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Your Observer newspaper today contains news from your hometown, plus news of the surrounding area. It is one of three special holiday editions published just this time of year. Special editions will continue through Thursday, Jan. 3. Happy holidays!

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.

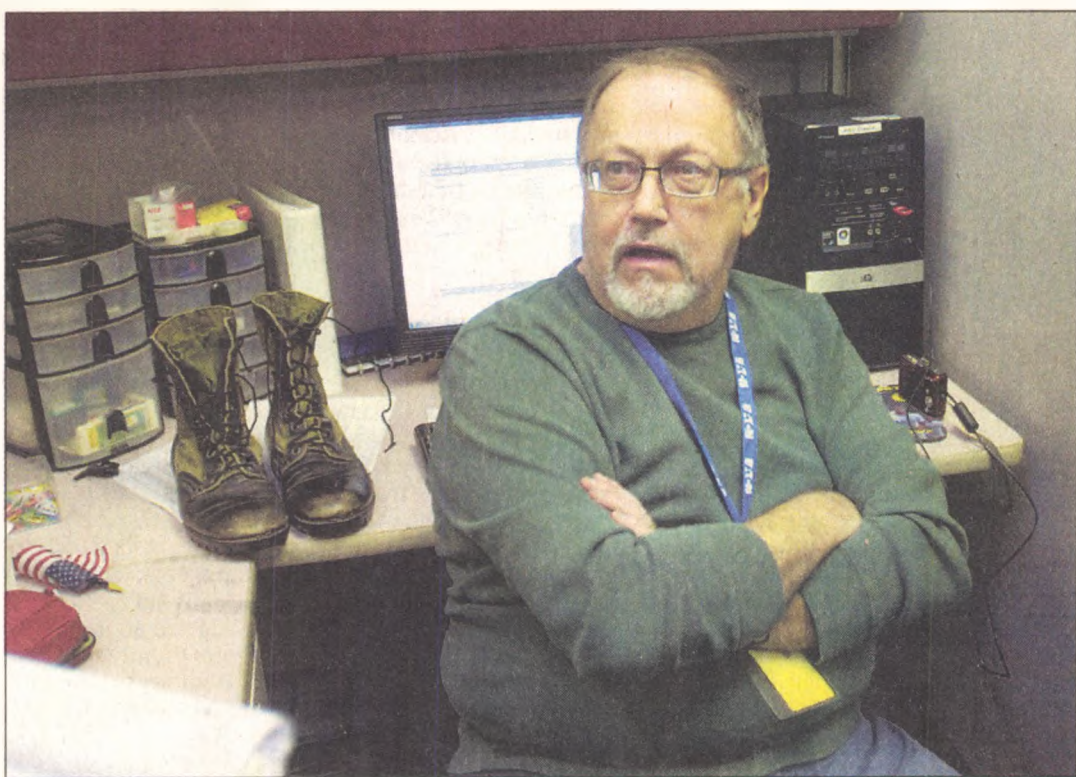
Public skating will be offered 1:30-3 p.m. Dec. 27-28 and Jan. 2-4. The cost is reduced for those skating sessions only, and is \$2 per child age 5 and under, \$3 for adults age 16 and older and \$1 for rental skates. The arena is located in Garden City Park on Cherry Hill east of Merriman. For more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



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

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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 Afghanistan.

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.

"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 Airport.

More room

By moving the museum library to a nearby school-

house, 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 holiday plants.

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-



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

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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.

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 litigation-based," 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 Annapolis (Oakwood) Hospital, then a survival flight to the University of Michigan."



Wilson



Worth

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Heroes and helpers

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 Kieszewski, 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 said.

"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.

POINSETTIA

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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 said.

