linebackers), Dave Simpson (defensive line) and Jeff Ricketts (running backs).

Under Filiatraut (61-90 career record), the Chargers have earned four postseason playoff spots (2004, 2007, 2011 and 2012), along with one district title.

"2012 was a very rewarding season," Filiatraut said. "We had a very talented group this year and almost without exception the kids played about as well as they could have. Every player seemed to have a great year. Helping kids reach their potential is what coaching is all about and this year I felt that many kids played really well."

#### MADONNA

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tion a couple of times and the ball just

Reynolds, who came in averaging 8.8 points per game, added a career-high 17 points and 10 rebounds to go along with

six assists Also in double figures for the Titans was Yar Shayok (12 points and 13 rebounds), along with 10 points apiece from Des Lavita-Stephens and Tayelor McAllister.

"I was disappointed in our effort and I didn't think we had a lot of fire today," Graves said. "They almost played as if it didn't matter, and that they were supposed to lose. I thought we did well against Bowling Green and Eastern, and some of the other teams we played, but we just didn't have it today.'

Madonna made only 17-of-16 shots from the floor (27.9 percent), including just 3-of-16 from 3-point range.

"There were some really crazy shots," Graves said. "We weren't moving the ball and we weren't playing as a team. It was just a rough day for us.'

The Crusaders will return to action Friday when they travel by bus to play three straight games in Naples, Fla., before returning Wednesday, Jan. 2, to face Lawrence Tech in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference home game. Ironically, the MU bus broke down after the game.

"I think we're gong to be OK," Graves said. "I still think this is the best Madonna team I've had since I've been here. They're going to rebound from this and they'll be ready to go in the WHAC. We're looking to go to (NAIA) nationals and I think we can do that."

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#### Exercise classes offered at church school, parish

Exercise classes begin next month at Metropolitan Adventist Jr Academy in Plymouth and St. John Neumann Parish in Canton.

Jeanie Weaver, a certified personal trainer, will lead "senior focused strength, balance and core exercise" aimed at increasing mobility, at 8:45 a.m., Monday and Thursday beginning Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013. Exercises will be of beginning to medium intensity.

She'll also lead a medium to high intensity boot camp at 6 a.m. Friday and 5:30 p.m. Monday.

The suggested donation for registration is \$70 for all 16 sessions held mornings Monday and Thursday and \$65 for 14 sessions held in the afternoon on Monday and mornings on Friday. The drop-in rate for all classes is \$6 per single session.

The Academy is located at 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth. Register by calling Weaver at (248) 446-9176 or emailing to jeanieweaver@ charter.net.

Joe Mason, a certified personal fitness trainer and yoga trainer, will lead exercise classes that run seven weeks, beginning Monday, Jan. 28 at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road. Cost is \$42. A portion of the class fee will be donated to the Parish.

Mason's class, "Easy on the Joints," begins with gentle aerobic movements to thoroughly warn the body for work that includes strength training, high repetitions with light hand weights and abdominal and back exercises. Classes include body stretching and balance work.

Each participant will receive handouts with easyto-follow workout recommendations for most days of the week.. To be successful, daily home exercises must be completed.

Mason guarantees improvement in sleep patterns, flexibility, endurance, strength and stamina. Participants should bring a voga or exercise mat to class, along with light hand weights and bottled water.

Sign up by calling St. John Neumann Parish at (734) 455-5910.

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

#### December

#### **HOLIDAY SERVICES**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 30 Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Contact: (734) 422-0149

#### **HOLIDAY SERVICES** Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31

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

Details: The New Year's Eve service will include communion Contact: (248) 553-3380

#### January

#### DIVORCE, **GRIEF SUPPORT**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. beginning Jan.

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

Details: Two new support groups, "Through the Fire" an eight-week divorce recovery group, and "Hope for Tomorrow" an eight-week grief support class, are offered. Both of these programs have been developed and will be led by the Rev. John Straub and his wife, Suzanne, who have more than 10 years teaching experience. Pre-registration deadline is Dec. 16

