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## AROUND TOWN

### Free movie

State Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, has a plan to help make the holidays a bit merrier for those facing problems in the difficult economic times.

Anderson, in cooperation with AMC Theaters of Livonia, is hosting a free screening of *A Christmas Carol*, starring Jim Carrey, for families in need at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19.

Anderson is inviting all in-need families, and families who have parents who are unemployed, to the free event in hopes of providing "a happy memory for both parents and children as they enjoy a morning filled with holiday cheer."

The movie will be shown at the Livonia AMC 20 at 19500 Haggerty Road, north of Seven Mile Road. In addition to the free screening, concessions will be provided free of charge courtesy of AMC Theaters of Livonia.

Seats are limited and a reservation is required for admission. Parents can request their free admission by contacting Anderson's office by e-mail at [SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov](mailto:SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov) or by calling toll free at (866) 262-7306.

### Holiday meal

Don't spend Christmas Day alone, join the folks at St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City for Christmas dinner.

Guests will be served a sit-down holiday dinner of turkey and mashed potatoes and receive a gift of a Christmas ornament.

An annual event, the dinner is free to people who would otherwise be alone on the holiday - the only other requirement is reservations. To reserve a seat for the Christmas dinner, call Judy Larry, at (734) 595-3049.

St. Dunstan is located on Belton, one block west of Inkster Road just north of Marquette.

### Fill the sleigh

Westland Shopping Center and Kroger have teamed up to help the Lighthouse Home Mission of Westland with a Sleigh of Giving through Monday, Dec. 21. Located in the East Court of Westland Shopping Center, Warren Road at Wayne Road, shoppers can donate non-perishable foods, which will be distributed by Lighthouse to families in Westland this holiday season.

Each donor will be entered in a drawing to win a \$200 Westland Center gift card. One lucky recipient of a food package will also receive a \$200 Westland Center gift card.

# W-W closes 6 schools, looks to save more

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The president of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' largest employee union has already put the district on notice that it should look elsewhere to trim \$7 million from its budget.

"Wayne-Westland teachers are in the bottom quarter in pay in Wayne County, administrators are in the top quarter," said Nancy Strachan, president of the 850-member Wayne-Westland Education Association. "I don't see why our employees should shoulder the burden of the state."

Her comments came after the school board voted Monday evening to close six elementary schools and go to a four-tiered grade configuration with the start of the 2010-11 school year.

The board voted 5-2, with trustees

Carol Middel and John Goci dissenting, to approve the final recommendation of its 21st Century Schools Committee and to direct the superintendent to pursue other avenues of cost containment and savings. The district is looking to trim \$12 million from its budget. The school closings will save \$5 million, leaving \$7 million to come from other areas.

"I understand the school district faces major financial issues. I understand the financial liability of having underutilized school buildings," Middel said. "But I feel too much emphasis was placed on brick and mortar. Parents need to feel like they're stakeholders. With more parents on the committee, the administrators could have served as a resource."

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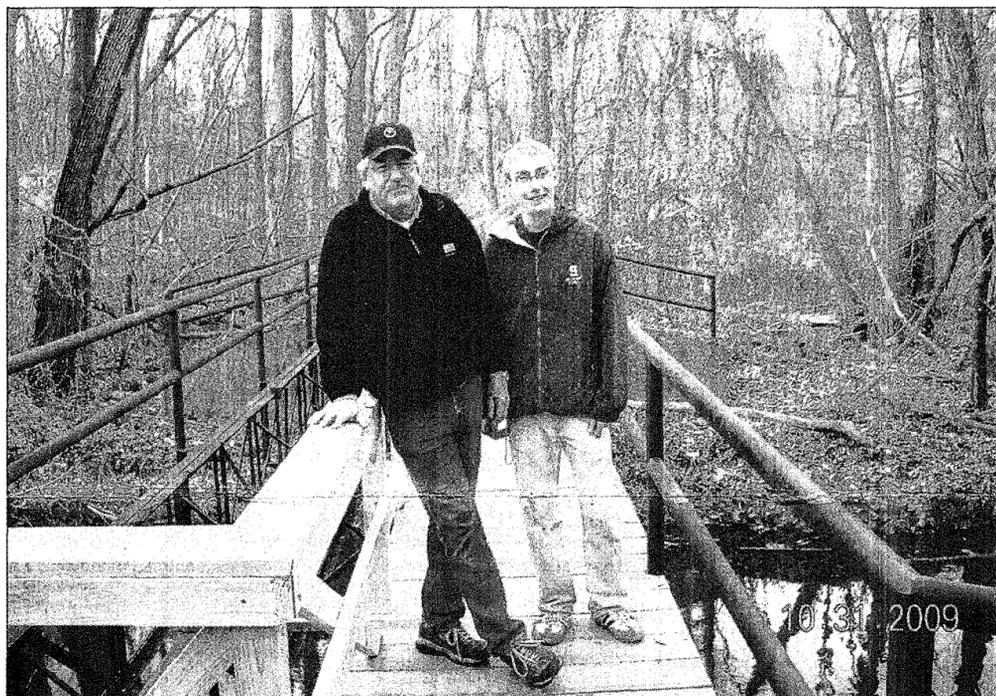
### FINAL RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation approved by the Wayne-Westland school board is that:

- Six elementaries - Patchin, Madison, Kettering, Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns elementaries in Westland and Vandenberg Elementary in Wayne - close at the end of the current school year.
- The district change to a K-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12 grade configuration. Adams and Marshall middle schools will become 5-6 schools, while Stevenson and Franklin middle schools will serve seventh- and eighth-graders. Stevenson would feed into John Glenn High School and Franklin into Wayne Memorial High School.
- All-day kindergarten will be offered at all K-4 buildings.
- The 5-6 buildings will have an elementary

focus with instrumental music, world language classes and talented/gifted programs.

- Revised attendance boundaries for the 11 K-4 buildings, including moving students living in the area bounded by Merriman, Henry Ruff, Cherry Hill and Avondale from the Hicks attendance area to Elliott. Under the final plan, five elementaries - Walker-Winter, Hamilton, Elliott, Hicks and Schwetzer - will send students to both 5-6 schools.
- Sixth- and seventh-graders attending Stevenson Middle School who live in the Wayne Memorial attendance area will be given the option of remaining there through the eighth grade.
- The Board of Education must pursue additional cost savings.



Christopher Crile (right) got help with his Eagle Scout project from his grandfather Larry Snowden and fellow Boy Scouts and friends in replacing a portion of the bridge crossing Tonquish Creek in the William P. Holliday Park Nature Preserve.

## Eagle project restores park's bridge

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Christopher Crile didn't have to look far for his Boy Scout Eagle project. It was installing a new bridge over the Tonquish Creek in the William P. Holliday Park Nature Preserve.

"It's right behind my house. I've walked in the park many times with friends and family," said Crile, a junior at Livonia Churchill High School. "One of my neighbors is in her 80s and she would shimmy across (the remains of an old bridge)."

Initially, Crile contacted Wayne County Parks knowing the difficulties

with maintaining the park. Plans for the project developed after Crile met with Carol Clements, a county naturalist, and William Craig, president of the Holliday Nature Park Association.

"The boardwalk was suggested because it was more meaningful - the park was split (without a bridge)," said Crile, 17.

The original bridge across the creek, which connected the Koppnick and Newburg sections of the park, was 10 feet wide and 46 feet long. Many of the bridge planks disappeared over the years, and in 2007 vandals stripped the bridge to leave only a skeleton of steel trusses.

Working with his grandfather Larry Snowden, a retired Ford plant manager, Crile spent four months developing plans for a four-foot wide by 46-foot long wooden foot bridge with a railing that utilized the existing steel trusses. The plans were submitted and approved by the Wayne County Parks Engineering Department.

To pay for the project, Crile knocked on doors and was persistent in making phone calls. Among the donors: Holliday Nature Association gave \$200; Wayne County Parks donated material valued at \$250; the Canton Home Depot donated

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## City adds brine to snow removal efforts

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new pre-treating program is expected to reduce costs for keeping Westland's major streets cleared of snow - and it's more environmentally friendly.

"The Department of Public Services is readying for inclement weather. We're pretty excited about the new program with liquid brine," Mayor William Wild said.

The brine, a by-product of calcium chloride, will reduce the amount of salt needed to clear roads. The brine-enhanced salt enables the mixture to work better in frigid temperatures - it melts the salt, which allows heat to be given off quicker, and speeds the process of melting the snow and ice.

"Pre-treating streets is not really new in the area - Wayne County and Romulus jumped into it. We waited to see the results," Wild said. "It has been successful. If it works as well as it did in other communities, it will reduce our salt use."

The council recently approved a contract extension with Suburban Oil to purchase 100,000 gallons of magnesium chloride brine at a cost of \$30,000. For several years, Suburban Oil has been contracted for dust control treatments on Westland's unpaved streets.

Using a contractor for the pre-treatment program was

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## 25 years later

### Ex-staffers remember Wayne County General as 'phenomenal'

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's been 25 years since Wayne County General Hospital closed its doors, but for those who worked there, it seemed like only yesterday they were there working.

"There was a sense of pride because we were doing so much with so little," said Shirley Beyer. "It was always a learning experience for us nurses at the County."

"We had a sense that we were providing a service no one else could," said Dr. Joe Weiss. "We served people who had a need. In the 1980s, there were still a lot of people without health

insurance."

Beyer and Weiss were among former hospital employees who filled every available seat in the Cafe Marquette at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center last week to reminisce about the hospital. Nurses, maintenance workers and administrators exchanged stories and caught up on their lives after the hospital closed in 1984.

Beyer worked as a nurse from 1961 to 1983. When the hospital was sold to Southwest General, she was given the option of staying with Wayne County and was offered a job working at the jail in downtown Detroit.

"That wasn't my cup of tea," the Westland resident said. "I stayed at home and then went to work at Garden City Hospital."

### 'SEE WHAT HAPPENS'

Beyer, who wore her hospital badge that had a 1984 expiration date, worked in pediatrics, obstetrics and the intensive care unit when it was started. She recalls that the hospital "knocked down some walls and put in some cots" for the unit.

"We were flying by the seat of our pants," she said. "They decided to try it and see what happens."

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AROUND WESTLAND

Child identification

Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112 will provide a free child identification program noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Wayne Masonic Temple, 37137 Palmer, Westland.

The program is being done to honor Nevaeh Buchanan, the young five-year-old girl who was abducted and found dead along a river bank in Monroe in June. The program is being provided at the request of Nevaeh Buchanan's family and is open to the public.

Each child that goes through the process will receive a dental impression as well as a CD containing a photo, video, digital fingerprints and their vital information. Parents or guardians of children who participate must be present and fill out a permission slip for the child to receive this service.

The Michigan Masonic Child ID Program provides the family with everything needed for the Amber Alert System. For more information about the event or to a similar event, contact Bernie Brewer at (734) 231-4791, by e-mail at bernardbrewer@comcast.net, or on the Michigan Child ID Web site at www.michip.org.

Camp times

Parents can give their kids something to do during Christmas vacation. The Westland Parks and Recreation Department is holding a One on One Multi-Sport Mini-Camp 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 21-23, 2009 - pre-register by Dec. 17 - and Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 28-30 - pre-register by Dec. 23 - for children age 5-13 or in kindergarten through the sixth-grade.

Kids can keep their skills sharp and have fun participating in sports like basketball, soccer, volleyball, dodgeball, and even kickball. The camp is designed to provide a fun and positive

environment for students on the school holiday. Campers need to bring their own lunch.

Each camper will receive a T-shirt and an award. Participants will need to bring water and lunch each day. Campers will be divided into two-three groups, depending on age and skill level.

The cost is \$75 for Westland residents and \$82 for non-residents. For more information, call (734) 418-3190 or check out the Web site at www.lonibasketball.com/michigan.

Giving sleigh

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Located in the East Court of Westland Shopping Center, located at 35000 W. Warren, the public is encouraged to donate non-perishable foods, which will then be distributed by the Home Mission to families in the Westland community for the holiday season. Make a donation and be entered in a drawing to win a \$200 Westland

Center gift card. One lucky recipient of a food package also will receive a \$200 Westland Center gift card.

For more information on these events or to see the mall's extended holiday hours, go online to www.westlandcenter.com.

Gold party

Bring your unwanted jewelry including gold, platinum, silver, diamonds, watches and collectible gold or silver coins to St. Theodore Church Parish Center 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, Dec. 20, for some cash and to benefit the St. Theodore Men's Club. Discount Jewelry will buy the unwanted items and donate 20 percent of the overall purchases to the men's club.

St. Theodore is located at 8200 N. Wayne Road, north of Warren Road, Westland.

# LPS school board slashes \$4.35 million

BY KAREN SMITH  
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The Livonia school board Monday cut \$4.35 million from this year's budget, but preserved busing for high school students, 12 elementary classroom teachers and music for upper elementary students.

However, elementary students will have reductions in physical education and sixth-graders will lose foreign language.

An estimated 40-50 jobs will be cut, including approximately 23 teaching positions, Supt. Randy Liepa said.

Some elementary students will be assigned new classroom teachers at semester break as teachers with more seniority whose specialty teaching jobs have been eliminated bump regular classroom teachers with lesser seniority, as permitted by contract.

But more elementary students will stay with their current teachers than originally thought because the board preserved the 12 elementary classroom teaching positions as well as 15 elementary learning specialist positions slated for cutting.

Teachers being laid off will be notified before the holiday break, the other employees afterward, Liepa said.

The cuts are necessary to offset an expected \$8 million reduction in state funding, school officials said. The bal-

ance will be made up with fund equity. The district has an approximate \$150 million general fund budget.

High school transportation, music for fifth- and sixth-graders, 12 elementary classroom teachers and 15 elementary learning specialists were on the chopping block until Friday, when Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced the state may restore \$127 per pupil of the cuts it made this fall to school districts. The cuts for Livonia had totaled \$600 per student.

The district has cut its budget by \$30 million over the past seven years because of continuing reductions in state funding, Liepa said. But this is the first year in the last seven for mid-year cuts of this magnitude.

Board Secretary Rob Freeman, who will be signing the layoff notices, said, "Last year I said we were cutting to the bone. This year, it's amputation."

He said the difficulty was deciding which arm to cut.

Board members said they had no choice but to make the cuts, even if they disagreed with them.

"What we have to do is ugly," Trustee Dan Lessard said. "It's horrendous that we have to go through this."

Board Vice President Gregory Oke said it may have appeared the board was pitting one group of employees against another, but that was never the inten-

tion. "Everything everyone does is important," he said.

Trustee Colleen Burton said the board opted to cut in half the number of student assistant positions at elementary schools over eliminating 15 learning specialist positions because learning specialists could bump classroom teachers. She said the board wanted to avoid displacing classroom teachers mid-year as much as possible. "We don't want to pull teachers," she said.

All student assistant positions were cut at the middle and high school levels. Other jobs that were eliminated include those held by paraprofessionals, custodians and maintenance workers, supervisors and central office and secondary school secretaries.

Erin Casey, a 2000 Stevenson High graduate who spoke during a public hearing prior to the board's 7-0 vote, said student assistants at the high schools help prevent students from falling through the cracks and dropping out of school. "I feel they are invaluable positions," she said, adding they helped to shape her future.

Charles O'Loughlin, a physical education teacher at Hoover and Cass, said the district has reduced its physical education in half since he started, yet heart disease remains the No. 1 killer of men and women and health care costs continue to escalate and drag down the

economy.

Students in kindergarten through fourth grade will have 45 minutes instead of an hour of physical education each week now, and students in fifth and sixth grades will have gym once a week instead of twice.

The board considered reducing music for fifth- and sixth-graders, but opted instead to eliminate foreign language for sixth-graders.

Edward Collins acknowledged the board faced tough choices. "You're going to make someone mad, no matter what you do," he said. But, he said, district employees need to give more, much like those in the private sector have done. He noted district employees represented by AFSCME started contributing to their health care premiums for the first time ever starting just this year. "We all out here are hurting. I'd like to see things equalized between public employees and the private sector."

Board members have said that none of the cuts would be necessary if all employees agreed to concessions of approximately 3 percent or the state reinstates more of the cuts.

School officials and parents are continuing to put pressure on lawmakers.

"We're not going to give up the fight," Liepa said.

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## SCHOOLS

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"This is one of the most important decisions we will have to make and it will have profound impact on the district," Goci said. "It shouldn't be rushed through. I don't think this plan has the support of the community."

"No one wants to close schools, no one on the schools committee wants to close schools," consultant Jeff Rahmberg said. "This is a big step forward to reinvent the Wayne-Westland School District and ensure its financial stability."

Parents, however, challenged the decision.

"This is the third night in a row that we've not gotten answers," said James Grondy of

Westland. "You promised more programs, but when you have to cut another \$7 million, you're going to cut the budget and it's going to come out of those other schools. Nothing adds up."

"I hope if you voted yes that you have a long night thinking that you're in a position to change this," said Sally Madison of Westland. "Nobody has disputed that schools have to close, we get it. It's what schools and why that we want to know."

Trustee William Gabriel told the audience that Wayne-Westland is in the same position as many other districts and that it "has to adjust and react."

"It's tough, nobody wants to close schools," he said. "We closed schools in 1994 and we got over it. We'll get over it again. We downsized before and we may have to downsize again. I'm more concerned about what's offered in the classroom

than where the classroom is."

"I hate seeing schools closed. Schools are the heart of a community," board Vice President Cindy Schofield said. "The heart of a school is its staff, and we have a staff that will rise to the occasion and make this easy for our students."

"This is a very difficult decision, but as a community we need to stick together," board Treasurer Shawna Walker said. "We need to support the children and be role models. If we stick together, we'll get through this."

Parents shouted and drowned out school board President Skip Monit, who tried to tell parents that he has served on the board "long enough to know there is nothing to hide."

"Every move made is with only the best interest of our kids," he said.

While several parents

shouted out recall, Shawn Maxwell made it perfectly clear she would not be involved. The leader of an effort to recall school board members last fall following a four-day teacher strike, Maxwell said she will be there to support the parents and students.

"It's unfortunate schools have to close, but we have to think about the quality of the education we want for our children," she said.

John Glenn High School senior Ali Zarate said that while the plan isn't perfect, "we can make it perfect."

"This is about making a great district or letting it go and not be remembered," she said. "Everyone would agree they would do anything for their child. Wayne-Westland is our child."

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## SNOW

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cost effective, said DPS Director Kevin Buford, since it would have cost about \$100,000 per truck to add the needed equipment to apply the brine. DPS has 14 trucks that would have needed the equipment.

"We'll probably save \$60,000 on salt. The brine wets the

street. It keeps the snow from sticking and starts melting it," Buford said. "We won't have to send crews out so fast, so there will be less overtime. Before, we'd throw the salt as soon as the snow starts. Then we'd plow and take up the salt, then salt again."

The pre-treatment wets the road and makes it easier to plow snow, Buford said. Salt is ineffective melting snow and ice when the temperature drops

below 10 degrees — the brine works in temperature as low as minus 32 degrees.

The brine solution also is less corrosive than salt.

"Whatever goes into the storm sewer, the brine is 28 percent salt — that's less than 100 percent salt," Buford said. "It's environmentally friendly."

Beyond improved effectiveness and cost-savings, Wild noted that the brine pre-treatment program also is a good

fit with his Mission Green program.

"By using products like brine it shows our commitment to Mission Green, the city's environment-friendly initiative. One of my primary goals is to provide a green legacy to our children and grandchildren," Wild said. "These small changes we make today provide big benefits tomorrow."

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## BRIDGE

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\$25 in materials; and Crile's neighbors donated \$225.

The bridge construction took place on Halloween when 37 volunteers, mostly scouts and parents from Boy Scout Troop 1539, met at the Snowden home on Warren and built the bridge in eight-foot segments. The completed sections were then carried

to the bridge site for assembly.

The volunteers also brought chain saws and cleared about 15 trees that had fallen over the walking trails spending a total of 198 man hours to complete the bridge project and clear trails.

"We've been to other Eagle projects, so we know how to use power tools with simple directions," said Crile, who began his career as scout as a sixth-grader at Fiegel Elementary School. "It's a Plymouth-Canton area troop but it was close to my house. It's

on the Livonia-Westland border — that's where most of the members are from."

After his parents divorced, Crile said his mother moved to Canton but he wanted to complete his education in Livonia and now lives with his grandparents.

At the request of HNPA President William Craig, Crile made a presentation on his project at the HNPA general meeting.

"Chris did a great job. He gave

a PowerPoint presentation at our meeting. We were all impressed with that young man and his efforts," said HNPA member Marty Johnson.

Crile's project still needs to go before a board of review before his Eagle rank is awarded.

"I am very proud of what my grandson has accomplished and it is a place I plan to visit for many years to come," said Snowden.

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# HOSPITAL

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Judith Corbutt of Bloomfield Hills was "there until the bitter end," spending her last 15 years in the emergency room. But not before being the hospital's "first ICU nurse."

After she left, she spent 20 years working in her husband's business placing medical personnel. Now she's billing herself as a master gardener.

"I'd still be there, if I could," said Corbutt. "ER was my favorite department. We worked our butts off, but we had fun. It was a good hospital, we learned a lot."

One of the people who taught was Norm Potter, the medical electronics technician. He roamed the hospital repairing machines. According to Corbutt, Potter would fix the respirators, then show the nurses how to do it.

"You name it, I fixed it," said Potter who worked at the hospital for 12 years. "I worked on all the medical equipment."

Potter described the staff as a "close knit group" that worked together and played together. There were three racquetball leagues, and they played baseball on a diamond on the hospital grounds. The hospital also had a team that competed in the stretcher races at Hutzel Hospital during Michigan Hospital Week every year.

"When we played baseball, Norm would get mad and take the bases and go home," said Nancy Rogero, adding that "we also had a guys golf league."

"We worked harder than anywhere else, but it was so interesting," said Rogero, also a Westland resident.

Rogero worked in the emergency room and discharge and home care. When the hospital closed and became Westland Medical Center, she stayed on and worked six more years. She left and took a nursing position at the Garden City Schools' Burger School for



Former Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard talks with former Wayne County General Hospital employees Charlene Maxwell and Dennis Abraham at a reunion marking the 1984 closing of the facility.

### Students with Autism.

"In its heyday, the hospital was phenomenal," she said. "You never worked a slow day. You'd blink and the day was over."

### THE RED PHONE

The hospital was a major trauma center. During a presidential visit, a red phone would be set up at the hospital. Delphine Maddox remembers the day she picked up the receiver of the red phone.

"There was no one there, but a while later another phone rang and someone said, 'Don't play with the red phone,'" the Westland resident said.

One of the oldest retirees at the gathering was 91-year-old Erma Greenwood of Wayne. She started working at the Eloise complex in 1937. She spent 14 hours one day and 12 hours the next, working the wards. She retired in the 1970s.



Luetta Ellis hugs her old boss Nancy Rowles at a reunion of former Wayne County General Hospital employees.

"I worked in admitting on the fifth floor of D Building, admitting patients, the second floor was where they did all the treatments," she said.

Greenwood met her husband there. He was a truck driver, and according to Greenwood, she "chased him and when he turned around to see how close I was, I grabbed

him." She lived on the second floor of one of the buildings he was on the first floor. The building manager would let her sit in his room with the door open for a date.

"We'd go to Brownie's Diner in Wayne and get hamburgers and milk for \$1, then go back to his room and eat them," she said.

There was one person at the reunion who didn't work at the hospital, but she worked her hardest to keep it open.

