



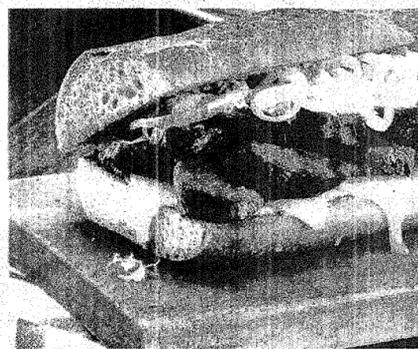
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IN BRIEF

Spaghetti dinner

The Wayne Masonic Lodge will hold a spaghetti dinner 4-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at the lodge at 37137 Palmer, east of Newburgh. The cost is \$6 for adults, and proceeds will be used to buy food to distribute to needy families in the area. For more information, call the lodge at (734) 721-7950.

Health seminar

"Your Journey to Better Health" is a public-private partnership developed by Mayor William R. Wild and St. Mary Mercy Hospital staff. It will explore men's health issues at a seminar at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Westland senior Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford.

The seminars are designed to provide residents key information to help them lead healthier lives. It is open to the public, however, people interested in attending should contact the center at (734) 722-7628.

Midwinter break

Kids don't have to just sit around during the midwinter break from school. Sign up for the Westland Parks and Recreation Department's Midwinter Fun Break Feb. 21-25.

On tap is a bowling party at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 21. The party is for kids in kindergarten through the eighth grade. The cost is \$5 per person and includes three games of bowling, a hot dog, and a beverage. Pre-register at the Bailey Center before Feb. 20.

There also will be a Tennis Carnival Camp with Fun Start Tennis for kids ages 6-10 offered 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Bailey Center. Try tennis in a fun carnival style camp. Learn some basic skills, play games and win prizes. All skill levels welcome, and all equipment is provided. The cost is \$50 for Westland residents and \$55 for nonresidents. Pre-register before Feb. 17.

Other classes included Zumbatomic for kids ages 6-12 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Feb. 23, at the Bailey Center for a cost of \$7 per person or \$6 per person for groups of five or more and Rockers Soccer Clinic 1-3 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Bailey Center gymnasium for kids in grades one-eight. Cost is \$16 per person or \$15 per person for groups of five or more. However, sign up for the soccer clinic and Zumbatomic and pay \$20 or \$19 per person for groups of five or more. Preregister for the soccer clinic by Feb. 21.

The Mike Modano Ice Arena will offer a Learn To Ice Skate Clinic 12:30-1 p.m. Feb. 24, for ages 6-12 and an open skate 1-2 p.m. Cost is \$6 per student and includes skate rental, class and open skate. Register at the arena at 6210 Wildwood, or the Bailey Center.

High Velocity will stage a Ballers Basketball Clinic 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 25 for kids ages 5-12. The cost is \$20 per person. Or try the Sports Sampler Camp 1-4 p.m. Kids ages 5-12 can try volleyball, floor hockey, kickball, dodging and fleeing games and team building games for a cost of \$20 per person. Or attend both clinics for \$35 per person.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 722-7620.

Partnership pushes sale of rehabbed housing

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Blighted and foreclosed homes have been acquired by municipalities and rehabilitated using federal funds, now the push is on to sell the houses.

A home at 1457 Gloria in Westland was one of two homes highlighted as a new partnership of communities, Realtors, lenders and nonprofit groups to sell at least 100 renovated foreclosed homes and newly built homes in 15 Metro Detroit communities kicked off.

The home on Gloria is for sale after being renovated using Neighborhood

Stabilization Program funds. Along with funding the repairs, the program requires the home be sold for the renovation costs or the assessed value, whichever is less, and down payment assistance is available.

"I absolutely see the importance of it (NSP). It helps the whole neighborhood — for those who get into a home but also for those living nearby," said Michigan Association of Realtors President Claire Williams, a Canton resident and partner at Remerica Hometown in Plymouth.

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Westland Mayor William Wild (left) and Westland Councilman Adam Hammons listen as Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis speaks during a press conference to highlight a public-private partnership to sell homes rehabilitated under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

Digging out



Joanna Hellum uses a broom to clean off the snow on her car Wednesday morning in Westland. She was doing her best to try and get to work. See more photos on page A8 and online at hometownlife.com.

Snowstorm packs less wallop than expected

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If there's one thing Sherry Morris wants, it's a snowblower.

"It's nice out there, the snow coming down is nice and fluffy, but the stuff on the ground is heavy," said the Westland resident. "We shoveled by hand and it was awful. You have to do it in layers. It's was so heavy, I want a snowblower."

Billed as the Blizzard of 2011, the storm delivered less snow than predicted and didn't cause much of a problem in Westland.

"It's been pretty smooth, so far. It hasn't created any out of the ordinary issues for the Fire Department," said Deputy Fire Chief Martin Reddy. "I would say the battle plan DPS (the Department of Public Services) had for dealing with it was the difference. They did an excellent job preparing for it and dealing with the roads."

Likewise, Westland Police Chief Alan Ramsden said police didn't see any problems due to the storm.

While City Hall remained open Wednesday,

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3 men charged in break-in at Westland treatment center

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three men have been charged with breaking into a Westland building that houses a school program operated by the Redford Union school district.

Police recovered ten graphing calculators, a Sony Playstation and a baggie containing \$11.28 in coins identified as stolen from the school. Damage to the building from broken windows and other damage was estimated at \$15,000.

At 5:30 a.m. Saturday, Westland police responded to an intruder alarm at the Kaselemis Center for Adolescent Day Treatment, 8100 Hubbard.

Officers responding to the school spotted two men breaking into locked classrooms, said Westland police Lt. Michael Match. Both men fled on foot and were captured nearby, he said.

"The investigation identi-

fied a third suspect who was captured near the school with property from the school," said Match, adding the stolen items recovered were calculators. "At this point, it seems to be an isolated incident."

Officers from Livonia and Garden City, which brought a police dog, assisted in making the arrests, said Match.

Charged with breaking and entering with intent, malicious destruction of property \$1,000-20,000 and larceny in a building are Devin Michael Wilmurth, 19, of Canton, Viktor Nikkali Allen, 21, of Livonia and Travis Michael Briggs, 19, also of Livonia.

Allen is also charged as a fourth-degree habitual offender which enhances penalties for a conviction based on prior criminal history. Wilmurth and Briggs are being held in lieu of \$50,000/10 percent bonds with Allen held in lieu of \$100,000/10 percent bond.

Not guilty pleas were entered for all three defendants who are scheduled for preliminary examination in 18th District Court Feb. 10.

Housed at the Kaselemis Center, Redford Union's Adolescent Day Treatment Program is administered by Redford Union Schools and accepts referrals of students in grades nine-12 from the Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton, Redford Union and South Redford school districts.

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Website to launch new design

Our website, Hometownlife.com, is scheduled to roll out a new design this afternoon.

The site hosts content for print editions of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and *Hometown Weeklies*.

You'll notice right away that the new design has less clutter and fewer distractions.

The new Hometownlife.com is focused on presenting content that is easy to navigate so readers will see more headlines, photos and videos right on our homepage. Our Top News category features the biggest stories of the day and right below that is a Community News section that displays content according to your reading habits. If you live in Westland, select it from the list of communities and stories about Westland will appear in the Community News section every day.

That means there is no longer a need to navi-

gate through various communities to find coverage of the people and places that matter most to you — content from the *Westland Observer* will display right on the homepage of Hometownlife.com.

We've also improved our photo galleries, social media components and the functionality of our reader comments.

We believe you'll like the new and improved Hometownlife.com, but even with the best of design intentions, we might have missed something. So if you are having any issues, have

a suggestion or have something to say about the new site, please tell us. You can comment here on this article, send an e-mail to me, Web Editor Larry Ruehlen, at lruehlen@hometownlife.com or talk to us on our Facebook page at Hometownlife.com/facebook.



The new website has a cleaner design and is faster and easier to navigate.

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Employee injured in Taco Bell holdup

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An employee was injured after two men armed with knives robbed a Westland fast food restaurant Monday morning.

The men forced their way into the restaurant, 201 S. Merriman, at 10 a.m. as an employee was taking out trash, said Westland police Lt. Michael Matich.

Three employees were inside the restaurant, which wasn't yet open for business, when the robbery happened. "One employee was stabbed in the shoulder, it was unprovoked," said Matich. "He was treated at an area hospital

for a non-life-threatening injury."

The two men fled with an undisclosed amount of cash and other items, including restaurant gift cards. The employees gave police a description of the vehicle in which the suspects fled.

A witness followed the suspects who abandoned the vehicle, which had been stolen in the area of Henry Ruff and Cherry Hill about half a mile from the Taco Bell. Matich said officers recovered some of the stolen gift cards in the vehicle. The suspects had fled on foot.

One suspect was described as a black male in his 20s or 30s, 5-foot-10, weighing 150-

175 pounds with hair in corn rows, a goatee-style beard, wearing a red hat with an attached face mask, a dark leather coat, a dark hoodie, dark pants and light gloves.

The second suspect was described as a black male in his 20s or 30s, 6-foot-2, weighing 150-175 pounds and wearing a black ski type mask, a black cloth hoodie jacket and dark pants.

Anyone with information about the suspects is asked to call Westland police at (734) 722-9600 or Crimestoppers at (800) SPEAK UP (773-2587) or e-mail crimetips@wlpd.net.

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This home at 1457 Gloria, acquired by Westland and rehabilitated using Neighborhood Stabilization funds, is among homes offered for sale at reduced rates with down payment assistance available.

HOMES

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Aside from the Norwayne area, Westland Mayor William Wild said homes the city acquired and had renovated through NSP are scattered around the city.

"I think the program has been an incredible success for Westland neighborhoods. I think it has had a stabilizing effect. There is a negative effect, if there are vacant homes in the neighborhood," said Wild.

Shirley and George Lawson turned out for the kickoff at the home on Gloria but they don't have a professional connection — they have purchased a different Westland home acquired and renovated through NSP.

"We started looking in Canton but it was pricey and we're on a budget. We looked in Westland, Livonia and Redford," said Shirley Lawson, who has lived for three years in a rented Canton townhouse. "It's really nice in Westland. We have family members here. We were prequalified — they gave us a lot of homes to check out."

The Lawsons were a bit taken aback when they started looking at the NSP homes



Shannon Morgan, vice president of Home Renewal Systems, talks about the Neighborhood Stabilization Program which has funded renovations of foreclosed, blighted homes. A private-public partnership is working to promote the sale of 100 homes in the Metro Detroit area.

— they were gutted and were a couple of months from work being completed.

"We had been looking for a house. With the economy, we wanted to make sure we can afford it," said Lawson, a retail manager whose husband is retired. "It's a very good program. They are just about done with the house. We're so excited. We are first-time buyers."

Having lenders participating in this partnership is important. As Westland Community Development Director Joanne

Inglis commented, one of the biggest challenges facing would-be homebuyers is getting a mortgage.

Two firms hired by Westland to renovate and sell homes through NSP, Home Renewal Systems and Guy Construction, currently have 13 homes available for sale.

"I'm here to demonstrate the importance of the program and what it means to this community. All of our communities that have been hit by foreclosures," said state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland. "It's the lack of occupants, the loss of taxes and lower property values. Unoccupied homes don't help anyone. A home is the biggest single investment most people make."

To qualify for an NSP home purchase, a one-person household can make up to \$58,700 with some homes designated for people earning less than \$24,450. A four-person household can make up to \$83,900.

For more information, contact Home Renewal Systems at (866) 996-9754 or Guy Construction, working with National Faith Homebuyers at (313) 255-9500 or (800) 267-6559.

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SNOWSTORM

FROM PAGE A1

18th District Court and the William P. Faust Public Library were closed due to the storm, as was Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Westland residents won't be able to park any vehicles on the street through 4 p.m. Friday when the snow emergency is set to expire.

In addition, there was no garbage or recycling pickup on Wednesday due to Waste Management's decision to shut down operations in Michigan and Ohio, including the landfill. Regular garbage pickup was to resume today (Thursday) and be one day late for the rest of the week.

The National Weather Authority had issued a blizzard conditions warning for the area in effect Tuesday evening, but by Wednesday morning it

had been downgraded to an advisory. Snow hadn't begun to fall locally when the snow emergency was declared, but Westland Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford said the timing was aimed at giving people early notice so they could park off the street before the storm hits.

Due to amount of snow expected, Buford said most of the snow removal vehicles had the larger approximately 15-foot-wide front plows making it important that there be no vehicles on the streets.

"We rarely use the big plows. It is hard to get down the street — some of the streets are irregular sizes — we really need people to move the vehicles off the street," said Buford.

City officials can declare a snow emergency but the no street parking automatically goes into effect when there is six or more inches of snow or sleet in the city. Vehicles on the street during a snow emer-

gency are subject to tickets and possibly being towed.

There was a brine application to major city streets Tuesday night aimed at keeping those streets from icing up. "It will hold for this storm. It will come before the 24 hours is up — that's when it is most potent but the treatment is good for up to 72 hours," said Buford.

DPS crews began working Tuesday evening getting ready to attack the snowfall which continued throughout Wednesday. Buford planned to have every piece of equipment out there for snow removal.

"There will be no meter reading or repairs tomorrow — all we will do is snow removal unless there is a big water main break that we have to repair," said Buford. "We will try to get the entire city done in 24 hours after the snow ends."

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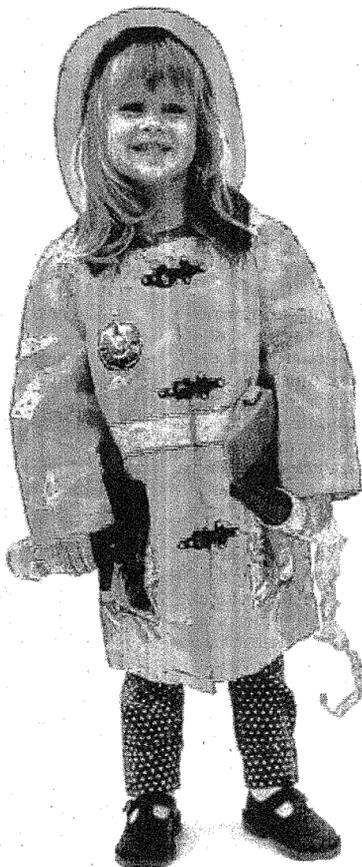
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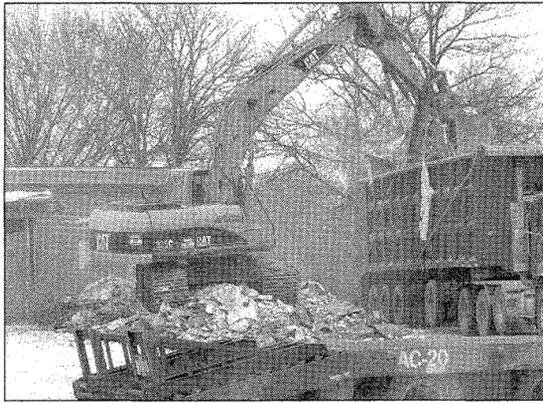
Old Perrinville School succumbs to wrecking ball

Demolition of Old Perrinville School, except for the historic one-room schoolhouse portion, should be completed by the end of this week, said Jim McMuldloch, engineer for Livonia Public Schools.

"It's going according to schedule," he said Tuesday. The slab and foundation of the 39,200-square-foot building will take another three or four weeks to remove.

The one-room schoolhouse, built by Henry Ford in 1937, is being preserved. "It's in pretty good condition," McMuldloch said, though it does need work. The one-room schoolhouse had to be separated from the south end of the building before demolition began.

School officials hope one day the schoolhouse can be moved to a more suitable location where it can continue to be preserved and enjoyed by future generations.



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Old Perrinville School is coming down. Perrinville was used an elementary school until 1982 and then as a preschool until 2008 when it was vacated.

The 4.5-acre site at Farmington and Joy roads in Westland where Old Perrinville School stood will be kept as green space. "We're going to plant grass and level the field out," McMuldloch

said. A little bit of parking lot off Farmington Road will remain for access to the one-room schoolhouse.

The school board Nov. 15 approved a bid of \$198,900 to Blue Star Inc. of Warren.



The historic one-room schoolhouse, built by Henry Ford in 1937, is being preserved. It was separated from the rest of the building before demolition.

The district will save \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year in general-fund expenses by tearing down the building, according to Donna McDowell, administrator of communications for the district. The money for the demolition is coming out of

the district's sinking fund. The building was last used by Livonia schools for the Perrinville preschool program for children with special needs. That program was moved to the former Adams Elementary on Lyndon in

2008. Ford built the schoolhouse, then called Nankin Mills, for the children of his workers in his nearby factory at Newburgh Dam. He sold the school in 1946 for \$1 to the Nankin Mills school district. It was added onto several times, and was renamed Perrinville in 1959. Livonia Public Schools acquired the building in 1969 when the district's boundary lines were redrawn by the state to include the northern portion of the Nankin Mills district. Perrinville remained an elementary school until 1982.

After that, it housed several Livonia school district departments until 1998 when it was upgraded and renovated for the preschool program. It had been vacant since 2008.

McDowell said the district had been actively pursuing possible tenants to no avail, given the economy.

-By Karen Smith

House Democrats urge passage of Hire Michigan First plan

Calling for state leaders to back up their bipartisan talk with action, western Wayne County House Democrats have announced their plans to reintroduce the Hire Michigan First plan, an aggressive job-creation package meant to put Michigan workers back on the job now by making sure they are first in line for the jobs their tax dollars create.

The Hire Michigan First plan supports working families by rewarding companies that employ Michigan workers and cracks down on those that hire undocumented workers. House Democrats passed the Hire Michigan First plan multiple times in past legislative sessions, but key provisions were gutted by the Republican-controlled Senate.

"This plan is about standing up for our working families and making sure that they always come first," added State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, a sponsor of the plan. "It's unbelievable that our displaced workers are watching jobs that their tax dollars helped create go to workers from Ohio, Indiana or even other countries. Our plan will fix this problem and make sure that we are doing everything we can to ensure that taxpayer dollars are being used to help create jobs for Michigan workers now."

"It's extremely disappointing that a common-sense plan like this has been blocked so many times in the past, and I hope that will change with the new bipartisan tone set by Governor Snyder," added State Rep. Bob Constan, D-

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Dearborn Heights. "When taxpayer dollars are used to create jobs, those jobs should go to Michigan workers. That's something that we should all be able to agree on. We also can all see that Michigan's families are hurting and they need jobs now. Hire Michigan First addresses both these issues, and we need to work together to get it passed."

The Hire Michigan First plan helps make sure that state economic development incentives and contracts are used to hire Michigan workers, not illegal immigrants

or workers from other states. Michigan will spend nearly \$3 billion this year on tax incentives for businesses, but there is currently no way for the state to determine how many jobs they create or if those jobs are going to Michigan workers.

The lawmakers planned to reintroduce the plan Tuesday. If passed, it would:

- Give companies that hire Michigan workers priority in the awarding of state tax incentives and other economic development tools.
- Create transparency and accountability by requiring

companies that accept incentives to report on who they hire to ensure that Michigan residents are put first.

• Crack down on companies that hire undocumented workers by creating penalties that can include requiring them to pay back their tax incentives and barring them from future state contracts.

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, the plan is the "right thing to do for our working families" and hopes his colleagues and other state leaders "will not make our workers wait any longer and will work together to pass this plan."

"Michigan is giving billions of dollars in tax incentives to businesses each year, but we have no way of knowing how many jobs we're getting for Michigan workers in return,"

said LeBlanc. "To me, that says the state isn't doing its job. The Hire Michigan First plan will create the transparency we need to make sure those jobs are going to Michigan workers and helping them provide for their families."

"Our workers are the best in the country, but they have been hit hard by downsizing, outsourcing and the changing global economy," added State Rep. Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford Township. "We have to do everything we can to support them. When Michigan taxpayers help create jobs, they have every right to demand that those jobs go to our workers. Hire Michigan First will help people get back on their feet and help turn our economy around."

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Fourth defendant accepts plea in 2009 home invasion

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A plea bargain will result in a prison sentence for the last of four defendants charged with terrorizing and robbing a Westland family in their home. Under the plea agreement, Robert Kirby, who turns 26 this month, will be sentenced to 10 years in prison — eight years for home invasion after serving the mandatory two years for felony firearm.

“He was looking at significant jail time, he chose the safe route with the 10 years,” said Westland police Sgt. Kevin Wojcik. Kirby and co-defendants Adam Mastaw, Geraud Austin and Leonard Hren were charged with the home invasion and robbery of a home on Huff during the early morning hours of Sept. 26, 2009. The intruders bound the family with duct tape and held them at gunpoint, threatening to kill them.

Members of the Duzak family were unable to identify Kirby as one of the robbers. Co-defendant Hren, who is related to the family, entered a plea agreement and his testimony tied Kirby to the crime. Plea bargains also were entered by Mastaw and Austin, who like Kirby originally were facing 22 felony charges stemming from the home invasion. All of the defendants were convicted felons at the time of the incident. Kirby was on parole

through Feb. 5 for a prior home invasion conviction. Hren testified that he had been living at a Detroit home with Kirby, his girlfriend and for a time, Mastaw. As Kirby looked for someone with money to rob, Hren testified that he had told him about the Duzaks, whose home contained many valuables including a large gun collection. Not actually present during the home invasion, Hren, 48, is serving 2 1/2 years to 20 years

after pleading guilty to breaking and entering and felony firearm. His earliest release would be in 2014, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections. A Westland resident, Mastaw, 26, is serving eight to 15 years after pleading guilty to armed robbery and five years for his second felony firearm conviction. He had prior convictions for vehicle theft and receiving stolen property. His earliest release date would be in 2022,

according to MDOC. Detroit resident Austin, 24, is serving seven to 20 years for home invasion and two years for felony firearm. The MDOC lists 2019 as the earliest release date for Austin, who had a prior conviction for felonious assault. “The family was happy with the sentence. This chapter of their life they can put behind them and move on,” said Wojcik.