Contact: (248) 553-3380

#### **GREEN FILM SERIES**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 **Location:** Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham

**Details:** PRI's John Hockenberry goes inside the organizations that fought the scientific establishment to shift the direction of the climate debate. Film is followed by a discussion with Kathryn L. Savoie, PhD, an authorized presenter of the Climate Reality Project, trained directly by former vice president Al Gore. Free admission. Sponsored by the church's Green Ministry

Contact: www.ccbucc.org

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday,

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia Details: Tour the school, talk to other parents and staff during this open house for the school, which includes 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.saintgenevieve.org or call (734) 425-4420

SPECIAL SERVICE

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6

#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: In the midst of dealing with the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, economic hardships, a broken relationship, or a grim medical prognosis, the holiday season can be filled with sadness, rather than joy. When the hustle

Location: Hope Lutheran Church,

and bustle of Christmas is through, January can feel bleak. "Light in Our Darkness," will be an evening of prayer and song. Participants 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.

Location: G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road, one block south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Cost is \$18 and includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (cash only) with the exact amount. Stay for cards, games, and conversation until 9 p.m. Reservations by Jan. 11, 2013 Contact: Carol at (313) 562-3080

#### 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.

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: (734) 846-4615

**Nicole's Revival** 

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-

**Location:** YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford

Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer

Contact: (313) 531-1234 **Our Lady of Loretto** 

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** Scripture study Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday.

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

#### **Ward Presbyterian**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held Contact: (248) 374-5920

#### **CLOTHING BANK Canton Christian**

**Fellowship** Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fel**lowship Clothing Bank offers** free clothing (men, women and

children) for those in need Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

#### **FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL**

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills **Details:** Free meal

Contact: (248) 477-1153, ext. 12

#### **FOOD BANK**

**New Hope Church** Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

#### **MOMS**

#### **Christ Our Savior Lutheran**

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road,

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of schoolaged children. Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPSnext details.

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel** 

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford Details: MOPS is a place where

moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

#### **PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE**

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs

Sunday Worship

8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional

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Contact: (313) 563-0162

**Nardin Park United Methodist** Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church.

Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656 or Geri at (734) 464-8906

#### St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday Location: 7000 Sheldon, Canton **Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

**Contact:** (734) 459-3333

#### St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturdays Location: In the church rectory conference room, 11441 Hubbard,

Details: St. Monica's Prayer Group is open to all women who want to support one another in praying for their children, regardless of age.

Other prayer sessions: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday, includes parish prayer and Eucharistic adoration, with Benediction service

Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200

#### **PRESCHOOL**

**Ward Preschool** Time/Date: 2011-12 school year Location: 40000 Six Mile, North-

**Details:** Enrolling now for children turning 3, 4 and 5 years old by Dec.

Contact: (248) 374-5911 or e-mail

carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org

**Detroit World Outreach** 

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 304

**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Contact: The facilitator at (313) 283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church Time/Date: 7:30-7:45 p.m., social

time; 7:45-8 p.m., opening; 8-9 p.m., program Thursdays. Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville Details: Single Place Ministry; cost

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# Crossroads Ceili

# Add Irish dancing, music to your holiday entertainment

**By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Write** 

Mick Gavin wants to help you get your New Year's celebration started early - and with an Irish flair. The Redford resident, who teaches Irish fiddle, will bring family, friends and fellow musicians together Friday-Saturday, Dec. 28-29, at The Ark in Ann Arbor, for two nights of Celtic song and dance in a post-Christmas, pre-New Year's concert known as Crossroads Ceili.

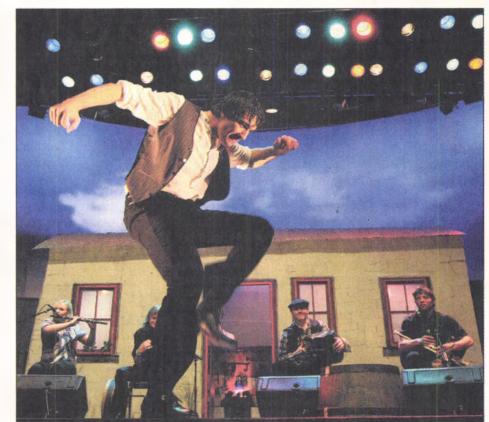
The Ark calls the gathering "a great way to mark the turning of the year."