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-year-olds 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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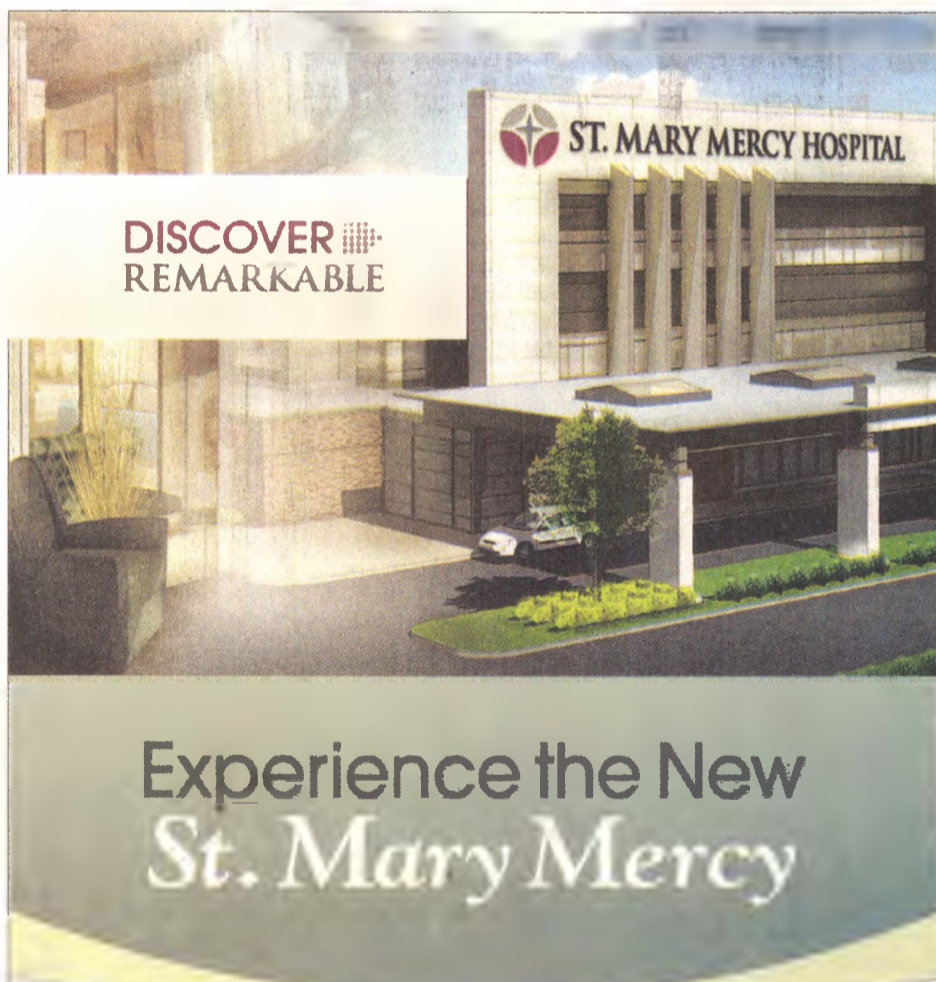
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Winter fires are the deadliest

By Tom Kiurski
Guest Columnist

Winter 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 surprised 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 eye on them.

Causes of winter fires are

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.

AREA POLICE BRIEFS

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-year-old 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 Cranbrook 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 Red-

ford 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 jewelry 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

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 said.

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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DEATH

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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-old son Kayden Brandon, early Dec. 5, 2011. The pair are also charged with abusing Kayden's twin brother

er 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 ago.

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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SOBRIETY

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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 alco-

hol 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 pro-

gram 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-a-year 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 Kavanaugh are involved in overseeing the progress of offenders, according to Probation Director Natalie 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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TEEN

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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 respon-