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7-Eleven clerk robbed at knife point

Armed robbery

A clerk at 7-Eleven, 8791 N. Wayne Road, told police that he was robbed at knife point just after 5

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a.m. Jan. 29. The clerk said that a man dressed in black and wearing a hoodie entered the store as he began to mop the floors.

The man walked around the store for a short time, then began to walk toward the front as if he was leaving, the clerk said. The man grabbed a napkin, wiped his nose and dropped the napkin on the floor, the clerk told police. As the suspect passed him, the clerk said he was grabbed from behind and put into a choke hold with a knife held to his throat.

The man dragged the clerk behind the counter and demanded all the money, said the clerk, who handed over \$170.

The suspect then ran from the store and the clerk called police. Officers found fresh tracks in the snow and a Garden City police dog conducted a track that ended in the parking lot of Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne

Road. The officer noted the footprints ended and fresh tire tracks were visible indicating the suspect got into a vehicle.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident of an apartment at 37705 Lakewood Circle told police Jan. 31 that someone had removed the exhaust system from her 2008 Dodge Nitro while it was parked in the parking lot overnight. She said she obtained a \$2,500 estimate to replace the exhaust system.

Break-ins

Police were called to the Landings Apartments Jan. 29 after two break-ins were reported at 6890 Lakeview.

A resident of one apartment called police to report a break-in. The front door had been pried open. The tenant told police a Tag Heuer watch and a class ring, valued at \$1,050, had been stolen.

The second apartment located next door was found with the front door pried open but no one was inside. Officers noticed dresser drawers open as if it had been searched. Due to an

empty spot and cord next to a printer, the officer surmised a laptop computer may have been stolen.

Retail fraud

A Garden City woman was arrested Jan. 29 for shoplifting clothing and a ring from Kohl's, 35000 Warren Road. A store employee told police he spotted the woman take a ring, remove the packaging and conceal it in her pocket. She was stopped as she left the store and admitted to taking clothing which was recovered from her vehicle.

The items were valued at \$110. Police said the woman, who was missing one hand, had several prior retail fraud convictions.

Break-in

A resident in the 8600 block of Donna told police Jan. 22 that he went out for dinner and returned an hour later to find the rear window had been broken. Several rooms had been searched, the resident said, adding that a non-working single shot pistol and some silver dollars valued at \$100 were missing.

The officer noted there were

fresh prints in the snow near the rear door which someone had tried to kick in before breaking the window.

Attempted vehicle theft

On Jan. 30, a resident in the 31000 block of Cowan told police that someone had pried the door and ignition of his 2008 Chrysler Sebring in an attempt to steal it. He said the vehicle had been locked and he believed the alarm had been activated although he didn't hear any audible alarm.

Animal cruelty

Police were called to a home in the 32000 block of Missaukee Court Jan. 22 about a dog that was being left outside without shelter. The officer found a female pit bull tied to a fence with a cord shivering in 13-degree weather.

The owner told the officer the dog had only been outside for 20 minutes to urinate and could provide no paperwork for vaccinations or a dog license. She was cited for animal neglect, license violations and failing to provide animal shot records.

—By LeAnne Rogers

Police arrest man twice for disorderly conduct

Disorderly person

The Garden City police arrested a 21-year-old Garden City man about 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29. It was his second arrest in eight hours that day.

The first incident occurred about 3:15 p.m. at his home in the 6500

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block of Venoy. The police were called there because of a verbal, physically nonviolent family trouble incident where he was yelling loudly at his wife. The man was so loud that the police could hear him outside as they approached the apartment complex.

He continued to carry on his conversation in loud tones, even with the police as they talked to him in the hallway. He started to walk away from the officers when he grabbed and arrested. He was ticketed for disorderly conduct and released without bond.

About four hours later, the police received another call that there was trouble at the same address. The man had returned home. When officers arrived, he agreed to leave to avoid a further confrontation with his wife.

Using binoculars, one officer continued to observe the man who left and headed over to the BP gas station at 32889 Warren. He noticed that the man stayed inside of the gas station at least 30 minutes, until he appeared to become agitated with the clerk. The man turned over a steel rack of merchandise and left the store and entered the lot of the neighboring business.

Police dispatch received a call from the clerk who said that the man “tore up” the business. The police arrested the man again and he was lodged for bond.

Break-in

The Garden City police responded to a break-in of an office located at 24093 Warren Road that occurred sometime before 9 a.m. Jan. 31. The police found a broken window and pry marks on the front door.

Although entry was gained, nothing was taken, according to police.

Home invasion

The police assisted the Westland police who were tracking a home invasion suspect but was still working on making an arrest about 8 p.m. Jan. 27.

The home invasions were in the Arcola and Cardwell area.

The police were specifically interested in following a man on a bike. They followed bike tracks on Cardwell and Arcola as well as through the parking lot of Garden City Hospital and onto Maplewood and into Dearborn Heights.

The police found a jewelry box on Inkster Road which they believe was linked to a home invasion. The police believe that at one point, the man on the bike might have stopped at a home where he offered to clean the woman's snow for \$10.

Drunk driving

A 58-year-old Westland man was arrested for drunken driving and possession of narcotics paraphernalia about 10:45 p.m. Jan. 27 in the parking lot of Sports Venue, 6327 Middlebelt.

The police said that his 2005 Ford Escape was parked illegally in a handicapped parking spot and his engine was running. When the police searched his vehicle, they found a marijuana pipe with marijuana residue on it. Ross Towing towed his vehicle.

—By Sue Buck

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Fire officials look for cause of house fire

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Garden City fire crews responded to two separate structure fires recently — one at a home, the other involving a garage.

Firefighters responded at 7 a.m. Jan. 23 to a house fire in the 31700 block of Dover that had been called in by a "passerby," Garden City Fire Chief Catherine Harman said. Flames were visible from the north and east windows of the second floor, and automatic aid was immediately requested.

No one was outside the home, Harman said.

With a vehicle in the driveway, lights on in the house, and no answer at either unlocked door, the incident commander immediately ordered a search for occupants.

"As fire crews conducted their primary search, the flames had breached the eaves and entered the attic," Harman said.

As automatic aid companies arrived, additional lines were pulled, and secondary searches were initiated.

"No occupants were located in the home," Harman said.

The firefighters then focused on the fire, which had spread across the attic. The entire structure sustained damage, she said.

Later, a young man arrived with his mother, who identified himself as the lease holder, she said.

"He said that he and a roommate discovered smoldering embers on some clothing on the floor and extinguished it," Harman said. "The roommate opened two windows to clear the smoke. A half-hour, later the room was engulfed in flames. He and his roommate tried to extinguish the fire unsuccessfully. They left the scene and called 9-1-1, not identifying themselves as the occupants."

Fortunately, no one was injured in the searches or fire.

"The delay in attacking the fire while attempting to locate possible occupants accelerated the fire, further endangering the lives of our firefighters," Harman said.

Extreme cold factored into the

situation, which also called for salvage and overhaul in addition to slip and fall conditions, she added.

"Two members of our fire investigation team were called to the scene and conducted an investigation," Harman said. "The investigation is still ongoing."

Garden City Police remained on scene with 1-800-Board company and requested additional board-up to secure the property.

There were three cats living in the home. Two were located and secured in a department non-emergency response vehicle. One was returned to the owner, the second was up in the dash and refused to move. Eventually, it was removed when access was gained by firefighters and returned to the owner.

The status of the third cat is unknown. It was not located in the home during salvage and overhaul, Harman said.

In the other fire, firefighters responded to a garage fire on Cardwell and Bock at about noon Friday, Jan. 21.

"Gasoline containers as well as propane tanks were discovered and immediately removed," Harman said.

A neighbor contacted the owner, who returned home.

"He said he had a BULL heater on the tank operating and left," she said. "The cause of the fire was the BULL heater being left unattended and near combustible materials. No one was injured."

According to Harman, a BULL heater can be put on a propane tank and used in a commercial setting or residential garage to heat the facility. It is designed for use while attended and ventilation is required.

It is a supplemental heat source designed for use in garages, sheds or other similar facilities. It is not designed as a single heat source.

"This appliance has several variations," Harman said. "Some of the updated ones have hoses that connect to the tank itself. Older versions and current ones can attach directly to the tank."

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Leisure classes

Cambridge Community Education Leisure Department is now accepting registrations for the following classes: Healthy Cooking, Computers, Super Sitter ages 11+, and Crocheting for Beginners. For more information call Cambridge at (734) 762-8430.

Lori Grigg will demonstrate how service dogs can help those with chronic pain when the Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, south of Ford, in Garden City.

Our group also is hosting a seminar/workshop 1-5 p.m. Thursday, April 14. Dr. Howard Schubiner from Providence Hospital, and author of *Unlearn Your Pain*, and Dr. James Dowd, rheumatologist, and author of *The Vitamin D Cure*, will be the speakers.

The seminar/workshop costs \$40 per person. The group has no dues but donations are accepted and appreciated. For more information, visit the website at www.MetroFibroGroup.com or call Ruthann at (734) 981-2519.

Open House

St. Damian School is holding an Open House noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, for parents interested in enrolling their children in the school.

The school has been an integral part of the Westland-Garden City area and the Archdiocese of Detroit for 51 years. Both Catholic and non-Catholic families have embraced St. Damian School as the school of choice for their children.

The school maintains high academic standards and offers a well rounded curriculum. Students are respectful, responsible, and take pride in doing their best as they live out their faith life each day. The school and parents work to maintain a collaborative partnership in support of the students.

Parents also can get more information on the school website at www.stdamian.com or call (734) 427-1680 to arrange a tour.

Passport to Africa

In celebration of Black History Month, Wayne County Community College District's School of Continuing Education in partnership with The Michigan Citizen is presenting Passport to Africa 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the 1001 W. Fort St., Detroit. The event will feature African cuisines, an authentic African marketplace, African music and dance, a Best African Attire contest, fashion show, storytelling and more.

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To register for the program, call (313) 496-2704. A registration form also is available on the Garden City Public Schools' website, www.gardencityschools.com, under the superintendent's office in Files and Document. The form can be mailed to the Wayne County Community College District, attn: School of Continuing Education, 801 W. Fort Street, Detroit, MI 48226 or faxed to (313) 962-1643.

Get flocked
Garden City High School's Project Graduation 2011 wants to make folks feel special by having their "cheerful flamingos" pay a visit have come to pay. They will typically stay only a few days, but they have been known to take flight early and land on a lawn of your choice for a small fee of \$15, which is less than what that special someone paid to flock you.

It's a chance to return the Flamingo Flocking Favor. Optional Flocking Insurance is available to protect you from any future flockings. The policy amount is \$15 and good for the 2010-11 school year. A word to the wise: Sometimes the flamingos have nothing to do and get bored, so, without notice they will take off for some random flocking. Again, the flamingos will only stay a few days, but when they act like that it's unclear how much fun they are having or how long they will stay.

You can insure a timely departure with a donation to Project Graduation. All Flocking Funds go to Support Garden City High School Project Graduation. Give PG's Flocking Specialists a call at (734) 612-5274 or (734) 904-3643 or send an e-mail to gardencityprojectgrad@yahoo.com.

Garden City Rotary
The Garden City Rotary Club is on the hunt for new members. The local club was chartered in 1940 as part of the worldwide Rotary International organization and is guided by the Rotary motto "Service Above Self." Charitable involvement covers the spectrum from local activities, such as college scholarships, literacy training, coats for needy elementary children, to projects including school construction and orphanage support in Latin America, as well as pure water, polio vaccination, and other international humanitarian efforts.

Rotary offers a wonderful opportunity for people to provide service for others on many different levels and to the extent they feel comfortable doing so. At the same time, it offers the availability for weekly contact and socialization with other, like-minded, nice people.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road just east of Venoy in Garden City. Individuals interested in more information about the club can call Steve Kelly at (734) 748-1345.

Garden City Kiwanis

The Garden City Kiwanis Club of is recruiting new members to help provide assistance to the disadvantaged residents of our community — especially children — who are having a difficult time during this economic recession. Founded in 1948, the Kiwanis Club of Garden City provides many community service projects each year including a "Baby Shower" for the Garden City Family Resource Center, a continuing Food Pantry drive, the Trauma Doll Project for hospitalized children, and the Third Grade Dictionary Project.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road at Venoy in Garden City.

Anyone who is interested in attending one of the luncheons or with questions about the club's community involvement can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101.

Museum fund-raising

The Friends of the Museum are continuing their fund-raising efforts, selling engraved brick pavers and renting the Grande Parlour for social and business occasions.

The bricks are \$50 for the 4-inch by 8-inch size that has up to three lines. The 8-inch by 8-inch bricks are \$75 and have room for up to six lines of text.

The Lathers General Store is open from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, offering a variety of collectibles and gift items. Call (734) 838-0650 for more information or visit www.sfhonline.org.

Free testing

As a service to the community, the staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing, free of charge, on a bi-weekly basis to senior citizens at the Maplewood Community Center, located on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Testing will be available at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (734) 458-4330.



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Think it's cold here? Local resident works in Antarctica

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It may be cold and snowy in Livonia, but the wintry weather here is nothing compared with what Churchill High School grad Eric Sokol endured in Antarctica.

Sokol spent two months on the frozen continent doing research on bacterial communities for Virginia Tech, where he earned his doctorate degree.

On Monday, he shared photos and stories of his experience with students at Hillel Day School in Farmington Hills, where his mother, Joanne, is the assistant head of the school.

Sokol, 30, had blogged with the students during his trip, which ended Dec. 28.

Sokol told the students he enjoyed communicating with them. "It's not fun to go on a trip and not get to talk to people," he said.

While it was summer in Antarctica while he was there, the temperature typically hovered around zero at McMurdo Station, where he stayed part of the time. It would drop from minus-50 to minus-70 in wind storms at the field camps in the Dry Valleys, or cold deserts, where Sokol and his team members collected soil samples.

While working at the field camps, Sokol slept in a tent. He would boil water and put it in two water bottles in his sleeping bag to help him stay warm. The camps had a heated hut with a kitchen and electricity generated from solar and wind power.

They used outhouses and sealed up their waste in buckets to be transported back to McMurdo Station — a fact that fascinated the students. "You can't add fertilizer or it will change the ecosystem," he said.

MUMMIFIED SEAL CARCASS
He showed the students a photo of a mummified carcass from a seal that had gotten



Eric Sokol just returned from Antarctica. He spoke to students at Hillel Day School in Farmington Hills, where his mother, Joanne, is assistant head of the school.

lost and wandered into the Dry Valleys from the sea ice. It is so cold and dry in the desert, the seal carcass was preserved pretty well, he said.

Travel was by helicopter because there are no roads. During the flight to Antarctica, he lost an entire day going over the international dateline.

Sokol was one of the few ecologists doing research at Antarctica. With 95 percent of the continent covered in snow and ice, the deserts are among the few places where there is soil because it's too dry and windy for snow to stick around.

The sun never set while he was there.

Life at McMurdo Station, where about 1,200 people live during the summer, was easier. "It was kind of like a college town," he said, adding there are restaurants, a

coffeehouse and a wine bar. There are no year-round residents and only a skeletal crew in the winter.

He got to hike on glaciers and enjoyed talking with the geologists there and learning about the history of the continent. Antarctica was first discovered in the 1820s and not explored until the early 20th century.

While there, Sokol found an old smoke signal canister from an earlier explorer.

PIONEER WORK

Fourth-grade teacher Sarah Radner compared Sokol's experience with that of American pioneer Laura Ingalls Wilder.

"He's doing pioneer work in the year 2011," she said, adding that there aren't too many places left that haven't been explored.

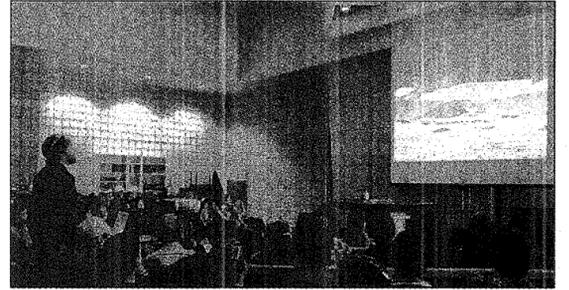
Sokol learned how to build

a snow dugout for protection in the event he got lost; Wilder lived in an earthen dugout for a time. "The kids were fascinated by that," she said.

Fifth-grader Sam Plotnick, 10, learned something new from Sokol's presentation. "I didn't know there were deserts in Antarctica," he said.

Fifth-grader Rachel Berg, 9, liked hearing about Mount Erebus, the world's southernmost historically active volcano, which overlooks the McMurdo research station and has continuous lava-lake activity. She couldn't believe something so hot could be somewhere so cold.

Sokol's mother said her son has inspired students at her school. "Some children became interested in careers in science and began checking out books from the library to see what possibilities there were," she said.



Ninety-five percent of the continent is covered in snow and ice.



Eric Sokol explains what life was like living in Antarctica for two months, where temperatures dropped from minus-50 to minus-70 during wind storms. He slept in a tent part of the time.

As a child, Eric was always curious, she said. "When he was about 18 months old, someone gave him two books — a book about whales and another book called *Under the Sea*, which he insisted on reading with me at least six or seven times a day."

A third-grade teacher at Kennedy Elementary who had a tarantula, lizard and praying matis in an aquarium helped further his interest in science.

He graduated in 1998 from the math/science/computer program at Churchill, where he had "a lot of good teachers," including Julie Tafelski, a new teacher at the time.

He earned his undergraduate degree from the University

of Michigan. Sokol became interested in doing research in Antarctica while a student at Virginia Tech. While there, he helped to write the grant proposal for the project.

Now he works as a research scientist for Florida International University, studying aquatic insects in the Everglades, where temperatures soar into the 90s in the summer.

But he wants to go back to Antarctica.

"It was fun," he said. "I like hiking and I like winter."

To read Sokol's blog, go to <http://sokole.blogspot.com/>.

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Wayne County launches long-term national children's health study

Women living in Westland, Canton, Wayne and Livonia who are or will soon be pregnant will be eligible to participate in a long-term national study of children's health.

The Michigan Alliance of the National Children's Study is launching the National Children's Study in Wayne County, which is the first of five Michigan counties to participate. The study will document the effects of the social and physical environment on children's health from pregnancy to age 21. One hundred thousand families nationwide will participate in the study.

Wayne County is one of 30 national vanguard sites selected to test various recruitment methods to enroll women who are pregnant, or considering becoming pregnant in the near future.

"Nationally, we spend billions to treat childhood conditions, such as cerebral palsy, birth defects, autism and asthma. Until now, we have never supported large scale research across the nation that examines the conditions and factors that influence a child's health before, during and after birth," said Dr. Nigel Paneth, a pediatrician and perinatal epidemiologist and principal investigator of MANCS. "The National Children's Study has the potential to discover ways to improve the overall health and well-being of children and to prevent disease, helping to guide health practice, clinical interventions and health policy for future generations."

"We are at the forefront of this effort. As a community, we have the opportunity to embrace the study," said Christine Joseph, senior staff epidemiologist, Henry Ford Health System. "We have much to gain in terms of the future health of our children, and Wayne County is a key player as one of the first locations nationally to launch."

STUDY SAMPLE

Women who are or will soon be pregnant are eligible for the study, if they reside in statistically selected neighborhoods. The study sample will accurately reflect the diversity of Wayne County. Those who join the study will be asked to stay involved from before the child is born until he or she reaches their 21st birthday. Participating mothers will be asked a series of questions about their and their child's health and environment. Study staff will collect samples from participants and the environment. No medications or drugs will be administered. Participants will be compensated at various intervals during the study.

Wayne County is asking obstetricians, gynecolo-



Niema White of Wayne County Head Start (from left), Joan Noricks, director of the Canton Community Foundation, Schylbea Hopkins of the AKA Sorority and 100 Black Women and Pat Beard of Omnicare Health Plan sign a poster following announcement of the start of the National Children's Study in Wayne County.



Dr. Nigel Paneth of Michigan State University, is the principal investigator for the Michigan Alliance for the National Children's Study.

gists, pediatricians, nurses and members of the health community to provide study information to patients. Study recruitment includes community outreach and information. MANCS will enroll the first participants this month.

"Whether you participate personally in this study or encourage someone to do so, you are doing a great service for our community," said Paneth. "You truly have the ability to impact the health of future generations."

The NCS is funded by the National Institutes of Health. In 2007, MANCS received an \$18.5 million, five-year contract to conduct the Study in Wayne County. In 2008,

MANCS received an additional \$57 million in funding to conduct the NCS in Genesee, Grand Traverse, Lenawee and Macomb counties. Those counties will launch over the next few years as results of the vanguard study become available. In addition to the health benefits of the study, these contracts will bring quality jobs to Michigan.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

The Michigan Alliance for the National Children's Study, which is conducting the study in Michigan, is a collaborative partnership of scientists and health care providers representing Henry Ford Health System,

Michigan Department of Community Health, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Wayne State University and its affiliate, Children's Hospital of Michigan.

In Wayne County, MANCS is collaborating with the Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion and Wayne County Health and Human Services.

MSU will coordinate the overall work of the study and house the main study office at its East Lansing campus. MSU also will be responsible for the retention of study participants. MSU Extension will play a major role in developing community engagement in each of the five counties.

U-M will be responsible for enrolling and interviewing

study participants and assessing postnatal child development, while WSU will oversee the assessment and care of pregnant women. Children's Hospital of Michigan will manage the repository for biological samples.

The Henry Ford Health System will work with MSU Extension to develop community support, manage environmental samples, and oversee medical examinations of children, while MDCH will provide information related to live birth characteristics and locations in each of the five participating counties.