Gavin says it's a passion that started 16 years ago when The Ark's director suggested he stage a concert between Christmas and New Year's Day. Gavin dubbed the event Crossroads Ceili after the tradition of Irish villagers who met at crossroads for fairs, markets and performances.

"It wasn't originally two days, but we had so many people show up when we first started that one night there were 300 people waiting outside the door. We needed two nights," he said. "I think we're going to have a huge turnout again this year.'

The musicians engage the audience in singing along to a few Christmas songs — and last year they did Auld Lang Syne - but most of the concert is pure Irish folk music, performed by Gavin and friends, informally known as "the Crossroads Ceili gang," along with nationally known acts.

The local musicians and dancers he'll bring together this year include Michael and Colleen Gavin - Mick Gavin's son and daughter-inlaw — on fiddle, banjo, flute, and tin whistle; all-Ireland champion fiddlers Holland Raper and Kelsey Lutz; all-Ireland gold medal winning harpist Siobhan McKinney; Ray Maguire on flute, whistle guitar and songs; five children



Brian Cunningham, director, producer and lead dancer of the Atlantic Steps, wil perform at Crossroads Ceili in Ann Arbor.

from the Dollowy family of Plymouth, on fiddles, banjo and step-dance; and Lance Wagner on piano.

**Big party** 

"It's really a community group. There are some students, like the Dollowy kids. I like them to come as a family and I have other students as well," said Gavin, who has known many of the musicians since they were children, having either taught them or performed with their par-

"It's amazing the way people know each other through music and they actually learn tunes and stories from each other. This year we'll be doing The Long Journey Home," he said, referring to the song written by Paddy Moloney of The Chieftains and Elvis Costello. "We're trying to get the (Dollowy) girls to do Caledonia. We'll probably have guest dancers from the audience. It's not a free-for-all, but it's

open for performers who are legit, who are accomplished. I try to make it a party, like a big Christmas ceili.

"It's coordinated around Bua. They are going to be calling the shots."

#### **Nationally-known** band

Gavin is especially proud of Bua, the featured quartet from Chicago, Ill., that includes his son, Sean, on flute, uilleann pipes, and whistle. The band plays Irish tra-

#### **16TH ANNUAL** CROSSROADS

When: Doors open 7 p.m., concert starts 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 28-29

Where: The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor What: Mick Gavin and

Friends perform Celtic music and share the stage with nationally known headliner, Bua. Shows also feature dancer Nic Gareiss, dancer Brian Cunningham, and soprano Katie Else Admission: \$15. Get tickets online at theark. org; by phone at (734) 763-TKTS; in person at the Ark box office, 316 Main or the Michigan Union, 530 S. State, Ann

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ditional music and tours extensively. Gavin hopes to have Bua's CDs on hand at the shows.

In addition to Sean Gavin, Bua includes Brian Miller on guitar, bouzouki, backing vocals; Devin Shepherd on fiddle; and Brian O'Hairt on vocals, sean-nos dance, concertina.

"I have great admiration for the youngsters in Bua because of their approach. They play the tunes in unbelievable traditional Irish fashion. The songs are historic, they are ancient, from another day. A lot of credit is due for their digging so deep."

Other featured performers will include Nic Gareiss, who has danced as a featured soloist with such bands as The Chieftains, Solas and Dervish; Brian Cunningham, an "old-style, traditional" dancer; and Katie Else, a vocalist from Detroit who has toured with Riverdance.



Bua headlines the Crossroads Ceili concert, Friday-Saturday, Dec. 28-29 at The Ark in Ann Arbor.