"I did everything but stand on my head," said former Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard. "I really fought for that hospital. I did everything I could possibly do."

Beard, who has one of the few remaining buildings named after her, the general hospital was charged for the maintenance of the entire Eloise complex. Had it had been charged for only what

it cost, "the hospital would have broke even or even made money."

Beard served on the county commission for 30 years and said she has one major disappointment for each decade. For the 1980s, it was the closing of the hospital.

"It was a level one trauma center with doctors and professors from the University of Michigan, the health care there was wonderful," she said.

Weiss worked at the hospital in 1961 and left for the service. He returned in 1967 and was a resident and fellow and stayed on the staff until it closed. Looking back on his time at the hospital, Weiss said the hospital had a lot of special people working there.

"They were all wonderful," he said. "The hospital was large enough to provide what the people needed, but small enough to know everyone," he

### A BIT OF HISTORY

The Eloise Complex of buildings has at various times been referred to as the Wayne County Poor House, the Wayne County Sanatorium, serving tuberculosis patients, the Wayne County Asylum, serving the mentally ill indigent population, and Eloise Hospital.

Eloise, which started out as a poorhouse and a poor farm, later became Wayne County General Hospital. From only 35 residents on 280 acres in 1839, the complex grew dramatically after the Civil War until the total land involved was 902 acres and the total number of patients was about 10,000. There were about 75 buildings in the large complex. It became a city in itself and even had its own post office, named after the postmaster of Detroit's six-year-old daughter, Eloise.

In 1945, Eloise was renamed Wayne County General Hospital and Infirmary. By the 1950s Wayne County General was considered one of the best hospitals in the nation. It played a major part in metro Detroit's health network. It was the only acute-care medical and surgical hospital between Detroit and Ypsilanti.

As patient treatment was updated, so were the facilities. Older buildings were razed in the 1960s and 1970s and two new buildings were constructed - the 511-bed medical hospital in 1962 and a long-term care facility in 1974. The Walter Reuther Long Term Care Facility housed the surviving mentally ill and poor who had made Eloise their permanent home. Psychiatric care ended in 1979, and the general hospital closed in 1984. The general hospital building on Merriman stood until 1999 when it was demolished.

said. "There was a lot of energy there because of the medical students who'd come in and experience what we were doing in patient care."

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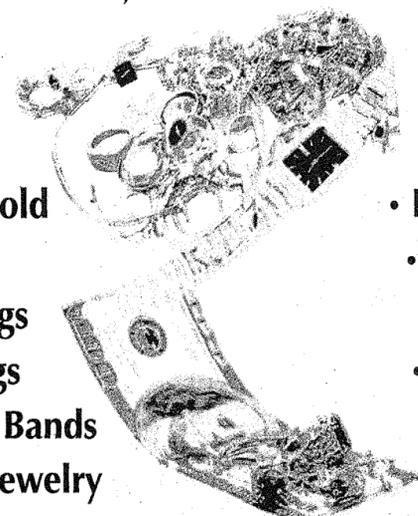
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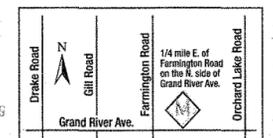
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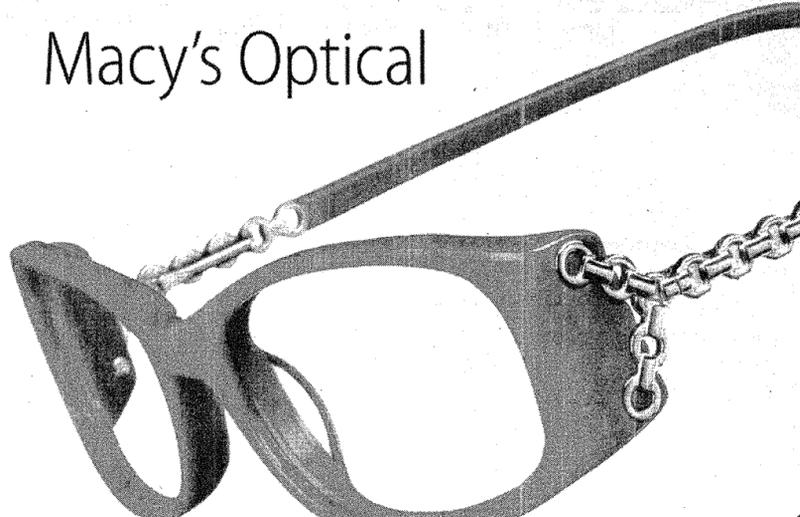
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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Laptop, GPS system stolen from vehicle

### Larceny

1 A resident in the 7500 block of North Hix told police Dec. 13 that someone had stolen a laptop computer, GPS system and a top coat valued at \$1,900 from his unlocked vehicle. He also said \$45 in coins were missing.

### Hit and run

2 On Dec. 7, a Detroit man told police that he was traveling southbound on Wayne Road and had entered the intersection with Cherry Hill on a yellow light when his vehicle was struck by another vehicle. The second vehicle was reported to be turning westbound onto Cherry Hill from northbound Wayne Road.

After initially stopping at nearby gas station and asking if he was OK, the Detroit man said the second driver got into his vehicle and left.

A witness told police that the Detroit man had run the red light and struck the other vehicle as it turned left on a green arrow. Officers weren't able to locate the second vehicle. The Detroit man's vehicle was reported to have minor front end damage.

### Stolen vehicle

3 A semi-tractor and trailer, containing 500,000 pairs of cotton work gloves, was reported stolen from Advanced Truck & Trailer, 426 S. Newburgh, Dec. 11. The tractor, valued at \$30,000, was owned by a Westland man. The \$10,000 trailer was owned by a Romulus man.

### Retail fraud

Police arrested a Westland man for allegedly shoplifting a BB gun and a PlayStation 3 game valued at \$60 from Kmart, 165 S. Wayne Road, Dec. 7. A store employee told police the man and at least one other person were spotted on security cameras removing the items from their packaging, then placing them into the man's backpack. The man was stopped by an employee as he left the store with the items.

By LeAnne Rogers

## Lottery ticket dispensers taken in break-in

### Break-in

4 An alarm brought Garden City Police to a burglary incident at Garden City Party store, 27627 Ford, about 3 a.m. Dec. 12.

The police found that the suspect had entered through a front door. When the police arrived, a lottery ticket dispenser was found just outside of the front door with glass shattered over it. A rock was located 20 feet from the front door.

A cash drawer was ajar and 12 lottery ticket dispensers with four games apiece were missing.

### Disorderly man

5 Police arrested a 50-year-old Garden City man in the Kroger parking lot at 5736 Middlebelt about 2 p.m. Dec. 11 after he reportedly walked through the store threatening female customers.

The store manager was right behind him in the store and called police.

When police investigated, they found out that the man had also reportedly been disruptive in the nearby Family Dollar store, located in the same plaza. He reportedly knocked over a display of two-liter bottles of pop and threatened female customers there also.

When arrested, the man had on his person a fifth of vodka that was almost empty, police said.

The police indicated in the report that the man had also been disorderly the day before at the Taco Bell and Salvation Army in Garden City.

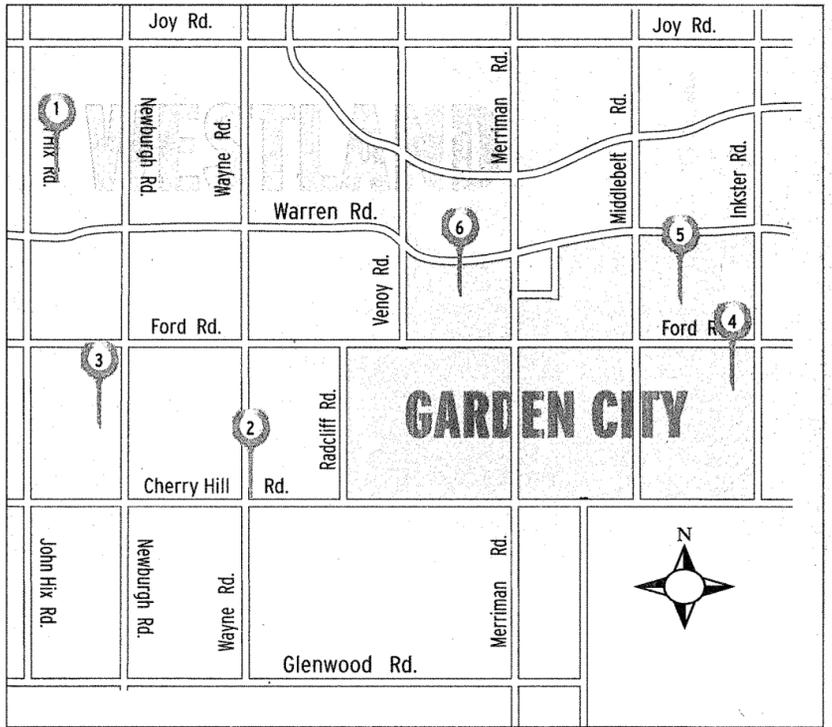
### Home invasion

6 An alert witness called police after he saw an unfamiliar man go to the rear of a residence in the 12700 block of Sunset and not come back out about 12:30 p.m. Dec. 14.

When police arrived, the man was gone but there was evidence that someone had been inside the house after they found an Anne Klein watch behind the garage, police said. Inside the house, a computer and accessories were stacked up on an ottoman as if they were being ready to be carried out, police said.

The witness described the suspect as a black man who wore a black sweatshirt with black faded jeans.

Dearborn Heights K-9 Ozzie arrived but was unable to establish a track.



### Stolen motorcycle

A man who said that he has permission to park his 2008 Harley Davidson motorcycle in the St. Raphael parking lot at 31500 Beechwood said that someone stole that motorcycle sometime before 9:30 p.m. Dec. 13.

He told police that it wasn't repossessed and he has the only set of keys.

### Truck theft

The management at Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury, 32000 Ford, said that someone stole a truck that is parked on their property for snow removal about 3:30 p.m. Dec. 13.

Someone in the Joy and Southfield area of Detroit reported that the truck owned by a Salem Township landscaping company was there. When it was recovered, the truck was drivable but the dashboard, tailgate and hand tools were reportedly missing.

### Attempt home invasion

A woman in the 31700 block of Brown reported that a man she knew tried to enter her home through a sliding window about 3:30 a.m. Dec. 13.

### Aggravated assault

About 10:30 p.m. Dec. 14, the police arrested a 19-year-old male resident at Spectrum Community Services, a group home located in the 31500 block of Bridge. A staff worker reportedly said that the man repeatedly threatened him with several different objects, including a knife and a razor, and swung them at him. When the resident reportedly swung a fire extinguisher at the staff worker and narrowly missed him, the police were called.

By Staff Writer Sue Buck

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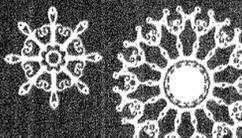
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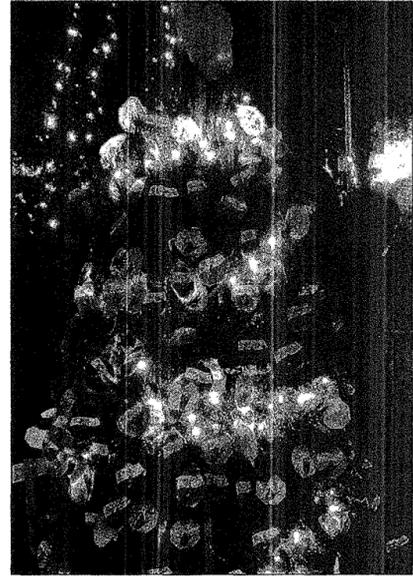
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PHOTOS BY JOHNATHON FIDLER

Hundreds of people gathered in downtown Plymouth Sunday for the annual candlelight vigil of The Compassionate Friends of Wayne County-Livonia chapter.



Christmas trees in Kellogg Park were decorated with ornaments bearing the names of the children honored at the Compassionate Friends' candlelight vigil.

# Keeping memories alive

## Candlelight vigil honors children gone too soon

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Sandy Lucas of Canton lost her daughter to a sudden heart ailment in August 2008, she lost not only her daughter, but her best friend.

Lucas, who owns Lucas Nursery in Canton, was in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Sunday night with other mothers, fathers, friends and relatives who've lost their daughters, sons, best friends, all gathered to hear their child's name one more time.

Lucas and hundreds of others dodged the raindrops for the annual candlelight vigil sponsored by The Compassionate Friends, Western Wayne County (Livonia) Chapter, in conjunction with Children's Memorial Day.

"We tell (Nancy) we miss her, tell her we love her," said Sandy Lucas, who attended the ceremony with Nancy's brother, Bob. "It just makes you feel closer."

Lucas said she found out about the Compassionate Friends' ceremony from a customer. Missing Nancy, and watching the 3-year-old son, Conner, she left behind, gave Lucas a reason to attend.

"Conner was her whole life, and we tell her how much he misses her," Sandy Lucas said. "You realize there are so many other people hurting like you are. Their hearts are broken, too, and our hearts go out to them."

The ceremony included the dedication of trees decorated with ornaments featuring the children's names, a candlelight vigil, a reading of a record 570 children's names, poetry and songs.

The ceremony came in conjunction with the worldwide candle lighting. The idea is that, as candles burn down

in one time zone, they're lit in another, creating a 24-hour memorial.

"The holidays are especially difficult for parents who have lost children," said committee member Gail Lafferty of Livonia, who organizes the ceremony every year. "This candle lighting ceremony honoring

them helps their memories live on."

It's what brought Howard Gross and Esperanza Santos-Gross of Livonia to Kellogg Park Sunday, the chance to remember their son, Howard, who died in September 2008.

"It's peaceful, it shows he's not forgotten," Esperanza said.

"You hear your child's name. In your heart, you know everyone's holding a candle for your baby. What you see in other people's eyes, is the same thing that's in your eyes. It gives us comfort."

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PHOTO BY JOHNATHON FIDLER

Gail Lafferty and Pat O'Donnell of the Compassionate Friends Livonia chapter read some 570 names during the group's annual candlelight vigil to honor children who died too soon.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fish Dial-A-Ride

**Location:** Garden City, Livonia and Westland

**Details:** Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. **Contact:** Call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Earth Angels

**Details:** Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance nonprofit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare. **Contact:** [www.earthangelsontour.org](http://www.earthangelsontour.org) or by e-mail to [eangel1986@comcast.net](mailto:eangel1986@comcast.net)

TOPS 869 meetings

**Time/date:** Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**Location:** Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** The group is for people age 18 and older.

**Contact:** The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

American Legion Post 251

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month

**Location:** 1217 Merriman Road, between Avondale and Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** All veterans, male and female with a honorable discharge are welcome to join.

**Contact:** [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org) or call (734) 326-2607

Higher Rock Cafe

**Time/date:** 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.

**Location:** Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

**Contact:** [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com) or call (734) 722-3660

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Safe Place

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays

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

**Details:** A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. **Contact:** Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

Metro Fibromyalgia

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

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

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

**Contact:** Lucy at (734) 462-1768, [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com)

Menopause & More

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

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

**Details:** A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and

the group is free of charge.

**Contact:** (734) 655-1100

Counterpoint

**Details:** Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.

**Contact:** (734) 563-5005

Toughlove

**Time/date:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays

**Location:** Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia.

**Details:** Support group, newcomers welcome.

**Contact:** (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748

EDUCATION

Willow Creek

**Location:** 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland

**Details:** Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.

**Contact:** (734) 326-0078

St. Damian

**Location:** 29891 Joy, Westland

**Details:** St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

**Contact:** (734) 427-1680, [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com)

YWCA Preschool

**Details:** The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.

**Contact:** (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

VOLUNTEERS

First Step

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

18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

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

Drivers Needed

**Details:** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings.

**Contact:** (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208

VNA Hospice

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

**Contact:** (248) 967-8361, [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org)

Seasons Hospice

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

**Contact:** (800) 370-8592

Literacy Council

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

student in your area.

**Contact:** (734) 416-4906

**Details:** Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.

**Contact:** (888) 973-1145

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)

**Location:** Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

**Contact:** Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

Writing Group

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month

**Location:** Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

**Details:** The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

**Contact:** [www.storycircle.org](http://www.storycircle.org) or send an e-mail to [shepry@yahoo.com](mailto:shepry@yahoo.com)

TOPS M128

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Mondays

**Location:** Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland

**Contact:** Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879

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Garden City Democratic Club

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June)

**Location:** Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

**Contact:** Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344

Citizens for Peace

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month

**Location:** Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

**Details:** The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.

**Contact:** Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079

In Harmony

**Time/date:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays

**Location:** Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** For men interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting

**Contact:** call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal

Veteran's Haven

**Location:** Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.

**Details:** Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

**Contact:** (734) 728-0527

HOSPITAL WELLNESS CALENDAR

**Garden City Hospital**, at 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup includes:  
**Tuesday, Dec. 22**

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. Fee is \$30 per month. For

more information, call (734) 458-3242. Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help strengthen and define muscles, as well as increase flexibility. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Wednesday, Dec. 23

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, from 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 for more information.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. is for individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Men, women and teens invited to attend. Call (734) 458-4330.

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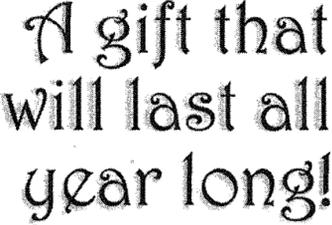
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Daily programs

Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center offers daily programs Monday through Friday in Phase II and III Cardiac Rehabilitation/Cardiac Wellness, a Peripheral Vascular Disease Exercise and Strength Training Program, and a Diabetes Exercise Program. These classes are presented and monitored by certified exercise physiologists. Contact the Health Enhancement Center at (734) 458-3242 to select an exercise program specifically designed for you.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fish Dial-A-Ride

**Location:** Garden City, Livonia and Westland  
**Details:** Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive.  
**Contact:** Call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Earth Angels

**Details:** Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance nonprofit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.  
**Contact:** [www.earthangelsontour.org](http://www.earthangelsontour.org) or by e-mail to [eangel986@comcast.net](mailto:eangel986@comcast.net)

TOPS 869 meetings

**Time/date:** Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.  
**Location:** Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.  
**Details:** The group is for people age 18 and older.  
**Contact:** The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

**American Legion Post 251**  
**Time/date:** 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** 1217 Merriman Road, between Avondale and Palmer, Westland.  
**Details:** All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join.  
**Contact:** [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org) or call (734) 326-2607

**Higher Rock Cafe**  
**Time/date:** 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.  
**Location:** Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.  
**Details:** Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.  
**Contact:** [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com) or call (734) 722-3660

**Safe Place**  
**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.  
**Details:** A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.  
**Contact:** Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

FOR YOUR HEALTH

**Metro Fibromyalgia**  
**Time/date:** 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month  
**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City  
**Details:** The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.  
**Contact:** Lucy at (734) 462-1768, [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com)

**Menopause & More**  
**Time/date:** 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month  
**Location:** Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and

the group is free of charge.  
**Contact:** (734) 655-1100  
**Counterpoint**  
**Details:** Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.  
**Contact:** (734) 563-5005  
**Toughlove**  
**Time/date:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Location:** Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia.  
**Details:** Support group, newcomers welcome.  
**Contact:** (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748

EDUCATION

**Willow Creek**  
**Location:** 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland  
**Details:** Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.  
**Contact:** (734) 326-0078

**St. Damian**  
**Location:** 29891 Joy, Westland  
**Details:** St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.  
**Contact:** (734) 427-1680, [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com).

**YWCA Preschool**  
**Details:** The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.  
**Contact:** (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

VOLUNTEERS

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

18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.  
**Contact:** (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223  
**Drivers Needed**  
**Details:** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings.  
**Contact:** (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208

**VNA Hospice**  
**Details:** Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.  
**Contact:** (248) 967-8361, [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org)

**Seasons Hospice**  
**Details:** Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.  
**Contact:** (800) 370-8592

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

student in your area.  
**Contact:** (734) 416-4906  
**Details:** Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.  
**Contact:** (888) 973-1145

ORGANIZATIONS

**Friends of Eloise**  
**Time/date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)  
**Location:** Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.  
**Contact:** Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

**Writing Group**  
**Time/date:** 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month  
**Location:** Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne  
**Details:** The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.  
**Contact:** [www.storycircle.org](http://www.storycircle.org) or send an e-mail to [shepry@yahoo.com](mailto:shepry@yahoo.com)

**TOPS M128**  
**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Mondays  
**Location:** Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland  
**Contact:** Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879

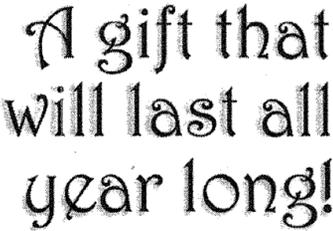
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**Garden City Democratic Club**  
**Time/date:** 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June)  
**Location:** Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City  
**Contact:** Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344

**Citizens for Peace**  
**Time/date:** 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month  
**Location:** Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia  
**Details:** The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.  
**Contact:** Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079

**In Harmony**  
**Time/date:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Location:** Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** For men interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting  
**Contact:** call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal

**Veteran's Haven**  
**Location:** Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.  
**Details:** Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.  
**Contact:** (734) 728-0527



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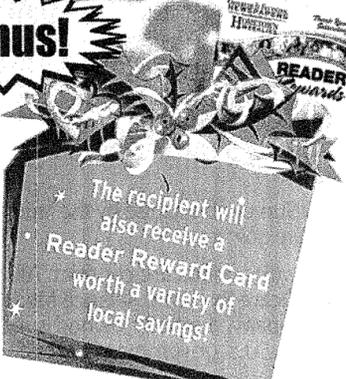
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**HOSPITAL WELLNESS CALENDAR**

**Garden City Hospital**, at 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup includes:  
**Tuesday, Dec. 22**

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

**Wednesday, Dec. 23**

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, from 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 for more information.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. is for individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Men, women and teens invited to attend. Call (734) 458-4330.

**Tuesday, Dec. 29**

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Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help strengthen and define muscles, as well as increase flexibility. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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**Daily programs**

Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center offers daily programs Monday through Friday in Phase II and III Cardiac-Rehabilitation/Cardiac Wellness, a Peripheral Vascular Disease Exercise and Strength Training Program, and a Diabetes Exercise Program. These classes are presented and monitored by certified exercise physiologists. Contact the Health Enhancement Center at (734) 458-3242 to select an exercise program specifically designed for you.

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# Volunteers create toy store for families

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Christine Merritt vowed that by Wednesday morning the gymnasium of the Dearborn Heights Salvation Army Citadel would truly look like a toy store, thanks to volunteers from the Ford Motor Company.

Tuesday, volunteers were busy sorting the toys, clothing and books by age, placing them on tables set along the outer edges of the gym. One wall was devoted entirely to food boxes planned for the 560 families that are stopping by today and tomorrow.

"Wednesday will be a lot more organized," said Merritt, who with her husband Steve are majors assigned to the citadel which serves Livonia, Garden City, Redford, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights. "The Ford volunteers will come in and set up a display so it will look like a toy store."