Potential participants can ask their health care provider for information about the study, or check eligibility by calling 888-99-MI-NCS (888-996-4627).

QUICK FACTS

- The National Children's Study is the largest long-term study to be conducted on the effects of the environment on children's health from before birth until a child is 21 years old.
- Women aged 18-49 who are pregnant or considering becoming pregnant and who live in statistically selected areas are being recruited to participate.
- 100,000 ethnically diverse families from 105 communities across the U.S. are expected to participate in the study.
- The study will be conducted in five counties in Michigan, beginning with Wayne County this year. Genesee, Grand Traverse, Lenawee and Macomb counties will launch in the next few years.
- The study is being conducted by the Michigan Alliance for the National Children's Study (MANCS), a collaborative partnership of university-based scientists and health care providers assembled more than eight years ago to bring this landmark study and new federal funds to Michigan.
- Wayne County is a vanguard center for the National Children's Study. One of 30 vanguard centers in the U.S., Wayne County will test the effectiveness of recruiting study participants through obstetricians, gynecologists, pediatricians, nurses, and members of the health community to provide information about the study to eligible women.
- In 2007, MANCS received an \$18.5 million, five-year NIH contract to conduct the study in Wayne County, and in 2008, an additional \$57 million was allocated to conduct the Study in Genesee, Grand Traverse, Lenawee and Macomb counties. The study will hire 200-300 employees to work in Michigan.
- For information on the study, call 1-877-40-MANCS (1-877-406-2627) or visit www.mancs.us and/or www.nationalchildrensstudy.gov websites. For eligibility information, call 1-888-99-MI-NCS.

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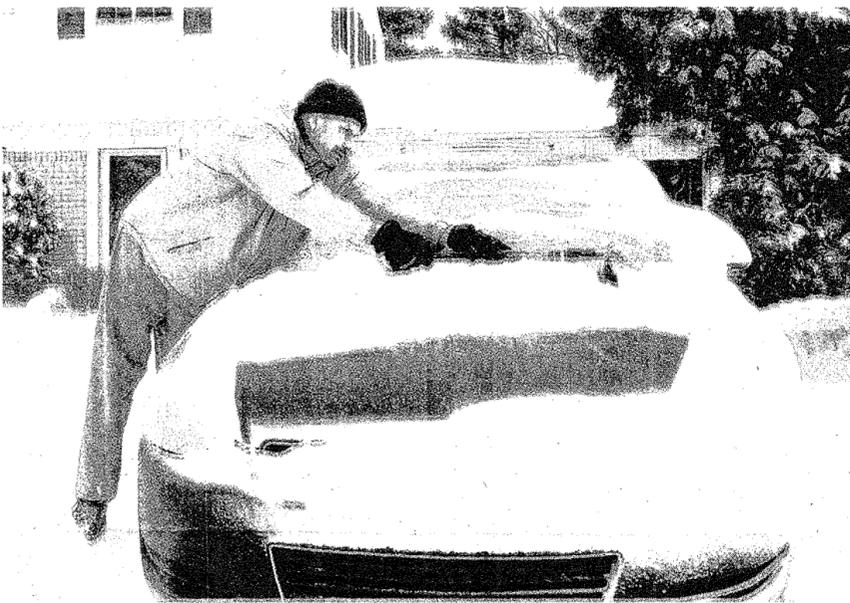
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Residents on Harvey Street in Plymouth clear driveways and sidewalks.



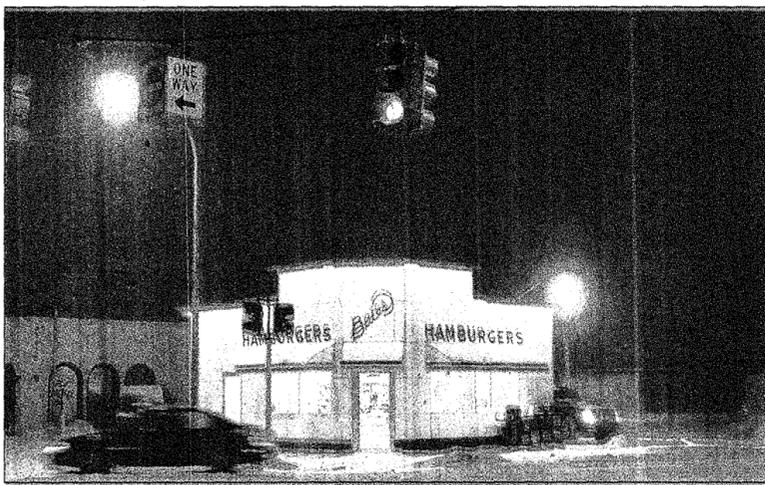
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Mike Fisher clears snow from his cars after Tuesday night's storm. He lives on Russell Street in Plymouth Township.



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Charlotte Kim takes her dogs, Simba and Shoony, for a morning walk through Canton's Cherry Hill District.



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Livonia's iconic Bates Hamburgers is still feeding a few hardy souls at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday.

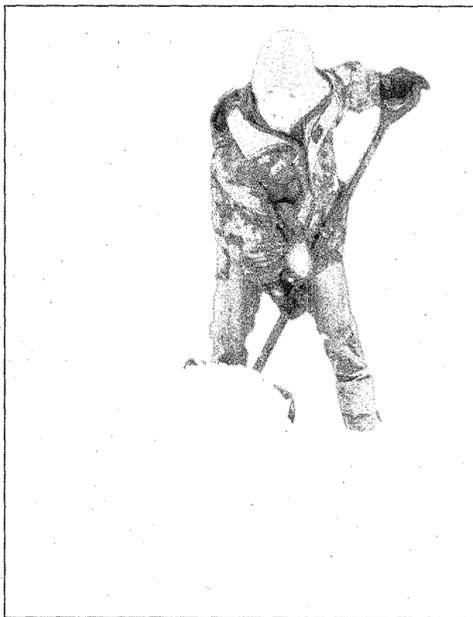


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Cars struggle up the Plymouth Road hill near 35th District Court as Wayne County plows try to keep the road clear of drifting snow.

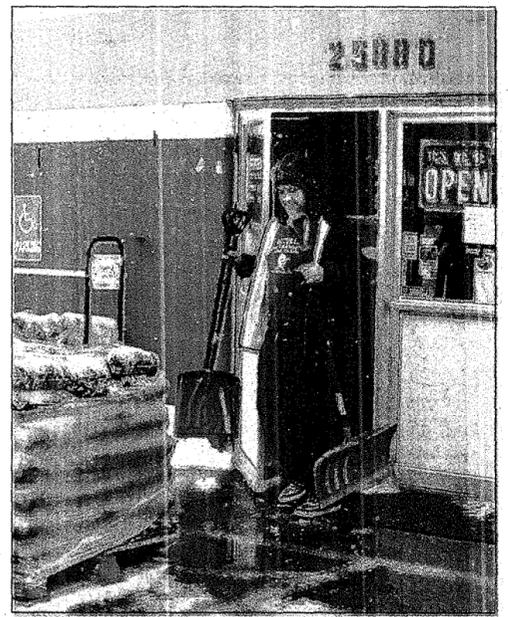


Westland resident Mary Pat Callahan dug out of her driveway while still in her pajamas.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Jonathan Gillispi (Redford) make some extra money shoveling snow for a homeowner on Hope St.



THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Rod Revels (Redford) purchases three shovels from Township True Value Hardware.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@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

American Legion

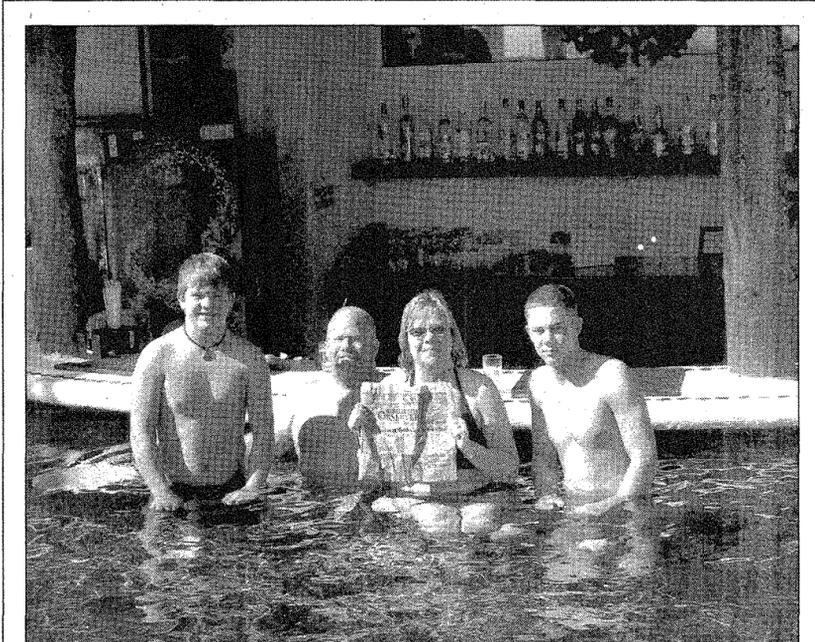
Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month
Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honorably discharged.
Contact: Bill Acton at (734) 326-2607, Ron Nickels at (734) 455-3415 or visit the website at www.post251.com or www.post251.org.

Angela Hospice

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 24
Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia
Details: Designer purses full of gift certificates, donated by Emmy-winning actress Mariska Hargitay, star of "Law and Order: SVU," NBC's "The Today Show" co-host Kathie Lee Gifford, popular WDIV-TV Channel 4 news anchor Carmen Harlan and WOMC 104.3 FM's "Sunday Brunch" host Stacey DuFord will be raffled off during Angela Hospice's fourth annual women's event, "Laughter Lifts You Up!" Guests will enjoy a gourmet meal with dessert and a wine, beer and soda bar. A fashion show of designer purses will entertain guests before the night's main act, comedian Debi Gutierrez. All proceeds from the event benefit grief support and counseling programs offered by Angela Hospice, free to the community for all ages. Reservations are \$45 per person and are available through March 21 or until sold out. Tickets for purse raffle also can be purchased. Winners need not be present to win.
Contact: Call Contact Barb Iovan a (734) 953-6045 or by e-mail at biovan@angelahospice.net.

NAMI Metro

Time/Date/Location: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the St. Regis Parish School Campus in Bloomfield Hills and Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011 at Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor.
Details: NAMI's Families In Action (FIA) educational program is specifically for people with a loved one diagnosed with a mental illness. The workshop meets every week for 10 consecutive weeks, ending April 27 and 28 respectively. Facilitators who conduct the meetings are family members who have been trained by the Educational Committee of NAMI Michigan. The goal is to help families better understand mental illness, how it affects the family and what they can do to help. A nominal fee of \$20 per person or \$30 per couple will be charged at the time of registration. Families In Action is sponsored by NAMI Metro and funded in large part by the Oakwood Healthcare Foundation - Heritage Hospital.
Contact: For additional information or to register for this program please call (248) 348-7197 or (734) 427-1435. Space is limited, so you



Wish You Were Here

The Gates family of Westland - Bruce and Rhonda and sons Jacob and Lucas - took their Observer with them on their Christmas vacation in Cancun, Mexico. Rhonda reports that they went on a couple of jungle tours and went snorkeling. However, she's sorry to report that her hometown newspaper was a "little" wet for their photo after she "slipped and went under with the paper. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

must pre-register for this program.

Fish fry

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Friday
Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia
Details: Dinners cost \$8.95 per person.
Contact: For details and reservations, call (248) 476-8383.

Fibromyalgia Group

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10
Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford, Garden City
Details: Lori Grigg will demonstrate how service dogs can help those with chronic pain at the Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group meeting. The group meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the church. There are no dues, but donations are accepted.
Contact: (734) 981-2519; www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

Railrodiana

Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6
Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland
Details: The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club will sponsor a Toys and Train Show at the church hall. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. Parking is free. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10 each. Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. the day of the show.
Contact: To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.

St. Robert Bellarmine

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 6
Location: St. Robert Bellarmine School, 27101 W. Chicago, Redford
Details: St. Robert Bellarmine School is accepting enrollment for our preschool for 3-4-year-old children. It also has openings in grades K-8

for the 2011-2012 school year. The school offers a strong academic curriculum as well as art, music, library, computer, physical education and Spanish. It emphasizes strength in academics, respect for others and belief in Christian values in a quality faith-based educational environment. Latchkey is available before and after school.
Contact: Call (313) 937-1655 or visit the website at www.strobertbellarmine.com and click on the school link.

Juried Craft Show

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 9
Location: Eton Senior Center, 4900 Pardee, Dearborn Heights,
Details: Vendors can visit the Eton Senior Citizen Center to pick up an application for the crafts show between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday. Application deadline is March 4. The show will feature jewelry, edibles, art wear, wood, personalized items, paper and glass. Food will be available for purchase and there will be a raffle. The show benefits the Dearborn Heights Senior Citizen Program.
Contact: For more information, call (313) 277-7765.

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 or call (734) 722-3660

World events influence our country's economy

Last Friday was one of those days when investors were reminded that markets are volatile.

Many are asking why the market would be spooked over what is happening in Egypt. After all, Egypt's economy is relatively small and should have minimal effect on our markets. All that is true, however, there are other issues involved which impact the world economy.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

There are political implications regarding what is happening in Egypt. Under the Mubarak government, Egypt has been a strategic ally of the United States and the west. If Mubarak is overthrown, who replaces him? What will a new Egypt look like? All of these issues have an impact on the world economy. The obvious impact, and the one that gets the most attention, is the price of oil. Even though Egypt is not a major oil exporter, a disruption in oil delivery via the Suez Canal could cause gas prices to rise. That is coupled with the reality that whenever there is a conflict in the Middle East, oil prices immediately jump.

The world economy and the U.S. economy are struggling to recover and grow again. Higher energy prices can stifle that growth. Turmoil and uncertainty in Egypt will cause a spike in oil prices. Closer to home, a slowdown in the U.S. and world economy may have severe implications to the recovery of the U.S. auto industry. The auto industry's recovery is fragile and rising energy prices can reverse the gains.

Disruption in shipping along the Suez Canal impact oil as well as other goods. Asian goods are shipped around the world through the Suez Canal.

If it is closed to shipping, alternative, more expensive routes would have to be taken. Eventually those costs — higher energy prices — are passed on to consumers around the world. The combination of higher energy prices, plus higher prices for Asian goods, could slow down the worldwide economy. We no longer live in an American economy, we live in a world economy. Disruptions in any part of the world ultimately affect our markets.

Investors can't allow greed or fear to enter into the decision-making process. My advice is to take a wait-and-see attitude. After all, no one knows what direction this crisis will take.

It would be nice if investors could time the market, in other words, get out of the market during the crisis and then get back in as things settle down. Unfortunately, they can't. It is impossible to predict market reaction over the short run. We've seen this over the last two years where the U.S. economy has struggled but the U.S. stock markets have done great.

Because it is impossible to consistently predict the market over the short run, I tell investors not to even try, but instead ride out the crisis. That's one of the benefits of having a well-balanced and diversified portfolio.

Investors must recognize that the world economy is becoming more integrated and it's impossible to insulate themselves. Even though short-term volatility can be painful, markets tend to smooth out over the long run. And it is the long-term, patient investor who ultimately achieves his/her goals and objectives.

Good luck!

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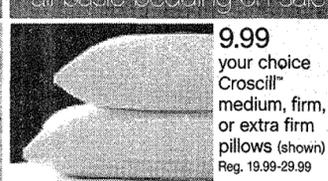
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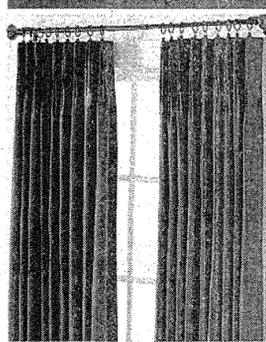
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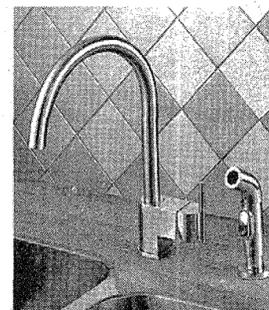
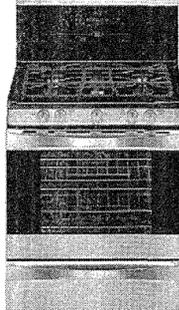
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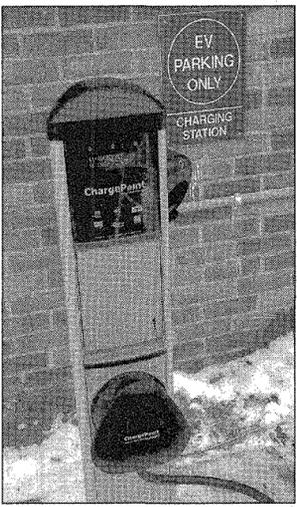
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OUR VIEWS

Go green

City charges ahead on auto emissions

When Mayor William Wild introduced his Mission: Green program a few years, the idea was to cut the city's carbon footprint.



Westland Colonial Village is the first apartment complex in the country to offer a charging station for the owners of electric cars.

reused in the city's Community Garden and at other locations.

So it's no wonder that city took time to honor Westland Colonial Village for the installation of an electric car charging station. It's the only charging station in the Westland-Livonia-Canton area and the only apartment complex in the country with one.

Owner Jeffrey Spoon was presented with the city's Green Business Award for the charge station which is on the Charge Point America net that is being used by the GM's Chevy Volt and the Ford electric Taurus and Transit Connect.

In acknowledging the installation of the charge station, Wild noted that as a green city, it's important to be able to provide residents with the tools to be part of the initiative. We have to agree with that. With government pushing the electrification of vehicles to cut our greenhouse gasses, there has to be an availability of charging stations. It's good to know that Westland is on the forefront of that technology.

Automakers have been working on more and more fuel efficient and electric vehicles to cut our dependence on foreign oil. Eventually, we all will be driving some form of hybrid vehicle, whether it's electric or a form of alternative fuel. A few years ago, the push was for flex fuel vehicles and gas stations that sold E-85. That never quite took off and E-85 stations are few and far between.

The electrification of motor vehicles is in its infancy. There's a lot more to be done and a lot more technology to come. What's today's electric car may not look like that 10, 15 or 20 years down the road. But it's nice to know that as people begin to buy the cars now, there is a place to plug in in Westland.

We believe Westland Colonial Village is a very deserving recipient of city's Green Business Award, and we hope other businesses will follow suit. We can't sit back and wait for the other guy to take the initiative. It's better to get involved now rather than left out in the cold in the future.

We say Go Green, Westland, and we're not talking about the Michigan State Spartans.

Probably the most noticeable step the city took into the green frontier was curbside recycling linked to a rewards program through RecycleBank. It's been more than two years since the program was launched, and Westland continues to be a nationwide leader in municipal recycling with a more than 90 percent participation rate.

It also continues to operate its recycling center off of Marquette for residents who don't have access to the curbside program, and where residents could drop off their live Christmas trees that will be chipped and

COMMUNITY VOICE

Who do you think will win Sunday's Super Bowl game?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



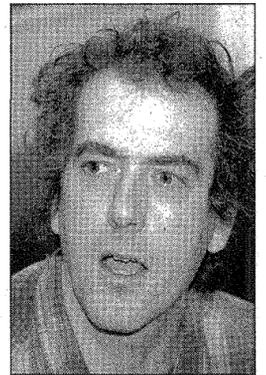
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"Pittsburgh. I like Green Bay, but with Pittsburgh, Green Bay is going down."
Rafael Zyas
Detroit



"Green Bay, they've got momentum going for them now. They had a sixth-place finish in the division, so I think they want it more."
Don Justice
Wayne



"The Steelers, they're just a little bit better as a team this year."
Mike Davis
Westland

LETTERS

McCotter is misguided

Rep. Thaddeus McCotter of the 11th Congressional District of Michigan made official remarks from his office and as a "Republican Conference Chairman" about Egypt.

No American soldiers, money or assistance should go to Egypt. The United States should stay out of it.

President Obama has been giving \$1.2 billion dollars a year to the tyrant President Mubarak of the Arab Republic of Egypt. That is bad.

I winced when I read McCotter's misguided and confused statements. Keep in mind that his big contribution to the War in Iraq was to play in a rock band with some other politicians while "visiting" the troops on a fact-finding mission.

He declared: "Thus America must stand with her ally Egypt to preserve an imperfect government capable of reform; and prevent a tyrannical government capable of harm." Does that sound like gibberish to you?

"For if Egypt is radicalized, all of the reforms sought by the Egyptian people and supported by the United States with them - including consensual and constitutional government, free elections, open and unbridled media and Egyptian control of their natural resources - will be lost. Nascent democratic movements in the region will be co-opted and radicalized."

Egypt was already radicalized. Their constitution declares Egypt to be an Arab-speaking Islamic state.

Whatever happens in Egypt it is none of my business and I don't want our nation tied up in their civil strife. They have nothing I want. What does McCotter want with them? Another gig for his rock band?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Shame on school board

While taking students from the Franklin High School wrestling team to Wayne Memorial High School for competition, a statement

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was made by a Wayne parent that the Livonia Superintendent Randy A. Liepa get's a \$50,000 raise, but the students are not given a bus to go to their events for their school.

Shame on you, Livonia school board!
Rosey Tracy
Livonia parent-grandparent

No Social Security cuts

While speaking at length on deficit reduction, President Obama made passing reference to "a bipartisan solution to strengthen Social Security." The program deserves far more robust support.

For 75 years, Social Security has been America's most successful social insurance program. It is the most fiscally responsible part of our federal budget, paying entirely for itself. The fund's surplus is expected to reach \$4.3 trillion by 2023 and the program is able to pay full benefits at least through 2037. Some 85 percent of Americans oppose Social Security cuts. There is no reason it should be part of any deficit reduction plan.