#### **Arts Crafts DETROIT INSTITUTE OF**

Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Exhibits: Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013; Faberge: The Rise and Fall, The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, through Jan. 21, 2013; Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, through March 3, 2013

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

**PLYMOUTH COMMU-NITY ARTS COUNCIL** Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4

**GET OUT** p.m. Monday-Thursday and during public events, through Jan. 2, 2013

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: An exhibit of paintings and drawing by Jean-Paul Abou-Dib, a graduate of the College for Creative Studies, with a master's degree in painting from Wayne State Univer-

Contact: (734) 416-4278

#### Film

#### **PENN THEATRE**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3, 2013; 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 28-29; and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Argo," \$3 Coming up: "Wreck It Ralph," 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4 and 10, 2013, and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 5-6, 2013; "Cloud p.m. Friday, Jan. 11 and 3:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan.

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

#### **REDFORD THEATRE**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 4, 2013 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 5, 2013

Location: 17350 Lahser, Detroit

Details: "Strangers on a Train," \$4

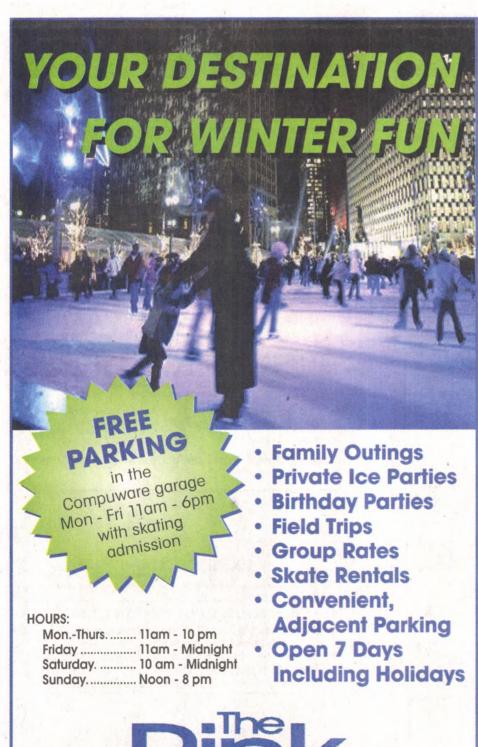
Coming up: "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," 8 p.m. Jan. 18, 2013 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 19, 2013; prizes will be awarded to all Marilyn Monroe look-alikes Contact: (313) 537-2560;

#### www.redfordtheatre.com Music

#### **BASELINE FOLK** SOCIETY

Time/Date: Sign up for open mic, 6:15-6:45 p.m.;

Please see GET OUT!, B7



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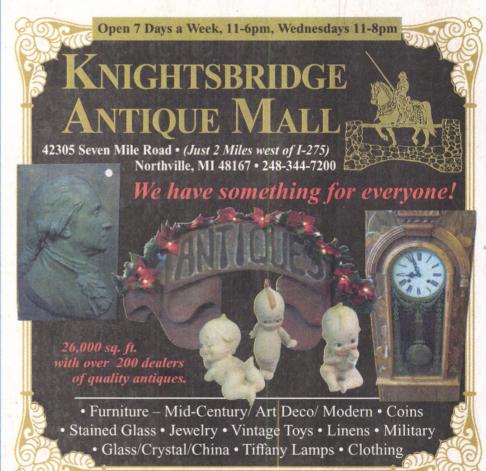
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MARTIUS



#### **GET OUT!**

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performances, 7 p.m., the third Saturday of the month

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: The next performance on Jan. 19, 2013, will feature John Natiw. Tricia Lloyd will serve as host. Admission is \$5. Individual and family annual memberships also are available

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com or call (734) 453-0869

#### **BERMAN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS**

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013 Location: 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center performs; tickets are \$46 for adults and \$36 for **Jewish Community Center** members