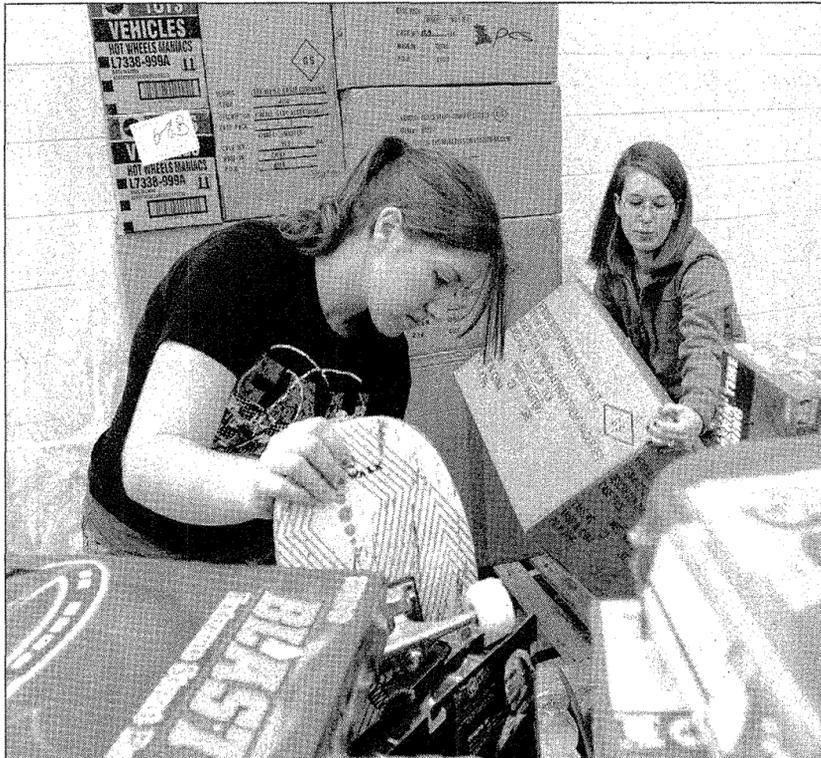
Parents who visit the toy store have appointments. They are met at the door by volunteers who escort them around the toy store, letting them select a gift for each child, stocking stuffers, one family game and a food box and certificate to Kroger to buy the fresh produce.

By the time the store closes Friday afternoon, more than 560 families will be serviced and 1,446 children will have gifts for Christmas.

While the volunteers worked in the gymnasium sorting, families in the Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program were coming to pick up their gifts and food. The first family to walk in the door was in tears.

"I asked her why she was crying and she said she didn't know, she was just so grateful," Merritt said. "She had us all crying. It was hard to pick adopt-a-families because we have so many who need help and not enough sponsors."

Heather Hanton, the com-



Leslie Botts and Joscelynn Sleep, both of Canton, sort toys that were purchased by the Salvation Army Headquarters to help stock the toy store at the Dearborn Heights Citadel.

munity outreach ministries coordinator, was working with volunteers Joscelyn Sleep and Leslie Botts of Canton who hooked up with the Dearborn Heights Citadel through a friend of Leslie's mother.

"We both decided we wanted to do this last year, but we were in school," Sleep said. "Now that we've graduated we can do more."

"We're now at the point where we can make time, and we did make time to do this," Botts said. "We'll be back here tomorrow helping."

The two teens meet in fourth-grade at Wayne-Westland's Walker-Winter and stayed close through high school, even though Botts went to John Glenn and Sleep went to Wayne Memorial.

Sleep admitted it was a sluggish start to the morning, but once they started opening boxes of toys purchased by the Salvation Army headquarters, the day got better.

"I'm at the point where I look at the toy and wonder why we didn't have it when we were little," she said, admitting she'd had some fun with the Backyardigans.

Rosa Victory of Dearborn Heights was also new to the toy store set-up. She stood at a table, organizing hats, mittens, socks, scarves and booties, many of the items handmade by the Women of the Dearborn Heights Moose.

"I know they're going to have warmth," she said. "A lot of work and love went into these things."

Victory used to help dress

Goodfellow dolls, but a health problem put an end to that so she decided to volunteer at the Salvation Army.

"People are so generous, they donate for the kids and they give for the adults," she said. "I'm from a large family and I remember my mom never received anything. It brings tears to my eyes to see that people remember the adults."

And the calls for help won't end when the toy store closes Friday afternoon.

"We expect more calls on the 21st," Merritt said. "On Monday, they just call and we see what we can give them. I think we'll be able to help them. My goal is to give them a food box and certificate."

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Volunteer Rosa Victory sorts bags containing socks meant for adults who are visiting the Salvation Army's toy store today through Friday.

## ORDINANCE NO. 109-K-B-2 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 1, SECTION 62126(c) TO INCREASE THE FINE FOR THE CRIME OF TRESPASS TO \$250.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND HEREBY ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** That Chapter 62, Article V, Division 1, Section 62-126 (c), of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

**"Sec. 62-126 (c). Trespass.**

(c) An individual who engages in trespassing is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 30 days or by a fine of not more than \$50.00 **\$250.00**, or both, in the discretion of the court

**Section 2.** That all other provisions of this Chapter of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

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

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

Adopted: Dec. 7, 2009  
Effective: Dec. 17, 2009

Publish: December 17, 2009

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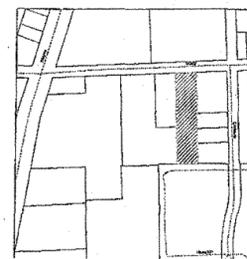
## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2086B, Proposed Rezoning from GAR, Garden Apartment Residence to CB-4, Vehicle Service, Part of Parcel #035-99-0007-0001, South Side of Stacy Avenue, East of Wayne Road and North of Ford Road, Larry Malinowski (Antonio Scappaticci).

and

Case #2086B, Proposed Land Division, Part of Parcel #035-99-0007-0001, South Side of Stacy Avenue, East of Wayne Road and North of Ford Road, Larry Malinowski (Antonio Scappaticci).



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., January 5, 2010.

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Adam Hammons, Chairman  
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

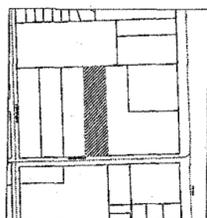
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## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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Case #950C, Public Hearing for Proposed Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Auto Storage Facility, 33100 Beechwood, Parcel #038-01-0004-000, North Side of Beechwood, West of Venoy Road, Thomas Larson (Jim Kerwin)



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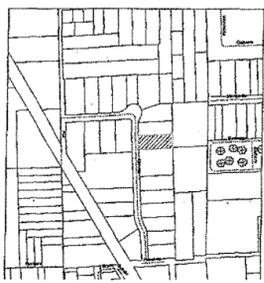
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## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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Case #1894C, Public Hearing for Proposed Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Automobile Recovery Facility, 38236 Abruzzi, Parcel #052-05-0019-000, East Side of Abruzzi, East of Hix, Tony/Danny Tullio (Robert C. Jordan).



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WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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## NOTICE OF SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD DURING THE 2010 CALENDAR YEAR

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of Westland, Michigan will hold its regular meetings on the following dates during the calendar year of 2010, in the Council Chambers of the Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of the month, except when a holiday falls on that Monday, in which case the meeting will be held on the next secular day that is not a holiday.

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Scheduled Meeting	Date	Scheduled Meeting	Date
January 4, 2010	Dec. 17	July 6, 2010 (Tues)	June 24
January 19, 2010 (Tues)	Jan. 7	July 19, 2010	July 8
February 1, 2010	Jan. 21	August 2, 2010	July 22
February 16, 2010 (Tues)	Feb. 4	August 16, 2010	Aug. 5
March 1, 2010	Feb. 18	September 7, 2010 (Tues)	Aug. 19
March 15, 2010	Mar. 4	September 20, 2010	Sept. 09
April 5, 2010	Mar. 18	October 4, 2010	Sept. 23
April 19, 2010	April 8	October 18, 2010	Oct. 7
May 3, 2010	April 22	November 1, 2010	Oct. 21
May 17, 2010	May 6	November 15, 2010	Nov. 4
June 7, 2010	May 20	December 6, 2010	Nov. 18
June 21, 2010	June 10	December 20, 2010	Dec. 09

January 3, 2011      Dec. 16, 2010

Proposed minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, not more than eight business days after the date of said meeting and approved minutes will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, at the same location, not more than five business days after the meeting at which the minutes are approved. This notice is given in compliance with Act. 267 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

EILEEN DeHART  
WESTLAND CITY CLERK

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## OUR VIEWS

# Consider local charities in your gift giving

Who among us has not seen one of the many films made of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. We all know about the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future who turn Ebenezer Scrooge from a mean and nasty tyrant to a loving and kind individual.

Michigan is caught in its own version of the Dickens classic, but our ghosts didn't wait to visit on Christmas Eve. They started arriving years ago and the visions they've shown us are bleaker than what you see in the movies. The Ghost of Michigan Past is hanging around reminding us of the good times — high employment, most people enjoying their piece of the American dream. The Ghost of Michigan Present is in our face with gloom and doom. Too many people have lost their jobs and lost their homes. Our government and our educational system is in shambles, too many expenses and not enough money.

Lurking in the wings is the Ghost of Michigan's Future. Our leaders have told us what we need to do to return to a prosperous state, but standing in the way is the Ghost of Michigan Present. We were the first state to experience the economic collapse and we will be the last to climb out of the hole. We know we have to do it ourselves. We have done it in the past and we will do it again.

But it will take those of us who have, to help take care of those who have not. In a week's time, people will be gathering to celebrate Christmas — at church, at home, with family and friends. For those lucky enough, it will be a holiday filled with presents and tables laden with food. For those not so lucky, it will be a holiday with gifts and food provided through the kindness of strangers.

Michigan has suffered through almost nine years of economic hardship and the effect most apparent this holiday season. Groups like Goodfellows and Salvation Army, local food banks, soup kitchens and warming shelters are working hard to provide for those in need. Their success is tied directly to the generosity of strangers.

We have urged our readers to buy local to support Michigan businesses. We've also urged readers to support the Goodfellows and Salvation Army and offered information on helping local groups that are providing food and shelter for the less fortunate.

It's a message that bears repeating. When you think you are done with your Christmas shopping, consider giving one more gift — a gift of food or money that will help your fellow neighbors in their time of need. Instead of a gift to the person who has everything, give them a card telling them that a donation has been made in their name to a local charity.

Need some ideas? The Garden City or Westland Goodfellows, the Wayne-Westland or Dearborn Heights Citadel of the Salvation Army, the food bank at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City or the John Bolde Memorial Food Bank in Wayne or Lighthouse Home Mission's soup kitchen, food pantry and warming center for the homeless at the Full Gospel Temple in Westland.

And while we're talking about giving. Don't let your support of these groups be limited to Christmas. The need for help in Michigan is year-round.

Michigan will one day recover from this mess, but until then it is up to those of us who have to help care for those who have nothing. What we do today will make for a better tomorrow.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here is a sampling of comments posted on our Web site at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

• Price of education  
Health Care and Pensions for the Teachers are the issues in the school funding debate not the children in the classroom. None of the money will ever go into any children's education now or in the future. Teachers and auto workers should suffer like every one else in Michigan.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What precautions have you taken to avoid the swine flu?

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



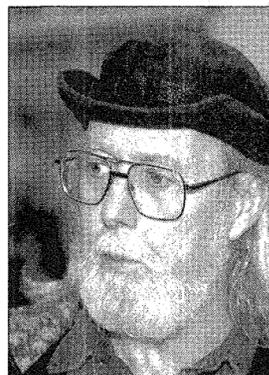
"I bought extra Kleenex."  
Amanda Lewis  
Westland



"I got my vaccination."  
Kellie Marzion  
Westland



"I'm using hand sanitizer several times a day and I'm encouraging my children to do the same. It's the same precautions I take any time."  
Benjamin Ayotte  
Westland



"I got this book to read and I'm trying to avoid as many people as I can. They say familiarity breeds contempt and so does the flu."  
Tom Wright  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Christmas blessing

Someday at Christmas maybe we'll see  
Not gifts and stress and what will be,  
But peace and fortune the world  
through

Beginning with just me and you.  
A joyous Christmas with love and sharing,

A Christmas without the fear of not caring.

Someday at Christmas we will be able to share His love,

Practice all the blessings we have been given from above,

Joy and laughter without sadness or fear,

Peace and love and those we cherish held near.

Our hearts will cast off the lack of trust  
And we will have to do what we must.

Encourage the homeless that this to will pass,

Nurture those who cry over what did not last,

Inspire the new children coming up today

That they will not fear and war will go away.

Practice what we really preach in our lives today

And make all this craziness go away.  
So bless you each and everyone with love and cheer

And may the Lord continue to bless you this year

Agnes Richards  
Westland

### Thanks for support

I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to the American people for the sustained outpouring of support you have shown our men and women in uniform during these years of conflict. They serve us proudly, and we are inspired by their sacrifices and by the patriotism and resolve of their families.

If you happen to be traveling through our Nation's busy airports or other transportation hubs this holiday season, you'll likely see many service members traveling in uniform. As part of what our Army calls its "Holiday Block Leave," we suspend basic and advanced skills training to allow Soldiers to spend the holidays with their families and friends.

During the next two weeks, more than 40,000 Soldiers will depart our posts, camps and stations to travel across

America. They will be joined by thousands of other troops traveling to and from Afghanistan, Iraq and other overseas locations where they're stationed to protect and promote the liberties we celebrate during this time of year.

I ask all Americans to take a moment to say "thank you" to these service members as you encounter them. They have all sworn an oath to protect our way of life knowing the risks that entails, and many of them have experienced multiple deployments into the war zones.

There's nothing they appreciate more from those they serve than a simple expression of gratitude and acknowledgment of their service and sacrifice.

Throughout our history, young Americans have answered the call to serve. This generation, yet again, is demonstrating that they care more deeply about their country, their fellow countrymen, and their fellow Soldiers than they do about themselves.

We must never take that for granted.

Martin E. Dempsey  
General, U.S. Army  
Commander, U.S. Army Training  
and Doctrine Command

## Reform of state government at all levels needed as soon as possible

The governor cannot fix what is wrong with our schools by forcing a tax increase. What is required, and has been avoided and ignored for far too long, is sensible

reform of government at every level — and specifically in our system of public education.

Our schools are increasingly unstable, unbalanced and ultimately unsustainable unless bold changes are made to alter the present course. Putting money into a dysfunctional system will not fix the problem.

The governor and Legislature have ignored the numerous reports calling for sensible reforms in Michigan schools for at least the past five years.

We cannot simply cut or tax our way out of this crisis that our leaders' inaction has let fester.

The foundation on which this great state was built, the auto industry, has been eroding for decades and has imploded in the last year. The sooner we accept the new economic reality, the sooner we can begin the rebuilding process necessary to get Michigan working again.

As state schools superintendent in 2004 I issued a report: Structural Issues, Surrounding Michigan Schools in the 21st Century ([www.michigan.gov/documents/michigan-schoolfunding\\_110803\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/michigan-schoolfunding_110803_7.pdf)).

The report demonstrated that Michigan's system of public education was unsustainable back then.

The report asked that we reimagine our system of public education — or start from scratch — taking all the money we could possibly spend on education, setting priorities and then figuring out how to invest it to help prepare our children and state for the disruptive, hyper-competitive, transformational, global knowledge economy.

Let's toss aside the present 550 local school boundaries and recast them to be more efficient, eliminating tiny districts to remove administrative redundancies. The rising cost of health care and pensions for educators is absorbing nearly every dollar the governor and Legislature invest in schools. The state would need to invest nearly \$300 per student, per year into the foreseeable future (approximately \$500 million/year) just to cover health care and pension costs. This figure is as unrealistic as it is unsustainable. If we continue down this path, we should change the name of the department of education to the department of health care and pensions — because that is where the money is going.

### PRETEND AND SPEND

Watching the angst of the governor and Legislature as they talk about the plight of our schools remind me of the kid who killed his parents — and

threw himself on the mercy of the courts because he was an orphan! Like they had nothing to do with creating this mess!

The governor's and Legislature's failure to act on sensible reforms have created the crisis facing us today.

In 1993, the Kalkaska public school system closed 45 days early for lack of funds and their inability to provide a high-quality education with resources available. The school superintendent and school board took the drastic action after the tax-weary citizens rejected a millage needed to overcome a \$1.5 million shortfall in a \$10.3 million budget. This action spurred the then-governor and Legislature into action to fix Michigan's school funding system with the passage of Proposal A in 1994.

Fast forward to 2009 and the question today is similar: Who will flinch? The choices are to hold firm for sensible changes in health care, pensions, shared services and consolidations of intermediate and local school districts. Or, they could blink and raise taxes, which will be the equivalent of "fixing" General Motors' problems by getting a guarantee that they can just charge more for their cars — without addressing the fundamental structural problems growing in their system.

If reforms were initiated when brought to light years ago, all or much of the crisis of today could have been avoided. Sadly, they were not.

### A PLAN OF ACTION

Agree to raise taxes only as a bridge to reform/restructuring. The tax increase should sunset in two to three years, being phased out and replaced with redirected money saved through:

• A health care reform plan, which pools insurance for public employees thereby saving significant resources to be redirected to the classroom.

• Creating a process for closing or consolidating school districts and municipalities.

• Changes in pension plans from defined benefits to defined contribution — for new hired school as well as local government employees — and other sensible reforms.

• Creating a tier pay/benefit system for state, teachers and local government new hires. If the reforms are not in place — the cuts happen and the schools, education establishment, Legislature and governor have no one to blame but themselves.

If you have a hole in your roof, you have to fix it or suffer the consequences. Michigan has been avoiding fixing the hole in school funding for years. Because of inaction the entire roof is set to collapse.

Inaction has consequences.

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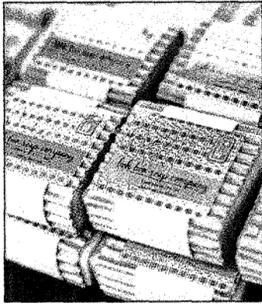
# Michigan made gift ideas for everyone on your list

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK  
CORRESPONDENT

There are still a few days left before Christmas, so it's time to get your last-minute shop on. It's always hard to pick out the perfect gift, so why not narrow down your choices by buying something Michigan-made? Here are some ideas:

- If you've got someone artsy on your list, try Pewabic Pottery. Founded in 1903 during the Arts & Crafts Movement, Pewabic is nationally known for its tile and pottery in unique glazes. New for the holidays are snowflake ornaments, and pinecone and reindeer tiles. Tiles and ornaments depicting Detroit and Michigan are also favorites. Visit the historic studio at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., in Detroit or shop online at [www.pewabic.com](http://www.pewabic.com).

- Give a gift with Michigan pride and help laid-off workers close to home with 'Don't Mess with the Mitten' and 'MichiCAN' shirts. Created by local residents Lisa Burnia and Terri O'Brien, the shirts use homegrown resources including T-shirts from Border Bros. in Plymouth and screen printing from The Identity Source in Livonia. Proceeds benefit Bridgepointe, Schoolcraft Foundation and Gleaners. T-shirts and hoodies come in white and navy, along with MSU and U of M colors. Find



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them at Dancing Eye Gallery in Northville, Michigan Wild in Livonia's Laurel Park Place, or online at [www.yesmichiCAN.com](http://www.yesmichiCAN.com).

- Pamper a loved one with locally-made pedicure products. Exfoli-feet is a unique pedicure tool invented by a metro Detroit woman that uses a blend of sand and pumice on one side to buff feet smooth. The other side is a nail scrub brush that reduces toe nail cuticles. \$9.99 at [www.bodyofwaterspa.com](http://www.bodyofwaterspa.com). YogaToes (\$24.97) instantly refreshes feet by stretching and aligning the toes. Made by Ann Arbor-based YogaPro.com, the gel products slip around and between the toes, relieving stress and foot pain. The new "Indulgence in a Bottle" gift set includes jewel-colored YogaToes, two clip-on Deluxe



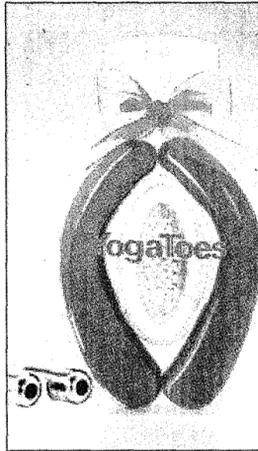
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- Indulgent homemade soaps make great stocking stuffers or hostess gifts. Boh Bon Soap Company offers beautifully-packaged scents like Cedarwood & Lime, Wildflower and Honey, and Up North Natural, reminiscent of a Michigan forest (\$4.25 per bar). Find a selection at Illumination Jewelry inside of Frameworks Gallery on Penniman in Plymouth, or visit [www.bohbonssoapco.com](http://www.bohbonssoapco.com).

Or, check out Boh Bon Soap at Holiday Craftroom, noon-5 p.m. Dec. 19 at The Loving Touch, downstairs from The Woodward Avenue Brewery in Ferndale.

- Guys are always hard to buy for, but the unique and useful Auto Seat Gap Blocker is one solution. Made in Michigan, the product does just what it says — blocks the gap between the front seats and center console keeping coins and crumbs from falling into no-man's land. The foam inserts cost \$19.99 per pair



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at [gapblocker.com](http://gapblocker.com).

- Celebrate the area's rich history with the Days of Detroit 2010 Calendar. The wall calendar features an event in local history for each day of the year, along with seldom-seen historical photos from the collection of the Walter P. Reuther Library at Wayne State University. The cal-

endar (\$12.95) is available at the Plymouth Historical Museum, Books Connection in Livonia, metro Detroit Borders locations, and online at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org).

- Another creative invention by a Michigan-based company is the Stufz Gourmet Stuffed Burger System. This kitchen gadget allows you to make hamburgers with all the toppings inside — instead of on top — reducing the mess factor and increasing the flavor. Simply shape, stuff, seal and grill. \$15.99 at [www.stufz.net](http://www.stufz.net).

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# Flood crimps IKEA's style

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kelly Blair and her mother, Sherry, stood on the doorstep at the IKEA store in Canton, staring at the big yellow sign in disbelief.

The sign was announcing the unexpected closing of the store — which turned out to be caused by a ruptured fire suppression sprinkler that dumped thousands of gallons of water into the store's main showroom — and suggested shoppers could still access IKEA goods online.

The Blairs, who traveled from the Benton Harbor area specifically to complete their Christmas shopping, weren't interested in the retailer's Web site.

"We came just for IKEA," said Kelly Blair, who said the drive took more than two hours. "It was a big part of our Christmas shopping. This is crazy, I'm pretty upset."

She wasn't the only one. Store manager Kelly Frieze couldn't say exactly how many shoppers tour IKEA each day, but put the number "in the thousands," all of whom were turned away Tuesday and weren't likely to get back in until the week-end.

That's because the sprinkler head ruptured around 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, flooding the main showroom and forcing the popular retailer to close its doors. Frieze said store officials were notified by their alarm monitoring system.

Frieze estimated "thousands of gallons" of water spilled into the main showroom, causing significant damage to inventory and display items there. The store's warehouse, Frieze said, was undamaged.

Frieze wouldn't estimate how much monetary damage was done, pointing out he was awaiting the arrival of an insurance assessment team. He said the store



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Barbara Hill and Jeanette Poulous head back to their cars after finding IKEA closed. Hill, a resident of Royal Oak, works in Livonia and likes to walk at IKEA while on her lunch break. Poulous lives in Plymouth.

would remain closed until that assessment — along with an inventory of display items and inventory items that needed replacing — could be done.

Frieze said the store would almost certainly be closed Wednesday, and said he was "hopeful" the retailer could reopen by the week-end. The flood comes at a bad time, just 10 days before Christmas.