Yet the program faces threats from Congress. John Boehner calls for cuts in benefits and an increase in the eligibility age, delaying benefits for future recipients and unfairly burdening America's most vulnerable populations. Some seek to privatize the system, putting it into the hands of Wall Street - the very people who created our current economic crisis.

President Obama last night appeared to oppose these ideas, and Gray Panthers hopes he'll hold strong. We urge Congress to lift the cap on taxable income so wealthier people contribute more into Social Security, and to cover more retirees and other vulnerable populations.

Randy Block, co-chair
Gray Panthers of Metro Detroit

Why cut Social Security?

There has been a lot of talk lately, and there is sure to be more, about reducing our country's debt, something everyone pretty much agrees would be good. However, it seems every proposal includes cuts in Social Security benefits.

As has been stated by many, Social Security has yet to add to the deficit and as of 2009 held a \$2.6 trillion surplus.

Also, it is projected that without change the fund will be able to pay all cost to 2037. Why then does every conversation on cutting spending seem to start with Social Security? Is it the dirty little secret that neither party will admit they already spent the money and don't have the courage to do what it takes to pay it back?

These are the questions I am writing my congressman and senators to ask.

If we are to have "an adult conversation" on deficit reduction, at least tell me why we must cut something that is not part of the problem.

I encourage all who wish to see this very successful government-run program to continue to ask for answers from those who seek to cut it.

Chuck Tindall
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The impossible isn't! Reinvent our schools for the 21st century

Henry Ford once remarked in the early days of the 20th century, "You can have any color car you like - as long as it is black."

Fast forward to the second decade of the 21st century and far too many of our public schools are making the same comment to our kids when it comes to the educational model being delivered.

In spite of a computer here in there, our schools are organized and operating on an outdated industrialized one-size-fits-all assembly line model, complete with a three-month summer layoff each year.

Michigan has 550 smokestack factory school districts chugging along as though nothing has changed, when everything has! Clearly, there are islands of excellences and educational pioneers who are pushing the envelope for change, but they are the exception,

not the rule.

We can change that. Change requires vision, leadership, and effort, but our schools must be challenged to innovate, not continue the fight to contain the change.

There is a need to fundamentally redesign our K-12 educational system around the student. We cannot reinvent Michigan without reinventing education - a requirement for our state's future success.

We live in a world where ideas and jobs can and do move around the globe effortlessly. Other states and nations are passing us by, educating their citizens to thrive in a disruptive, technologically driven, knowledge economy.

The research is clear: We know how to make effective learners, yet there is a powerful anchor attached to the status quo.

We can use technology to personalize learning so that it is emotionally engaging, interactive, and social, allowing children to be active and lifelong learners.

The role of the teacher needs to change from being the "sage on the stage" to being a facilitator of active and individualized learning, remove "seat time" and replacing it with competency-based structures that personalize pathways to student success.

With technology, every student can and should have an IEP, an Individualized Educational Plan and make the new norm.

The world is changing in dramatic ways and our system of education must embrace those changes or be totally engulfed by them. Without change, our state will become a backwater in a sea of global progress.

An assembly line, one-size-fits-all educational model, based on fixed time, place, and pace with uninspiring and outmoded curriculum, is out of place in today's knowledge-based economy.

The protectors of the status quo want desperately to hold onto the comfort of what is. How do we then create a new vision for educational change? The answer is as simple as it is difficult to

operationalize: Leadership.

New research and technology exists today to improve learning. We need leaders willing to take bold steps to lead change. Leaders who help others understand the present, and envision a better future.

We can lead the way in inventing a 21st century educational model built on learning sciences that use existing and developing technologies. How can we move into the information age/knowledge economy if our No. 1 information industry, education, remains mired in the Industrial Age? Holding onto the past and protecting the status quo are not prescriptions that help us thrive, be creative or competitive on a world stage.

Resistance? Of course. This new system of educating our youth must not be about educational associations or unions, school vendors or any other special-interest group. We must break away from an educational system that has morphed into protecting adults at the expense of kids and our collective futures.

This is not simply another ploy for more money and certainly not for the existing school system. Until we can demonstrate how additional investments in education will help teachers teach and children learn, gaining 21st century skills and knowledge, there should be no additional money for the educational system.

We don't need more money. We need to spend the money we already have based on different priorities. What gives the greatest return to our students, state and nation? "Our Kids, Our Future" must be our collective mantra.

Even Ford realized the time came to let go of an Edsel. Michigan has an opportunity to not simply reinvent itself, but to LEAD change.

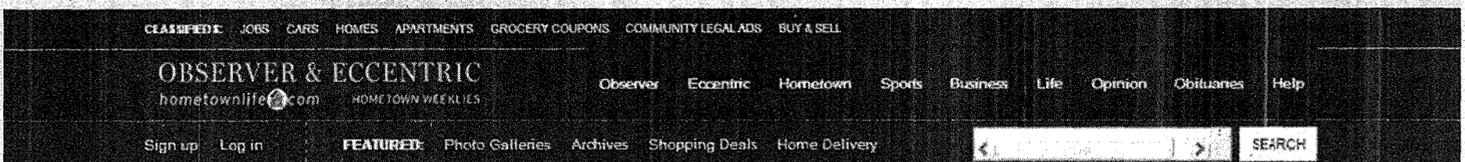
Our economic and competitive futures are at stake. Will Michigan lead?

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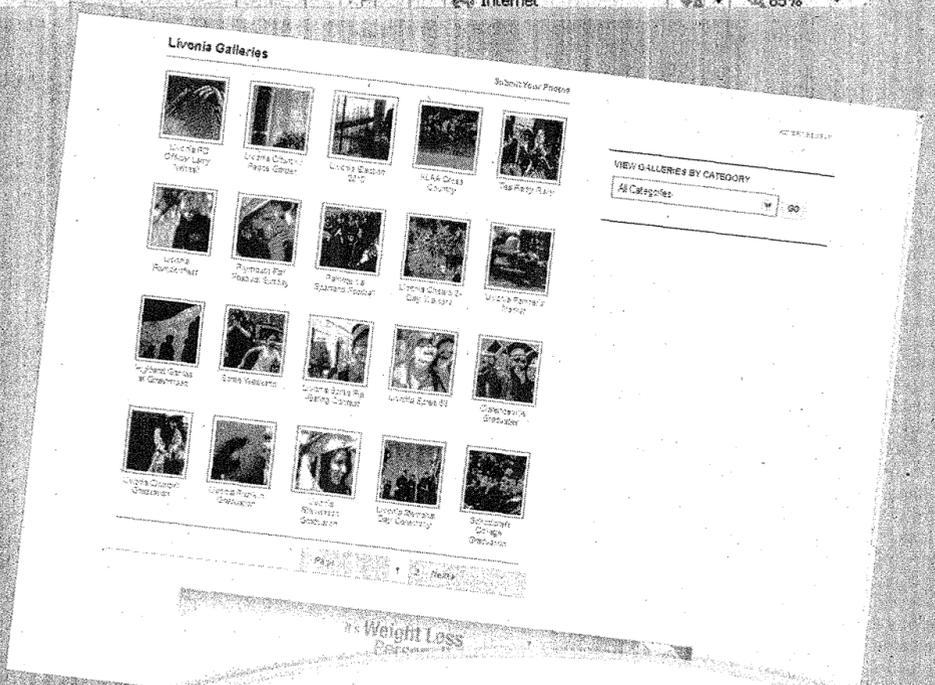
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The church is located at 32500 Palmer, Westland.

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Library of Westland are holding a used book sale Friday-Sunday, Feb. 10-13, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. There will be a preview sale for Friends members 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9. People can become member of the Friends at the preview.

Regular prices on Friday and Saturday are \$1 for hardcover books, DVDs and CDs, 50 cents for large paperbacks, 25 cents for small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records and 10 cents for magazines. There will be a special Valentine sale - specified romance small paperbacks will be 10 cents. The special will continue after the book sale in the Friends Shop until the end of February or as long as supplies last. There will be a \$4 Bag Sale on Sunday.

Money raised help fund programs at the library for all ages. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

AARP Tax Preparation

The Westland Friendship Center is now taking appointments for anyone in the community who wishes to have their taxes prepared free of charge. The center is an E-file site only. Appointments are necessary.

Generally, the tax return service offered through AARP is for simple returns. Those individuals with lengthy returns, many rental properties or investments are encouraged to have a CPA or professional firm complete their returns. There is no age or income requirement. The site manager has discretion over what returns they are willing and able to complete.

Taxes this year will be done on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call for an appointment. Unfortunately, the preparers are only on site during the day the center offers the service so any tax question regarding a return must be taken by a staff person, and returned by a preparer at their convenience.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call (734) 722-7628.

Metro Fibro Group

Lori Grigg will demonstrate how service dogs can help those with chronic pain when the Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, south of Ford, in Garden City.

The group also is hosting a seminar/workshop 1-5 p.m. Thursday, April 14. Dr. Howard Schubiner from Providence Hospital, and author of Unlearn Your Pain, and Dr. James Dowd, rheumatologist, and author of The Vitamin D Cure, will be the speakers.

The seminar/workshop costs \$40 per person.

The group has no dues but donations are accepted and appreciated. For more information, visit the website at www.MetroFibroGroup.com or call Ruthann at (734) 981-2519.

Scrapbooking

A scrapbooking workshop will be held 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Ss. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, in

Westland.

The cost is \$35 per person for a full day and \$20 per person for a half day. Vendors are available. For more information, call Karen Kopcak at (734) 634-3934 or Sandy Kopcak at (734) 721-4867 or contact them by e-mail at khollenbeck@twmi.rr.com or skopcak@comcast.net.

Bible talks

Bible Talks will be held at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland at 4 p.m. Sundays, now through Feb. 13. Presenting, in simplicity, the truth as it is in Jesus Christ, no collections or literature. Everyone is welcome. Hockey Night

Mayor William Wild and the Westland Wild Wings will take on the Detroit Red Wing Alumni in an exhibition hockey game at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 12. For sponsorship or ticket sale information, call (734) 722-7620 or send an e-mail to parks@cityofwestland.com.

All proceeds of the event will go to fund improvement to the Mike Modano Ice Arena.

Goodwill gets into 'Super' spirit

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Without choosing sides between the Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers, Canton's new flagship resale store for Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit plans to kick off a Super Bowl event to raise money to create jobs.

Football fans looking for bowls and other household items for a Super Bowl party or other occasions can find what Goodwill officials say will be "super" deals — pun intended — noon to 6 p.m. Sunday inside the store at 41937 Ford Road, between Lilley and Haggerty.

The store, with a sole purpose of supporting job creation, will offer 45 cents off bowls in honor of the 45th Super Bowl. Goodwill also plans to put gold tags — honoring a color used by both the Packers and Steelers — on a wide array of gently used and new clothing marked down to 99 cents.

"We are looking to have some fun on Sunday and remind the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeffrey Ukraine, director of donated goods at the Canton Goodwill store, just wants "to have some fun on Sunday and remind the people of the Detroit area that our new store is here to help our friends and neighbors earn jobs."

people of the Detroit area that our new store is here to help our friends and neighbors earn jobs," Jeff Ukraine, Goodwill's director of donated goods, said. "We're offering 'super' deals on bowls and clothing as part of

the sale, but we think customers will be especially pleased with the variety of other high-quality items and with our upscale resale experience."

Goodwill's Super Bowl sale will support the organization's

employment education and job-training programs, which help unemployed people across metro Detroit.

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit opened the Canton store in December, marking the first time in a decade the organization had returned to the retail business.

The store has 11,000 square feet of retail space, and officials say it was designed more like an upscale department store rather than a typical resale shop. It has been stocked not only with clothing, but hundreds of other items such as jewelry, purses, shoes, linens, furniture and electronics.

Goodwill, with headquarters in Detroit, has a nearly 90-year history in southeast Michigan. It last had an area retail shop in 2000, but Ukraine has said the agency opened the Canton store as another way to create jobs amid an increasingly challenging economy and to provide quality merchandise for cash-strapped shoppers.

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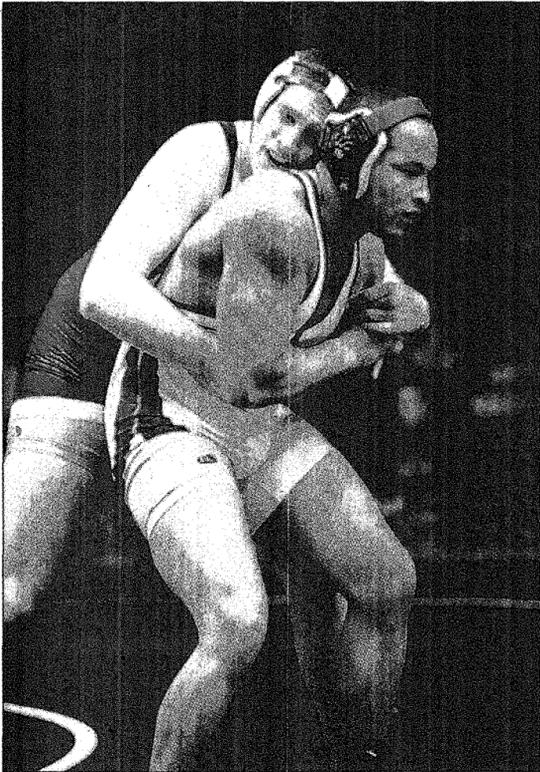
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Wayne Memorial's Dimitrus Renfro (right) captured the 215-pound final over Justin Roe (left) of Farmington.

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Total domination

No. 1-rated CC grapplers 3-peat at Observerland

See complete team standings.
BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

To nobody's surprise, Novi Detroit Catholic Central put on the most dominating display in the 20-year history of the Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament Saturday at Livonia Churchhill.

The Shamrocks, defending Division I state champs and No. 1-ranked this season, scored a record 336.5 points with Farmington High a distant second with 143.5 followed by Belleville in third with 136. CC placed finalists in 11 of the 14 individual weight classes and came away with nine titles to earn its third straight Observerland team title and ninth overall.

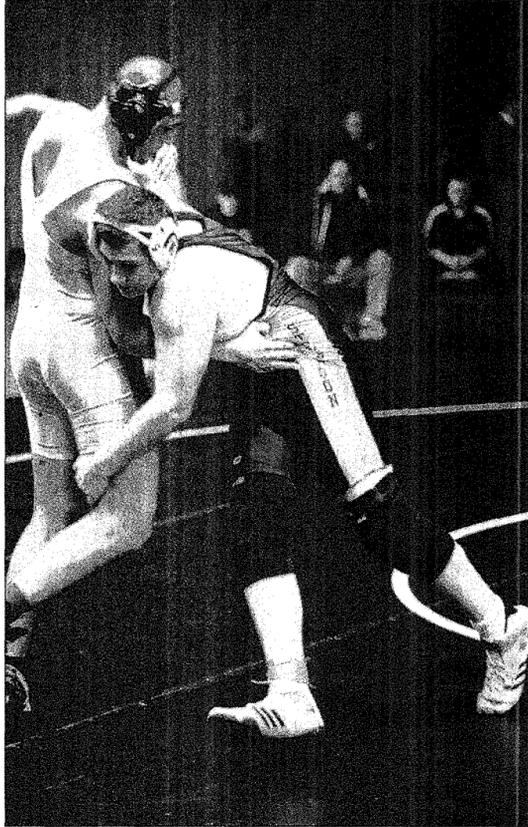
"We preached this week attack and use an aggressive style of wrestling," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "I was happy with the way our guys performed. They were very aggressive and I thought we pushed the pace. It was a nice challenge for our guys. They trained extremely hard and they did nice job today. I'm pleased with their effort."

The Shamrocks' Ken Bade (125 pounds) and Alec Mooradian (140) both repeated as Observerland champions.

Other CC weight class winners included Evan Toth (103), Malik Amine (119), Logan Marcicki (130), Drew Garcia (152), Andrew Erickson (160), Kevin Beazley (171) and Miles Trealout (189).

"I'm really happy with Malik Amine," Hancock said. "He's our 112-pounder who we asked to bump to 119 for the team this week because we had an injury at 119. He bumped up a weight and did a phenomenal job."

"I was also very proud of our 135-pounder Riley Hanson, a sophomore. He lost to (Brendan) Papin (of Belleville)



Stevenson's Jake Range (right) captured the heavyweight title with a 6-1 decision over Majd Mokbel (left) in Saturday's Observerland Invitational.

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OBSERVERLAND MAT RESULTS

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 336.5 points; 2. Farmington, 143.5; 3. Belleville, 136; 4. Wayne Memorial, 117.5; 5. Novi, 109; 6. North Farmington, 106.5; 7. Plymouth, 99.5; 8. Livonia Churchhill, 99; 9. Farmington Hills Harrison, 87; 10. Salem, 86; 11. Livonia Stevenson, 81.5; 12. Northville, 69; 13. Redford Union, 35; 14. Garden City, 25; 15. Lutheran High Westland, 13.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

103 pounds: Evan Toth (CC) pinned Jon Locklear (L), 1:39; 3rd place: Mohamed Youssef (Ply) and Alex Arble (Salem), double forfeit; 5th place: Jamonty Houze (Bell), p. Bryan Garland (NF), 0:48.

112: Trey Berry (Ply), decisioned Zach Colone (CC), 6:4; 3rd: Nimantha Herath (Farm), dec. Rob Doane (GC), 8:3; 5th: Kyle Gutkowski (N Ville) and Josh Perez (LC), double forfeit.

119: Malik Amine (CC) dec. Kevon Kennerly (Farm), 8:4; 3rd: Jake Meadows (LC) dec. Ian Stilton (N Ville), 5:3; 5th: Tristan Jarosiewicz (WM) and Jordan Russell (NF), double forfeit.

125: Ken Bade (CC) won by technical fall over Alejandro Albuerno (Novi), 21:6; 3rd: Said Youssef (Ply) and Manny Govantes (Farm), double forfeit; 5th: Ivy Riley (Bell) dec. Evan Doyle (FHH), 10:3.

130: Logan Marcicki (CC) p. Andre Sanders (FHH), 1:48; 3rd: Austin Rohn (Salem) and Alec Breckenridge (Ply), double forfeit; 5th: Corey Davis (LS) and Matthew Aoun (Novi), double forfeit.

135: Brendan Papin (Bell) dec. Riley Hanson (CC), 10:3; 3rd: Josh Hall (RU) won by tech. fall over Travis Compo (N Ville), 23:7; 5th: Zach Schulz (Farm.) and Samer Shebak (LS), double forfeit.

140: Alec Mooradian (CC) won by tech. fall over James Roberts (FHH), 19:4; 3rd: Beau Bielski (Novi) dec. Jonny Bannoura (LC), 5:4; 5th: Kody Roy (LS) and Mike Rankin (Farm.), double forfeit.

145: Nick Tomski (Farm.) won by major dec. over Jalen Jones (WM), 12:4; 3rd: Mike Babicz (CC) dec. Chris Caverly (Novi), 4:0; 5th: Will Herring (Bell) and Gabe Unick (FHH), double forfeit.

152: Drew Garcia (CC) p. Kevin Newborn (WM), 2:34; 3rd: Kyle Lake (FHH) dec. Johnathan Montgomery (N Ville), 11:8; 5th: Josh Marhofer (Salem) and Roderick Howard (RU), double forfeit.

160: Andrew Erickson (CC) won by major dec. over John Davis (NF), 13:5; 3rd: Zach Juchartz (Bell) dec. Tyler Gross (Salem), 5:3; 5th: Martin Kemp (LW) p. Jackson Chalmers (Ply), 3:18.

171: Kevin Beazley (CC) dec. Kevin Miller (NF), 9:3; 3rd: Shames Delahaye (Bell) dec. Trevor Mares (N Ville), 4:3; 5th: Jake McCabe (Salem) and Lucas Hofbauer (WM), double forfeit.

189: Miles Trealout (CC) p. Mark Tooley (Bell), 1:56; 3rd: Courtney Drew (NF) dec. Joe Scott (LS), 8:5; 5th: Justin Michael (Novi) and Devin Korzetki (WM), double forfeit.

215: Dimitrus Renfro (WM) dec. Justin Roe (Farm.), 12:6; 3rd: David Sparling (Novi) p. Dylan Morantes (L), 2:53; 5th: Jay Peterson (CC) won by injury default over Adam Drucz (GC).

235: Jake Range (LS) dec. Majd Mokbel (NF), 6:1; 3rd: Robert Coe (CC) p. Manny Haddad (L), 12:1; 5th: Jacob Chiles (WM) p. Tyler Styrk (Bell), 1:13.

Lower weights MVP: Trey Berry 112, Plymouth.
Upper weights MVP: Dimitrus Renfro, 215, Wayne.

Rollin' Pistons wheel into spotlight

BY MARTY BUDNER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tom Colwell has a passion for basketball. He played in high school and has coached the sport for more than 20 years.

Like most coaches, he stresses the importance of teamwork and fundamentals. Colwell believes positioning on the court is a major key to success.

"The biggest thing on defense is chair position, and on offense it's setting picks (with the chairs)," said Colwell. "Chair movement is so important. As a coach, you really have to focus a lot of your energy on all those little intricate details of where you push, how you push and where you need your chair position to be."

"Then the principles of basketball apply. You have to teach the correct angles to go to the basket to shoot, you need to teach them how to set a pick and offensive plays and what you need to do in transition offensively and defensively."

"There's all sorts of interesting principles that different coaches have, but it's all based off of a basketball model," he said. "So outside of a chair, it's really the same game. I like the fact that it's really the purist form of the game because, to be successful, you need to have the fundamental skills."

Huh? Chairs?

Yep, chairs. As in wheelchairs.