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

#### **CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, at Lahser, **Beverly Hills** 

Details: Anthony Marwood plays violin and



and Gordon Kerry. Tickets range from \$15-\$60 Contact: (248) 855-6070 or

visit www.ChamberMusic-Detroit.org

#### **FARMINGTON PLAY-ERS BARN**

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013 Location: 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills **Details:** Peter Oprisko

presents "Fabulous Frank," a tribute to Frank Sinatra. The show will feature timeless classics such as "Fly Me to the Moon," "New York, New York," and "Strangers in the Night." Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for students and seniors. They're available at https:// recreg.fhgov.com, by calling (248) 473-1848 or at the Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile. Some tickets may be available at the door

Oprisko will sing a tribute to Frank Sinatra Jan. 1Z, 2013 at the Farmington

Peter

**Players** Barn.

Tuesday of the month - except December

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children

and veterans Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

#### TRINITY HOUSE **THEATRE**

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Harper and the Midwest Kind Acoustic Show, Jan. 5, 2013; Floyd King and the Bushwackers with the Campfire Compadres, Jan. 11, 2013; Empty

The Potter's Field, Jan. 13, 2013; Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, Jan. 18, 2013: David Nefesh and Jef Reynolds with Anthony Retka, Jan. 19, 2013; Lindsay Lou and the Flatbellys, Jan. 25, 2013; Billy McLaughlin, Jan. 26, 2013. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: (734) 464-6302 **WOODWARD CORRI-DOR MUSICIANS** 

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13

**Location:** Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road, **Bloomfield Hills** 

**Details:** Chamber music concert features "Site for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio" by Claude Bolling and "Trio in E-flat major, Opus 27," by Frantisek Skroup. Admission is \$10 for adults. Students in K-12th grade are admitted free

Contact: WoodwardCM. org; (248) 546-5818 or LFDean@aol.com

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½ pound lean (15 percent fat) ground beef

1/3 cup finely chopped green bell pepper

1/3 cup finely chopped yellow onion 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped or pressed

1 cup chopped stemmed Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-

1/3 cup finely chopped pimento-stuffed olives 2 tablespoons tomato paste

1 1/4 teaspoons ground cumin

1 1/4 teaspoons dried crumbled oregano

½ to 1 teaspoon hot sauce

1/4 teaspoon salt 3 refrigerated pie crusts for 9-inch pie (1 ½ packages, 14.1

ounces each) 1 egg, lightly beaten with 1 tablespoon water

Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add beef, bell pepper, onion and garlic. Cook, stirring often and crumbling meat into small pieces, until meat is browned and cooked through. Remove from heat and stir in figs, olives, tomato paste, cumin, oregano, hot sauce and salt. Blend well. Cool.

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Let dough rest at room temperature 15 minutes. Working with one pie crust at a time, unfold dough on lightly floured surface. With 3 1/2-inch-round cookie cutter, cut out 8 dough circles from each crust. (Save dough scraps; combine and roll to cut out 6 additional dough circles.)

Brush rim of each circle with beaten egg. Place 1 tablespoon filling in center of a circle and fold to make a half-moon shape. Press edge to seal; flute edge if desired. Place on a lightly oiled baking sheet. Brush tops with egg mixture.

Bake 1 sheet at a time for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

osting a New Year's party? Add some magic to the festivities with these enticing bites. The cheese and fruit plate is simple yet stylish and acts as a tantalizing table centerpiece. The appetizers — stuffed and studded with luscious bits of fig, cheese and seasonal spices — are the perfect party size.

#### Fig and Toasted Nut Roll

Makes 28 to 30 servings

14 ounces Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Mission figs

2 teaspoons finely grated lemon or orange zest

3 cup toasted, blanched whole almonds, toasted walnut pieces, roasted marcona almonds (without skins) or roasted mixed nuts

Remove and discard fig stems. Cut figs into quarters. Place in bowl of food processor with lemon or orange zest and process until figs are finely chopped and form a paste, stopping to scrape bowl once or twice as needed.

Turn fig mixture out of bowl onto a piece of parchment paper. If nuts are large, cut into halves or quarters. Work nuts into fig mixture, distributing evenly and covering nuts completely with fig mixture. Form mixture into a compact 8-inch-long log. Wrap parchment paper around log, folding in ends to seal. Place in a plastic bag and seal bag. Chill for 12 to 24 hours.