"There's never a good time, but this is certainly inopportune," said Frieze, who noted he'd been dealing with unhappy customers all day. "People drive from all over to visit us. We service the local community, certainly, but we're also a regional destination. We understand it's frustrating."

It certainly frustrated Bridget Nicklas, who made the 90-minute trip from Metamora looking for a bed for her daughter. She checked IKEA's Web site before embarking, and there was no mention of the closure; instead, according to Frieze, the retailer opted for a media alert as "the quickest way to get the word out."

"My husband took the day off, we planned the whole day," said Nicklas. "I understand it's beyond their control, but it's really frustrating."

Frieze said customers could find updates on the situation at the store's Web site, [www.ikea.com](http://www.ikea.com)

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# Health care coverage will cause problems for many

The talk in Washington and throughout the country lately has been about health care. Every day we hear something different about health care reform. Whatever your opinion on health care reform, any plan passed will take years to fully implement and there will be many changes along the way. After all, politicians will do what politicians do. That being said, there are many people who do not have the luxury of waiting. They need to make some decisions about their health care, in particular those covered by COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act).



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

COBRA is the federal legislation that allows an individual who loses his/her job to keep their health care insurance for a period of time. COBRA coverage is not free. In fact, it is expensive. However, it does give unemployed workers the means to keep insurance. Despite the price, millions of Americans — many in Michigan — have taken advantage of COBRA until they are able to obtain alternative coverage.

In February, Congress passed legislation to provide a subsidy to help the unemployed pay for COBRA coverage. COBRA premiums throughout the country average about \$1,100 a month, which is the bulk of an unemployed individual's unemployment benefits. Although the sub-

sidy has allowed millions to keep their health care, the problem is the federal subsidy is about to end. This will put millions in the position of not being able to afford their health care premiums, thus causing them to lose their coverage. Congress has recognized this problem and has introduced legislation to extend the subsidy for another six months. The problem occurs if your subsidy terminates before Congress passes the legislation. What makes this issue even more difficult is, if an individual lets COBRA lapse and does not obtain other health care, he/she may find it difficult to obtain affordable health care in the future.

Under current federal law, if you have a gap in your health care coverage for more than 63 days, your pre-existing health care issues could be used by insurance companies to deny you coverage or make premiums unaffordable.

If you're in a situation where your subsidy is about to terminate and you don't have alternative coverage, what do you do?

First, try to obtain health care insurance elsewhere. If you belong to an organization that has group coverage, you can join or you can buy an individual health care plan that may be more affordable than COBRA. The other alternative is to find a way to make your COBRA payment.

I am generally not in favor of borrowing money, but in this situation it makes sense. I believe that Congress will do something with the federal subsidy and it is possible, in fact, even probable it will make the legislation retroactive

and provide some sort of refunds for the extra payments. Another possible alternative is to take a distribution from a retirement account to make the health care payments. My fear is that if someone does not keep their coverage and cannot obtain alternative coverage, they may find it very difficult to obtain coverage at a reasonable price in the future.

It is possible that the massive health care reform legislation being debated in Washington could provide affordable coverage in the future, however, that does not solve problems today.

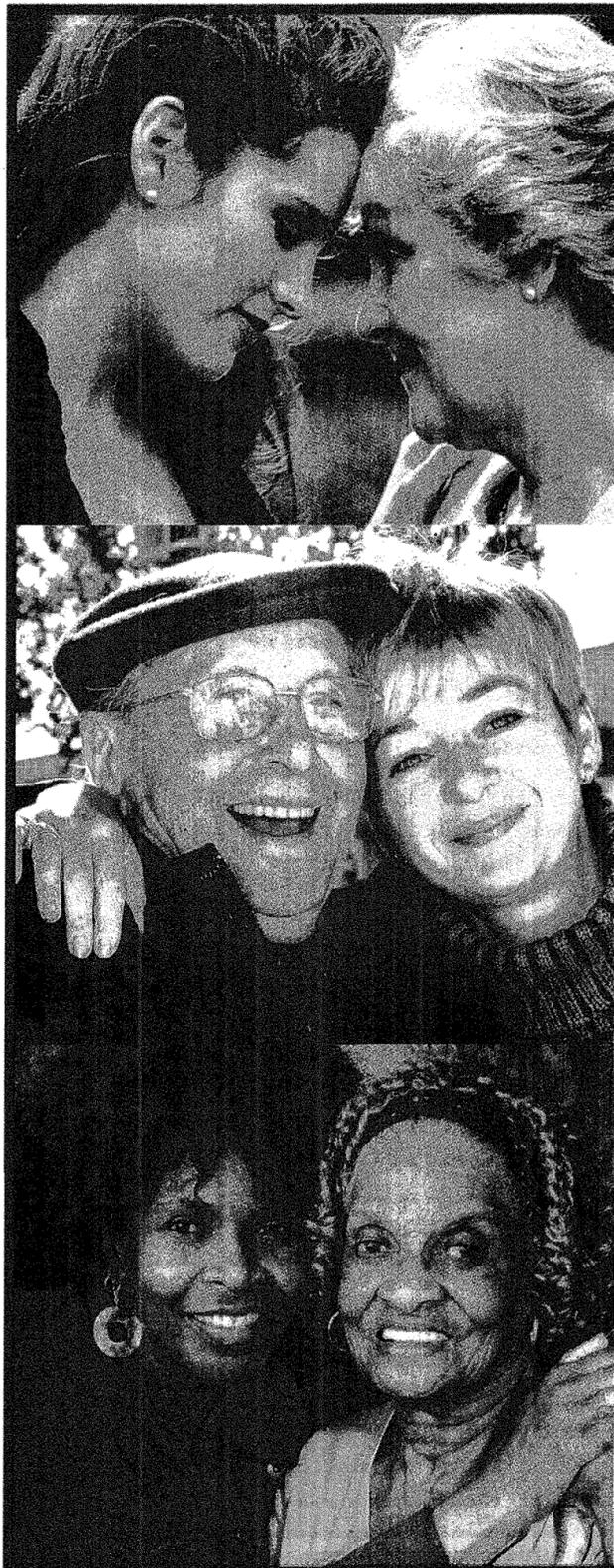
Another issue with the current subsidy program is that in order to qualify, you must be eligible for COBRA before Dec. 31. Therefore, people who have recently lost their job and have health care coverage until the end of the year, may find that they do not qualify for the subsidy.

My advice is to ask your ex-employer, no matter how difficult it is, if they can see fit to make you eligible for COBRA before Dec. 31. Many employers will be willing to do this as an accommodation.

There is no doubt that unemployed individuals are under a tremendous amount of financial pressure, particularly this time of year. However, you must be proactive. Make plans now so you won't be in a more difficult situation down the road.

Good luck!

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# HOMETOWN LIFE



## Gymnasts vault into new year

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When state runner-up Livonia Blue unveils its 2009-10 gymnastics team tonight at Walled Lake Central, fourth-year coach Lisa Fierk will have a familiar face to lean on.

### PREVIEW



Quint

Senior Emily Quint, who was fifth in the Division 1 all-around with a score of 37.75 in last year's individual state finals, will again be the catalyst.

Quint, who attends Franklin High, placed in three events in last March's state finals including a second in floor exercise (9.525); a tie for third on the balance beam (9.45); and a tie for sixth on the uneven bars (9.5).

Sophomore Alex Kitz also returns for Livonia Blue after placing runner-up in the Division 2 uneven bars (9.1).

Three key performers, however, have departed. Among those who graduated are Laura Nomura, fourth in the Division 2 all-around (36.775), along with Meghan Powers, ninth in the Division 1 floor exercise, and Brittany Janis, ninth in the Division 1 vault.

"We are looking forward to a great season," said Fierk, who guided Blue to a regional title, Kensington Lakes Activities Association crown and 7-0 dual meet record a year ago. "We have our goals set out for us and we know what we have to do to achieve them. The team is working hard and is focused. I cannot wait to see how they do at their first meet."

Meanwhile, Livonia Red is off to a 1-1 start following Monday's season opener with Brighton and Howell.

Lost to graduation is state qualifier Alicia DiMauro and

Please see **GYMNASTICS, B3**

## Lady Ocelots avert upset bid

Call it the "Great Escape" for the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team Saturday.

The host Lady Ocelots, ranked No. 2 nationally in the latest NJCAA Division II poll, overcame 29 turnovers and held off a valiant effort by upset-minded St. Clair County Community College for a 62-58 triumph.

Angie Burrell's two free throws with 25 seconds left helped secure Schoolcraft's 43rd straight win at home and 32nd straight Eastern Conference win in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Please see **OCELOTS, B3**



LISA CONIGLIO

## On national stage

Livonia Churchill senior Sara Kroll crosses the finish line in the 2009 Foot Locker Cross Country Championships held Saturday at Balboa Park in San Diego, Calif. Kroll, of Westland, was among 40 regional qualifiers to compete in the nationals where she finished 35th in 18 minutes, 36 seconds (for 5,000 meters). Megan Goethals of Rochester edged Chelsey Sveinsson of Dallas, Tex. for first place, both clocking 17:07. "At the start, I got out in a good position, sitting comfortable in about 15th place," Kroll said. "Once the big hill was over with the first time, the downhill went smoothly. But once I hit the two-mile mark my legs turned to lead and finishing was incredibly tough. But making it to Foot Locker in general was a huge accomplishment and I am forever grateful for this experience."

## Glenn bowlers forfeit historic win

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a bittersweet weekend for the Westland John Glenn boys bowling team.

After finishing runner-up in Saturday's Farmington Early Bird Invitational held at Drakeshire Lanes, the Rockets ventured Sunday to the White Lake Lake Invitational at Century Bowl in Waterford.

Glenn captured what appeared to be its first tournament title in school his-

tory, only to forfeit the crown because of a minor MHSAA rules violation.

Glenn had scheduled boys and girls dual matches earlier in the week against Hartland (Dec. 8) and Walled Lake Western (Dec. 9), along with invitationals at Farmington (Dec. 12) and Lakeland (Dec. 13) — one over the allowable limit.

Rockets Athletic Director Brian Swinehart reported the violation because the MHSAA allows a maximum of three meets within a seven-day span (Monday through Sunday).

"I made an error, I thought it was Sunday to Sunday," Swinehart said in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "I am following up with the MHSAA today (Tuesday)."

The violation also affected the Rocket girls varsity team.

"Normally the penalty is forfeiture of the extra match," said Thomas Rashid, associate director of the MHSAA.

In the 14-team Farmington Early Bird, Farmington/Harrison edged Glenn boys by a single pin, 4,268-4,267, in a format

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## Lakers D-II champs

Three area players (from left) — sophomore forward Lindsey Marlow (Livonia Churchill), senior defender Caitlin Boyak (Livonia Stevenson) and freshman forward Alyssa Mira (Churchill) — helped the Grand Valley State University women's soccer team cap a 22-0-4 season on Dec. 5 in Tampa, Fla. by winning the NCAA Division II National Championship with a 1-0 victory over Cal-State Dominguez. The third-seeded Lakers advanced to the final with a 3-2 overtime win in the national semifinals (Dec. 3) over Saint Rose (N.Y.). Mira appeared in all 26 games, including 41 minutes in the finals. She finished the year with five goals and two assists. Boyak started four of 22 games with three goals, while Marlow made 21 appearances scoring three goals.

## Top-ranked CC sweeps two-game set

Livonia Stevenson faced a formidable foe Saturday night in defending Division 1 state champion, top-ranked and undefeated

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Central and fell 6-2.

The Spartans got the early 1-0 lead at Plymouth's Compuware Arena on Cole Rochowiak's fifth goal of the season from Evan Malick and Jacob Poynter, but CC bounced back to tie the game on a goal by Eric Winkler at the 9:21 mark with Chris Waterstreet

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## SIDELINES

### Abron is All-Region

The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) announced Dec. 9 that Michigan State sophomore Kyndra Abron (Livonia Churchill) has been named as an All-Mideast Region honorable mention pick.

The former prep Miss Volleyball becomes the first MSU player in team history to receive such an honor.

Abron, who led the 17-16 Spartans to their third NCAA tournament appearance in four years, tallied a career-high 267 kills during the 2009 season, with 107 of those kills against top-25 ranked opponents, first among the team this season.

During the season, Abron led the Spartan attack in conference action with her 2.81 kills-per-set average. She also was tops on the team in solo blocks (10).

Abron and the rest of the Spartans had their 2009 season come to an end in a 3-0 loss to No. 13 host Kentucky in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

### Slaughter saluted

For the period ending Dec. 13, Madonna University junior guard Bryant Slaughter was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week in men's basketball.

The 5-foot-10 Slaughter earned all-tournament honors at MU's State Farm Classic after averaging 20.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game as the Crusaders went 1-1.

In MU's 78-72 upset Friday of No. 30 Notre Dame (Ohio) College, Slaughter scored 20 points, going 8-for-16 from the floor, to go along with seven rebounds, two assists, three steals and a block.

In the Crusaders' 65-61 setback Saturday against Rochester College, he led all players with 21 points, shooting at a 50-percent clip from the field to go along with four boards, two blocks and a trio of steals.

Slaughter is the team's second leading scorer at 13.8 points per game.

### Laker contributes

Grand Valley State University's football season came to an end Saturday in the NCAA Division II title game with a loss to Northwest Missouri State, 30-23.

Sophomore wide receiver Israel Woolfork (Livonia Franklin) had two catches for 48 yards in the nationally televised championship game played in Florence, Ala.

Woolfork appeared in all 15 games for the 13-2 Lakers, with eight receptions for 128 yards.

He also had 15 total tackles, including eight solo, on special teams.



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that consisted of six Bakers and three match games. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central was a close third with 4,218. Glenn's Chris Harper earned the singles title with a 710 series on games of 254-228-228. He was followed by Jordon Hornes, who had a 664 series on games of 224-244-196. Other Glenn scorers included Kyle Hamlin, 199-217-416; John Cleavenger, 210-171-381; Tommy Ruark, 194-179-373; Thomas Brusseau, 201; Derrick Ammons, 191; and a split score of 155. "Although the boys bowled well all day, the one pin loss left a bitter taste in their mouth," Glenn coach Ron Brusseau said. "My only focus was to pick their spirits up as we had another tournament the next day." Farmington edged Waterford Mott, 2,989-2,942, in the 14-team Lakeland qualifying block. Glenn finished third with a total of 2,857, including Baker games of 144-204-215-211 following regular games of 1,078 and 1,005. In the best two-of-three match play, all under the alternate shot format, Glenn defeated the Rockets' B team, 221-217 and 211-140; Mott, 224-202 and 202-124; and Brighton for the title, 190-168 and 246-216. Glenn's B team qualified for match play in sixth with a

total of 2,661 on Baker games of 213-223-170-201 and match games of 932-922. In qualifying, Chris Harper was the individual leader for Glenn in match games with a 269-234-503 followed by Thomas Brusseau, 246-179-425; Kyle Hamlin, 199-203-402; and Jordon Hornes, 203-177-380. Steven White added 212, while the Rockets had a split score of 161. But the win went all for naught because of the forfeit. Glenn girls take ninth Despite having to forfeit, the Rockets bounced back in the Lakeland Invitational after a ninth-place finish in Saturday's Farmington Early Bird with a set of 3,058. "Our first tournament of the season was up and down," Glenn coach Jim Bowles said. "Our team shined in Bakers where we climbed as high as second place. Unfortunately when we switched into regular games, we struggled and fell down into ninth place. While we did not finish the way we wanted to, we still bowled well in Bakers and fought hard throughout the day." Glenn's total Sunday was 2,229, good enough for sixth in the qualifying. The Rockets lost to eventual tournament champ South Lyon East in match play, 2-1. East won the third and decisive game by a mere nine pins. "Overall we bowled very well and will continue to improve throughout the season," Bowles said.

# 'Soup's on' for Spartans

## Campbell serves up double-overtime win for Stevenson

Livonia Stevenson needed not one, but two overtime sessions Tuesday to notch its first boys basketball win of the season. The Spartans got a sterling effort from reserve junior guard Jonathan Campbell to beat visiting Dearborn Fordson, 54-50. The 6-foot Campbell, who finished with a game-high 16 points, scored a layup off an inbound play to break a 50-all deadlock in the second OT to catapult the Spartans to victory. "It was an ugly win, but any win in December is good," said Stevenson coach Mike Allie, whose team is 1-1 overall. "Campbell gave us good minutes tonight off the bench." Senior guards Bobby Naubert and Kyle Bambach chipped in with 14 and nine points, respectively, for Stevenson which led 25-17 at halftime before Fordson pulled even at 42-42 at the end of regulation. Baquer Sayed and Ali Baydoun paced the Tractors (0-2) with 15 points apiece. Fordson was 11-of-22 from the foul line, while Stevenson made 9-of-14.

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**BELLEVILLE 53, WAYNE 48:** Mohamed Conde, a 6-foot-7 senior center, scored a game-high 18 points Tuesday as the Tigers (2-0) held off host Wayne Memorial (1-1) in a non-league encounter. Conde made all eight of his free throw attempts, including four in the decisive fourth quarter to give Belleville the win. Jeff Burroughs contributed 11 points for the victorious Tigers, who led 24-21 at half-time and 38-31 after three quarters. Wayne then made a late rally and pulled within two with only two minutes remaining, but couldn't get over the hump. "Both teams played decent defense," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "We played well, but we could have played better. We turned it over too many times." Jamiel Strickland Daniel Hill paced the Zebras with 16 and 15 points, respectively. Belleville was 12-of-20 from the foul line, while Wayne was only 2-of-5.

**LAHSER 84, CLARENCEVILLE 66:** In a non-conference game Tuesday, host Bloomfield Hills Lahser (1-2) nailed four straight 3-pointers to spark a 27-14 third-quarter run to subdue Livonia Clarenceville (0-3). Josh Lyle led the Knights with a game-high 20 points. Jake Hattah and Miles Gauff added 16-13, respectively. Lahser connected on 10 three-pointers for the game. "The second half they (Lahser) just couldn't miss," Clarenceville first-year coach Justin Johnson said. Junior David Jones paced the Trojans with 18 points. Senior Ben Watts added 16, while junior Mike Schiffman contributed nine. Clarenceville was 16-of-27 from the foul line, while Lahser was 14-of-20. **ROEPER 65, LUTH. WESTLAND 34:** Turnovers and a huge rebounding edge in favor of Birmingham Roeper (3-0, 3-0) made the difference Monday night as Lutheran High Westland (0-3, 0-3) fell in a matchup of Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division teams. Cole Stasek tallied 14 points

and Tamas Jhasei netted 12 to pace the Roughriders, who jumped out to a 12-1 first-quarter lead. Ryan Zinser and Nick Robinson chipped in with 10 and nine, respectively. Marc Rosin topped the Warriors, who cut the Roeper lead to 10 points in the third quarter, with eight points. Ethan Haller and Aaron Cipolla added six each. **RENAISSANCE 68, JOHN GLENN 45:** The one-two punch of Chene Phillips and Gerald Johnson proved to be too much Saturday as Detroit Renaissance (2-0) downed Westland John Glenn (0-2) in a game played at Detroit Cass Tech. Phillips scored a game-high 27 points, while Johnson added 26 (including 8-of-8 shooting from the foul line and six 3-pointers). Glenn, which couldn't overcome a 23-8 first-quarter deficit, got a team-high 15 points from Jeremy Langford. Nick Daniels added 10 points, while Brett Hudy contributed six points and 10 rebounds. Renaissance was 16-of-26 from the foul line, while Glenn was 7-of-15.

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**BOYS RESULTS**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 24 WAYNE MEMORIAL 8**  
Dec. 14 at Town 'N Country Lanes  
Glenn scorers: Chris Harper, 289-218-507; Steven White, 279-199-478; Jordon Hornes, 232-206-439; Kyle Hamlin, 212-219-431; Thomas Brusseau, 185. Team totals: 1,126-1,161-2,287 (18 points); Baker games: 194-243-437 (16 points).  
Wayne scorers: Elliot Arnold, 255-166-421; Zach Huffman, 215-198-413; Mike Grandowicz, 183-208-389; Mike Gabriel, 201-176-377; Tony Lave, 234; Jeremy Brown, 177. Team totals: 1,031-980-2,011 (2 points); Baker games: 205-190-395 (4 points).  
Glenn's dual match record: 3-0 overall, 1-0 KLA Central Division.  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 26 WALLED LAKE WESTERN 4**  
Dec. 9 at Westland Bowl  
Glenn scorers: Kyle Hamlin, 230-230-460; Chris Harper, 212-226-448; John Cleavenger, 209-192-401; Jordon Hornes, 224; Steven White, 202; Daniel Ammons, 173. Team totals: 1,048-1,030-2,078 (16 points); Baker games: 205-265-470 (10 points).  
Western scorers: Dyllin Charrette, 237-213-450; Steve Siepierski, 171-247-418; Marc Sanchez, 179-184-363; Ben Rohde, 178-151-329; Cody Reynolds, 179; Tyler Pajot, 172. Team totals: 941-969-1,910 (4 points); Baker games: 171-181-352 (0 points).  
Glenn's dual match record: 2-0 overall.  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 21 HARTLAND 9**  
Dec. 8 at Century Lanes  
Glenn scorers: Chris Harper, 237-242-479; Kyle Hamlin, 242-174-416; Jordon Hornes, 245-156-401; Thomas Brusseau, 192-200-392; John Cleavenger, 192; Mark Kassab, 158. Team totals: 1,074-964-2,038 (15 points); Baker games: 215-170-385 (6 points).  
Hartland scorers: Brad Santo, 257-188-445; Trevor Bushwell, 244-166-410; Kyle Heck, 180-227-407; Dan Brock, 181-162-343; Jason Baker, 152. Team totals: 968-895-1,863 (15 points); Baker games: 173-175-348 (4 points).  
Glenn's dual match record: 1-0 overall.

**GIRLS RESULTS**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 22 WAYNE MEMORIAL 8**  
Dec. 12 at Town 'N Country Lanes  
Glenn scorers: Alyson Kassab, 221-224-445; Julianne Ayers, 159-160-319; Jennifer Horgas, 169-90-259; Natalie Brown, 158; Khiry Sparks, 138; Karilyon Rhynes, 118; Alyssa Bradke, 115. Team totals: 845-707-1,552 (12 points); Baker games: 189-149-338 (10 points).  
Wayne scorers: Brianna Everett, 156-158-314; Chelsey Preiss, 142-162-304; Tiffany Markham, 149-140-289; Stephani O'Harris, 137-136-273; Shannon Parker, 155; Deanna Boston, 140. Team totals: 739-736-1,575; Baker games: 139-133-272 (0 points).  
**WALLED LAKE WESTERN 25.5 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 4.5**  
Dec. 9 at Westland Bowl  
Western scorers: Lindsay Brown, 184-171-355; Cassie Gubow, 167-165-332; Alexis Brown, 179-114-293; Penny Brutz, 128-151-279; Kera Martin, 114-133-247. Team totals: 772-739-1,560 (15.5 points); Baker games: 187-147-334 (10 points).  
Glenn scorers: Alyson Kassab, 189-171-360; Natalie Brown, 169-154-323; Jennifer Horgas, 162-132-294; Alyssa Bradke, 162; Khiry Sparks, 125; Julianne Ayers, 119; Megan Redmond, 104. Team totals: 765-722-1,486 (4.5 points); Baker games: 130-108-238 (0 points).  
Glenn's dual match record: 1-1 overall.  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 26 HARTLAND 4**  
Dec. 8 at Century Lanes  
Glenn scorers: Alyson Kassab, 200-169-369; Natalie Brown, 161-189-350; Julianne Ayers, 136-138-274; Jennifer Horgas, 162; Megan Redmond, 125; Khiry Sparks, 123; Alyssa Bradke, 119. Team totals: 745-776-1,521 (16 points); Baker games: 187-147-334 (10 points).  
Hartland scorers: Amy Slachack, 173-155-328; Jamie Sams, 159-156-315; Sam Meista, 128-132-260; Victoria Beauchamp, 137-112-249; Sarah Schmidt, 122. Team totals: 719-703-1,422 (4 points); Baker games: 130-108-238 (0 points).  
Glenn's dual match record: 1-0 overall.