Colwell, the Berkley Parks

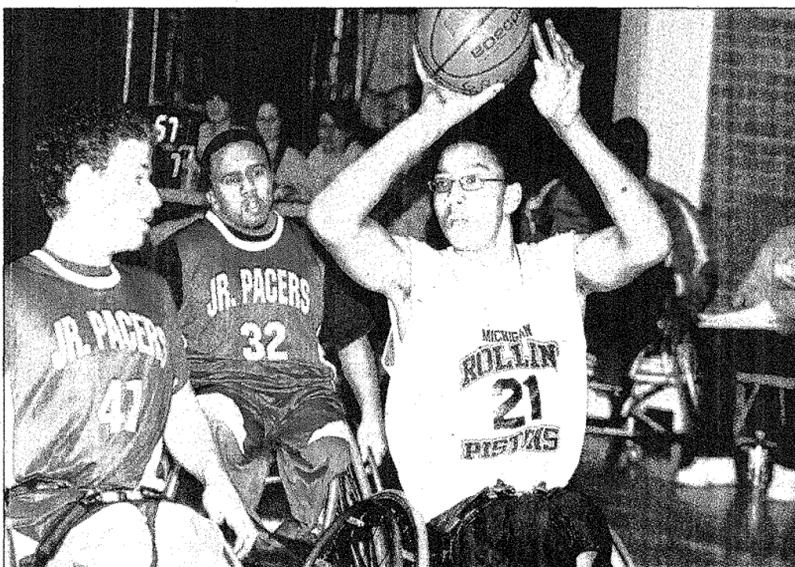


PHOTO BY DAVID REED

Canton resident Correy Rossi (21) has been one of the Michigan Rollin' Pistons' leading scorers this season in National Wheelchair Basketball Association play.

and Recreation manager for nearly five years now, is a volunteer coach in the world of wheelchair basketball. And a highly regarded one at that.

The 42-year-old Minnesota native is an assistant coach for the U.S. Men's National Wheelchair Paralympic team which qualified for the world championships in 2009. More locally, he is head coach of the Canton-based Michigan Rollin' Pistons who are members of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association.

Colwell's wife, Noelle, also

takes a special interest in wheelchair basketball as she helped launch the Rollin' Pistons franchise two years ago.

The Pistons are the third NWBA junior team (high school-age players) based out of the Detroit area, with the others being the Junior Michigan Thunderbirds from Southfield the east side's Sterling Heights Challengers.

FROM THE HEART

It's a labor of love for Colwell — a task he speaks of with pride and conviction.

"For me, I love basketball and I get to coach basketball," said Colwell, who graduated from college with a degree in therapeutic recreation. "But, I think I learn something new from these guys, and their outlook, just about every time I go out there. Just the daily challenges a lot of these guys have to go through just to get ready for school and get dressed. Just all those little things that they do to get ready, and once they come out on the court they're ready to be a kid and

Please see PISTONS, B2

Spartans upset 4-3 by Flyers

It was a memorable Senior Night for the Farmington Unified boys hockey team as they overcame a three-goal deficit to beat state-ranked Livonia Stevenson, 4-3, in a nonconference encounter Saturday at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Scott Newel's second goal of the game, with 1:08 remaining in regulation, completed the comeback for the Flyers with a four-goal third period.

The loss dropped the Spartans' overall record to 12-3-2, while North Farmington-Harrison stands 8-7-1.

"Farmington Unified deserves all the credit for coming back after being down three goals," Stevenson coach Gerry Vento said.

Stevenson jumped out to a 3-0 lead early in the second period.

With 7:26 remaining in the first period, senior Justin Shureb scored his sixth goal of the season on a shorthanded breakout after taking a pass from Ryan Urso.

Stevenson finished the 2010 season 29-9 overall and advanced to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament for the 14th straight season.

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SIDELINES

MU adds 3 spikers

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced the signing Monday of three players including Roxy Duzey, a 5-foot-3 libero and defensive specialist from Sterling Heights; Amanda Obrycki, a 5-4 defensive specialist and libero from Allen Park Cabrini; and Almont's Taylor Dzewit, a 5-6 outside hitter via St. Clair County Community College.

Duzey earned all-state honors as a senior and is a two-time all-region pick. She holds 13 school records and was a three-time all-Macomb Area Conference selection.

"She has the opportunity to challenge for playing time immediately next fall due to her ability to dig balls anywhere on the court and make those around her better," Abraham said. "Roxy is an intense, highly motivated player who will fit right into our style of play."

Obrycki led Cabrini to three straight Catholic League C-D Division titles along with two district and two regional crowns. She amassed 1,946 total digs while earning all-state, all-region and all-Catholic League honors. She is also a three-sport standout also competing in softball and basketball.

"Amanda is a very talented volleyball player who plays with great intensity and speed," Abraham said. "She is a smart defensive player who seems to respond best in pressure situations and has a competitive passion and love for the game. Amanda is an outstanding scholar-athlete and has the ability to compete for playing time early in her collegiate career."

Dzewit is a two-time all-MCCAA and Eastern Conference pick who earned MVP team honors. She is also a two-time all-NJCAA Region 12 selection and was an eight-time Blue Water Athletic Conference all-academic selection while earning letters in both basketball and volleyball at Almont.

"Taylor is another excellent all-around volleyball player who possesses a fierce and intense style of play," Abraham said. "Truly a gifted player, she has excellent game sense both offensively and defensively. To go along with a great vertical jump, Taylor has the ability to terminate the ball along with a wide variety of shot selections. She has the passion to compete and play a variety of positions for us next year."

MU finished the 2010 season 29-9 overall and advanced to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament for the 14th straight season.

Y gymnasts 1st

On Jan. 23, the host Livonia YMCA gymnastics team recently turned in some impressive all-around scores on three different levels including:

Level 7: Dakota Douthat, 33.35; Marissa Schuh, 31.70; Level 6: Jackie Dziurgot, 30.325; Level 4: Sarah Sokolowski, 34.15; Sterling Stiger, 34.0; Megan Waters, 33.975; Alaina Smith, 33.425; Emily Caragay, 32.825.

"We are all so proud of the girls," Livonia Y coach Lisa Fierk said. "They have been working hard at practice and it showed that day. We had many gymnasts make the national qualifying score that day."

LJAL Val's dance

The Livonia Junior Athletic League will stage its annual Valentine's Day benefit dinner dance from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Feb. 4, at the St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

Tickets are \$95 per couple (includes open bar, dinner, dance music from Men in Black and raffle prizes).

For tickets or to obtain a sponsorship, visit www.ljal.com or e-mail info@ljal.com.

Too many turnovers cost Clarenceville girls

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hitting the half-century point mark is usually good enough to win a girls basketball game.

But reaching the half-century mark in turnovers certainly has an opposite effect.

On Monday night, host Livonia Clarenceville coughed the ball up 50 times – and managed to stay close throughout the game – before losing to Taylor Kennedy 44-38.

“It (turnovers) has been a problem all season,” said Clarenceville first-year coach Katrina Vanover, whose team slipped to 4-9 overall. “Our point guard (Jodi Ankiel) just came back from an ankle injury,

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so we’ve been struggling at that position.”

Kennedy (4-10) also had trouble keeping possession of the ball as evidenced by its own 36 turnovers.

“That’s been plaguing us all year – turnovers – but any time you can find a way to win with 36, we’re going to live with it and we’re going to escape with it,” Kennedy coach Latisha Martin said.

Clarenceville committed 16 turnovers in the first quarter alone, but trailed by only three, 9-6.

Senior guard Jenna Burgess then entered the lineup mid-way through the first period to

help alleviate Clarenceville’s ball-handling woes.

The 5-foot-7 Burgess also provided some much need offense, scoring 10 of her game high 19 points in the second period as the Trojans took a 21-17 lead into halftime.

“I didn’t start her (Burgess) and that’s for a reason,” Vanover said. “She hadn’t been playing to her ability. We had a freshman guard come in and do some things we were looking for her to do. And once we made the adjustment in the starting lineup, then people start realizing what’s going on and want to play.”

A pair of free throws by Ayanna Buckley gave Clarenceville a 27-21 advantage with 3:18 remaining in the

third quarter.

But the Trojans went scoreless for the next 5 minutes and 43 seconds as Kennedy roared back and eventually regained the lead for good with a 9-0 run to end the period to take a 30-27 advantage.

Junior guard Kourtney Ford helped spark the Kennedy turnaround as she applied heavy defensive pressure on Burgess.

“She (Ford) definitely changed the game,” Martin said. “Her defense and being able to contain number 23 (Burgess) changed the whole team.”

“(At halftime) I told the girls, ‘Let’s go play like we know how. I know we’re scrappy, so I know there’s going to be turn-

overs. But I know we’re scrappy on defense for steals, so usually if we give it up, we’ll get it right back.”

Junior forward Monice Dismuke scored nine of her team-high 14 points for the Eagles during the final period. Junior guard Nikia Taylor added 13, while junior center Jodi Fletcher added 10.

Clarenceville was outscored 27-17 in the second half and the Trojans shot only 14-of-41 from the floor (34.1 percent) for the game.

“That just goes with sticking to the plan,” Vanover said of her team’s woes. “Our girls are young, so they get excited, they get a lead and they want to control the game the way they want to play it. And I told

them, if they don’t run it the way coaches set it – we’ll lose. And that’s what happened.”

“It’s a matter of concentration, following through and to stay in focus.”

Clarenceville also committed 13 turnovers in the decisive fourth quarter.

“The turnovers are what did us in,” Vanover said. “And just stepping up on a man-to-man (defense). It’s not to sag off, but it’s to get in somebody’s face. We’re down, we need the ball.”

“But overall I believe my team is getting better, which is a great thing because we have something to look forward to during the districts and for next year.”

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Blazers upend Class D champion

Teresa Wojnarowski’s double-double catapulted Livonia Ladywood to a 55-44 victory Monday over host Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, the defending Class D champions.

Wojnarowski, a 5-foot-10 senior forward, finished with 16 points and 16 rebounds as the Blazers improved to 11-2 overall.

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Sophomore forward Kiley Gorski contributed 15 points, while senior forward Alyssa Anastos chipped in with 10 points and five boards.

Sophomore forward Andrea Anastos added 10 assists, while

junior Morgan Chops also pulled down 10 rebounds.

Ladywood also shot effectively from the foul line going 17-for-20 (85 percent), while the Lakers hit only 6-of-16 (37.5 percent).

Lexie Robak and Carlee Cottrell led the No. 2-ranked Lakers (11-2) with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Lady Ocelot Bee sets new rebounding mark

What’s the latest buzz surrounding the Schoolcraft College women’s basketball team?

It’s none other than Kimberly Bee, who recorded her 18th double-double for the season and became the school’s all-time leading rebound in the Lady Ocelots’ 67-55 victory Saturday at Kirtland Community College.

Bee, a 6-foot-1 sophomore center from Detroit Communications & Media Arts, finished with day with 13 points, 18 rebounds and six blocks as first-place Schoolcraft improved to 19-3 overall and 9-0 in the MCCA’s Eastern Conference. Bee now has 679 career

points to surpass Maricka Seay’s mark of 670 (set from 2005-07).

Four other Schoolcraft players scored in double figures including Diamond Tolliver (15), Cameo Kendrick (12), Shawnicka Thomas (10) and Shealica Grandberry (10).

Schoolcraft overcame 27 turnovers and 34.9 percent shooting from the floor (22-of-63). The Lady Ocelots, however, made 5-of-10 from three-point range.

Kirtland trailed 33-25 at halftime and pulled to within five, 55-50, but could get no closer.

Gina Gerow paced the Firebirds (8-12, 4-5) with 14 points. Micaiah King added 11

points and nine boards, while Teri Taylor chipped in with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Dominique Richard also tallied 10 points.

MADONNA 79, UM-DEARBORN 59: Senior Tabatha Wydryck’s 13 points and 14 rebounds propelled Madonna University (9-10, 5-6) to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win Saturday at home over the University of Michigan-Dearborn (2-20, 0-11).

Freshman Rachel Melcher came off the bench to add 17 points, while Shantelle Herring chipped in with 15 points, eight rebounds and eight assists.

The Wolves, who trailed 41-31 at halftime, got 13 points from Alexis Hann.

MU returns to WHAC action in a rescheduled game at 7:30 tonight at home against Siena Heights.

Snow storm wreaks havoc on area games

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Blizzard of 2011 wiped out an entire slate of area high school sporting events set for both Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

The Livonia, Wayne-Westland and Clarenceville school districts called off all events as did Lutheran High Westland and Huron Valley Lutheran high schools.

Among the boys basketball games scheduled on Tuesday and to be made up at a later date include: Canton at Churchill; John Glenn at Franklin; Stevenson at South Lyon East; Wayne at Plymouth; Detroit University High at Clarenceville; and

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Lutheran Westland.

The Ann Arbor Greenhills at Huron Valley Lutheran boys game has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3.

Among the girls basketball games scheduled on Tuesday and to be made up at a later date include: Churchill at Canton; Franklin at John Glenn; South Lyon East at Stevenson; Plymouth at Wayne; and Inter-City at Lutheran Westland.

The Huron Valley Lutheran at Ann Arbor Greenhills girls game has been rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3.

Also wiped out Tuesday night was Stevenson vs. Plymouth boys hockey at Compuware Arena.

Wednesday’s double-header at Edgar Arena was also postponed featuring Churchill

vs. Farmington Unified and Franklin vs. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

A pair of swim meets Tuesday were also called off – Churchill at Walled Lake Northern and Stevenson at Northville.

All Wednesday KLAA wrestling crossover quads were also shelved.

Madonna University has rescheduled both its men’s and women’s basketball games for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3.

The women will host Siena Heights, while the men travel on the road.

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Patriot grapplers rule Allen Park team event

Livonia Franklin improved its dual match wrestling record to 19-6 overall by capturing Saturday’s Allen Park team tournament.

The Patriots defeated the host Jaguars in the finals, 46-28, after downing Walled Lake Northern (61-15), Dearborn Fordson (47-27), Flint Carman-Ainsworth (42-39) and Eriemason (66-10).

“Team tournaments have been tougher lately with our injuries, but I give our guys a lot of credit for being able to pull this through,” Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. “We were voiding 140 and wrestling a few very inexperienced wrestlers that weren’t even in their right weight class. We have a few seasoned wrestlers that have been pulling us through.”

Going 5-0 on the day individually for the Patriots were Dan Martinez (112 pounds),

Gabe Martinez (119), Jordan Atienza (125), Steve Tuyo (130), and Matt Roos (171).

“Danny and Gabe Martinez, we know exactly what we’re getting every time we put them out there,” Chiola said. “They have been very solid all year. Atienza has been looking better every week. He is so explosive from the first whistle. He takes control of the match right away.”

“Tuyo has been our rock all year. If the other team’s wrestler is anywhere around his weight, we’re throwing him out there.”

“And Roos has been giving up weight all year but just goes about his business and gets the job done.”

Meanwhile, both Avery Opperman (152) and Omar Haymour (285) both finished 4-1 for Franklin.

“Omar coming back from injury has been a big relief also,” Chiola said. “Opperman,

Hatfield and (Alex) O’Connor have all been solid for us this year. We have so many wrestlers and they never complain when they’re asked to wrestle out of weight class for the benefit of the team.”

“I listen to other coaches talk about how they have wrestlers that won’t bump up and take a loss. I have guys sacrifice a sure win for a loss all the time and they just don’t complain. It’s one of the reason we’re able to survive during the struggles we’ve been having.”

The Patriots return to action this Saturday in the KLAA Tournament at Hartland.

“All in all this isn’t the same team we started the year with, but we’re managing to get by,” Chiola said. “We have a couple more team goals to take care of and then we have to prepare our individuals for the state meet.”

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 3
S’field Christian at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
A.A. Greenhills at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 4

Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 8:45 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 3
Huron Valley at A.A. Greenhills, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 4

John Glenn at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 7:15 p.m.
Huron Valley at S.H. Parkway, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Warren Regina at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Feb. 4

Churchill vs. Stevenson

at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Franklin vs. Canton
at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Churchill vs. Plymouth
at Compuware Arena, 3:15 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Grosse Pte. South
at Arctic Pond (Plymouth), 7:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Saturday, Feb. 5
KLAA Tourney at Hartland, 9 a.m.
Summit Academy Tourney, 9:30 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Thursday, Feb. 3
John Glenn at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Thursday, Feb. 3
Livonia Red vs. Canton
at Plymouth H.S., 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Canton Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

PREP BOWLING

Thursday, Feb. 3
Clarenceville vs. Novi,
John Glenn vs. Canton,
Wayne vs. Plymouth
at Super Bowl (Canton), 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 4

Ladywood vs. Riv. Gab. Richard
at Sterling Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

MEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 3
Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Concordia at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Delta College, 3 p.m.

WOMEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 3
Siena Heights at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m.
Delta College at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

PISTONS

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they’re ready to play.

“The wheelchair is just a mode of transportation. It’s pretty amazing,” he said. “I certainly get more out of it than I put in. It’s my little way of giving back.”

The Rollin’ Pistons, Thunderbirds and Challengers participated in the Junior Division of a wheelchair tournament held recently at Berkley High School.

The tourney was sponsored by the Detroit Diehards, an adult team which is part of the

Men’s Division 3 bracket of the NWBA.

The Rollin’ Pistons, who are affiliated with the Canton Parks and Recreation Department, had a strong tournament showing with three wins in four games. The Pistons defeated the Southfield team, plus teams from Grand Rapids and Cleveland. They lost to the Challengers.

Last year, the Pistons advanced to the national championships held in Denver where they suffered a disappointing overtime loss, 74-71, to a team out of Los Angeles. But, said Colwell, the team graduated some top players from last year and is in a

rebuilding stage this season.

The Pistons’ top players are Canton resident Correy Rossi and Farmington Hills native Valentino Paige. The Pistons squad also includes Alcides Postma (Plymouth), Wahbeh Nusiebeh (Dearborn), Rick Covert (Romulus) and Dan Beasley (Detroit).

“Correy and Valentino are definitely the backbone of the team,” said Colwell. “They have done a great job, not only shouldering the responsibility of the team, but teaching the younger kids what they need to do as members of the team.”

PROVIDING A FORUM

But, it’s not so much the

numbers and statistics that keep him motivated. It’s helping to provide a forum where his players can prosper and feel good about themselves.

“The biggest thing for the athletes is, when they are in their schools, they are generally the only one in a wheelchair,” said Colwell. “So, when they play basketball it’s an opportunity for them to come out and not only get some physical exercise, but it allows them to be part of a team. It gives them some leadership skills, confidence, self-esteem – all those things that come with being part of a team they may not get in school.

“I think that’s the best part of this, is that they’re part of a team and all the great things that come from learning about losing a game or winning,” he said. “Things like sportsmanship and fair play. All that stuff is huge.”

Wheelchair coaching also has allowed Colwell to visit places he otherwise might not have considered. Besides his travels to many corners of the United States, his duties with the U.S. National team has taken him to such places as Brazil, Mexico, Canada, England, Cyprus and Australia.

Colwell plans to be with his national team at the 2010

Paralympic Games in London.

“The biggest difference between wheelchair basketball and ambulatory basketball is obviously the chair,” said Colwell. “But, there are the so many other intricate details to the game. Basically, it’s played just like NCAA rules. The teams that are successful are the ones that are fundamentally sound and set a good team concept.”

“People who haven’t seen wheelchair basketball, and are fans of basketball, should really do what they can to check out wheelchair basketball,” he says. “It’s really something to watch and I think they’ll really enjoy it.”

WRESTLING

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senior Jalen Jones.

Tomski reached the final with a narrow 5-4 semifinal victory over CC’s Mike Babicz.

“He (Tomski) wrestled three matches and pretty much was in control of most of them,” Farmington coach Al Beyer said. “He had a little trouble with the CC kid, but was able to overcome a couple of tough situations and came through with a one-point victory.”

“He’s the kind of kid that you want on your team. You want to have 14 like him. He fin-

ished third at the same weight last year – he was due.”

Tomski, meanwhile, was elated to come away with an Observerland title.

“It was definitely a tough tournament,” he said. “The first two rounds went pretty smoothly. My semifinal match was really hard. It came down to the wire and it was a pretty good match. I came into the finals pretty confident so I just tried to wrestle the match.”

Wayne junior Dimitrus Renfroe improved to 37-3 overall and earned the Upper Weights MVP honors with a 12-6 decision over Farmington’s Justin Roe. “He (Renfroe) has been

working hard, and to be honest, this performance is what we expected out of him,” said Wayne coach Dave Vasiloff, who had three finalists. “He went out there and wrestled to form. He went out there and wrestled great. He did what he exactly was coached to do and what we expected out of him, and we couldn’t be happier with him.”

“He’s a great kid, a model student, a 3.5 G.P.A., only a junior. I expecting big things and to be on the podium at ‘states,’ for sure.”

In the final match of the day, Stevenson junior Jake Range captured the 285-pound title with a 6-1 decision over North Farmington’s Majd Mokbel.

“He’s an active heavyweight,” Stevenson Dan Vaughan said of Range. “He was on his shots on all day, real offensive. He was looking for falls and he pinned his way through to the finals.”

Range is now 39-5 on the season.

“He’s a great kid,” Vaughan said. “He wrestles year-round. He’s motivated academically and dedicated to the sport.”

CC’s dominating performance was helped by the absence of three of the area’s top three teams that elected not to attend for the first time in the history of the tournament.

“They had their personal

agendas and personal schedules, and I agree with them,” Hancock said. “We’ve seen Franklin at the beginning of the year. We saw Westland John Glenn at the beginning of the year. Those guys don’t want to see the same teams over and over.”

“We have not seen Canton. I was hoping to see them sometime throughout the year, but you know what? Cory Mancuso (Canton’s coach) does what’s best for Canton and you can’t disagree with that. I would do what’s best for our guys. We’ll see those guys in a week and a half or two weeks when the team regionals roll around.” Hancock, however, added

that attending Observerland remains a tradition.