To serve, unwrap and cut with sharp knife into thin (about 1/4-inch) slices. Serve with cheese.

#### Stuffed Fondue Meatballs with Fig **Honey Balsamic Glaze**

Makes 18 meatbails

1 large head garlic

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 large onion, peeled and sliced into 1/2-inch rings 1 tablespoon olive oil

2 tablespoons sweet Riesling wine (or balsamic vinegar) 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper

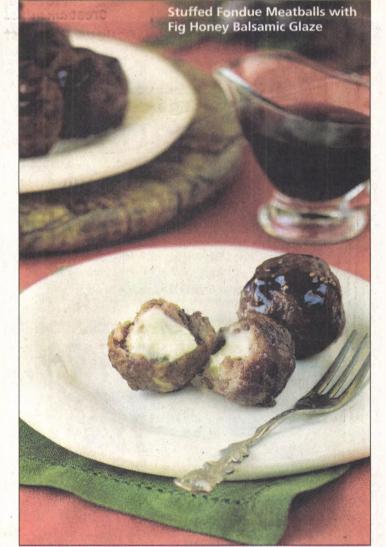
½ pound each ground pork sausage and ground beef 1 tablespoon Fig Honey Balsamic Glaze mixed with 1/2 teaspoon

each salt, pepper and allspice (or nutmeg)

1 11/2-ounce piece of Jarlsberg, cut into 18 1/2-inch cubes Make Fig Honey Balsamic Glaze (recipe follows). Preheat oven to 375°F. Cut across the top of garlic head, then place cut side up in heavy aluminum foil. Pour olive oil over exposed cloves, before enclosing garlic in

foil, and place in oven to bake 45 minutes.

Place onion rings in a baking dish. Toss with 1 tablespoon each olive oil and wine (or balsamic vinegar); sprinkle with salt and pepper and bake 45 minutes at 375°F. At 1/2hour mark, toss onion rings with 1 tablespoon more wine (or balsamic). When garlic and onions are cool enough to handle, remove garlic cloves from skins and combine with



onion in food processor, pulsing to coarsechop to produce ½ cup. Reserve 1/4 cup for

another use. In large mixing bowl, gently combine pork sausage and beef with glaze plus ¼ cup roasted garlic/onion mixture. Using 1 tablespoon measure to scoop meat (a 1-ounce portion), place Jarlsberg cube in center before shaping into 1 1/4-inch-sized meatballs.

Place meatballs about 2 inches apart on foil-lined baking sheet and bake at 375°F for 15 minutes. Transfer meatballs into small serve-style baking dish and drizzle with remaining glaze.

#### Fig Honey Balsamic Glaze

½ cup honey ½ cup water

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar 8 Calimyrna dried figs, stemmed and

quartered

1 tablespoon light brown sugar 1/4 teaspoon allspice (or nutmeg)

1 sprig fresh rosemary

3 sprigs fresh thyme

In saucepan, mix honey with water, vinegar, figs, brown sugar and allspice. Simmer on very low heat about 45 minutes — adding rosemary and thyme for last 15 - until liquid is reduced to half (the consistency of molasses). Remove herbs before separating liquid glaze from figs. You should have generous 1/4 cup.

Note: Process figs until smooth and, if you'd like, add reserved ¼ cup onion/garlic mixture. Use as a spread, or add to stews and sauces.

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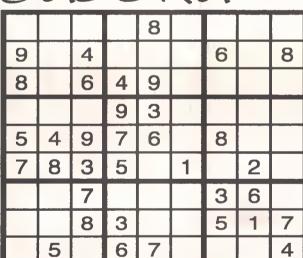
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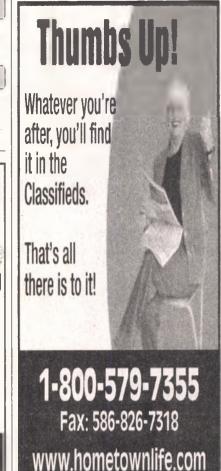
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