# Blazers prove too much for Bishop Foley

Junior guard Christina Butkiewicz tallied 11 of her team-high 17 points in the third quarter as Livonia Ladywood rolled to a 72-47 Catholic League inter-sectional win Monday night at Madison Heights Bishop Foley. The Blazers, who improved to 4-1 overall, pulled away with a 30-14 third-period run after leading 27-20 at half-time. "We came out and challenged ourselves to step up the pace," said Ladywood coach Pat Cannon said. "We came out and played a 1-3-1 trapping defense."

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Ladywood also got 15 points from reserve sophomore point-guard Kelly Capoccia. "We got into some foul trouble and Kelly came in and handled the ball well," Cannon said. "She showed a lot of maturity and growth." Also scoring in double figures for the Blazers were Jennifer Kelley (12) and Alyssa Anastos (10). Jaclyn Bieniewicz tallied a game-high 24 for the Ventures, who dropped to 1-2 overall. Ladywood shot 25-of-31

from the foul stripe (80 percent), while Foley made 14-of-22 (63.6 percent). **TRUMAN 35, CLARENCEVILLE 32:** Jenna Burgess scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds Tuesday, but Livonia Clarenceville (1-4) came up just short in a non-conference setback to visiting Taylor Truman (4-1). The Trojans fell behind 11-4 after one quarter before battling back in the second to close the deficit to 13-10 at the half. Truman's lead remained at three, 21-18, entering the final frame where both teams man-

aged to score 14 points. Diana Wilson topped Truman with 11 points, while Jaime Allen added 10. Kristen Jolly contributed 13 points and six boards for the Trojans. **CRESTWOOD 32, LUTH. WESTLAND 29:** Senior center Emilie Freeman scored a game-high 18 points Monday night, but it wasn't enough as host Lutheran High Westland (2-2) fell to unbeaten Dearborn Heights Crestwood (5-0). Katlin Martarimacri led the victorious Chargers with 11 points.

# Madonna edged in State Farm Classic

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER  
The Madonna University men's basketball team was unable to parlay its biggest win of the season Friday - falling on the second day of the 2009 State Farm Classic Saturday to visiting Rochester College, 65-61. The 2-9 Crusaders, who upset 7-1 Notre Dame College (Ohio) on Friday, 78-72, ran

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out of gas down the stretch in its bid to beat the Warriors, who improved to 8-7 overall. Four Rochester players scored in double figures led by Classic MVP Ricky Doron and Plymouth native Michael Graham with 14 each. Marques Ewell added 12, while Adrian Shaffer II contributed 10. Bryant Slaughter (Westland), named to the All-Tournament team, paced the Crusaders with a game-high 21 points on 8-of-16 shooting from the field. He was 5-of-9 from three-point range. Geoff Gaylor, a 6-foot-8 junior center, added 18 points and 10 boards. MU enjoyed a 33-31 half-time advantage and led 50-47 on a three-pointer with 8:49 remaining. But Rochester regrouped and outscored the Crusaders 18-12 down the

stretch to earn the win. It was the second win for the Warriors this season over MU, the first coming Nov. 10 (82-76). "We played hard last night and most of this game," MU coach Noel Emehiser said. "We kind of let this game slip through our fingers. "We were not getting the loose balls or rebounds." With 6-7 junior Ryan Waidmann (Canton), the team's leading rebounder (6.3 per game) out this weekend for personal reasons, Emehiser had to shorten his bench. "We're trying to build some chemistry and we went with an eight- and nine-man rotation," the MU coach said. "Because Ryan did not play, we were kind of short, especially underneath." Gaylor's play during the weekend has given Emehiser cause for encouragement. The Roscommon native nearly recorded a double-double (20 points, nine rebounds)

in the win Friday over Notre Dame, which received votes in last week's NAIA Division II national poll. "What Geoff's been doing on the court has been much better," Emehiser said. "He's playing with confidence and poise. He's shown the ability to score in the post, which is something we've lacked." MU will close out the 2009 calendar portion of its schedule Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Defiance College (Ohio) and Dec. 29-30 in the Russ DeVette Tournament hosted by Hope College. **Schoolcraft routed**  
On Saturday, host Glen Oaks Community College improved to 9-1 overall with a convincing 117-58 non-conference victory over Schoolcraft College. The loss drops the Ocelots to 2-11 overall.

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### BOYS SWIM RESULTS

**BOYS DOUBLE-DUAL MEET SWIMMING & DIVING RESULTS**  
Dec. 15 at Livonia Stevenson  
**FINAL TEAM SCORES:** Stevenson 124, Monroe 63; Stevenson 117, Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day 69; Country Day 94, Monroe 92.  
**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Stevenson (Kellen Schoff, John Loria, Adam Dabkowski, Aaren Marecki), 1:43.74 (state cut).  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Jerry Xiao (DCD), 1:52.74; 2. Adam LaPorte (LS), 1:56.76.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Jack Edwards (DCD), 2:10.65; 2. Bryan Bielicki (LS), 2:11.47.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Marecki (LS), 22.81 (state cut); 2. Dabkowski (LS), 24.01.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Connor Bratten (DCD), 208.90 points.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Jordon Staelgraeve (M), 55.73; 2. K. Schoff (LS), 56.37 (state cut).  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Brandon Bielicki (LS), 52.5; 2. Loria (LS), 54.13.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. LaPorte (LS), 5:11.51.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Dabkowski, Mohamed Ghotemi, Brandon Bielicki, Marecki), 1:33.81.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Edwards (DCD), 57.73; 2. John Ferrara (LS), 59.31; 3. Bryan Bielicki (LS), 59.64.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Staelgraeve (M), 1:05.17; 2. Loria (LS), 1:06.96.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (K. Schoff, Brandon Bielicki, Ghotemi, Marecki), 3:27.57.  
**Stevenson's dual meet record:** 2-0 overall.  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 89 REDFORD UNION 70**  
Dec. 15 at John Glenn  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Levi Cavender, Paul Gutu, David Wilton), 1:52.42.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Jake Ferguson (WJG), 2:05.02; 2. Tim Moran (WJG), 2:22.75; 3. Aaron Sabal (WJG), 2:24.4.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 2:29.24; 2. Wilton (WJG), 2:34.15; 3. Jeff Matties (RU), 2:36.05.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Gutu (WJG), 23.59; 2. Chase Glover (WJG), 25.47; 3. Travis Miracle (RU), 26.5.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Connor Monroe (WJG), 137.10 points; 2. Ainsworth Orr (WJG), 121.40; 3. Jacob Stesinski (WJG), 88.65.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Sean Beaumont (RU), 1:18.39; 2. Marion Mitchener (RU), 1:47.54.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Aaron Alholina (WJG), 1:03.87; 2. Tyler Cooley (RU), 1:11.41; 3. Charlie Randall (RU), 1:25.02.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Ferguson (WJG), 5:26.99; 2. Moran (WJG), 6:30.57; 3. Sabal (WJG), 6:33.81.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. John Glenn (Gutu, Ryan Boes, Wilton, Glover), 1:40.59; 2. RU (Matties, Dan Webster, Mitchener, Miracle), 1:49.7.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Matties (RU), 1:08.82; 2. Kyle Gross (RU), 2:06.63.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Webster (RU), 1:11.77; 2. Cavender (WJG), 1:15.35; 3. Miracle (RU), 1:18.9.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. RU (Charlie Randall, Gross, Logan England, Cooley), 5:35.33.  
**Dual meet records:** John Glenn, 2-0 overall; RU, 0-1.  
**ROCKET RELAYS**  
Dec. 12 at Westland John Glenn  
**TEAMS:** Westland John Glenn (WJG), Wayne Memorial (WM), Redford Thurston (RT), Redford Union (RU), Lincoln Park (LP).  
**FINAL RELAY RESULTS (no team standings)**  
**200-yard medley:** 1. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Josh Wakeford, Paul Gutu, Josh Jenderal), 1:55.02 (meet record); 2. RU, 1:58.09; 3.

# Patriot grapplers surprise at Salem

Livonia Franklin turned a solid effort earning runner-up honors Saturday in the Salem Invitational.

Adrian captured the team title with 284.5 points to capture the 10-team tournament. Rounding out the top five were the Patriots (224.5), Macomb Dakota (178.5), Dearborn Heights Crestwood (176) and Ypsilanti Lincoln (168).

Sterling Heights (122) and Ann Arbor Huron (50). "I was very pleased with the way we wrestled overall," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "I think almost all of the guys would like to have one of their matches back from the day, but that's going to happen as they gain experience. Our goal this year was to get better every week, and I can definitely say that we are better this week than last."

Leading the way for the

Patriots were individual champions Steve Tuyo (125 pounds) and Paul Hanni (130).

Earning seconds were Josh Hatfield (145) and Zach Leuenberger (189). "I have to keep reminding myself of the lack of experience of some of the guys we have on varsity," Chiola said. "I think we're further along than I expected us to be right now, but we have a long way to go. We lose a lot of matches in the third period when we have

leads and that has to stop." Contributing thirds for Franklin were Gabe Martinez (119), Matt Roos (160) and Nick Simmons (215). "In a lot of ways, this second place trophy was more gratifying than a lot of the firsts we've taken in the past," Chiola said. "We came in voiding two weights and just wanted to get five good matches in. "Everyone contributed to the second place finish and that's what was gratifying about it."

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and Sean Gaffney earning assists. The Shamrocks (7-0), who earned their 22nd straight win dating back to January 2009, got a goal later in the same period when Eric Frago scored from Waterstreet and Brad Wilhelm.

The Spartans pushed back, tying the game in the second period on Max Fox's goal from Brendan Hay and J.J. Petterson before the Shamrocks went on a scoring rampage to win going away. Winkler added his second goal of the night with 13:13 left in the second before Gaffney and Frago each collected a goal to make it a three-goal cushion, 5-2.

Winkler notched the final goal of the night in the final period to complete a hat trick. Other CC assists went to Robert Ault, Jacob Downing, Austin Hervey, Jimmy Peplinski, Nick Crowley and Mitchell Gatt.

"It was nice to see our efforts being rewarded with pucks going into the net," CC coach Todd Johnson said. "We struggled scoring in the first five games, but the guys kept working hard and focusing on some structure ideas our staff was presenting, and they were rewarded for executing."

Netminder Danny Sager made 28-of-34 stops for the Spartans, who fall to 4-1-1 overall.

NOVI-DETROIT CC 8, CHURCHILL 1: Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (7-0) exploded for four goals in the final period Friday to down Livonia Churchill (1-4-1) at Edgar Arena.

Eight different players scored for the Shamrocks, including Chris Waterstreet, Eric Winkler, Sean Gaffney, Brad Wilhelm, Jimmy Peplinski, Ian Jacobs, Ryan Obuchowski and Ryan Keller.

CC led 1-0 after one period before nothing three goals late in the second period, including a short-handed goal.

"We were really playing OK, we had a two-man advantage on the power play and they (CC) go down and score," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "Then the wheels fall off."

Churchill's Steven Klisz scored an early third-period goal to make it 4-1.

CC goalies Connor Pankow and Alex Nork faced only a combined 10 shots, stopping nine.

Churchill goaltender Aaron Crouse had 22 saves.

# Glenn matmen improve to 12-2 at Rochester Invite

Westland John Glenn's wrestling team stands 12-2 overall after finishing 4-1 Saturday in the Rochester Invitational dual match tournament.

The Rockets defeated West Bloomfield, 49-20; Ferndale, 54-19; Anchor Bay, 45-26; and the host Falcons, 42-28, before falling to Holt, ranked No. 5 in Division 1, 41-26.

Seniors Dustin Gajowiak (285 pounds), Anthony Pavlich (130), Joshua Austin (125) and Mark Thompson (135) all went undefeated on the day.

Glenn's 'B' team was also in action Saturday, taking runner-up honors at Galesburg-Augusta team tournament.

Freshman Quinn DuPaw (103) and Derrick Campbell (285) both went 5-0 on the day as the Rockets defeated Lawton (42-33), Gobles (48-23), Cassopolis (48-31) and the host Rams (54-24) before losing

ing to Gull Lake in the finals (63-14).

On Dec. 10, Glenn made a case to earn a top ten wrestling ranking in Division 1 after earning a pair of victories over perennial state power Davison, 43-27, and host Linden, 46-24.

The Rockets received individual victories against Davison from Kyle Gillies (103 pounds), Steven Wakeford (112), Pavlich (130), Kevin Wacker (145), Michael Johnson (152), Zach Redden (160), Kameron Jones (171) and Gajowiak (285).

Glenn completed its sweep over the host Eagles as Gillies (103), Wakeford (112), Steve Shak (119), Austin (125), Pavlich (130), Thompson (135), Redden (160), Jones (171) and Gajowiak (285) posted wins.

## Spartans place third

Livonia Stevenson wound

up with a third-place finish in Saturday's Auburn Hills Avondale Team dual tournament.

Madison Heights Lamphere and the host Yellow Jackets finished one-two with records of 5-0 and 4-1, respectively.

Rounding out the six-school field was Stevenson (3-2), Farmington (2-3), Warren Fitzgerald (1-4) and Rochester Stoney Creek (0-5).

Josh Seibert went 5-0 at 160 pounds to lead the Spartans.

Charlie Kokenakes went 4-1 at 145, while Jacob Range and Nathan Keedle also combined for a 4-1 record at 285.

Going 3-2 on the day were Kody Roy (135), Chris Arnold (152) and Andrew Schramm (215). Danny McCarthy and Jacob Burns teamed up for a 7-3 mark at 171 and 189.

## GC Invitational wrap

Garden City's boys wrestling team stepped away from

dual meet competition last Saturday to host to its long-running invitational involving top teams from surrounding communities.

When the final seconds ticked away in the final match of the day, Dearborn Heights Annapolis was crowned champion of the 45th Garden City Wrestling Invitational.

The Cougars claimed the top spot ahead of runner-up Riverview and third-place North Farmington, which featured the likes of Upper Weight MVP Brian Miller (160).

Gibraltar Carlson placed fourth and Grosse Ile followed to round out the top five.

The remaining order of finish included Walled Lake Western, Livonia Churchill, Dearborn Fordson, Romulus, Garden City, Berkley, Livonia Clarenceville, Riverview Gabriel Richard, Lutheran Westland and Inkster.

## PREP MAT RESULTS

### SALEM INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Dec. 12 at Salem H.S.

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Adrian, 284.5; 2. Livonia Franklin, 224.5; 3. Macomb Dakota, 178.5; 4. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 176; 5. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 168; 6. Plymouth, 157; 7. Salem, 144; 8. Lincoln Park, 136; 9. Sterling Heights, 122; 10. Ann Arbor Huron, 50.

### INDIVIDUAL FINAL RESULTS

103 pounds: Zach Garcia (Adrian) pinned Shadi Jammou (Ply.), 1:15; 3rd place: Ryan Karam (MD) p. Dylan McLeod (LP) in 5:52; 5th place: Sesad Al-Hussien (DHC) d. Jose Galeano (SH), 16:7. 112: Nick Kim (Salem) dec. Joey Golani (DHC), 5-4; 3rd: Alec Breckenridge (Ply.) won by major dec. over Dan Martinez (LF), 13-0; 5th: Anthony Garcia (Adrian) p. Roberto Davis (LP), 3:26. 119: Mo Rahal (DHC) dec. Anthony Barbour (LP), 5-2; 3rd: Gabe Martinez (LF) dec. Joel Orozco (Adrian), 12-10 (overtime); 5th: Said

Yousseff (P) p. Ali Ayache (DHC), 5:40.

125: Steve Tuyo (LF) dec. Dominic Lomuscio (DHC), 13-9; 3rd: Devin Stratton (Salem) won by major dec. over Erik Czech (LF), 14-0; 5th: Jake Pellowe (Adrian) won by major dec. over T.J. Winkler (YL), 10-1. 130: Paul Hanni (LF) won by major dec. over Tommy Hutchinson (Adrian), 10-0; 3rd: Eddie Nuttall (YL) dec. Bob Sadowski (LP), 3-0; 5th: Dom Derita (MD) won by major dec. over Ziad Tamimi (Ply.), 17-4. 135: Greg Day (MD) dec. Nolan Solomon (SH), 5-1; 3rd: Alex Lee (Adrian) dec. Andy Samory (AAH), 6-2; 5th: Avery Opperman (LF) dec. Jimmy Ahearn (Ply.), 6-4. 140: Matt Galvin (Adrian) dec. Dillon Farrell (DHC), 12-5; 3rd: Adam London (AAH) dec. James Chapman (LP), 10-3; 5th: Joey Polocoser (DHC) dec. Allen Yu (SH), 4-1. 145: Ruben Gueraa (DHC) dec. Josh Hatfield (F), 16-8; 3rd: C.J. Ward (LP) p. Troy Ciaramella (MD) in 1:32; 5th: Tate Braboy (Ply.) p. Cory Gaw (YL), 2:55.

152: Brandon Farrell (YL) dec. Nick Horton (Adrian), 8-4; 3rd: Chris Sweet (Salem), dec. Rob Kamalos (LP), 2-1; 5th: Ahmed Al-Hussien (DHC) p. Mike Madej (SH), 2:55.

160: Colin Gross (Salem) dec. Roger King (SH), 3-1; 3rd: Matt Roos (LF) p. Adam Barber (YL), 2:53; 5th: Alex Bloomquist (MD) dec. Raed Murad (DHC), 8-6. 171: Rafael Rodriguez (Adrian) won by technical fall over Ryan Benoit (MD), 22-6; 3rd: Kyle Vieth (SH) p. Curtis Crosier (Ply.), 0:55; 5th: Alex O'Connor (LF) p. Chad Caldwell (YL), 3:37. 189: Dustin Soto (Adrian) p. Zach Leuenberger (LF), 2:15; 3rd: Brendon Warner (Ply.) p. Zak Hillinger (AAH), 3:22; 5th: Mike Festian (MD) p. Jordan Zouh (Salem), 0:26. 215: Blake Abbey (S) dec. Shane McManaman (MD), 5-3 (OT); 3rd: Nick Simmons (LF) p. Emiliano Flores (Adrian), 4-45; 5th: Kevin Azou (SH) p. Hassan Doujek (DHC), 1:56. 285: Muhammad Jasper (A) won by major dec. over Kimario Taylor (YL), 11-1; 3rd: Wally

Eppler (Ply.) dec. Jordan Birman (Ply.), 3-3 (OT); 5th: Tommy Coleman (Adrian) p. Omar Haymour (LF), 0:38.

### DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 45 REDFORD UNION 18

Dec. 14 at Redford Union

215 pounds: Travis Edwards (C'ville) pinned Carl Keeney, 1:23; 285: Anthony Giordano (C'ville) p. Christian Colon (RU), 5:39; 103: Mike Weiss, Jr. (C'ville) d. Kyle Donahue, 13-17; 112: Shane Martin (C'ville) p. Skylar Mulvihill, 3:24; 119: Ian Bunker (C'ville) won by void; 125: double void; 130: double void; 135: double void; 140: Coy Sillanpaa (C'ville) p. Zaire Forther, 2:29; 145: Matthias Hoffmann (C'ville) won by void; 152: Brendan Groves p. Wade Natho, 3:37; 160: Josh Mullin (RU) p. Matt Arnauld, 2:28; 171: Collin Rankin (RU) p. Alec Jones, 0:52; 189: Devin Gardner (RU) won by void. Clarenceville's dual match record: 2-4 overall.

# GYMNASTICS

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Paula Guzik, the latter whom sat out a majority of the 2008-09 season because of knee surgery after winning the Division 1 balance beam title as a sophomore.

Eighth-year coach Kelly Grodzicki will rely on seniors Lauren Patla, Katina St. Pierre and Brittany Swazey, along with junior Meghan Lark, to improve upon last year's sixth-place finish at the regional.

Patla was a state qualifier in the vault, while St. Pierre earned a finals spot on the uneven bars.

Grodzicki is optimistic her team can improve upon last year's 3-7 overall dual-meet record and seventh-place finish in the KLA.A.

"I am very excited for this year and I feel we have a strong team," Grodzicki said. "I have high expectations for the girls and I know what they are capable of."

Livonia Red has already gotten a boost from freshman Katie Kretzchmer, an all-around performer who will be joined by another promising freshman in Maggie McGowan.

Junior Dayna Esper is another newcomer who adds promise on both the balance beam and floor.

"I can only hope injuries don't get the best of our team as they did last year," Grodzicki said. "If we stay focused and work hard, I am confident we can do well this year."

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## GYMNASTICS RESULTS

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Dec. 14 at Livonia Churchill H.S. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Brighton, 135.85 points; 2. Livonia Red, 133.85; 3. Howell, 128.90; 4. Hartland, 32.25.

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Vault: 1. (tie) Meredith Robinson (Bright) and Amanda Pompilius (Howell), 9.2 each; 3. Alex Dubach (Bright), 9.05; 4. Marina Moretti (Brighton), 8.95; 5. Courtney Schippers (Howell), 8.9.

Uneven bars: 1. Madison Cusick (Brighton), 8.9; 2. Katina St. Pierre (Red), 8.65; 3. Moretti (Howell), 8.55; 4. Katie Kretzchmer (Red), 8.5; 5. Robinson (Brighton), 8.2.

Balance beam: 1. Kretzchmer (Red), 8.85; 2. Dubach (Brighton), 8.8; 3. St. Pierre (Red), 8.7; 4. Jordan Phifer (Howell), 8.6; 5. Moretti (Brighton), 8.5.

Floor exercise: 1. Moretti (Brighton), 8.85; 2. St. Pierre (Red), 8.75; 3. (tie) Kretzchmer (Red) and Pompilius (Howell), 8.65 each; 5. Dubach (Brighton), 8.45.

All-around: 1. Moretti (Brighton), 35.35; 2. St. Pierre (Red), 34.80; 3. Kretzchmer (Red), 34.65; 4. Dubach (Brighton), 34.20; 5. Robinson (Brighton), 33.55; 6. Pompilius (Howell), 32.80; 7. Phifer (Howell), 32.55; 8. Schippers (Howell), 31.90; 9. Meghan Lark (Red), 31.85; 10. Jayne Taylor (Hartland), 31.80.

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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE: MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al., f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al. Debtors. Chapter 11 Case No. 09-50026 (REG) (Jointly Administered) In re REMEDIATION AND LIABILITY MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC., Debtor. Chapter 11 Case No. 09-50029 (REG) Debtor. In re ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATE REMEDIATION COMPANY, INC., Debtor. Chapter 11 Case No. 09-50030 (REG) Debtor.

### NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM

TO ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WITH CLAIMS AGAINST A DEBTOR SET FORTH BELOW:

Name of Debtor	Case Number	Tax Identification Number	Other Names Used by Debtors in the Past 8 Years
Remediation and Liability Management Company, Inc. (subsidiary of General Motors Corporation)	09-50029 (REG)	38-2529430	Uptown Land Development Corporation
Environmental Corporate Remediation Company, Inc. (subsidiary of General Motors Corporation)	09-50030 (REG)	41-1650789	GM National Hawaii, Inc. NCRS Hawaii, Inc.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, on December 2, 2009, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court") having jurisdiction over the chapter 11 cases of Remediation and Liability Management Company, Inc. and Environmental Corporate Remediation Company, Inc., as debtors in possession (each subsidiaries of General Motors Corporation) (collectively, the "REALM/ENCORE Debtors") entered an order (the "Bar Date Order") establishing February 1, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) as the last date and time for each person or entity (including, without limitation, individuals, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, and trusts) to file a proof of claim ("Proof of Claim") based on prepetition claims against any of the REALM/ENCORE Debtors (the "Bar Date").

The Bar Date Order, the Bar Date and the procedures set forth below for the filing of Proofs of Claim apply to all claims against the REALM/ENCORE Debtors that arose prior to October 9, 2009, the date on which the REALM/ENCORE Debtors commenced their cases under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The REALM/ENCORE Debtors were subsidiaries of GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION. The properties owned by the REALM/ENCORE Debtors, which are listed below, may have been known to you as property of General Motors Corporation.

If you have any questions relating to this Notice, please feel free to contact the Debtors at 1-800-445-9697 or by e-mail at claims@motorsliquidation.com. In addition, you may contact the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors through its website at www.motorsliquidationcreditorscommittee.com or at 1-212-715-3275.

YOU SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, INCLUDING WHETHER YOU SHOULD FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.

1. WHO MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM You MUST file a Proof of Claim to vote on a chapter 11 plan filed by the REALM/ENCORE Debtors or to share in any of the REALM/ENCORE Debtors' estates if you have a claim that arose prior to October 9, 2009. Acts or omissions that occurred before October 9, 2009 may give rise to claims against the REALM/ENCORE Debtors that must be filed by February 1, 2010, notwithstanding that such claims may not have matured or become fixed or liquidated or certain prior to October 9, 2009.

Pursuant to section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code and as used in this Notice, the word "claim" means: (a) a right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured; or (b) a right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured, or unsecured.

YOU SHOULD NOT FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CLAIM.

2. WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE All Proofs of Claim must be filed so as to be actually received on or before February 1, 2010 at the following address:

If by overnight courier or hand delivery to: The Garden City Group, Inc. Attn: Motors Liquidation Company Claims Processing 5151 Blazer Parkway, Suite A Dublin, Ohio 43017. If by first-class mail, to: The Garden City Group, Inc. Attn: Motors Liquidation Company Claims Processing P.O. Box 9386 Dublin, Ohio 43017-4286. Q: If by hand delivery to: United States Bankruptcy Court, SDNY One Bowling Green, Room 534 New York, New York 10004

Proofs of Claim will be deemed timely filed only if actually received by The Garden City Group, Inc. or the Court on or before February 1, 2010. Proofs of Claim may not be delivered by facsimile, telecopy, or electronic mail transmission.

3. WHAT TO FILE If you file a Proof of Claim, you filed Proof of Claim must: (i) be written in the English language; (ii) be denominated in dollars; (iii) conform substantially to Official Bankruptcy Form No. 10 ("Proof of Claim Form"); (iv) state the REALM/ENCORE Debtor against which it is filed; (v) set forth the factual basis for the alleged claim; (vi) include supporting documentation or an explanation as to why such documentation is not available; and (vii) be signed by the claimant or, if the claimant is not an individual, by an authorized agent of the claimant. Proof of Claim Forms may be obtained at www.uscourts.gov/bk/forms/ or www.motorsliquidation.com.

YOU SHOULD ATTACH TO YOUR COMPLETED PROOF OF CLAIM FORM COPIES OF ANY WRITINGS UPON WHICH YOUR CLAIM IS BASED. IF THE DOCUMENTS ARE VOLUMINOUS, YOU SHOULD ATTACH A SUMMARY.

4. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM BY THE APPLICABLE BAR DATE If you do not file a Proof of Claim on or before February 1, 2010 in the appropriate form in accordance with the procedures described in this Notice for any claim you wish to assert, you will be forever prohibited and forbidden from asserting the claim in the future, and each of the Debtors and their respective chapter 11 estates, successors, and property will be forever discharged from and will not be liable or responsible for anything relating to the claim, and you will not be permitted to file to accept or reject any chapter 11 plan filed in these chapter 11 cases, receive any distribution in any of the REALM/ENCORE Debtors' chapter 11 cases on account of your claim, or receive further notices with respect to any of the REALM/ENCORE Debtors' chapter 11 cases.

A holder of a possible claim should consult an attorney as to whether the holder should file a Proof of Claim.

DATED: December 2, 2009 BY ORDER OF THE COURT New York, New York WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP 767 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10153 Telephone: (212) 310-8000 Facsimile: (212) 310-8007

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BAY CITY - CROTTY STREET	1001 WOODSIDE AVENUE	BAY CITY, MICHIGAN 48708
DANVILLE CENTRAL FOUNDRY LANDFILL	1-74 @ G STREET	DANVILLE, ILLINOIS 61832
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## THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Dec. 17 Novi at Churchill, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m. Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m. S.L. East at Wayne, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18 Thurston at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Parkway at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Thursday, Dec. 17 Churchill at Novi, 7 p.m. Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m. Wayne at S.L. East, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18 Luth. Westland at Univ.-Liggett, 6 p.m. Clarenceville at Thurston, 7 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING Friday, Dec. 18 Oakland Co. Meet at Troy, TBA. Saturday, Dec. 19 Franklin Invitational, 9 a.m. Woodhaven Invitational, 9 a.m. Michigan Center Invitational, 9 a.m. Oakland Co. Meet at Oxford, TBA. BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING Thursday, Dec. 17 Northville at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at G.P. North, 6:30 p.m. GIRLS GYMNASIICS Thursday, Dec. 17 Livonia Red vs. Farm. Unified at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m. Livonia Blue vs. W.L. Gold-Maroon at Walled Lake Central H.S., 6:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY Friday, Dec. 18 Churchill vs. Franklin at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 Franklin vs. A.A. Gabriel Richard at Veterans Arena, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m. PREP BOWLING Thursday, Dec. 17 Clarenceville vs. Wayne, John Glenn vs. Novi at Super Bowl (Canton), 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 Bay City John Glenn Tourney, 9:30 a.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Dec. 19 Madonna at Cedarville (Ohio), 2 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

MU softball camps Madonna University will stage three winter softball camps at the MU Activities Center featuring specialized individual instruction covering all phases of the game for girls ages 7-18. Among the camps offered include: Hitting - 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 19-20 (cost \$30); Fundamental No.

1 - 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 (cost \$150); Fundamental No. 2 - noon-2:30 p.m. (cost \$150 1). For more information, call MU head coach Al White at (734) 432-5783; or Steve Gentilia at (734) 776-1716. You can also e-mail awhite@madonna.edu. MU baseball camp Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger and his staff will stage a holiday

baseball camp for ages 9-18 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, at the Total Sports Complex in Wixom. The cost is \$150 for the first child and \$75 for each additional child. MU baseball staff members Stu Rose, Ted Falkner and Mike George will assist in the camp. For more information, e-mail Jen at Totalsportscomplex.com.

**ORDINANCE NO. 218-B**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BONDS TO PAY THE COST OF SAID ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SYSTEM; TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES FROM THE SYSTEM SUFFICIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM AND TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR SECURITY FOR THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS IN ENFORCEMENT THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS AND THE SYSTEM.

**THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:**

**Section 1. Definitions.** Whenever used in this Ordinance, except when otherwise indicated by the context, defined terms shall have the same meanings as set out in the hereinafter defined Ordinance No. 218, except as follows:

(a) "Act 94" means Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

(b) "Adjusted Net Revenues" means for any operating year the excess of revenues over expenses for the System determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, to which shall be added depreciation, amortization, interest expense on Bonds and payments to the Issuer in lieu of taxes, to which may be made the following adjustments.

(i) Revenues may be augmented by the amount of any rate increases adopted prior to the issuance of additional Bonds or to be placed into effect before the time principal or interest on the additional Bonds becomes payable from Revenues as applied to quantities of service furnished during the operating year or portion thereof that the increased rates were not in effect.

(ii) Revenues may be augmented by amounts which may be derived from rates and charges to be paid by new customers of the System.

The adjustment of revenues and expenses by the factors set forth in (i) and (ii) above shall be reported upon by professional engineers or certified public accountants or other experts not in the regular employment of the Issuer.

(c) "Authority" means the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority.

(d) "Authorized Officers" means the Mayor, the City Clerk, and the Finance Director of the Issuer.

(e) "Bonds" means the Series 2010A Bonds authorized to be issued under Section 5 of the Ordinance, together with any additional bonds heretofore or hereafter issued of equal standing with the Series 2010A Bonds.

(f) "Engineers" means Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., consulting engineers of Livonia, Michigan.

(g) "Issuer" means the City of Westland, County of Wayne, Michigan.

(h) "Junior Lien Bonds" means the Series 2010A Bonds, together with any additional bonds hereafter issued of equal standing with the Series 2010A Bonds, and junior in standing to the Senior Lien Bonds.

(i) "Junior Lien Ordinances" means this ordinance and any ordinance or resolution adopted or to be adopted by the City Council amendatory or supplemental hereto.

(j) "MDEQ" means the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

(k) "Ordinance No. 218" means Ordinance No. 218 of the Issuer authorizing the Issuer's 1995 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation).

(l) "Ordinance No. 244" means Ordinance No. 244 of the Issuer authorizing the Issuer's 1996 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds.

(m) "Ordinance No. 218-A" means Ordinance No. 218-A of the Issuer authorizing the Issuer's 1998 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds.

(n) "Ordinance No. 244-A" means Ordinance No. 244-A of the Issuer authorizing the Issuer's 2003 Water and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds.

(o) "Ordinance No. 252-A" means Ordinance No. 252-A of the Issuer authorizing the Issuer's 2006 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds.

(p) "Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds" means the Issuer's outstanding 1998 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, dated June 1, 1998, in the outstanding principal amount of \$1,925,000; and 2006 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, dated April 1, 2006, in the outstanding principal amount of \$1,775,000.

(q) "Prior Ordinances" means, collectively, Ordinance No. 218, Ordinance No. 244, Ordinance No. 218-A, Ordinance No. 244-A, and Ordinance No. 252-A.

(r) "Project" means the acquisition, construction and equipping of additions, extensions and improvements to the Issuer's Water and Sewer System, consisting generally of the rehabilitation of sewer lines and sanitary sewer manholes, and related drainage improvements, together with all necessary interests in land, rights of way and all appurtenances and attachments therefor, as described in the plans prepared by the Engineers and approved herein.

(s) "Purchase Contract" means the Purchase Contract to be entered into between the Authority and the Issuer relating to the purchase by the Authority of the Series 2010A Bonds.

(t) "Revenues" and "Net Revenues" means the revenues and net revenues of the System and shall be construed as defined in Section 3 of Act 94, including with respect to "Revenues", the earnings derived from the investment of moneys in the various funds and accounts established by the Prior Ordinances and this Ordinance.

(u) "Senior Lien Bonds" means the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds, which have a statutory first lien on the Net Revenues, and any additional bonds of equal standing with the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds hereafter issued.

(v) "Series 2010A Bonds" means the Water and Sewer System Junior Lien Revenue Bond, Series 2010A, in the principal amount of \$920,000 issued pursuant to this Ordinance.

(w) "Sufficient Government Obligations" means direct obligations of the United States of America or obligations of the principal and interest on which is fully guaranteed by the United States of America, not redeemable at the option of the issuer, the principal and interest payments upon which without reinvestment of the interest, come due at such times and in such amounts as to be fully sufficient to pay the interest as it comes due on the Bonds and the principal and redemption premium, if any, on the Bonds as it comes due whether on the stated maturity date or upon earlier redemption. Securities representing such obligations shall be placed in trust with a bank or trust company, and if any of the Bonds are to be called for redemption prior to maturity, irrevocable instructions to call the Bonds for redemption shall be given to the paying agent.

(x) "Supplemental Agreement" means the supplemental agreement among the Issuer, the Authority and MDEQ relating to the Series 2010A Bonds.

(y) "System" means the entire Water and Sewer System of the Issuer, including the Project and all additions, extensions and improvements hereafter acquired.

**Section 2. Necessity; Approval of Plans and Specifications.** It is hereby determined to be a necessary public purpose of the Issuer to acquire and construct the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the Engineers, which plans and specifications are hereby approved. The Project qualifies for the State of Michigan State Revolving Fund program being administered by the MDEQ and the Authority, whereby bonds of the Issuer are sold to the Authority and bear interest at a fixed rate of two and one-half percent (2.50%) per annum.

**Section 3. Costs; Useful Life.** The cost of the Project is estimated to be Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$920,000), including the payment of incidental expenses as specified in Section 4 of this Ordinance, which estimate of cost is hereby approved and confirmed, and the period of usefulness of the Project is estimated to be not less than twenty-two (22) years.

**Section 4. Payment of Cost; Bonds Authorized.** To pay part of the cost of acquiring and constructing the Project, legal, engineering, financial and other expenses incident thereto and incident to the issuance and sale of the Series 2010A Bonds, the Issuer shall borrow the sum of Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$920,000), or such lesser amount as shall have been advanced to the Issuer pursuant to the Purchase Contract and the Supplemental Agreement, and issue the Series 2010A Bonds pursuant to the provisions of Act 94. The remaining cost of the Project, if any, shall be defrayed from Issuer funds on hand and legally available for such use.

Except as amended by or expressly provided to the contrary in this Ordinance, all of the provisions of the Prior Ordinances shall apply to the Series 2010A Bonds issued pursuant to this Ordinance, the same as though each of said provisions were repeated in this Ordinance in detail; the purpose of this Ordinance being to authorize the issuance of additional revenue bonds of junior standing with respect to the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds to finance the cost of acquiring, constructing and equipping additions, extensions and improvements to the System, additional bonds of such standing and for such purpose being authorized by the provisions of Section 20(b) or Ordinance No. 218 as amended by Ordinance No. 244, upon the conditions therein stated, which conditions have been fully met.

**Section 5. Issuance of Series 2010A Bonds; Details.** The Series 2010A Bonds of the Issuer, to be designated **WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2010A**, are authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal sum of Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$920,000) or as finally determined by order of the MDEQ for the purpose of paying part of the cost of the Project, including the costs incidental to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Series 2010A Bonds. The Series 2010A Bonds shall be Junior Lien Bonds payable out of the Net Revenues, as set forth more fully in Section 8 hereof, provided that the Series 2010A Bonds shall be subordinate to the prior liens with respect to the Net Revenues in favor of the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds and of any additional bonds of equal standing with the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds hereafter issued. The Series 2010A Bonds shall be in the form of a single fully-registered, nonconvertible bond of the denomination of the full principal amount thereof, dated as of the date of delivery, payable in principal installments as shown in Schedule A in Section 14 of this Ordinance or as finally determined by the order of the MDEQ at the time of sale of the Series 2010A Bonds and approved by the Authority and an Authorized Officer. Principal installments of the Series 2010A Bonds shall be payable on April 1 of the years 2011 through 2030, inclusive, or such other payment dates as hereinafter provided. Interest on the Series 2010A Bonds shall be payable on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing April 1, 2010 or on such other interest payment dates as hereinafter provided. Final determination of the principal amount of and interest on the Series 2010A Bonds and the payment dates and amounts of principal installments of the Series 2010A Bonds shall be evidenced by execution of the Purchase Contract and each of the Authorized Officers is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Purchase Contract when it is in final form and to make the determinations set forth above; provided, however, that the first principal installment shall be due no earlier than April 1, 2011 and the final principal installment shall be due no later than April 1, 2031 and that the total principal amount shall not exceed \$1,000,000.

The Series 2010A Bonds shall bear interest at a rate of two and one-half percent (2.50%) per annum on the par value thereof or such other rate as evidenced by execution of the Purchase Contract, but in any event not to exceed the rate permitted by law, and any Authorized Officers as shall be appropriate shall deliver the Series 2010A Bonds in accordance with the delivery instructions of the Authority, provided, however, that the Series 2010A Bonds shall also bear "additional interest" on the terms and conditions set forth in the Series 2010A Bonds in Section 14 of this Ordinance.

The principal amount of the Series 2010A Bonds is expected to be drawn down by the Issuer periodically, and interest on principal amount shall accrue from the date such principal amount is drawn down by the Issuer.

The Series 2010A Bonds shall not be convertible or exchangeable into more than one fully-registered bond. So long as the Authority is the owner thereof, the Series 2010A Bonds is payable as to principal and interest at the principal corporate trust office of the bank or trust company designated in writing by the Authority, or such other place as shall be designated in writing to the Issuer by the Authority (the "Authority's Depository"), and the Issuer agrees that it will deposit with the Authority's Depository payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2010A Bonds in immediately available funds at least five (5) business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due, whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise.

The Series 2010A Bonds shall be subject to optional redemption by the Issuer with the prior written approval of the Authority and on such terms as may be required by the Authority.

The City Clerk shall record on the registration books payment by the Issuer of each installment of principal or interest or both when made and the cancelled checks or other records evidencing such payments shall be returned to and retained by the City Clerk.

Upon payment by the Issuer of all outstanding principal of and interest on the Series 2010A Bonds, the Authority shall deliver the Series 2010A Bonds to the Issuer for cancellation.

**Section 6. Execution of Series 2010A Bonds.** The Series 2010A Bonds shall be signed by the manual signature of the Mayor and countersigned by the manual signature of the City Clerk and shall have the corporate seal of the Issuer or facsimile thereof impressed thereon. The Series 2010A Bonds bearing the manual signatures of the Mayor and the City Clerk sold to the Authority shall require no further authentication.

**Section 7. Registration and Transfer.** Any Bond may be transferred upon the books required to be kept pursuant to this section by the person in whose name it is registered, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the Bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the transfer agent. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Issuer shall execute and the transfer agent shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds, for like aggregate principal amount. The transfer agent shall require payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer. The Issuer shall not be required (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the giving of a notice of redemption of Bonds selected for redemption as described in the form of Series 2010A Bonds contained in Section 14 of this Ordinance and ending at the close of business on the day of that giving of notice, or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Bond so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of Bonds being redeemed in part. The Issuer shall give the transfer agent notice of call for redemption at least 20 days prior to the date notice of redemption is to be given.

The transfer agent shall keep or cause to be kept at its principal office sufficient books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds, which shall at all times be open to inspection by the Issuer; and upon presentation for such purpose the transfer agent shall under such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe transfer or cause to be transferred on said books Bonds as hereinbefore provided.

If any Bond shall become mutilated, the Issuer, at the expense of the holder of the Bond, shall execute, and the transfer agent shall authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor in exchange and substitution for the mutilated Bond, upon surrender to the transfer agent of the mutilated Bond. If any Bond issued under this Ordinance shall be lost, destroyed or stolen, evidence of the loss, destruction or theft may be submitted to the transfer agent and, if this evidence is satisfactory to both and indemnity satisfactory to the transfer agent shall be given, and if all requirements of any applicable law including Act 354, Public Acts of Michigan, 1972, as amended ("Act 354"), being sections 129.131 to 129.135, inclusive, of the Michigan Compiled Laws have been met, the Issuer, at the expense of the owner, shall execute, and the transfer agent shall thereupon authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor and bearing the statement required by Act 354, or any applicable law hereafter enacted, in lieu of and in substitution for the Bond so lost, destroyed or stolen. If any such Bond shall have matured or shall be about to mature, instead of issuing a substitute Bond the transfer agent may pay the same without surrender thereof.

**Section 8. Payment of Series 2010A Bonds; Security.** Principal of and interest on the Series 2010A Bonds shall be payable from the Net Revenues. There is hereby recognized the statutory lien upon the whole of the Net Revenues created by this Ordinance which shall be a lien that is junior and subordinate to the lien of the Senior Lien Bonds created by the Prior Ordinances, to continue until payment in full of the principal of and interest on all Bonds payable from the Net Revenues, or until sufficient cash or Sufficient Government Obligations have been deposited in trust for payment in full of all Bonds of a series then outstanding, principal and interest on such Bonds to maturity, or, if called for redemption, to the date fixed for redemption together with the amount of the redemption premium, if any. Upon deposit of cash or Sufficient Government Obligations, as provided in the previous sentence, the statutory lien shall be terminated with respect to that series of Bonds, the holders of that series shall have no further rights under the Prior Ordinances or this Ordinance except for payment from the deposited funds, and the Bonds of that series shall no longer be considered to be outstanding under the Prior Ordinances or this Ordinance.

**Section 9. Maintenance; Fiscal Year.** The operation, repair and maintenance of the System and the acquiring, constructing and equipping of the Project shall continue to be under the supervision and control of the Issuer. The Issuer may employ such person or persons in such capacity or capacities as it deems advisable to carry on the efficient maintenance and operation of the System. The Issuer may make such rules and regulations as it deems advisable and necessary to assure the efficient maintenance and operation of the System. The System shall be operated on the basis of an operating year which shall coincide with the Issuer's fiscal year.

**Section 10. No Free Service or Use.** No free service or use of the System, or service or use of the System at less than cost, shall be furnished by the System to any person, firm, or corporation, public or private, or to any public agency or instrumentality, including the Issuer.

**Section 11. Revising Rates; Rate Covenant.** The rates now in effect for service by the System are estimated to be sufficient to provide for the payment of the expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the System as are necessary to preserve the System in good repair and working order, to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds and the Series 2010A Bonds as the same become due and payable, and the maintenance of the reserves, if any, therefore; and to provide for all other obligations, expenditures and funds for the System required by law, the Prior Ordinances and this Ordinance. The rates shall be revised from time to time as may be necessary to produce these amounts, and it is hereby covenanted and agreed to maintain or cause to be maintained rates for services furnished by the System at all times sufficient to provide for the foregoing.

**Section 12. Funds and Accounts; Flow of Funds; Junior Lien Bond and Interest Redemption Fund.** All funds belonging to the System shall continue to be set aside as collected and credited to the Receiving Fund established by Ordinance No. 218, except as provided in this Ordinance. The Revenues credited to the Receiving Fund are pledged for the purposes of the funds and accounts established by Ordinance No. 218 and this Ordinance and shall be transferred or debited from the Receiving Fund periodically in the manner and at the times and in the order of priority specified in Ordinance No. 218 and this Ordinance.

**Funding Existing Funds and Accounts.** Out of the Revenues in the Receiving Fund there shall be transferred and debited the amounts required by the Prior Ordinances to be deposited into the existing Operation and Maintenance Fund and the existing Bond and Interest Redemption Fund created pursuant to Ordinance No. 218.