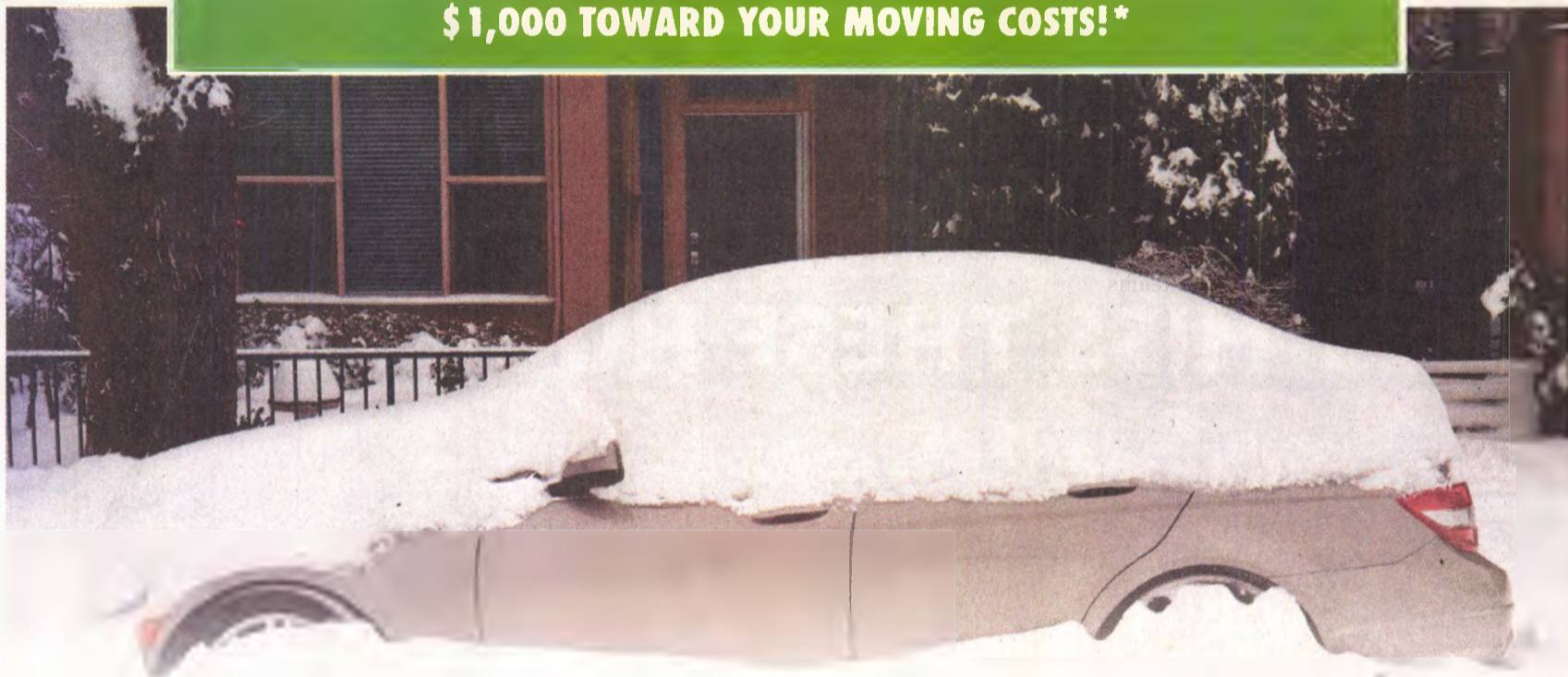
dent's juvenile record.

"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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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 Christmas.



Parkside brings Christmas to boys at Methodist Home

Many hours were spent walking the aisles of local toy 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 Meth-

odist 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."

Parkside Credit Union, a Michigan-based non-profit financial institution, has been serving the community since 1953, with offices at 36525 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and 1747 S. Newburgh, Westland. Parkside offers a full line of financial products and services to its members and provides convenient account access with thousands of nationwide fee-free ATM and service center locations as well as mobile, online and telephone solutions.

For more information about Parkside Credit Union, visit www.parksidecu.org.

What you may have missed in December

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

If 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. With the holiday hassles in the rear-view mirror, you can now catch up on what you've missed.



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

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. SnapChat 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 Facebook.

Hardware

Now that the biggest shopping season of the year has come and passed many manufacturers 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 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 systems.