“We didn’t come here to wrestle Canton, we came to the Observerland Tournament because it’s a well-run tournament,” he said. “Marty Altounian and the Churchill people do a great job and we like the tournament. We came here to better ourselves and push ourselves, and that’s what our guys do. Hopefully we’ll be back, but not for sure because the state (MHSAA) is limiting tournaments to seven (next year). I think it’s going to affect a lot of schedules. We’ll see what happens.”

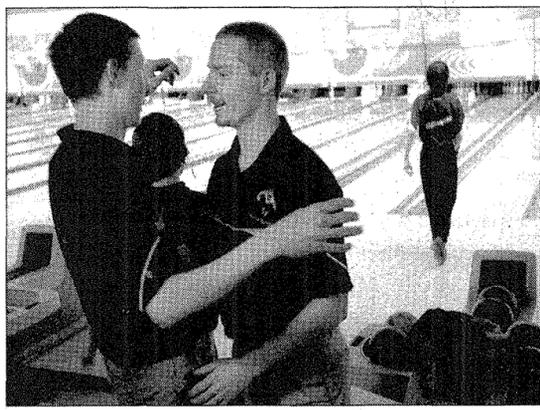
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PREP BOWLING RESULTS

TRI-COUNTRY INVITATIONAL
Jan. 29 at 5-Star Lanes (Sterling Hts.)
Championship final: Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (237-194-198) defeated Farmington Hills Harrison (189-222-191).
Third place: Bay City John Glenn (208-208) def. Macomb Dakota (187-167).
Semifinals: Catholic Central (220-213) def. Dakota (178-209); Harrison (208-223) def. B.C. John Glenn (204-177).
Quarterfinals: Catholic Central (232-213) def. L'Anse Creuse North (218-161); Harrison (219-248) def. Utica (190-244); B.C. John Glenn (231-205-238) def. Westland John Glenn (183-236-187); Dakota (167-255) def. Eastpointe East Detroit (158-203).
Match games (12): 1. Utica Eisenhower, 2,587; 2. Westland John Glenn, 2,568; 3. Harrison, 2,520; 4. Catholic Central, 2,514; 5. L'Anse Creuse North, 2,513; 6. Utica, 2,498; 7. Bay City John Glenn, 2,450; 8. Utica Ford, 2,413.

BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS
NOVI 18
WAYNE MEMORIAL 12
Jan. 31 at Town 'N Country Lanes
Novi scorers: Steve Cullen, 224-191-415; Andrew Thorwall, 200-178-378; Brandon Gillespie, 188-176-364; Brandon Ross, 188; split score, 166. Team totals: 990-943-1933 (8 points); Baker games: 182-205-387 (10 points).
Wayne scorers: Jeremy Brown, 289-183-472; Elliott Arnold, 206-207-413; Zach Huffman, 190-169-359; Tony Lave, 190-166-356. Team totals: 1,072-928-1,990 (12 points); Baker games: 178-200-378 (0 points).
Dual match records: Novi, 3-8 overall, 2-6 KLA Central Division; Wayne, 9-2 overall, 6-2 KLA Central.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 17
PLYMOUTH 13
Jan. 31 at Town 'N Country Lanes
John Glenn scorers: Jordan Hornes, 249-267-516; Thomas Brusseau, 259-215-474; Tommy Ruark, 195-213-408; John Cleaveanger, 179-194-363; Steven White, 173. Team totals: 1,060-1,061-2,121 (11 points); Baker games: 181-215-396 (6 points).
Plymouth scorers: Kyle Webb, 266-193-



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Wayne's Jeremy Brown (right) left one pin standing in the last frame for a 289 during Monday's dual match with Novi at Town 'N Country Lanes. He's congratulated by teammate Tony Lave. The state-ranked Zebras lost to Novi, 18-12.

459; Justin Thompson, 243-215-458; Rob Korstjens, 248-208-456; Eric Thompson, 191; Brandon Congdon, 190; Ryan Riva, 177; Evan Grimme, 161. Team totals: 1,138-954-2,092 (9 points); Baker games: 210-180-390 (4 points).
Dual match record: John Glenn, 11-0 overall, 8-0 KLA Central Division; Plymouth, 7-4 overall, 5-3 KLA Central.

SALEM 28
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 2
Jan. 31 at Town 'N Country Lanes
Salem scorers: Ryan Clark, 233-212-445; Kevin Williams, 185-204-389; Tyler Foley, 203-166-369; David Nikkila, 203-140-343; Joe Mirsky, 206; split game, 183. Team totals:

1,030-905-1,935 (18 points); Baker games: 188-225-413 (10 points).
Clarenceville scorers: Sean Diaz, 206-221-427; Mike Uren, 191-181-372; Tyler Fox, 200-149-349; Brad Martin, 181; Corey Coughlin, 156; split game, 294. Team totals: 902-877-1,779 (2 points); Baker games: 135-179-314 (0 points).
Dual match records: Salem, 4-6 overall, Clarenceville, 2-7 overall.

GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 21
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 9
Jan. 31 at Town 'N Country Lanes
Plymouth scorers: Caitlyn Webb, 194-172-366; Tiffani Patterson, 196-150-346;

Mackenzie Carlson, 181-135-316; Jessica Cullen, 115-141-256; Ashley Mikolajczik, 177; Emily Fraser, 120. Team totals: 806-775-1,581 (15 points); Baker games: 154-118-272 (6 points).

John Glenn scorers: Rachel Miller, 223-183-406; Khiry Sparks, 196-165-361; Julianne Ayers, 152-167-319; Yvette Ayers, 118-113-231; Sara Auldige, 112-98-210. Team totals: 801-726-1,527 (5 points); Baker games: 136-125-261 (4 points).
Dual match records: Plymouth, 6-5 overall, 4-4 KLA Central Division; John Glenn, 6-5 overall, 5-3 KLA Central Division.

SALEM 28
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 2
Jan. 31 at Town 'N Country Lanes
Salem scorers: Kristin Larkins, 181-205-386; Ashley Kretschmer, 194-165-359; Bridget Maul, 152-167-319; Meaghan Eldridge, 169-133-302; Micalyn Peltz-Rachel Amadio, 125-123-248. Team totals: 821-793-1,614 (18 points); Baker games: 181-145-326 (10 points).
Clarenceville scorers: Bridget Moricz, 170-191-361; Casey O'Rourke, 155-136-291; Nikki Juliano, 122-114-236; Natalie Kay-Flaherty, 128-99-227; Hunter Juliano, 87; Katie Rogers, 82. Team totals: 657-627-1,284 (2 points); Baker games: 132-135-267 (0 points).
Dual match records: Salem, 7-3 overall; Clarenceville, 0-9 overall.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 22.5
NOVI 7.5
Jan. 31 at Town 'N Country Lanes
Wayne scorers: Stephani O'Harris, 204-171-375; Tiffany Markham, 145-199-344; Brianna Winn, 162-182-344; Chelsea Morneau, 154-145-299; Brianna Everett, 161; Emily Everett, 119. Team totals: 784-858-1,642 (12.5 points); Baker games: 182-192-374 (10 points).
Novi scorers: Christina Johnson, 191-161-352; Shelby Limpert, 159-159-318; Sara Schulz, 149-168-317; Callie Wright, 140-156-296; Bridgett Porras, 155-130-285. Team totals: 794-774-1,568 (7.5 points); Baker games: 142-120-262 (0 points).
Dual match records: Wayne, 7-3 overall, 5-2 KLA Central Division; Novi, 0-11 overall, 0-8 KLA Central.

Bench spurs MU men

The bench played a major factor Saturday as the Madonna University men's basketball team earned 74-68 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win over visiting University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The Crusader reserves out-scored UM-Dearborn 41-20 led by Mike Clark's game-high 20 points, including 9-of-10 from the foul line.

Travis Schuba also contributed 11 off the bench, including 3-of-5 from three-point range.

Also in double figures for MU, now 6-17 overall and 4-7 in the WHAC, were senior center Geoff Gaylor (16) and freshman point-guard Bobby Naubert (10).

Gaylor also had seven rebounds and three blocks. He is just two rejections away from setting the single season block mark of 56 held by Mike Maryanski in 1995-96.

UM-Dearborn (7-17, 3-8) got 19 points from Doug Sharples, Myke White and Julius Porter added 14 and 11 respectively.

The Wolves led 33-31 at halftime before MU built a

56-44 second half lead. UM-Dearborn pulled to within 62-60 with 3:58 left, but couldn't get any closer.

MU returns to WHAC action in a rescheduled game at 7:30 tonight at Siena Heights.

KIRTLAND CC 105, SCHOOLCRAFT 74:
The foreign connection of Dmitry Martynenko and Stavros Schizas combined for 36 points Saturday as host Kirtland Community College (15-6, 5-4) routed Schoolcraft College (8-14, 2-7) in an MCCA Eastern Conference matchup.

The 6-foot-8 Martynenko, from Moscow, Russia, paced all scorers with 19 points. Schizas, a 6-5 forward from Salamina, Greece, added 17 as the Firebirds jumped out to a 51-35 halftime lead and never looked back.

Five Schoolcraft players scored in double figures led by Ron Pummil (Garden City), who finished with 15 points.

Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) had a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds to go along with four blocks.

Karl Moore added 14 points, while Lydell Mason and Davonte Broden contributed 13 and 10.

Kirtland was 24-of-29 from the foul line (82.7 percent), while Schoolcraft hit 24-of-32 (75 percent).

HOCKEY

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Senior J.J. Petterson and sophomore Max Humitz scored goals 1:42 apart to give the Spartans a 3-0 lead with 13:56 remaining in the second period. Urso assisted on Petterson's fifth goal of the season. Freshman Dominic Lutz set up Humitz for his seventh goal.

The Spartans were then called for seven penalties before the period ended, and three more in the opening minutes of the third period.

That gave the Flyers a number of 5-on-3 power play chances as they converted on two of them.

Peter Kusek scored at 1:24 followed by Michael Race's goal at 7:31 to cut the Spartan advantage to 3-2.

Stevenson had a power play chance with 8:58 remaining in the game, but a Spartan turnover freed Newel for a breakaway and he scored a shorthanded goal with 6:05 remaining to tie it at 3-3.

In all, Stevenson committed 16 penalties. Farmington Unified was whistled for five. The Spartans also had two players ejected.

"Our guys need to take responsibility for the lack of discipline," Vento added. "We are not going to beat many teams when we take 16 penalties in a game. Had it not been for our goalie, they could have put the game away much earlier with all the power plays they had."

Stevenson sophomore Connor Humitz stopped 19-of-23 Farmington Unified shots, and suffered his second loss of the season.

Flyer netminder Keith Ladouceur made 23 saves. **CHURCHILL 6, PORTAGE CENTRAL 0:** Sophomore Brad Milks tallied a pair of goals Saturday afternoon as

the Livonia Churchill (8-7) blanked host Portage Central (7-7) in a nonleagueur at K-Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo.

The Chargers were coming off a 6-1 loss the previous night against host Muskegon Mona Shores.

"The team had a players only meeting and they responded with a better sense of urgency," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said.

The Chargers jumped out to a 3-0 first period advantage and built a 5-0 cushion after two periods.

Ben Proben contributed a goal and two assists, while Steven Klisz and Joe Williams each added a goal and assist. Jake Otto also tallied a goal in the final period.

Jesse Chambers, who played the first two periods in net, combined with David Turel for the shutout.

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	4:30 pm	\$25	\$25,000	20 min.	None	\$1,000
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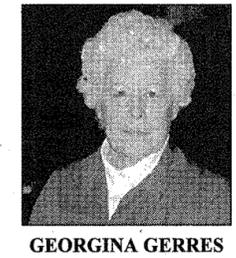
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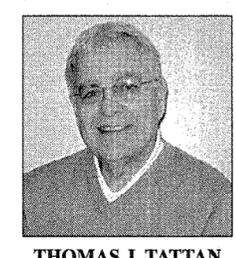
RUTH BAXTER
 93, passed away on January 18, 2011 after a prolonged illness. She was the wife of Joseph Baxter (deceased) and loving mother to Michael (Marilyn) of Laurel, Maryland, Jan (Judy) of Charlotte, MI and Mary Fuelling (Dennis) of Canton, MI. She had 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren. She was devoted to her family and they are comforted knowing she is with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Remembrances can be made in her name to 3for5.org



SUSAN MARIE FOLTZ



GEORGINA GERRES

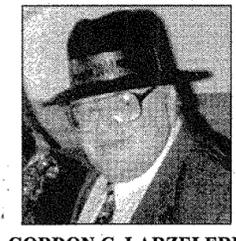


THOMAS J. TATTAN

Livonia, MI – Susan Marie Foltz, 66, of Livonia, MI, formerly of Lancaster, OH, died Saturday, January 29, 2011, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, MI. She fought a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer for two years before dying peacefully with family by her side. Susan was born November 7, 1944, in East Cleveland, Ohio and was the daughter of the late Walter Milton Smoyer and Marjorie Janet Wing. Susan grew up in the Cleveland area, attended Muskingum University in Ohio in the sixties and had a thirty plus year career in banking, mortgage lending & bookkeeping in both Ohio, beginning with Farmers & Citizens Bank, and in Michigan, last employed by Plastomer in the Detroit area. In retirement, Susan enjoyed time spent with family at Sand Lake, traveling with her husband, and raising her eight grandkids. Susan was loved and respected by all who knew her and to the very end was "the rock" of the family. Lovingly referred to as "Grams", Susan is survived by her husband Larry Kenneth Foltz of Livonia, MI; and brother Robert Smoyer, and his wife Hazel Smoyer of Chesapeake, VA. She is also survived by daughter Brenda Foltz Williamson, her husband John Edward Williamson & grandchildren Nicole, Hanna & Jack; son Daniel Kenneth Foltz, wife Erin Elizabeth Foltz & grandchildren Chloe, Allison, Isabel & Danny, all of Livonia, MI; and son Scott Ogden, wife Lara Berkeley, and grandson Calvin of Wilmington, NC, as well as her first husband, Frank Ogden of Leland, NC. A visitation will be held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home at 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI from 2 pm to 9 pm on Friday February 4, 2011. A memorial service will be held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home from 2 pm to 4 pm, on Saturday, February 5, 2011 with an additional visitation from Noon to 2 pm on Saturday before the memorial. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society in the name of Susan Foltz. An online guestbook is available at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.

Age 98 of Plymouth, died January 29, 2011. Beloved mother of Jeanette Merrill. Loving grandmother of Jonathan (Kathleen) Merrill and Anne Merrill. Dear great grandmother of Celia, Ian, Tess and Evan Merrill. Georgina exhibited a wonderful zest for life, and was proud to be able to care for herself throughout her lifetime. She was especially pleased when she could spend time with her daughter and great-grandchildren. Private cremation services have been held. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

Age 61 of Northville, January 30, 2011. Beloved husband of Cynthia. Loving father of Jason (Megan). Dear son of Dorothy and the late John. Dear brother of Michael (Debbie), Tim, and Leanne (Mark) Clark. Also leaves several nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 2-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth, In State Sat. 10 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Rd (south of 5 Mile) Plymouth. Entombment Michigan Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to U of M Health System, Section of Thoracic Surgery. To leave a message of condolence or share a memory with the family, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



GORDON C. LARZELERE

Age 67. January 30, 2011. Beloved husband of Nancy. Loving father of Matthew (Samantha) and Teresa Larzelere. Dear grandfather of Jake, Cody, Austin, Andrew, and Emily. Brother of Dale, Rick, Jack, Mike, Mary Pierce, and Helen Larzelere. Funeral Service Friday, 12 Noon, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.), Downtown Farmington. Visitation Thursday 2-8 PM (Knights of Columbus service at 7:30 PM). Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. www.thayer-rock.com



SHIRLEY ANN WOODRUFF

4/26/1934 - 1/26/2011
 Loving wife of the late Donald Woodruff. Proud mother of David (Christine), Gary, Steven (Evelyn), Loretta (Patrick), Martin & Arthur. Grandmother of 11: Donald, Michael, Patrick, Marie, Angela, Joshua, Jason, Carrin, David, Kevin & Lil Donald. Great Grandmother to 8: Jaydin, Zander, Makenna, Brittany, Dakota, Brittany, Savannah, Elizabeth & Brian. A kind, loving woman to all she met. Full of smiles, joy and laughter! She is already missed but will live on in our hearts and fondest memories.

ANTHONY S. "BUTCH" DELORENZO
 Age 70 of Westland. Passed January 30, 2011. Loving father of Anthony (Chandra) Delorenzo. Brother of Mary Delorenzo, Jenny Delorenzo, Jo Delorenzo, Frank (Pat) Delorenzo and Brother Vincent Delorenzo. Brother-in-law Chris Krisciunas. Preceded in death by Nancy Krisciunas. Funeral service Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Querfeld Funeral Home, 1200 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn 313-561-0002. Visitation will be Wednesday, February 2, from 2-8 pm. www.querfeldfh.com

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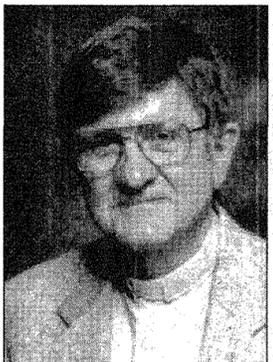
Learn about Lutheran Social Services in Redford

The Rev. Dr. John Siefken, a representative for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, will speak Sunday, Feb. 6 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Redford. He'll talk about "Christ's Servant" at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Siefken served for 37 years at Prince of Glory Lutheran Church in Madison Heights, and four years at Immanuel Lutheran in Detroit. He is retired from full-time ministry.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., and received a Master of Divinity degree from Augustana Theological Seminary, graduating Magna Cum Laude for both institutions. He completed a Doctor of Ministry degree from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Siefken serves as a volunteer speaker to assist Rev. Dr. Phil Hemke, who is director of church relations for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan and liaison between the organization and the two Lower Michigan synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The Southeast Michigan Synod, to which St. John's Lutheran in Redford belongs, includes 132 congregations with 62,700 members. The North/West



The Rev. John Siefken will speak Sunday, Feb. 6, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Redford.

Lower Michigan Synod has 130 churches with 52,500 members.

Lutheran Social Services provides a wide variety of services for children and families, senior adults, refugees, and persons with disabilities. It serves individuals, regardless of race, religion or national origin.

St. John's Lutheran Church is located at 13542 Mercedes, Redford.

For more information about the church, call (313) 538-2660 or visit www.sjcredford.org. For more about Lutheran Social Services visit www.lssm.org.

Story of Job returns to Westland church

The Michigan Concert Choir will present an encore performance of the musical story of Job Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in Westland.

The original show, written by Maureen Miles of Melvindale premiered last spring at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bloomfield Hills and drew audiences at churches in Westland and Grand Rapids.

The group even took the musical to California.

"Someone was at the performance here visiting friends and said, how would you like to come out and perform this in San Diego? They all went out," said Susan Mendenhall, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Westland Stake public affairs

director.

Miles, a Latter-day Saints member and a music teacher in Lincoln Park schools, began working on a song about her favorite book of the Bible about 20 years ago. She put it away for 10 years and then resumed writing, expanding the song into a concert show that tells the story of Job's respect and love of the Lord through lively music, humor and narration.

The performance starts at 7 p.m. at the church, located at 7575 Hix, between Warren and Joy, Newburgh and I-275.

Admission is free and no reservations are needed.

For more information e-mail centorials@aol.com.

- Sharon Dargay

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BECOME A FAN TODAY

Metro Cast's Poly Brick is innovative wall covering

A Westland business is now offering an innovative wall covering that can be installed over exterior or interior walls, whether commercial or residential.

Metro Cast Corp. is now producing Poly Brick panels which consists of six thin bricks embedded in polymer concrete, forming a sheet 2 1/2 inches by 48 inches, weighing less than nine pounds per sheet. Each sheet has flanges with screw holes for easy attachment.

Poly Brick sheets can be attached to concrete and concrete block walls, as well as wood or steel stud wall systems. The 48-inch sheet with standard color brick costs \$8.75 per piece, plus applicable taxes. The pieces are available in eight different colors and four different joint colors.

Poly Brick was developed by Constantin Bodea, owner of Metro Cast Corporation.

Metro Cast is the premier manufacturer of Precast Polymer Concrete Panels (also known as GFRPC, Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer Concrete) in the United States and Canada.

"This system is great for giving a facelift to commercial buildings, houses and garages, inside for walls and fireplaces," said Bodea. "The high speed installation is an important factor to the cost savings. Two people can easily install 100-120 sheets in an eight-hour day. We ship it all over the United States."

Metro Cast is the premier manufacturer of Precast Polymer Concrete Panels (also known as GFRPC, Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer Concrete) in the United States and Canada.

It started in 1970 when for-



Constantin Bodea, owner of Metro Cast in Westland, shows off the company's new simple-to-use wall system called Poly Brick.

mer owner Donato E. Paolucci opened a small shop in Detroit where he built GFRPC panels for small projects, most of them with the exposed aggregate face. The company moved to Ecorse to build mid-size projects, before moving to Westland in 1989.

The fabrication of Polymer Concrete Panels was a favorable business until 1993 when all other companies involved in the production collapsed due to lack of experienced employees, leaving Metro Cast the only one to continue manufacturing in the USA and Canada.

In 1997, Paolucci sold the business to Constantin Bodea and Ramon Escobar. Under the new ownership, Metro Cast expanded its capability to produce durable, aesthetic, prefabricated building components that provide an unlimited choice of size, shape, thickness, color and texture.

The newest product from

Metro Cast, Poly Brick has combined architectural Polymer Concrete with real fired clay thin brick to produce the first of its kind Poly Brick. Each sheet interlocks with the other and is completely water resistant.