**Junior Lien Bond and Interest Redemption Account.** There is hereby established on the books of the Issuer a separate account designated **Junior Lien Bond and Interest Redemption Account** (the "Junior Lien Redemption Account"). Out of the Revenues remaining in the Receiving Fund after provision for the transfers and debits described in the previous paragraph, there shall be set aside at the time of delivery of the 2010A Bonds and the first day of each fiscal quarter thereafter in the Junior Lien Redemption Account an amount equal to that fraction of the amount of interest due on the next interest payment date the numerator of which is one and the denominator of which is the number of full or partial fiscal quarters to the next interest payment date, less any amount in the Junior Lien Redemption Account representing investment income on amounts on deposit in the Junior Lien Redemption Account. Commencing the first day of the fourth fiscal quarter preceding the first principal installment payment date there shall be set aside in the Junior Lien Redemption Account an amount equal to 1/4 of the amount of principal installment next coming due. If there is any deficiency in the amount previously set aside, that deficiency shall be added to the next succeeding quarterly requirements. The amount to be set aside for the payment of principal and interest on any principal payment shall not exceed the amount which, when added to the money on deposit in the Junior Lien Redemption Account including investment income thereon, is necessary to pay principal and interest due on the Series 2010A Bonds to the next succeeding principal payment date.

**Section 13. Bond Proceeds.** The proceeds of the sale of the Series 2010A Bonds as received by the Issuer shall be deposited and maintained in a separate account in a bank or banks qualified to act as depository of the proceeds of sale under the provisions of Section 15 of Act 94 designated **WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2010A CONSTRUCTION FUND** (the "Construction Fund"). Moneys in the Construction Fund shall be applied solely in payment of the cost of the Project and any engineering, legal and other expenses incident thereto and to the financing thereof.

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Section 14. Bond Form. The Series 2010A Bonds shall be in substantially the following form with such changes or completion as necessary or appropriate to give effect to the intent of this Ordinance:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CITY OF WESTLAND

WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2010A

REGISTERED OWNER: Michigan Municipal Bond Authority

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_,000)

DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

The CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City"), for value received, hereby promises to pay, primarily out of the hereinafter described Net Revenues of the City's Sanitary Sewer System (hereinafter defined), to the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority (the "Authority"), or registered assigns, the Principal Amount shown above, or such portion thereof as shall have been advanced to the City pursuant to a Purchase Contract between the City and the Authority and a Supplemental Agreement by and among the City, the Authority and the State of Michigan acting through the Department of Environmental Quality, in lawful money of the United States of America, unless prepaid or reduced prior thereto as hereinafter provided.

During the time the Principal Amount is being drawn down by the City under this bond, the Authority will periodically provide to the City a statement showing the amount of principal that has been advanced and the date of each advance, which statement shall constitute prima facie evidence of the reported information; provided that no failure on the part of the Authority to provide such a statement or to reflect a disbursement or the correct amount of a disbursement shall relieve the City of its obligation to repay the outstanding Principal Amount actually advanced (subject to any principal forgiveness as provided for in Schedule A), all accrued interest thereon, and any other amount payable with respect thereto in accordance with the terms of this bond.

The Principal Amount shall be payable on the dates and in the annual principal installment amounts set forth on the Schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof, as such Schedule may be adjusted if less than \$920,000 is disbursed to the City or if a portion of the Principal Amount is prepaid as provided below, with interest on said principal installments from the date each said installment is delivered to the holder hereof until paid at the rate of two and one-half percent (2.50%) per annum. Interest is first payable on April 1, 2010, and semiannually thereafter on the first day of April and October of each year, as set forth in the Purchase Contract.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this bond, so long as the Authority is the owner of this bond, (a) this bond is payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. or at such other place as shall be designated in writing to the City by the Authority (the "Authority's Depository"); (b) the City agrees that it will deposit with the Authority's Depository payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this bond in immediately available funds by 12:00 noon at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise; in the event that the Authority's Depository has not received the City's deposit by 12:00 noon on the scheduled day, the City shall immediately pay to the Authority as invoiced by the Authority an amount to recover the Authority's administrative costs and lost investment earnings attributable to that late payment; and (c) written notice of any redemption of this bond shall be given by the City and received by the Authority's Depository at least 40 days prior to the date on which such redemption is to be made.

Additional Interest

In the event of a default in the payment of principal or interest hereon when due, whether at maturity, by redemption or otherwise, the amount of such default shall bear interest (the "additional interest") at a rate equal to the rate of interest which is two percent above the Authority's cost of providing funds (as determined by the Authority) to make payment on the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this bond but in no event in excess of the maximum rate of interest permitted by law. The additional interest shall continue to accrue until the Authority has been fully reimbursed for all costs incurred by the Authority (as determined by the Authority) as a consequence of the City's default. Such additional interest shall be payable on the interest payment date following demand of the Authority. In the event that (for reasons other than the default in the payment of any municipal obligation purchased by the Authority) the investment of amounts in the reserve account established by the Authority for the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this bond fails to provide sufficient available funds (together with any other funds which may be made available for such purpose) to pay the interest on outstanding bonds of the Authority issued to fund such account, the City shall and hereby agrees to pay on demand only the City's pro rata share (as determined by the Authority) of such deficiency as additional interest on this bond.

For prompt payment of principal and interest on this bond, the City has irrevocably pledged the revenues of the Water and Sewer System of the City, including all appurtenances, extensions and improvements thereto (the "Water and Sewer System"), after provision has been made for reasonable and necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration (the "Net Revenues"), and a statutory lien thereon is hereby recognized and created which is junior in standing and priority of lien as to the prior liens of the City's 2006 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds and 1998 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds (the "Outstanding Bonds") and of any additional bonds of the City of equal standing and priority of lien with the Outstanding Bonds.

This bond is a single, fully-registered, non-convertible bond in the principal sum indicated above issued pursuant to Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ duly adopted by the City Council of the City (the "Ordinance") and under and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, including specifically Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, for the purpose of paying part of the cost of constructing additions, extensions and improvements to the Water and Sewer System of the City.

For a complete statement of the revenues from which and the conditions under which this bond is payable, a statement of the conditions under which additional bonds of equal standing may hereafter be issued and the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this bond is issued, reference is made to the Ordinance and the Prior Ordinances.

This bond is a self-liquidating bond, payable, both as to principal and interest, from the Net Revenues of the Water and Sewer System. The principal of and interest on this bond are secured by the statutory lien hereinbefore mentioned.

The City has covenanted and agreed, and does hereby covenant and agree, to fix and maintain at all times while any bonds payable from the Net Revenues of the Water and Sewer System shall be outstanding, such rates for service furnished by the Water and Sewer System as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the interest upon and the principal of this bond and any bonds of equal standing with this bond, the Outstanding Bonds and any additional bonds of equal standing with the Outstanding Bonds, as and when the same shall become due and payable, and to maintain a bond redemption fund (including, except for bonds of this issue, a bond reserve account) therefor, to provide for the payment of expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the Water and Sewer System as are necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the Water and Sewer

System as are required by the Ordinance and the Prior Ordinances.

Principal installments of this bond are subject to prepayment by the City prior to maturity only with the prior written consent of the Authority and on such terms as may be required by the Authority.

This bond is transferable only upon the books of the City by the registered owner in person or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the transfer agent, duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the Ordinance, and upon payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law to be done precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Westland, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, by its City Council has caused this bond to be executed with the manual signatures of its Mayor and its City Clerk and the corporate seal of the City to be impressed hereon, all as of the Date of Original Issue.

CITY OF WESTLAND

By \_\_\_\_\_ ayor (Seal)

Countersigned:

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City Clerk

SCHEDULE A

Based on the schedule provided below unless revised as provided in this paragraph, repayment of the principal of the bond shall be made until the full amount advanced to the City is repaid. In the event the Order of Approval issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (the "Order") approves a principal amount of assistance less than the amount of the bond delivered to the Authority, the Authority shall only disburse principal up to the amount stated in the Order. In the event (1) that the payment schedule approved by the City and described below provides for payment of a total principal amount greater than the amount of assistance approved by the Order; (2) that less than the principal amount of assistance approved by the Order is disbursed to the City by the Authority or (3) that any portion of the principal amount of assistance approved by the Order and disbursed to the City is forgiven pursuant to the Order, the Authority shall prepare a new payment schedule which shall be effective upon receipt by the City.

Table with 2 columns: Maturity Date, Principal Amount. Rows include dates from April 1, 2011 to April 1, 2030 with corresponding principal amounts ranging from \$20,000 to \$75,000.

Interest on the bond shall accrue on that portion of principal disbursed by the Authority to the City which has not been forgiven pursuant to the Order from the date such portion is disbursed, until paid, at the rate of 2.50% per annum, payable April 1, 2010 and semi-annually thereafter.

Section 15. Bondholders' Rights: Receiver. The holder or holders of the Bonds representing in the aggregate not less than twenty per cent (20%) of the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding, may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, protect and enforce the statutory lien upon the Net Revenues of the System, and may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel performance of all duties of the officers of the Issuer, including the fixing of sufficient rates, the collection of Revenues, the proper segregation of the Revenues of the System and the proper application thereof. The statutory lien upon the Net Revenues, however, shall not be construed as to compel the sale of the System or any part thereof.

If there is a default in the payment of the principal of or interest upon the Series 2010A Bonds, any court having jurisdiction in any proper action may appoint a receiver to administer and operate the System on behalf of the Issuer and under the direction of the court, and by and with the approval of the court to perform all of the duties of the officers of the Issuer more particularly set forth herein and in Act 94.

The holder or holders of the Series 2010A Bonds shall have all other rights and remedies given by Act 94 and law, for the payment and enforcement of the Series 2010A Bonds and the security therefor.

Section 16. Additional Bonds. Except as hereinafter provided, the Issuer shall not issue additional bonds of equal standing with the Series 2010A Bonds.

The right is reserved in accordance with the provisions of Act 94 to issue additional bonds payable from the Revenues of the System which shall be of equal standing and priority of lien on the Net Revenues of the System with the Series 2010A Bonds but only for the following purposes and under the following terms and conditions:

(a) To complete the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor. Such bonds shall not be authorized unless the engineers in charge of construction shall execute a certificate evidencing the fact that additional funds are needed to complete the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor and stating the amount that will be required to complete the Project.

(b) For subsequent repairs, extensions, enlargements and improvements to the System or for the purpose of refunding part of any Bonds then outstanding and paying costs of issuing such additional bonds. Bonds for such purposes shall not be issued pursuant to this subparagraph (b) unless the Adjusted Net Revenues of the System for the then last two (2) preceding twelve-month operating years or the Adjusted Net Revenues for the preceding twelve-month operating year shall be equal to the maximum amount of principal and interest thereafter maturing in any operating year on the then outstanding Bonds and on the additional bonds then being issued. If the additional bonds are to be issued in whole or in part for refunding outstanding Bonds, the annual principal and interest requirements shall be determined by deducting from the principal and interest requirements for each operating year the annual principal and interest requirements of any Bonds to be refunded from the proceeds of the additional Bonds. For purposes of this

subparagraph (b) the Issuer may elect to use as the last preceding operating year any operating year ending not more than sixteen months prior to the date of delivery of the additional bonds. Determination by the Issuer as to existence of conditions permitting the issuance of additional bonds shall be conclusive. No additional bonds of equal standing as to the Net Revenues of the System shall be issued pursuant to the authorization contained in this subparagraph if the Issuer shall then be in default in making its required payments to the Operation and Maintenance Fund or the Redemption Fund.

(c) For refunding a part or all of the Bonds then outstanding and paying costs of issuing such additional bonds including deposits which may be required to be made to the Bond Reserve Account. No additional bonds shall be issued pursuant to this subsection unless the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing in any operating year after giving effect to the refunding shall be less than the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing in any operating year prior to giving effect to the refunding.

Section 17. Negotiated Sale: Application to MDEQ and Authority: Execution of Documents. The Issuer determines that it is in the best interest of the Issuer to negotiate the sale of the Series 2010A Bonds to the Authority because the State Revolving Fund program provides significant interest savings to the Issuer compared to competitive sale in the municipal bond market. The Authorized Officers are hereby authorized to make application to the Authority and to the MDEQ for placement of the Series 2010A Bonds with the Authority. The actions taken by the Authorized Officers with respect to the Series 2010A Bonds prior to the adoption of this Ordinance are ratified and confirmed. The Authorized Officers are authorized to execute and deliver the Purchase Contract, the Supplemental Agreement and the Issuer's Certificate. Any Authorized Officer is further authorized to execute and deliver such contracts, documents and certificates as are necessary or advisable to qualify the Series 2010A Bonds for the State Revolving Fund. Prior to the delivery of the Series 2010A Bonds to the Authority, any Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to make such changes to the form of the Series 2010A Bonds contained in Section 14 of this Ordinance as may be necessary to conform to the requirements of Act 227, Public Acts of Michigan 1985, as amended ("Act 227"), including, but not limited to changes in the principal maturity and interest payment dates and references to additional security required by Act 227.

Section 18. Covenant Regarding Tax Exempt Status of the Bonds. The Issuer shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exemption of the interest on the Series 2010A Bonds from general federal income taxation (as opposed to any alternative minimum or other indirect taxation) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including, but not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditure and investment of Series 2010A Bonds proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds.

Section 19. Approval of Bond Counsel. The representation of the Issuer by Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. ("Miller Canfield"), as bond counsel is hereby approved, notwithstanding the representation by Miller Canfield of the Authority in connection with the State of Michigan State Revolving Fund program which may include advising the Authority with respect to this borrowing.

Section 20. Approval of Bond Details. The Authorized Officers are each hereby authorized to adjust the final bond details set forth herein to the extent necessary or convenient to complete the transaction authorized herein, and in pursuance of the foregoing is authorized to exercise the authority and make the determinations authorized pursuant to Section 7a(1)(c) of Act 94, including but not limited to determinations regarding interest rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts, denominations, dates of issuance, interest payment dates, redemption rights, the place of delivery and payment, and other matters, provided that the principal amount of Series 2010A Bonds issued shall not exceed the principal amount authorized in this Ordinance, the interest rate per annum on the Series 2010A Bonds shall not exceed two and one-half percent (2.50%) per annum, and the Series 2010A Bonds shall mature in not more than twenty (20) annual installments.

Section 21. Savings Clause. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or part thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.

Section 22. Severability: Paragraph Headings and Conflict. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be part of this Ordinance.

Section 23. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published in full in the Observer, a newspaper of general circulation in the Issuer qualified under State law to publish legal notices, promptly after its adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Issuer and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and the City Clerk.

Section 24. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication.

ADOPTED AND SIGNED THIS 7th day of December, 2009.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Westland, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of December, 2009, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting:

Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer and that the following Members were absent: Godbout.

I further certify that Member Reeves moved for adoption of said Ordinance, and that said motion was supported by Member Johnson.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer and that the following Members voted against adoption of said Ordinance: None.

I further certify that said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and the City Clerk.

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City Clerk

Adopted: December 7, 2009 Effective: December 17, 2009

Published: December 17, 2009

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**DEC. 17-23**

**Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary**

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m., vespers; 7 p.m., concert, Saturday, Dec. 19  
**Location:** 18100 Merriman Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia

**Details:** Holy Land Christmas Concert featuring the Orthodox Choir of Metro Detroit singing Orthodox and western Christian hymns and carols for the season and an Arabic ensemble singing nativity hymns; a freewill offering will be collected to support the work of the International Orthodox Christian Charities  
**Contact:** (734) 422-0010

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**Details:** The Limited Edition Our Lady of Good Counsel Christmas ornament is now on sale. This ornament was specially crafted in Poland and is hand painted with a mosaic portrait of the O.L.G.C. Mother and Child. This keepsake ornament is available for \$35 after Masses at O.L.G.C. All proceeds benefit Our Lady of Good Counsel  
**Contact:** Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or Mary Vangieson at (734) 737-9442

**St. James Presbyterians Church**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. worship service, Dec. 20  
**Location:** 25350 West Six Mile, Redford  
**Details:** Chancel Choir sings "A Carol Fantasia"  
**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

**St. Theodore Men's Club**

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Dec. 20  
**Location:** St. Theodore Catholic Church social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** Pancake and French toast breakfast. Cost is \$3 adults; \$1.50 children ages 2-10. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk, and juice  
**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

**DEC. 24-30**

**Cherry Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church**

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday Dec. 25  
**Location:** 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City  
**Details:** A free Christmas concert featuring teen singer/songwriter, Sarah Draget, with her family  
**Contact:** (734) 524-0880

**Lola Park Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** Family Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Dec. 24 and 10 a.m. service on Dec. 25  
**Location:** 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

**St. James Presbyterian Church**

**Time/Date:** 6:45 p.m., Dec. 24  
**Location:** 25350 West Six Mile, Redford  
**Details:** Hear "Quiet Noels and Carols for Organ"  
**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

**DEC. 31-JAN. 6, 2010**

**Lola Park Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., New Year's Eve Service, Dec. 31  
**Location:** 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

**Newburg United Methodist Church**

**Time/Date:** Call in orders from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 4-5, 2010  
**Location:** 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

**Details:** The church is making and selling Cornish pasties as a fundraiser. Pasties are \$4 each and can be ordered by calling into the church office. Call in orders only. Any orders left on the church answering machine will be ignored. Pick up times are noon-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010 and noon-5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 2010  
**Contact:** (734) 422-0149

**St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010  
**Location:** 27201 W. Chicago Road, corner of Inkster Road, Redford  
**Details:** Monthly Bethany Suburban West Singles dance; dance lessons and DJ  
**Contact:** Diane K for more information at (734) 261-5716

**JAN. 7-13, 2010**

**Our Lady of Loretto Parish**

**Time/Date:** Starting at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010  
**Location:** 17116 Olympia, Redford

**Details:** A "Grief Recovery" series runs for six weeks and deals with the phases of grief, loneliness and other related issues. A \$20 fee covers all materials. Sponsored by Widowed Friends  
**Contact:** Joan at (248) 478-1084

**JAN. 14-20, 2010**

**St. Thomas a' Beckett Parish**

**Time/Date:** Mass at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010  
**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Fellowship and refreshments follow Mass sponsored by Widowed Friends  
**Contact:** Pat at (734) 895-6246

**ONGOING**

**AWANA**

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays  
**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade  
**Contact:** (248) 426-0096.

**Classes/study**

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile  
**Details:** Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5  
**Contact:** (248) 348-7600

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun  
**Contact:** Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

**Livonia Unity**

**Time/Date:** Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions  
**Contact:** (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

**Men's Bible study**

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

**Merriman Road Baptist Church**

**Details:** Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening.  
**Contact:** (734) 421-0472; leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you

**New Life Community Church**

**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays  
**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** (734) 846-4615

**Our Lady of Loretto**

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** (313) 534-9000

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian**

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 26701 Joy  
**Details:** Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey  
**Contact:** (313) 274-3820.

**Seeds of Mercy Mission Home**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., every Friday  
**Location:** 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Bible study  
**Contact:** Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

**United Methodist Church of Wayne**

**Time/Date:** noon and 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 3 Townsquare, Wayne  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery Bible Study is a Christ-centered and Bible-based 12 Step Recovery Program  
**Contact:** (734) 721-4801

**Ward Presbyterian**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Learner's Bible study  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

**Clothing bank**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-noon, fourth Saturday  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, West of Canton Christian Fellowship, at 41711 Joy  
**Details:** Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

**Fellowship dinner**

**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Details:** Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals  
**Contact:** (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

**Films**

**Kenwood Church of Christ**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Wednesday Kids Matinees and 4 p.m., Saturday family movie  
**Location:** 20200 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** Guitar Praise game precedes the film on Saturday. Children in second grade or younger can play prior to the film; those in third grade and up can play after the movie. Pizza will also be served following the movie. All events are free  
**Contact:** (248) 476-8222

**Moms**

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners  
**Contact:** Angie at (248) 427-1020

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope  
**Contact:** Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

**Prayer**

**Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday  
**Location:** 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City  
**Details:** Prayer, spiritual healing and outreach  
**Contact:** (734) 427-3660

**Nardin Park United Methodist Church**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday  
**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests  
**Contact:** (248) 476-8860

**St. Edith Church**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.  
**Details:** Enter through the back of the church  
**Details:** Music, singing, prayer  
**Contact:** Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

**St. Michael's Church of Livonia**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-7 p.m. third Wednesday  
**Location:** Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455

**Singles**

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry

meets; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m., Sunday  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

**Support**

**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202  
**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling  
**Contact:** (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

**Farmington Hills Baptist Church**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August  
**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile  
**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group  
**Contact:** (248) 433-1011

**Merriman Road Baptist Church**

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted  
**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning  
**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.  
**Contact:** (734) 421-8451

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m., the first and third Friday  
**Location:** 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided: The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association  
**Contact:** Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

**Thomas a' Becket Church**

**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday  
**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members to lose weight and keep it off  
**Contact:** Margaret at (734) 838-0322

**Unity of Livonia**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous meets  
**Contact:** (313) 387-9797. www.oa.org

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m., praise and worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts)  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free  
**Contact:** For child care call (248) 374-7400. Visit www.celebratercovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

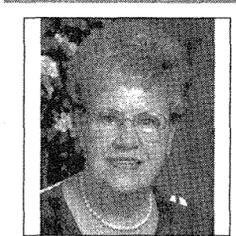
**Thrift store**

**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

**Way of Life Christian Church**

**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m., third Saturday from October through May  
**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilly Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth  
**Details:** Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives  
**Contact:** (734) 637-7618

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**DORIS HOPE DIEDRICK**

Age 80. Born February 4, 1929, Doris passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on December 13, 2009. She was born and raised in Plymouth, graduated from Plymouth High School in 1948, and loved her town with heart and soul. Doris loved children and worked in the Plymouth-Canton School District as a para-professional at Bird Elementary School for 26 years. She was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, as well as a member of the Trailwood Garden Club and the Plymouth Women's Club. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, and was devoted to her husband of 59 years, Ralph, who precedes her in death. Doris leaves behind daughter, Connie, her husband, Jeff Jacobs, son-in-law, F. Weldon Regan, husband of her daughter, Pamela, who precedes her in death, and sister Marion Owens. Four grandsons, Matthew (Heather) Regan, Ben Jacobs, Chris (Beth) Jacobs, and Mark Regan, and a great-granddaughter, Madelyn Regan, also survive. Memorial Service at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. Plymouth, Saturday 3pm. Friends may visit at church beginning at 2pm. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth or the American Cancer Society, Southfield, Michigan. Share a special thought or memory at: schrader-howell.com

**OLGA ELIAS**

Died December 12, 2009, age 91. Dear Mother of Juanita Elias, Anthony (Elda) Elias, Kathleen (Jeff) Stenik, and the late Sharon (Jim) Elder. Grandmother of 10, and many great grandchildren. Services were private. Share a memory at: www.mannsfuneralhome.com

**MARY ALICE ISBISTER**

Passed away December 13, 2009 at the age of 84. She is the beloved sister of Betty Ann Isbister. Dear aunt of Kitty (Alan) Jensen, Bill (Betty) Isbister and Pat Hepburn. Also survived by numerous great nephews and nieces. Alice was a retired sales clerk having worked many years at Manley's, a retail office supply store in Sarnia, Ontario. She came to the Plymouth area in 1992, having lived at Tonquish Manor. She was a people person who loved people and was very social. She made many many friends over the years. She enjoyed word puzzles, comic books and reading about people. Services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Share a special thought or memory at: schrader-howell.com



**SUSY ROLAND**

Entered the Lord's House on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009, surrounded by the love of her family. Born in Highland Park, Michigan, she was the daughter of Percy and Edna Gilroy. Living in Texas for 29 years, Susy was a member of St. Joseph Honeycreek Catholic Church where she was an Eucharistic Minister and a St. Stephen Minister. Preceded in death by her father, Susy is survived by her loving husband of over 30 years, Timothy F. Roland; mother, Edna Gilroy; her "Girls," her devoted daughters, DeAnn and Angie, and their husbands, Perry and Michael; other children, Tracey and Tim, Timothy F. Jr. and Lisa, Tami and Matt, and Thomas; adoring grandchildren, Brittany, Ryan, Jordan, Matt, Makenzie, M.J., Courtney, Kyle, Blaise, Bryce, and Brady, as they called her Grandmommy! Visitation will begin on Thurs, Dec. 17 at 5:00 p.m. at Vaughan's Funeral Home of Boerne, with the Recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Honeycreek Catholic Church, 25781 State Highway 46 West, Spring Branch, TX 78070, with Monsignor Gregory Deane, celebrant. If so desired, Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 291048, San Antonio, TX 78229. To leave a message or tribute for the family, please visit: www.vaughanfuneralhome.com and select the obituaries icon. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Vaughan's Funeral Home of Boerne.