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 strategic policy support to the teams.

"PVM is honored to be selected to participate in the Learning Collaborative. We bring 67 years of

expertise to this important 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-to-peer 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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Karen L. Boore, a Livonia resident, has joined the law firm of Miller Canfield as an associate in the Real Estate Group in the Troy office. She focuses her practice on commercial development, economic development incentives, construction law and commercial leasing.

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 one-third 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 12-ounce 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 windows.

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.

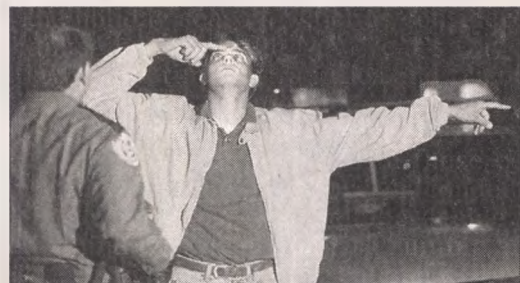
Or, just stay where you're at. Hosts who throw parties with alcohol should be prepared to offer lodging to their guests who have had too much to drink. (In fact, it's a good idea to gather car keys when guests arrive.)

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 test.
- 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
Canton



"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
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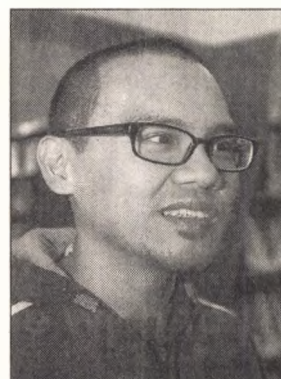
"Restart and refocus in America to get jobs in this country and bring down unemployment, rather than losing jobs to other countries."
Heather Dixon
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"My hope is that it will be better in 2013 ... less political, less confusing."
Suzie Skorupa
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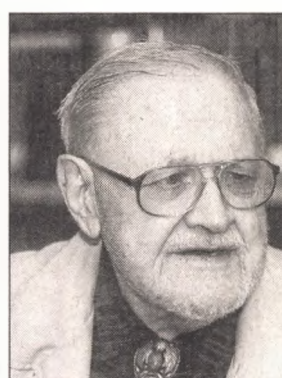
"Justin Verlander wins his second MVP. It would be good for Detroit, and the Detroit economy would revive, and that would be good for the country."
Jason Poblacion
Farmington Hills



"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



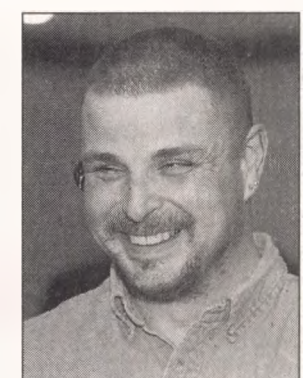
"My hope is that the country can pull together and do the things that need to be done. It won't be easy."
Billy Pate
Garden City



"I hope that the economy grows, that people can see without colored eyes and get rid of the meanness."
Bonnie Sue Olds-Asbury
Wayne



"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
Westland



"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 Northville 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."

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.

"Our name pops up in a blog over there."

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.

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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-in-law 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-to-get painted bomber jacket belonging to J.D. Asmusen who was credited with seven kills as a member of the crew of the Yankee Queen.

The collection also includes World War I avi-



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
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 father-in-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.



J.D. Asmusen's bomber jacket is painted on the back with a picture of the Yankee Queen and seven swastikas representing his number of planes shot down.

Japan, we wouldn't have had a bomber plant in Detroit,” said Gerych. “They started the war and we responded.”

While Gerych would like younger veterans of recent wars to consider making donations, he can understand them wanting to pass it down to their kids. He recommends that they take care of their items. The collections room has the distinct aroma of moth balls and some of the wool uniforms are moth eaten.

People can call and make an appointment to drop off items, and museum volunteers will go out and pick up donations.