Poly-Brick brings cost effective architectural solutions to homeowners, contractors, architects, and designers by creating the classic charm of brick with a stronger than mortar joint that offers ease of installation without the mess.

Poly Brick has an excellent freeze/thaw performance, with a thin line of silicone along the top of the sheet, which seals the wall 100 percent. It can be combined with polymer concrete limestone finish sills, jambs, heads, bands, or bases, all produced by Metro Cast.

Poly Brick is available at Metro Cast, 6140 N. Hix, Westland. For more information, call (734) 728-0210 or visit www.metrocastcorp.com.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

New location

SERVPRO of Westland has a new location - 38156 Executive Dr., Westland.

"We are proud to be able to bring Servpro Industries Inc.'s nationally recognized services to our customers," said owner Gary Gasser. "I encourage home and business owners to contact us about any cleaning or restoration need they may have - especially following a fire or water loss when emergency response is vital to protecting their assets from further damage."

In addition to fire, water, and mold cleanup and restoration services, residential and commercial customers can take advantage of SERVPRO® of Westland's wide variety of cleaning services: carpets, floors, on-site dry cleaning of draperies, furniture and upholstery, and duct work systems. In the event of fire or water damage, SERVPRO® of Westland provides 24-hour emergency service.

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ing from multi-million dollar disasters affecting entire communities to those suffered by individual businesses and homes. Providing coverage in 48 states, SERVPRO® has established relationships with major insurance companies and commercial clients, as well as individual homeowners.

For more information, call (734) 721-5699.

New legal program

Cooley Law School and the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association have created a new program to expand pro bono services in Detroit and Wayne County.

The Cooley Law School-DMBA Pro Bono Mentorship Program allows students from Cooley's Ann Arbor and Auburn Hills campuses to partner with a mentoring attorney in providing pro bono legal services to clients.

Legal services recipients are referred to the program through a number of providers, including Legal Aid and Defender Association, Michigan Legal Services, the United Community Housing Coalition, Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan, the American Civil Liberties Union and Elder Law of Michigan. Participating attorneys are assigned students on an individual basis and provide guidance and direction while fulfilling their own pro bono obligation and commitment.

As a law school dedicated to pro bono service, Cooley's partnership with the DMBA on the Pro Bono Mentorship Program gives law students the opportunity to work with a licensed attorney on a pro bono case from inception to

completion.

"This combines all of the most important aspects of the Bar Association's service agenda," said Steven Cernak, legal counsel for General Motors and Chair of the Pro Bono Committee for the DMBA Foundation. "Students have the opportunity to gain valuable exposure to many different areas of law and to build essential lawyering skills in the process. Experienced attorneys mentor them and in the process provide needed legal aid to our community's poor. Local legal services providers get badly needed help in providing legal help for their most vulnerable clients. Everyone walks away feeling that they have gained something tangible and that good has been accomplished."

The program also give attorneys an opportunity to fulfill the State Bar of Michigan's Voluntary Pro Bono Standard, which encourages them to represent three low-income individuals, provide a minimum of 30 hours of representation or professional services, at no fee or reduced cost, or contribute \$300 to the Access to Justice Fund.

The program is administered at Cooley Law School by Dionnie Wynter, Assistant Director of Cooley's Center for Ethics, Service, and Professionalism (Auburn Hills) with faculty oversight from Associate Professor Ashley Lowe. Attorney Dennis Donahue is facilitating the cases through the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association.

To volunteer as a pro bono attorney, Donahue at cdonahue@detroitlawyer.org.

MILESTONES

Open for Business

Location: Bamboo Garden Restaurant, 124 S. Merriman, Westland

Details: The Bamboo Garden Restaurant is celebrate its grand

opening today (Feb. 3) with a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon. Bamboo Garden specializes in authentic

Chinese dishes with embellishments for American taste. It features the tastes of Hunan, Szechuan, Cantonese and Sushi. Lunch specials start at \$5.50, seven days a week until 3 p.m. Dinners start at \$6.75. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon-9 p.m. Sunday. **Contact:** (734) 728-1166

Gaming Tournament

Time/Date: Sunday, Feb. 20, registration at noon, tournament starts at 2 p.m.

Location: The Game Yard, 29552 Ford, Garden City

Details: The Game Yard is hosting a Marvel vs. Capcom 3 Tournament, organized by Dark City Productions. The

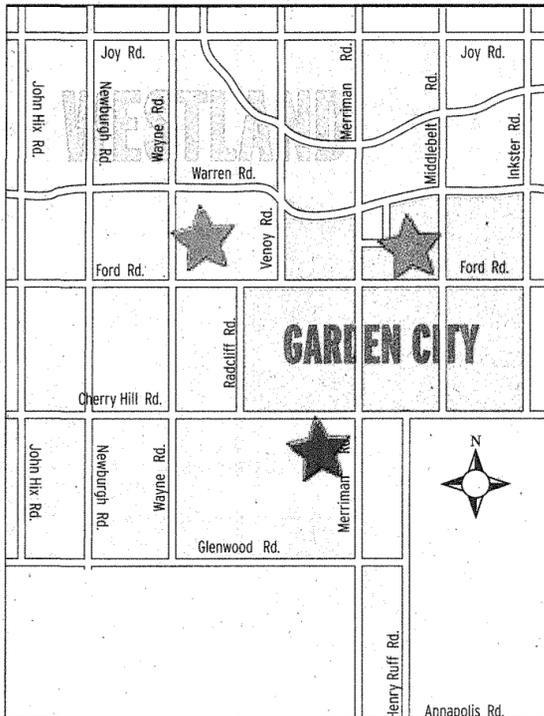
will be a live DJ and hosting by The Regiment. The event is sponsored by GamersAve, The GameYard, Dark City Productions, and The Regiment. Marvel vs. Capcom 3 is a new game scheduled for release Feb. 15 on both PS3 and Xbox 360. The tournament will be held on Xbox 360, with an entry fee of \$15. Prizes for the tournament include cash, gift certificates and exclusive T-shirts. **Contact:** For more information, call (734) 261-0214.

Goodwill benefit

Time/Date: Now through March 6

Location: Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Woodland Lanes, 33775 Plymouth Road, Livonia and Cherry Hill Lanes, 300 N. Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit and Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers invite Metro



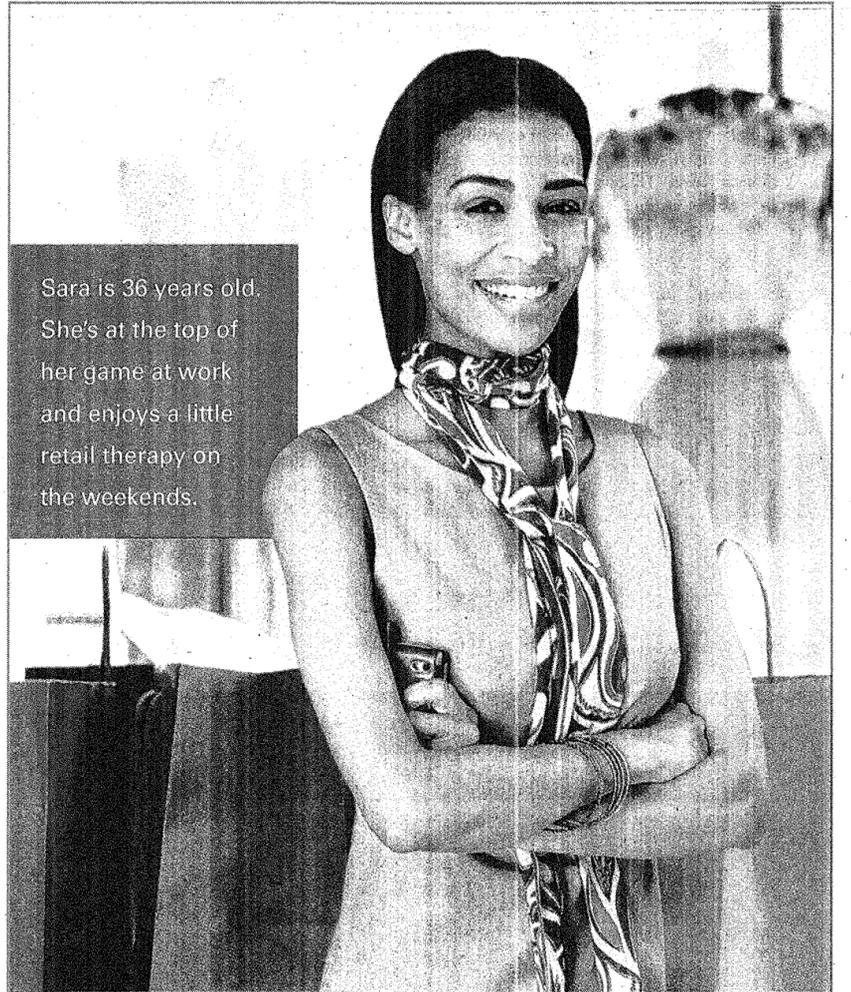
Detroiters to "Bowl for Jobs" and "Donate for Jobs." Each location will accept monetary donations and gently used clothing or other items. The best donated items will be among those sold at Goodwill's new flagship upscale resale store at 41937 Ford, Canton. Every donor will receive a coupon for one free game of bowling with the purchase of another game. Each of the participating centers also will raise funds for the campaign through 50/50 raffles during league bowling. Donation and raffle activities supporting Goodwill are in conjunction with Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers league "St. Patrick's Pot o' Gold Tournament." All donations support the employment training and education programs of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, the only organization in southeast Michigan dedicated solely to helping local people overcome employment challenges and earn jobs.

Diabetes program

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9

Location: The auditorium of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a presentation called "Diabetes and Your Heart." Participants will learn how diabetes affects their heart and cardiovascular system from Dr. Roy Misirliyan, director of Noninvasive Cardiology at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. This is a St. Mary Mercy Hospital Diabetes Support Group presentation, however, all are welcome. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required. **Contact:** Call Community Outreach at (734) 655-8950 or 1-800-494-1650 (out of area only) for more information, or visit stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."



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Dueling Tribute

Bands play Seger, Rolling Stones tunes at Village Theater in Canton

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Hollywood Nights versus *Brown Sugar*?
Old Time Rock & Roll and *Miss You*?

You'll hear music of both Bob Seger and The Rolling Stones Friday, Feb. 11, when two tribute bands battle it out on the Village Theater stage in Canton.

The Dueling Tributes stage production starts at 8 p.m. at the theater, located 50400 Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$11, available at the door or in advance at the theater box office or by calling (734) 394-5300.

Todd Stoney, drummer for Lookin' Back, the Bob Seger Tribute Band, created the show, and says the duel has nothing to do with competition between his group and Beggar's Banquet, the other tribute band.

"Dueling Tribute came out of dueling pianos," he said, explaining that the two bands

will alternate songs as they work their way through their play lists.

"There will be some excitement about going back and forth between bands."

He stresses that the show isn't designed to select the best band or most popular songs. It's not a competition.

"What I want to do with the bands is to find fun things to make the bands interact. There's a lot we can do to make it fun."

Stage lighting and video cameras will add to the excitement.

FORD, RAMPS, BANDS

"I found the Canton Village Theater to be the perfect size. I am trying to stay out of the bars and trying to come up with my own production," Stoney said. "There are a whole lot of tribute bands I'd like to help. We're all struggling."

The bands will share the spotlight with the Ford Explorer, and a vehicle display ramp made by Stoney's com-



Lookin' Back, a Bob Seger Tribute Band, will play Feb. 11 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

pany, RampBoss-USA.

The ramp, which allows vehicles to tilt easily while on display, has been used

everywhere from the Detroit Opera House and the North American International Auto show to the National Corvette Museum and Hollywood for use in films.

The Ford Explorer recently was named the Motor Trend Truck of the Year.

LOCAL SPONSORSHIP

Looking for a way to promote both his band and his ramp, Stoney developed the dueling tribute idea and then sought sponsorship help from

Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne.

Bob Faust, general sales manager, saw it as a creative outreach to the community.

"We wanted to promote the new Explorer and Canton, being one of the larger areas in our market, it was a good fit," Faust said, explaining the auto group's interest in sponsoring the show.

The bands will devote the first hour of the show to the dueling concept. The second half will be all Bob Seger tunes.

Stoney said the audience will notice a contrast between how closely they resemble the original rockers. He said Beggar's Banquet's lead singer resembles Mick Jagger's; Lookin' Back doesn't have a Bob Seger look alike.

"We are so not that and they are so trying to do that," he said, describing the tribute performers. "We're not trying to be Bob. We're just taking care of the music."

"I think it will be a very entertaining show."



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Brian Cahalan (left) of Flat Rock, Carol Lipinski of Garden City, Samantha Lowry of Novi and Nathan Corliss of Livonia rehearse a scene from the British farce, "Black Comedy."

Local theater troupe stages British farce

Barefoot Productions lights up the second half of its season with *Black Comedy*, written by Tony-awarding winning playwright Peter Shaffer, author of *Equus* and *Amadeus*.

Set in London 1969, *Black Comedy* tells the story of Brindsley Miller, a struggling, bohemian artist, who desperately tries to impress his fiancée's father by "borrowing" his neighbor Harold's, posh furniture to glamorize his own shabby flat. Chaos and prat falls ensue when an unexpected power failure jeopardizes all of Brindsley's plans.

Curtain is at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday Feb. 11-27 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and 27, at the theater, 240 N. Main, Plymouth. Tickets are \$16; students and senior citizens pay \$14.

"We know how much our patrons love comedies and true to Barefoot form, we wanted to deliver on that expectation by choosing a classic British

farce," stated Craig A. Hane, artistic director and founder of Barefoot Productions.

"The show is very reminiscent of the comic delivery and timing of the *Dick Van Dyke Show*, a 'live' situation comedy that builds into zany and outrageous mishaps, one greater than the next."

First performed in 1965, *Black Comedy* featured Maggie Smith, as the elderly neighbor, and Albert Finney as Harold.

Barefoot's cast includes: Rick Berryman of Canton; Brian Cahalan of Flat Rock; Nathan Corliss, Christine Doulette and Mat DeLisle, all of Livonia; Carol Lipinski of Garden City; Samantha Lowry of Novi and a few mystery guests.

"We have a few surprises up our sleeves in casting one of the characters," Hanes said. "We hope our guests will enjoy this extra layer of fun — but I can't tell you more than that."

Romantic evening combines love songs, food, wine

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

If Cupid preferred opera to arrows, you can bet he'd croon a little Verdi.

"La Traviata, it's like opening a faucet and the melody come pouring out," said John Zaretti, president of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan. "Women love Puccini because he not only was a genius, but because of the short of sugary music he wrote for sopranos. But if you're really into opera, Verdi is unequalled."

"If Verdi and Puccini don't stir your passions, then I don't know, you might be made out of stone."

Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan's third annual Valentine's Day weekend show will include songs by both of the composers, as well as the music of Bizet, Gounod, Leonard Bernstein, George Gershwin, Rodgers and Hammerstein and others.

Concerto d' Amore, starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Italian American Banquet & Conference Center of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. The dinner program, in cooperation with the Italian American club of Livonia Club Cultural Committee, includes Italian food, wine and beer, along with the program of love songs, duets and ensembles. Tickets are \$45 per person. Reservations are a must, available by calling Zaretti at (734) 552-4236 or by e-mailing verdiopera@comcast.net.

The show will feature sopranos Nicole Greenidge and Elizabeth Pearse; tenor Zeshan Bagewadi; and baritone Branden Hood. All are award winners of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions-Michigan District/Great Lakes Region. Jean Schneider, pianist for the



Baritone Branden Hood, (left) soprano Nicole Greenidge, and John Zaretti, president of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, show off a poster for the upcoming Concerto d'Amore at the Italian American Club of Livonia Banquet Center. In addition to Hood and Greenidge, the concert also will feature soprano Elizabeth Pearse, and tenor Zeshan Bagewadi, all award winners of the recent Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions-Michigan District, accompanied at the piano by Jean Schneider.

Michigan Opera Theatre, will accompany the singers.

"This is a concert of love songs from Broadway to opera," Zaretti said. "Even those who are not strictly opera lovers will come. It's a romantic evening of good food and good music, a night of stirring the passions. It's the perfect occasion to treat your sweetheart or yourself."

OPERA OPPORTUNITIES

Zaretti, a Canton resident, co-founded Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan in 1988 with baritone Dino Valle and Florence Larime, an active con-

cert organizer.

The organization works closely with local symphonies in producing joint concerts and actively nurtures young talent through an annual vocal competition. It has teamed up with the Plymouth Symphony, the Livonia Symphony and Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony, among others. It will present Irina Mishura in concert April 14 at St. Regis Church in Bloomfield Hills.

The deadline for the annual vocalist competition is Feb. 12. A judging panel will select finalists in early March, with

a final competition, held in the form of a live concert on May 1.

"To help and encourage young people to explore music is really one of our aims," Zaretti said. "There is very little opportunity for young people to explore or challenge themselves, particularly in opera. We have a vocal competition in its 17th year of operation for high school students. The winner gets \$1,000."

For more information about the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, including rules to enter the vocal competition, visit www.verdioperatheatre.com

ART

City Gallery

Time/Date: Through Feb. 23
Location: At the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Nature photography by artist Cassandra Medley
Contact: (248) 473-1856

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Feb. 4-19; gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4
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Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
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Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Sean Patton, Feb. 2-5; Tony Woods, Feb. 9-12; Louis Katz, Feb. 16-19; Shane Moss, Feb. 23-26;
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Time/Date: Michael Malone, Feb. 3-5; Jeff Caldwell, Feb. 10-12; Rachel Feinstein, Feb. 17-19; Ian Bagg, Feb. 24-26
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

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Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month
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Time/Date: Ann Doyle and Doug Howell, Feb. 3; Hoots & Hellmouth, Feb. 4; Yiddishe Cup, Feb. 5; Caravan of Thieves, Feb. 7; Kurt Elling, Feb. 8; The Wallers, Feb. 9; The Battlefield Band, Feb. 10; The Kruger Brothers, Feb. 11; Mustard's Retreat, Feb. 12; My Folky Valentine with Annie and Rod Capps and more, Feb. 13; Genticorum, Feb. 15; Buckwheat Zydeco, Feb. 16; The Good Lovelies, Feb. 18; Cheryl Wheeler, Feb. 20; Bobby Long, Feb. 21; Open Stage, Feb. 23; The Asylum Street

Spankers, Feb. 24; BreakFest, Feb. 25; Susan Werner, Feb. 26; The Jeremy Kittel Band, Feb. 27; Studebaker John & the Hawks, Feb. 28
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Jazz @ The Elks

Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz musicians perform; no cover, but donations accepted.
Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

Music Hall

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Feb. 10-11
Location: 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: "Drumline Live," tickets \$30, \$40, \$50
Contact: (313) 887-8500

Seligman Performing Arts Center

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12
Location: Located on the campus of Detroit Country Day School at 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills
Details: Orion String Quartet and Windscape perform Bach's "The Art of the Fugue" as a part of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit series. Tickets are \$43-75; \$25 for students
Contact: (248) 855-6070; www.

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Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Motor City Sidestroke with The Milroys, Feb. 4; Lac La Belle and Orpheum Bell, Feb. 5; Unvalentine Show with Jamie Sue Seal, Dave Boutette, John Latini and Andrew Viloch, Feb. 11; Nervous But Excited with The Marvins, Feb. 12; Drew Nelson, Feb. 18; Michael Smith, Feb. 19; Blue Water Ramblers, Feb. 26; The Waymores, March 4
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Score big with guests on Super Bowl Sunday

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Haven't quite pinned down the menu for your big Super Bowl XLV gathering this Sunday?

Don't worry. Observer & Eccentric readers have you covered.

We put out the call for football-watching fare and received lots of recipes for tasty dips, soups, finger foods and more.

While the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Green Bay Packers battle it out on the field on Feb. 6, you can score big with these winning recipes at home.

Thanks to our kitchen-savvy readers for sharing their Super Bowl food ideas.

Enjoy!

JIMMY DEAN PORK DIP

Cheryle McCormick of Plymouth asked for this pork dip recipe after discovering a small town Iowa bank served complimentary samples to customers.

"I've been making it for parties ever since, especially during fall/winter months," McCormick e-mailed the Observer. "It is a hit at parties, especially with guys. Watch it disappear fast."

2 pounds of Jimmy Dean Sausage (1 pound mild, 1 pound hot), cooked and drained

1 onion and 1 stalk of celery chopped and sauteed in butter

1 can diced tomatoes with chiles

115-ounce can refried beans

115-ounce can chili with no beans

½ package of taco seasoning

½ teaspoon garlic salt

A few shakes of Worcestershire sauce

2 pounds of Velveeta cheese, cubed

Mix all ingredients in a slow cooker, then heat through, stirring occasionally. When hot, serve with tortilla chips.

THEM QUARTER THINGS

"I have had this appetizer recipe for years from a party that I attended," wrote Jeanette Foxe of Livonia. "It was a huge hit. I begged for the recipe, as I knew it was a keeper. Easy to fix ahead of time, quick to put together when your company arrives, and yummy to eat!"

10 English muffins split in half, and then cut each half in quarters. For larger finger food appetizer use muffin halves. If not using immediately, place in plastic bag to keep fresh

Topping:

1 cup mayo (do not use Miracle Whip)

¾ cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 pound bacon, crisp cooked and crumbled

½ cup canned mushroom slices, finely chopped

½ cup green pepper, finely chopped

¾ cup onion, finely chopped

Mix together all topping ingredients and chill if not using right away. Spread on English muffin pieces and broil on cookie sheet until bubbling and toasty.

HUMMUS

Vickie Dickieson of Northville previously lived in Dearborn where many restaurants feature hummus. She "experimented" with several recipes and came up with her own.

"It is possible to buy hummus but it is fairly expensive compared to preparing it yourself. Also it is very healthy!" Dickieson said. She serves hummus with mini pitas or pita crackers.