**MARY JANE WOTASZAK**

December 13, 2009 Age 79 of Canton. Loving wife of the late Lawrence "L.J." Wotaszak. Devoted mother of Jane M. (Vahe) Rostamloo, Julie Wotaszak Jones, and the late Bruce (Joanie). Dear sister of John, Paul, Tom, and the late Martha Joan. Proud grandma of Scott (Alison), Rose Mary, Christopher, Charles, Aaron, Rachel, Sarah, Lauren, and Hannah. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held Tuesday 5-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn. Beck and Sheldon) Plymouth. In state Wednesday 10 AM until 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. John Neumann Church 44800 Warren Rd. Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association. To share a memory please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



**RAYMOND RICHARD "DICK" YADACH**

78, of Livonia, retired President of Servco Automatic, Inkster, died suddenly December 14, 2009. Beloved husband of the late Lorraine. Dick is survived by his children, Mark (Kathleen) and Lynn (Rick) Yadach-Blakey; his sister, Patricia (the late Walt) Rzucidlo; and grandchildren, Meaghan and Kara Yadach, and Kyle, Grant and Ryan Blakey. Visitation Friday, December 18, 2-9 PM, with 7:00 PM prayers, at the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Saturday, December 19, 9:30 AM (in state 9:00 AM) St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Entombment in St. Hedwig Mausoleum, Dearborn Hts., will follow lunch. Memorial tributes suggested to American Heart Assn., heart.org.

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Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

# Church offers service for those feeling "blue"

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

You're too depressed to hear another Christmas carol or watch a festive Nativity pageant.

Yet, you long to attend a church service this holiday season.

If you're not in the "holiday spirit" the second annual "Blue Christmas" service at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth may be just what you need. It's designed to help you avoid seasonal hype while feeding spiritual needs at the holiday.

"Christmas can be very difficult for people. I think it exaggerates the whole season, both good and bad," said the Rev. Dorian McGlannan. "As a pastor I get annoyed at all the cultural stuff. It pulls people away from what matters in your life."

"If you've lost a job and don't have much money or your home is being foreclosed on, it's a devastating time of year. For those who won't go near a church, this is a possible place to come."

The service starts at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 20, at the church, 574 Sheldon, Plymouth. It will include music, Holy Eucharist, candle lighting and a softly-lit sanctuary. Boxes of tissues will be placed among the pews.

## SUBDUED SERVICE

"The Episcopal church tends to be more reflective. Our normal Christmas service is not over the top. It's joyous but not out of control."

The music is lively and includes upbeat carols. But



participants at the blue service will sing more subdued music, along the lines of *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* rather than *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*.

"We keep the lighting as low as we can go without keeping people from being able to read."

Rev. McGlannan said about 30 individuals worshipped at the first blue service last year.

"We're not the originators of this. It's being done elsewhere," she said. "I knew about it but had never been to one."

The unexpected death of a congregation member in early fall last year was the catalyst for the service at St. John's.

"He was in his early 50s. His wife went out shopping, came home and found him. We knew this would be an incredibly hard Christmas for her."

Rev. McGlannan planned the service. Just before Christmas last year two other "mainstays" of the congregation died.

"The service ended up being a good thing to have in place."

## FEELING BLUE

Rev. McGlannan said individuals who are in grief, "regardless of what the grief is about," may isolate them-

selves, especially during festive holidays. While friends gather at parties and other seasonal events, a person grieving over divorce, death, job loss, health difficulties and other problems, may "run home and hide."

"This is a way to encourage them to come out of that. There still is a spiritual longing to make sense out of what the grief is."

During the service, participants will get an opportunity to light candles and place them into a sand-filled container. The idea is to pray about a person or concern while lighting the wick. The service will include all of the traditional Christmas readings, with Rev. McGlannan focusing on a thoughtful telling of the Christmas story that she hopes will resonate with participants.

## REALISTIC NATIVITY

"Despite what the culture says, it's a family on the run. They've come in for the census. They're from out of town, far from home, lonely and they don't have a place to stay. "These were dangerous times and difficult for a family without a lot of money," she said, pointing out that Mary gave birth in a stable. "It can't get more difficult than that. We can connect with this story in a lot of ways. It's not all about angels singing."

She hopes participants will leave the service feeling better and able to express their grief.

For more information about the service, call the church at (734) 453-0190, ext. 11.

## Orthodox organization picks new officers

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) has elected new officers for 2009-2011. They are:

- Subdeacon Robert A. Mitchell, of St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church, Detroit, president
- Subdeacon John E. Lazar, of St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, Southfield, vice president
- John Vasilco, of St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, Redford, treasurer
- The Rev. Kristijan Petrovich, of St. Petka Serbian Orthodox Church, Troy, secretary

The COCC (<http://www.coccdetroit.com>) is a 52-year-old clergy and lay association that represents various canonical Orthodox churches in metropolitan Detroit and sponsors a variety of worship, fellowship, and charitable, educational and outreach programs.

The COCC is advised on spiritual matters by members of the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit, led by its president, the Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford.

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# FILTER

## This 'Jersey Boy' is happy to perform at home in Michigan

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Eric Gutman has performed with the musical hit, *Jersey Boys*, touring nationally, in Chicago, Ill., and on the Broadway stage. But the Farmington Hills native says he looks forward to its upcoming Detroit run because he's certain residents will respond to its gritty story. "I think it will resonate with this city more so than any other city," said Gutman, during a phone interview from Chicago last week. He was finishing his final performances in the Windy City before heading to Motown for costume fittings and opening night, today, Dec. 17, at the Fisher Theatre.

Because of its musical history, "blue collar" identity and "grittiness," Detroit area residents will appreciate the story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons more than other audiences, Gutman said.

"Here's what I like about the show. *Jersey Boys* is about Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, but it's a true story about these guys," he said. "People don't realize that these things really happened to them. There's something amazing about the rough time they had. They rose to the being one of the biggest groups of their era.

"People will be floored with what they went through. It's a hard-knock story. It's not a bubble gum musical. It's a gritty show with authentic Jersey language."

Gutman has been happy to help tell their story since 2007 as an ensemble cast member and understudy, first with the show's national tour and then for nearly a year on Broadway before earning the role of Norm Waxman in the Chicago show last summer. He'll play that character again for the Detroit run through Jan. 23, 2010.

His wife, Sarah, and dog, Toby, went along with him for the ride, moving from city to city for the national tour and living in New York until fall of 2008 when they moved back to Michigan to prepare for a new family member. Gutman quit the New York cast about two months later



"Jersey Boys" tells the story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. This is a scene from the finale.

to be with his wife when she gave birth to their daughter in January this year.

### BACK AT HOME

After a six-month stint in Chicago, Gutman says he's happy to be back in Michigan.

"I really wanted to do the show at home," he said.

Now a Royal Oak resident, Gutman, 32, graduated from Harrison High School in Farmington and went on to study musical theater performance at Western Michigan University.

"I remember acting when I was in second grade. I was Toto in the *Wizard of Oz*. It's just continued since then.

I've always been a performer. I've played guitar since I was 9 years old, singing and in talent shows."

Gutman played in bands over the years and has acted in regional as well as Off-Broadway productions.

He earned a Detroit Wilde Awards nomination in 2007 for his performances in *Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah* at the Jet Theatre. He stepped into various roles in *Tony & Tina's Wedding* Off-Broadway and took the lead in both *Forbidden Broadway 2001* and *Forbidden Broadway* 2nd Anniversary, while living in the Big Apple.

He moved back to Michigan and worked "a desk

job" after his roles in Off-Broadway plays.

"I was back home in Detroit, working 40 hours a week. I was happy doing local theater in the area. And then I found out through a friend that *Jersey Boys* was auditioning in Chicago."

### FULFILLING A DREAM

He listened to the show's music for weeks while driving in his car and then called in sick the day of the audition. Then he called in sick again when he was called back for a second look.

"I was supposed to go to a conference in Vegas, but they needed me in New York."

The final callback in New

York "was a little frightening" because the audience not only included the show's creative staff, but Frankie Valli as well. The four-hour audition landed Gutman a spot in the touring company. He hasn't looked back since.

"Between the understudy and the New York tour and Chicago I've performed six different roles."

He also voiced an animated character for several episodes of a project called "International Hareport." He's waiting to hear if it will be picked up for broadcast.

And he might consider getting involved in Michigan's growing movie

industry after his work with *Jersey Boys* ends.

Meanwhile, he hopes his hometown will support the show.

"I know this is a hard time in Detroit, but come to the show. For 2 1/2 hours let us take you to a different place."

Tickets begin at \$34 and are on sale at the Fisher Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster locations.

They're also available online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.BroadwayinDetroit.com](http://www.BroadwayinDetroit.com) and by calling Ticketmaster at (800) 982-2787. The Fisher Theatre is located at 3011 Grand Blvd. in Detroit.

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SORRY, NO PASSES

## Rock legends celebrate Redford author's book

More Than 50 Motor City music legends will meet and sign autographs Sunday, Dec. 20 at the Gibraltar Trade Center in Taylor, celebrating Redford author Bob Harris' book *Motor City Rock and Roll The 1960s and 1970s*.

This will be one of the largest gatherings of its kind ever organized to celebrate Detroit's Rock history.

The event will run from 1-5 p.m., at the center, located on Eureka Road at I-75. All autographs are free and the legends will sign any item brought in.

"This is a fabulous opportunity to meet and greet the musicians and artists who dominated the 60s and 70s in metro Detroit and remain popular to loyal fans today," said Harris. "With more than 50 legends lined up for this event, this book signing could feature one of the largest participant lists in history."

Along with Harris, who co-authored the book with John Douglas Peters, those scheduled to appear include Benny from renowned southeast Michigan band Benny and the Jets, The Contours, Steve King and the Dittilies, Jeff Lehman from the band Looking Glass (*Brandy*), Kasuka Mafia of the legendary Funk Brothers and many more.

Copies of *Motor City Rock and Roll The 1960s and 1970s* will be available for purchase at the event, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting The Salvation Army.

For more information call the Gibraltar Trade Center at (734) 287-2000.

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# FOOD

## Get ready to toast the holidays with wine sellers' picks

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

René Parks says you can have a holiday "with sparkle" for less than \$15 this year.

"Make your holiday sparkle, but you don't have to spend a lot of money doing it."

Parks, who is Westborn Market's wine expert, likes Segura Viudas' sparkling wines, particularly the Brut Reserva for toasting the holidays.

"It's flying off the shelves. This sparkling wine from Spain is quality. It retails for \$8.99 and it's a Brut Cava Reserve. It's made the same way as champagne but it comes from Spain, not France."

She describes it as "crisp" and delightful. "We have (Chateau) Chantal Celebrate. It's like a Brute Rose," she said, describing the Michigan-made sparkling wine.

"It's a lovely salmon color. I like to say it's the color of a Michigan sunset."

The \$13.99 per bottle wine has a fruit finish with raspberry and strawberry notes.

One of Westborn Market's best-selling Michigan wines is Chateau Grand Traverse late harvest Riesling, similar to a German Spatlese. Parks said although sweet, it can be paired with foods ranging from ham to turkey to kielbasa.

"People like 'sweet' around the holidays and the Moscato di Asti are light, with 5-7 percent alcohol. They're good...crowd pleasing," Parks noted. Prices range from about \$7.99 for a domestic brand to \$13-\$21 for authentic Italian versions.



champagne and sparkling wine recommendations in the "bubbles" category.

Her suggestions for breakfast bubbles include Louis Roederer Brut Premier, a true champagne, (meaning it's from France), that retails for about \$44.99 a bottle.

"It's not just for breakfast," she added.

She also likes Mawby's Jadore, from L. Mawby winery in Suttons Bay.

"Larry Mawby is known as one of the premier sparkling wine makers in the country," she said, explaining that Jadore is made in a style called "methode champenoise." It's the same method used to make champagne in France.

"The nice thing about Jadore is that it's a demi-sec. It means semi-sweet, but not totally sweet."

A bottle of Jadore retails for about \$19.99.

Groman's food-pairing picks include a true champagne, Chartogne-Paillet, retailing for approximately \$49.99 and a domestic sparkling wine called Sharffenberger, at about \$21.99.

She said the champagne is perfect for a buffet of appetizers.

The Sharffenberger "has a little more depth."

"When it comes to food wine, I like something deeper. Some bubbles are light and don't have much going on. You can drink it by itself. This has more to it, pinot noir mostly and chardonnay."

Groman's party pick is "always Dom Pérignon." But in a more reasonable price range, (around

\$40) the Schramsberg brut rose made in the methode champenoise style, is perfect for toasting.

"They were the first domestic wine used during the inauguration at the White House. During Nixon's inauguration. They decided they wanted something domestic," Groman noted.

### EXPENSIVE DRINK

Mark George, owner of Wine Barrel Plus in Livonia, said he will toast the New Year with '82 Dom Pérignon. It's listed on the Wine Barrel Web site for about \$530.

But many of his customers will buy a champagne called Veuveclique Ponsardin that sells for between \$40-\$50 a bottle.

He also sells the effervescent Moscato di Asti in more than 50 varieties and says the wine makes a great desert drink.

"We've been doing well with a German wine that's not too sweet and not too dry. It has been flying out of here," he said, referring to Kreuznacher Kronenberg, a 2006 vintage Spatlese.

"It normally sells for \$17, but I've had it for \$13.99. It's done phenomenal for us."

George said many of his customers prefer sweet red wines.

"It's a category no one touches on. But we have high quality sweet Cabernets and Merlots, especially good sweet Michigan wines."

Westborn Market has stores in Berkley, Dearborn and Livonia. It's Livonia store is located at 14925 Middlebelt. (734) 524-1000. Wine Styles is located at 17386 Haggerty, Livonia; (734) 464-9600. Wine Barrel Plus is at 30303 Plymouth, between Middlebelt and Merriman, in Livonia; (734) 522-WINE.

### BUBBLY PICKS

Kathy Groman, owner of Wine Styles in Livonia, would drink "bubbles every day all day long" if she could.

"I love them. I hope Michigan catches on to the bubbles," she said. "People here have a misconception that bubbles are for cel-

ebration. We've done several tastings and we encourage people to pair their food with bubbles."

Groman offers both true

### CITY BITES

#### Quality pet food

Plymouth - Hiller's Markets is selling an array of specialty pet products including Tykie vegetarian dog food, Holistic Natural Feline and Canine Formula by Bench and Field, Dogswell and Catswell natural pet snacks and Newman's Own dog and cat treats.

The store also is selling Snuggies for pets this winter. Priced at \$11.99, the pink and blue warm, soft fleeces come in four sizes, for dogs and cats ranging from 6 to 28 pounds and 6 to 20 inches in height. They're machine-washable and come with an adjustable hook and loop fastener to fit an array of pets.

The market also offers Mutt Lynch wines, a high-quality California vintage named for the whimsical tendencies of man's best

friend. A portion of the price on each bottle goes to the Dearborn Animal Shelter, the local organization that rescued 150 Chihuahuas in September.

Hiller's markets are found locally at 15455 Haggerty, Plymouth, (734) 420-5555; 6433 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7100; 425 N. Center, Northville, (248) 344-0231; and 3615 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 677-2370.

#### Helping the homeless

Tri-county - Tubby's Grilled Submarines has joined other businesses in sponsoring *Christmas in Detroit*, a holiday CD set of Detroit's top celebrities and musicians with proceeds benefiting the homeless and the needy in the Metro-Detroit area.

Participating Tubby's locations throughout metro

Detroit will have *Christmas in Detroit* CD sets for purchase for \$20.

The set is a three CD collection of 42 songs by Detroit artists with recordings of both original material and classic holiday favorites. In addition to songs from the first two *Christmas in Detroit* CDs ('92 and '93), 17 new tracks have been recorded by artists and personalities like Stewart Francke, the Hell Drivers, Devin Scillian, Jeff Daniels, Larry Lee & Back in the Day, Dave Edwards and rising stars Molly Hunt and Quentin Dennard.

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**Observer:** How did you decide to open your business?

I first decided to open up a computer repair store when we realized how hard it was to get honest, fair and legitimate

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**Name and Title:** Steve McLeod, owner

**Store opened:** November 2009

**Number of Employees:** Three

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**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday

**Business Web site:** www.InternetCityComputers.com or www.734PCStore.com

**Phone:** Westland-(734) PC-STORE (727-8673); Garden City-(734) 261-0025

help. I was good at helping others and all of my friends and family suggested that I open my own business. I had previously performed repairs in my

home.

**Observer:** Why did you chose Westland?

I have lived in Westland most of my life, other than my U.S. Navy career where I served as a Search and Rescue medic, and truly have a lot of faith in this city and love the community. I was a member of the Garden City Jaycees (president in 1999) and an associate member of the Westland Jaycees for many years. I have been involved with Westland in many ways and do believe that Westland is the place to be.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

What makes us unique is the fact that we all love the high tech world of today and sharing it with others. We are constantly "keeping up with the times and technology." Our tag line is "affordable solutions."

**Observer:** Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

A funny story to illustrate just how little most people know about computers and why I feel we are so important to the community is: we had a customer call about an issue. When we told them that we needed them to bring their tower in so we could diagnose it, they brought the computer screen and NOT the tower. We try not to embarrass people. We understand that we were once just like them.

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

We are having our grand opening at 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7.

## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Grand opening drawing**  
**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23

**Location:** Great Lakes Fashion opposite JC Penney in Westland Shopping Center at Warren and Wayne roads, Westland.

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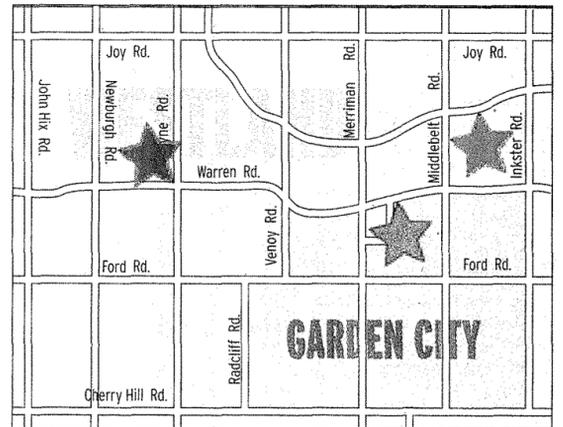
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### New at Joy Manor

**Location:** Invitations by Mary at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland

**Details:** Invitations by Mary, a division of C&M Printing, features a full line of wedding, social invitations and accessories, making Joy Manor a one stop for the ultimate event. Call for a personal appointment.

**Contact:** Mary at (734) 812-5407



for invitations and accessories, For banquet hall and event planning, call Chris at (734) 525-0960. Online at www.joymanor.com.

### Win a diamond

**Time/Date:** Tuesday, Dec. 29

**Location:** Brilliant Diamonds, located in JC Penney Court of Westland Shopping Center at Warren and Wayne roads, Westland.

**Details:** Enter to win a diamond ring with a retail value of up to \$1,000. Drawing ends Tuesday, Dec. 29. Ask an associate about the official rules and regulations.

### Sunday Brunch

**Time/Date:** Served from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman, east of Warren Road, Westland.

**Details:** Choose from Hawthorne's vast breakfast and dinner menus. Cost is \$8.95 for adults and \$5.95 children under age 12. Children age 3 and under, free.

**Contact:** (734) 422-3440

### Holiday Specials

**Time/date:** Available now through January 2010

**Location:** World of Fitness Dance Studios, Warren/Venoy Plaza, 32669

Warren, Suite 6, Garden City  
**Details:** Looking for that perfect gift? World of Fitness Dance Studios gift certificates make it easy, affordable and absolutely unique. Take \$5 off a \$35 gift certificate, \$10 off a \$75 gift certificate, \$20 off a \$195 gift certificate and \$25 off a \$225 gift certificate. Certificates are valid for year, no cash refund. A limited amount are available. To purchase certificates, visit the studio of send an e-mail to patricia@poledancefactory.net for secure Paypal invoicing.

**Contact:** (734) 306-0909 or www.poledancefactory.com

**New business**  
**Location:** Bon Bons in Westland Shopping Center at Warren and Wayne roads, Westland.

**Details:** Bon Bons, which produces handmade, quality chocolate treats, celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday, Dec. 15. They are located across from Helzberg Diamonds. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday.

**Contact:** (734) 338-2429

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Jade Scientific moves

Jade Scientific Inc., a Michigan-based distributor of laboratory supplies, equipment and chemicals, moved its distribution center to a new, state-of-the-art facility in Westland. The Jade Scientific facility had been located in Canton for more than 10 years.

"We enjoyed being a part of the Canton community for more than a decade, and we're now looking forward to meeting business owners in Westland and across Michigan," said Michael Smolin, owner and president of Jade

Scientific. "Our Michigan-based customers recognize that keeping their business in the state results in a higher level of service and competitive pricing. It's a priority for us to maintain those relationships and provide our customers with the best customer service we can."

Jade Scientific serves thousands of laboratories across the country with tens of thousands of products from lab chemicals to glass containers, and from gloves to testing equipment to lab furniture. The new, 24,000-square-foot facility will provide much-needed storage space and will

allow warehouse personnel to implement faster and safer distribution methods. Jade's management said the layout of the new warehouse also will make it easier for Jade to begin looking at new "green" initiatives that will make the company more environmentally friendly. Jade Scientific is ISO 9001/2000 certified.

The new Jade Scientific warehouse and distribution facility is located at 39103 Warren Road, Westland.

### Identity theft warning

Thieves continue to increase their fraudulent attempts to steal individuals' personal account and financial information over the phone, by e-mail or by text messages. Co-op Services Credit Union is actively encouraging its members to beware of anyone requesting confidential information unless they initiate the contact.

"We work year-round to protect our members and help them keep their money safe, but we want to make sure they know that thieves don't take a holiday," said Lisa Fawcett, marketing director of Co-op Services Credit Union. "Anyone who has an account with a credit union or another financial institution needs to

be aware of the elaborate ways that thieves will try to steal your personal account information."

Typically known as "phishing" scams, thieves use a method call "war dialing" to acquire cell phone numbers or e-mail addresses. Then, they blast out thousands of text messages, phone calls or e-mails, hoping that a few of the recipients are members or customers of a particular financial institution that they've attacked.

The message may indicate that your account has been frozen or compromised and that you must respond with your account number, 16-digit card number, personal identification number (PIN), card expiration date or other personal information. Once this information is obtained, the thieves can then try to access the funds in the account.

"We're asking our members to e-mail us at abuse@cscu.org as soon as possible if they are the recipient of a phishing attempt," said Fawcett. "This not only alerts us to help members avoid loss, but it also alerts our fraud detection partner who shuts down the phone numbers and Web sites of phishing attempts."

For more information, call (800) 321-8570.

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