“We're not just looking for uniforms, we really need the average soldier stuff - uniforms and personal effects,” Gerych said.



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The donation from Henry Rex Waddell included his World War I uniform, leather and wool aviator caps and goggles.

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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 out-scored 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 130-pound weight class title at the 53rd annual Oakland County Wrestling Championships 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

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Govantes

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 to run cross country for the Rams.



Lindman

Lindman was a four-year 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 Flyers in OT, 2-1

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 sparked in net by making 27-of-28 saves, including three in



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," Vellucci said. "Both Cooper (McLean) and Nick (Gen-

sheimer) 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 North-

Harrison power play opportunity, including one in OT.

"Special teams won the game for us," Vellucci said.

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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-4-right-handed pitcher, posted a 1.92 earned-run 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, 1-0-2).

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 power-play 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 Arena. 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 finished," 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 Wiczorek (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 Wiczorek) and Tyler Morrison (from Alex Stavar and Pace).

Franklin goaltender Sean Reeves-Carson, making his

first start, faced 34 shots, while Anthony Veresan was in goal for Salem.

CRESTWOOD/GC UNIFIED 6, AIRPORT 0: Unified senior 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 non-conference 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, PLYMOUTH 46:** On Dec. 20, the host Wildcats (2-3) held Walled Lake Central (4-2) to 12 first-half

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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 Adebisi (six rebounds) and Josh Reynolds, who tallied four points 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 plugging 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 Highlanders (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

added 10 points.

Churchill made only 7-of-19 free throws, while Howell hit 8-of-16.

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

ANNAPOLIS 60, C'VILLE 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 K'Yon 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, EVEREST 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 Collegiate (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; 11. 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) d. Alex Hrisopoulos (Oxford) 8-4; **3rd place:** Mike Volyanyuk (Harrison) d. Colton Cleaver (Holly) 5-4; **5th place:** Kaleb Marion (W.L. Central) d. 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) d. Nick Biss (Ortonville) 5-4; **5th:** Justin Shofield (r Adams) d. 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) d. Justin Kim (Rochester) 7-1; **3rd:** Daniel Curtis (Oxford) won by major dec. over Aaron Par-Besemer (Berkeley) 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) d. 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 Schlickemeyer (Oxford) p. Thomas Keyes (Athens) 2:44; **5th:** Alex Potoniec (Adams) d. Austin Murray (W.L. Western) 7-4; **7th:** Keegan Soles (Holly) d. 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) d. Andrew Fialka (Harrison) 3-1; **5th:** John Schuele (Rice) p. Jake Dionne (Clarkston) 1:32; **7th:** El Joseph (CC) d. Mario Giglio (W. Bloomfield) 8-7.

140: Anthony Gonzales (Holly) d. Malik Amine (CC) 8-5; **3rd:** Mike Willits (Oxford) d. 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) d. Kaelan Richards (Rochester) 8-7; **3rd:** Rocco Borg (Oxford) won by major dec. over Larone Mack (Harrison) 8-0; **5th:** Chris Naubert (CC) d. 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) d. Jack

Addy (Adams) 4-2; **5th:** Mike Babicz (CC) d. Patrick Kern (W.L. Northern) 5-1; **7th:** Thor Wardell (Ortonville) p. Dazon Cole (Pontiac) 1:47.

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

171: Drew Garcia (CC) d. Dean Vettesse (Rochester) 4-2; **3rd:** Marty Giannola (Oxford) d. Ethan Gros (Lake Orion) 4-1; **5th:** Jake Pankey (Stoney Creek) won by forfeit over Ryan South-erland (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) d. Liam Logan (Lake Orion) 4-2; **7th:** Alex Sovel (W.L. Central) d. Austin Dennis (Stoney Creek) 3-2.

215: Schwan Shadaia (Rochester) d. 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) d. 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) d. Tyler Lovelace (Milford) 8-5; **5th:** Josh Dabney (O.L. St. Mary's) d. Reyes Luis (Clarkston) 2-1; **7th:** Tommy Edwards (Kettering) p. Cameron Daniels (Rochester) 2:15.

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.
U-D Jesuit Tourney, TBA.

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.
Saturday, Dec. 29

Ionia Invitational, 9 a.m.

Salem Elks Tourney, 9 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Sunday, Dec. 30
MU at Roosevelt (Ill.), 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.

TBA - time to be announced.

WRESTLING

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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 South-erland (171).

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

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

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ICERS

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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 four-day stretch, capped off by a

win Dec. 18 over rival Canton (1-9, 1-7) at the Arvic 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 Ian 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 Maddock stopped 11 of 12 shots to earn his fifth win of the season in goal for Plymouth. Canton's Kolbicz faced 20 Wildcat shots.

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 Hockey 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

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 age-group 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 paren-

tal consent.

For more information, call Dave Lengel at (734) 516-4930 or email dlen-gel2@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.

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:

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

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

(2) **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.
2. 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, Michigan, this 17th, day of December, 2012.

DANIEL DWYER, Mayor
LINDA LANGMESSER, City Clerk

Introduced: December 3, 2012
Enacted: December 17, 2012
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Crossroads Ceili

Add Irish dancing, music to your holiday entertainment

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

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 original-ly 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-in-law — 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, will 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 per-

formed with their parents.

"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 CEILI

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 Arbor
Contact: (734) 761-1451 or (313) 537-3489

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-nós 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 River-dance.



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

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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 COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4

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 University
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-Sun-

day, Jan. 5-6, 2013; "Cloud Atlas," 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11 and 3:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 12-13
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

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Time/Date: Sign up for open mic, 6:15-6:45 p.m.;
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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 Nativ. 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 Aleksandar Madzar is on piano for this program that will include works by Debussy, Schubert, Beethoven



Peter Oprisko will sing a tribute to Frank Sinatra Jan. 12, 2013 at the Farmington Players Barn.

and Gordon Kerry. Tickets range from \$15-\$60

Contact: (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ChamberMusic-Detroit.org

FARMINGTON PLAYERS 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

Contact: (248) 473-1848

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last

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 Chair Night with Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and

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 Flatbells, 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 CORRIDOR 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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Makes 28 to 30 empanaditas

- ½ pound lean (15 percent fat) ground beef
- ½ cup finely chopped green bell pepper
- ½ cup finely chopped yellow onion
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped or pressed
- 1 cup chopped stemmed Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid figs
- ½ cup finely chopped pimento-stuffed olives
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 ¼ teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 ¼ teaspoons dried crumbled oregano
- ½ to 1 teaspoon hot sauce
- ¼ 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 ½-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.

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Fig and Toasted Nut Roll

Makes 28 to 30 servings

- 14 ounces Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Mission figs (2 cups)
- 2 teaspoons finely grated lemon or orange zest
- ½ cup toasted, blanched whole almonds, toasted walnut pieces, roasted marcona almonds (without skins) or roasted mixed nuts without peanuts

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 ¼-inch) slices. Serve with cheese.

Stuffed Fondue Meatballs with Fig Honey Balsamic Glaze

Makes 18 meatballs

- 1 large head garlic
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large onion, peeled and sliced into ½-inch rings
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons sweet Riesling wine (or balsamic vinegar)
- ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper
- ½ pound each ground pork sausage and ground beef
- 1 tablespoon Fig Honey Balsamic Glaze mixed with ½ teaspoon each salt, pepper and allspice (or nutmeg)
- 1 1½-ounce piece of Jarlsberg, cut into 18 ½-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 ½-hour 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



Stuffed Fondue Meatballs with Fig Honey Balsamic Glaze

onion in food processor, pulsing to coarse-chop to produce ½ cup. Reserve ¼ 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 ¼-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
- ¼ cup balsamic vinegar
- 8 Calimyrna dried figs, stemmed and quartered
- 1 tablespoon light brown sugar
- ¼ 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 ¼ 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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