1 can (15 ounces) of chick peas drained and rinsed in hot water

3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

2 tablespoons minced onion

1 clove garlic

¼ cup olive oil

¼ cup vegetable oil

2 tablespoons sour cream or mayonnaise

¼ cup red sweet pepper to add color and taste appeal

1. Using a blender mix first four ingredients

2. While machine is running add oils

3. Add sour cream or mayonnaise and red pepper

4. Add salt & fresh ground pepper to taste

5. Best if refrigerated at least 4 hours or overnight

BROCCOLI POTATO SOUP

Call it a "souper bowl" party, because that's exactly what Judy and Don Diener of Westland serve during the biggest game of the year.

"At our Super Bowl Party, we make several different types of soup and chili," Judy e-mailed. "We place the soup or chili in small round loaves of assorted breads. These bread boats are a hit."

4 tablespoons butter

1 cup chopped onion

½ cup flour

4 cups low sodium chicken broth

4 cups fat-free milk

16 ounces frozen chopped broccoli

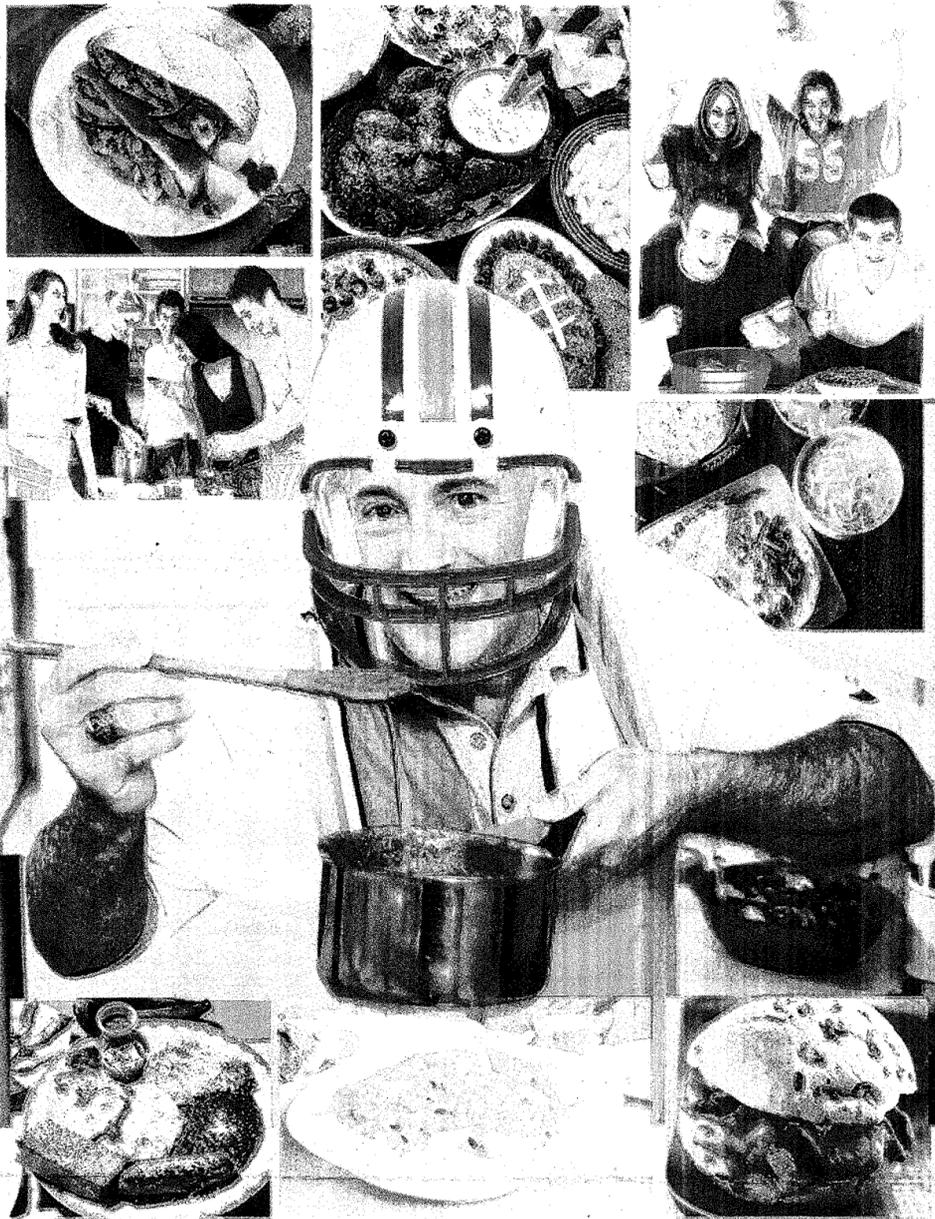
2 cups peeled diced potatoes

1½ cups shredded cheddar cheese

1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon pepper

Melt butter in large saucepan. Add onion and cook until tender. Add flour, stir until blended. Gradually stir in broth. Heat until slightly thickened. Add milk, broccoli and potatoes. Cook on low heat about 15 minutes or until broccoli and potatoes are tender. Stir in cheese and seasonings.



Celebrating the Pittsburgh Steelers' last Super Bowl victory are Bill Springer, (left) Carolyn Springer, Samantha McGrath, Kay Springer, David and David McGrath. They all live in Canton.

SALSA BEAN SALAD

Linda McNall of Livonia gets rave reviews and many recipe requests for this salad that serves 10-12.

2 15-ounce cans black beans, rinsed and drained

115-ounce can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained

115-ounce can garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained

½ cup chopped onion

1 large green pepper, sliced into thin bite-size strips

¾ cup medium or hot salsa

½ cup non-fat Italian salad dressing

1 tablespoon sugar

¼ to ½ teaspoon salt

1 large tomato, chopped

Combine all beans, onion, and green pepper in a large bowl. Combine salsa, salad dressing, sugar, and salt. Add to the bean mixture, stir lightly. Chill, covered, 4 to 24 hours, stirring often. Stir in tomato just before serving. Serve with nacho chips.

ITALIAN BEEF SANDWICHES

Deborah Chanulak of Canton says this recipe has worked well for her. "Everything can be done in advance and you can enjoy the party."

1 4-pound beef sirloin tip roast

2 envelopes Italian salad dressing mix

2 cups (16 ounces) beef broth

2 large Spanish onions cut into ½-inch slices

116-ounce jar mild yellow pepper rings undrained

3 packages mini sub buns

Sliced provolone cheese

Shredded lettuce

Sliced tomatoes

The night before the game, place the roast and onions in a large slow cooker. Combine salad dressing mix and beef broth. Pour over the roast and onions. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours or until tender. Remove meat, shred with two forks and return to slow cooker. Add jar of pepper rings and heat through. Serve with provolone, lettuce and tomatoes. Serves 20 to 24.

GRANDS! MONKEY BREAD

There are lots of monkey bread recipes available, from orange-flavored to caramel. Amy McGrath of Canton likes this version that uses Pillsbury's Grands! biscuits. She says the tasty bread is "kid friendly to make and eat." It makes 12 servings

½ cup sugar

1 teaspoon cinnamon

2 cans (16.3 ounces each) Pillsbury® Grands!® Homestyle refrigerated buttermilk biscuits

½ cup chopped walnuts, if desired

½ cup raisins, if desired

1 cup firmly packed brown sugar

¾ cup butter or margarine, melted

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease 12-cup fluted tube pan.

2. In large plastic food-storage bag, mix sugar and cinnamon. Separate dough into 16 biscuits; cut each into quarters. Shake in bag to coat. Arrange in pan, adding walnuts and raisins among the biscuit pieces.

3. Mix brown sugar and butter; pour over biscuit pieces.

4. Bake 28 to 32 minutes or until golden brown and no longer doughy in center. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Turn upside down onto serving plate; pull apart to serve. Serve warm.

TURKEY AND WHITE BEAN CHILI

Mary Spencer of Northville, the culinary instructor at Scottie's Kitchen in Northville and ABC Warehouse, says she has made this chili recipe for many years and that "everyone who has had it loves it."

¼ cups great northern beans
6 slices bacon, chopped
½ cup olive oil
1½ cups coarsely chopped onion
1 large yellow pepper, finely chopped
2 small jalapeno peppers, finely chopped

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

2½ pounds ground turkey

3 teaspoons ground cumin

½ teaspoon thyme

1 tablespoon oregano

2 teaspoons basil

6 cups chicken broth

1½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

¼ teaspoon cayenne

2 cups sour cream

Shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Reserved chopped bacon

Place beans in a medium saucepan. Add enough warm water to cover beans by 2 inches. Over high heat, bring to a boil; boil for 2 minutes and drain. Repeat twice more. Cover by 2 inches with fresh warm water and allow to stand at room temperature for 1-6 hours.

In a 5-quart Dutch oven, sauté the bacon until crisp, remove bacon and reserve. Add olive oil, heat and add onion and sauté until softened, add yellow pepper, jalapeno pepper and garlic. Saute briefly. Stir in ground turkey a little at a time. Cook until turkey loses its pink color and turns white. Stir in cumin, thyme, oregano and basil. Stir in chicken broth, salt, nutmeg and cayenne. Add drained beans and simmer for 1-1½ hours or until beans are tender. If liquid evaporates too much add more broth or water. When beans are tender, correct seasoning adding cumin, salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste. Remove chili from stove, add ½ cup liquid to 1-2 cups sour cream, then stir this back into the chili. Serve in bowls sprinkled on top with shredded Monterey Jack

cheese and reserved chopped bacon. If chili is too thin, stir in 2-3 tablespoons white cornmeal before adding sour cream.

BUFFALO CHICKEN DIP

Lauren Romeo of Northville is thinking about including this dip at her Super Bowl Party Sunday at Lake Street Tavern in South Lyon, which she and her mom own. She says the recipe is fool proof, easy to make and a crowd pleaser.

1 cup shredded cooked chicken

8-ounce bar of cream cheese (softened)

¾ cup ranch dressing

¼ cup Frank's Wing Sauce (or your favorite hot sauce)

½ cup cheddar cheese

1-2 bags of corn chips (I like Tostitos Scoops)

1. Preheat oven to 350.

2. Mix cream cheese, ranch dressing and hot sauce together in mixing bowl.

3. Add shredded chicken and combine.

4. Spray oven-proof baking dish with non-stick spray and add mixture.

5. Bake 15-20 minutes.

6. Remove from oven and sprinkle with cheddar cheese.

7. Put back in oven until dip becomes bubbly and cheese is melted.

8. Serve with tortilla chips and enjoy!

Mike Campbell of Sweet Sass Foods in Livonia, offers these quick snack ideas using Sweet Sass Flavor Sauce:

- Ritz crackers with a spread of cream cheese and a drizzle of Sweet Sass Flavor Sauce. As an option, top with pieces of walnuts

- Cooked shrimp dipped in Sweet Sass Flavor Sauce

- Big bowl of taco salad: Combine lettuce, cooked hamburger with ½ pack of taco seasoning and Sweet Sass Flavor Sauce, shredded taco cheese and crushed Nacho Cheese Doritos. Drizzle with Sweet Sass Flavor Sauce.

- Baked Beans: 4 15-ounce cans of beans (northern beans, black beans, pinto beans and butter beans), 15 ounces of tomato sauce, 1 cup of Sweet Sass Flavor Sauce, 2 tablespoons of molasses, 1 tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce, 1 tablespoon of chili powder, ½ teaspoon of hot pepper sauce. Rinse and drain beans. Mix all ingredients and bake at 375 for 35 minutes. Optional: Add any cooked meat such as bacon or ham. Serve hot or cold.

- Chicken & Apple Wrap: Whole grain flat bread, 2 chicken breasts, 1 Granny Smith apple, 1 red onion, muenster cheese, chopped walnuts, Sweet Sass Flavor Sauce.

- Grill chicken with Sweet Sass Flavor sauce, lay out flat bread, add sliced chicken, sliced apple, sliced red onion, muenster cheese, chopped walnuts and drizzle with Sweet Sass Flavor Sauce.

"As we say at our party. Sass it Up!"

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Regional fire grant to make communities safer

The National Fire Protection Association's Fire Safety Educational Memorial Fund Committee has selected the Western Wayne County Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) from Livonia as the recipient of the 2011 Warren E. Isman Educational Grant.

"The Western Wayne County HMRT has demonstrated the leadership, communication and training skills needed to effectively mitigate a wide range of hazmat incidents within their region," said Ken Isman, chair of the Warren E. Isman Task Force, a subcommittee of the Fire Safety Educational Memorial Fund Committee and son of the late Chief Warren Isman. "We are very pleased to support their achievements, and help further their efforts in protecting the public."

Award recipients select a conference where they can attend specialized hazardous materials training and education sessions. The selected team has the opportunity to gain knowledge and enhance their ability to excel in this specialized field. The funds from the 2011 Isman Grant will make it possible for the Western Wayne County HMRT to attend the IAFC International Hazardous Materials Response Teams Conference in Baltimore, Md., May 2011. The Western Wayne County HMRT is comprised of 45 members from Mutual Aid Associations fire departments within the Detroit metropolitan area, collectively protecting more than 2.9 million residents. Since becoming one of Michigan's 18 Regional Response Teams (RRT) in 2005, the Western Wayne County HMRT is also responsible for responding to larger incidents, including those involving weapons of mass destruction, with a response area that incorporates the entire state.

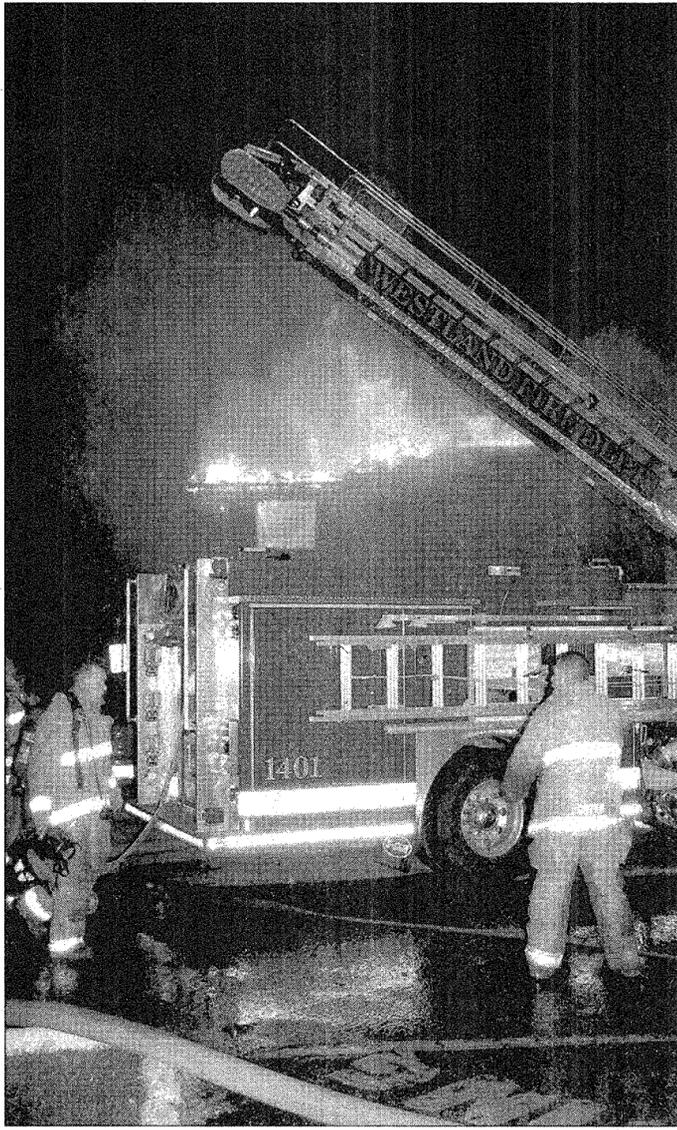
The \$5,000 grant is available to any established incident response team from a fire department, police department or other public-funded program.

Qualified applicants are evaluated on leadership qualities, communication abilities, and must have been trained in accordance with NFPA 472, Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, and NFPA 473, Standard for Competencies for EMS Personnel Responding to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents. The closing date for 2012 applications is Sept. 15, 2011.

Established by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) following Isman's death in 1991, the grant is named in honor of a man who was known to value training and education. He was the former fire chief in Fairfax County, Virginia, a senior instructor for the University of Maryland Fire Service Extension Program, and author of three fire-related textbooks. Isman served on the IAFC board of directors and was chair of both NFPA's Technical Committee on Hazardous Materials Response Personnel and IAFC's Committee on Hazardous Materials. NFPA's Fire Safety Educational Memorial Fund was established in 1992. Upon request of IAFC, NFPA assumed administrative responsibilities of the Isman Grant in 1993.

To make a contribution to the Fire Safety Educational Memorial Fund or for more information regarding the application process, visit NFPA's website or contact Christine Ellis at (617) 984-7244.

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that you document the disability that you have and get a doctor's opinion letter stating the basis by which you believe you must have the dog in your unit; then present it to the association and if they reject your request, see an attorney or otherwise consider contacting the various state and federal agencies who assist persons who claim improper discrimination.

Q: Our management company insists upon us hiring the same lawyer that they have used at other projects claiming that he is close to their office and works well with them. The board is desirous of considering other attorneys but the managing agent who is somewhat brash is insistent upon using this attorney. How can I as a board member dissuade the board otherwise?

A: Show them an article which was written in the Community Association Institute's Common Ground in the September/October 2009 issue wherein we discuss the unholy alliance between many condominium association attorneys and management companies. This management company may desire this attorney for more than just the benefit of the association and I would seriously consider not only looking for a new attorney, but a new management company after you ask whether the lawyer will sue the management company for your association, if necessary, and he or she answers in the negative.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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50154 Black Horse Ln	\$290,000
3344 Brooklyn Dr	\$173,000
39894 Cheviot Rd	\$176,000
40421 Glen Eagle Ln	\$110,000
4369 Hunters Cir E	\$83,000
45010 Leslie Ln	\$185,000
1651 McLaine St	\$390,000
3959 Norwich Dr	\$78,000
1601 Nowland Ct	\$175,000
860 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$265,000
6518 Powderhorn Dr	\$170,000

6529 Powderhorn Dr	\$139,000
4068 Sarah Ann Dr	\$145,000
45389 Seabrook Dr	\$240,000
1517 Trinity Rd	\$405,000
Garden City	
30550 Florence St	\$85,000
32428 Florence St	\$64,000
6733 Henry Ruff Rd	\$90,000
30249 Leona St	\$74,000
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19578 Brentwood St	\$50,000
9130 E Bassett Ct	\$157,000
36160 Fairway Dr	\$50,000
17281 Francavilla Dr	\$195,000
17791 Francavilla Dr	\$170,000
28356 Gita Ct	\$110,000
34147 Grove Dr	\$125,000
14451 Inkster Rd	\$80,000
30189 Minton St	\$90,000
11121 Oxbow St	\$85,000
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14765 Ronnie Ln	\$135,000
19190 Sunset St	\$135,000
32498 Washington St	\$104,000
19628 Weyher St	\$45,000
14447 Yale St	\$129,000
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48326 Binghamton Dr	\$448,000
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16924 Lochmoor Cir E	\$55,000
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26740 Joy Rd	\$10,000
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11754 Marion	\$67,000
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9902 Rockland	\$42,000
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27622 Ann Arbor Trl	\$70,000
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329 Surrey Hts	\$75,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 18-22, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

17344 Locherbie Ave	\$240,000
32451 Pines Dr	\$300,000
Beverly Hills	
30835 River Crossing St	\$185,000
Birmingham	
1537 Buckingham Ave	\$630,000
1205 Ethmons Ave	\$250,000
671 Graefield Ct	\$67,000
1620 Henrietta St	\$239,000
1952 Oak Ave	\$450,000
450 Oak Ave #103	\$275,000
Bloomfield Township	
2581 Alveston Dr	\$99,000
3416 Barlyn Ln	\$100,000
5181 Clarendon Crest St	\$290,000

544 E Fox Hills Dr	\$40,000
767 Great Oaks Dr	\$519,000
95 Manor Rd	\$565,000
1652 Mark Hopkins Rd	\$213,000
1806 S Hill Blvd	\$110,000
950 S Shady Hollow Cir	\$209,000
1744 Saint Johns Ct	\$215,000
5744 Woodwind Dr	\$324,000
Commerce Township	
2024 Alpha St	\$145,000
4032 N Vanstone Dr	\$210,000
5952 Strawberry Cir	\$276,000
3371 Tiqewood	\$200,000
Farmington	
33621 Alta Loma Dr	\$160,000
35467 Heritage Ln	\$85,000
Farmington Hills	
38400 Chessington	\$109,000
38926 Country Cir	\$47,000
28863 Hidden Trl	\$270,000
22122 Lancrest Ct	\$147,000
28838 Lincolnview Dr	\$108,000
22270 Ontaga St	\$85,000
25651 Pebble Ct	\$190,000

34600 Quaker Valley Rd	\$500,000
36621 Valley Ridge Dr	\$235,000
Milford	
1605 Rowe Rd	\$65,000
2900 Trilogy Rd	\$43,000
177 Turnberry Ct	\$230,000
1286 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$226,000
Novi	
43379 Ashbury Dr	\$240,000
41935 Aspen Dr	\$297,000
45137 Bartlett Dr	\$346,000
44975 Cobblestone	\$276,000
43176 Emerson Way	\$230,000
42709 Faulkner Dr	\$225,000
22035 Greentree Ln	\$230,000
22801 Heatherbrae Way	\$178,000
41820 Independence Dr	\$122,000
45254 Jacob Dr	\$285,000
40501 Lenox Park Dr	\$218,000
40507 Lenox Park Dr	\$228,000
23935 Lynwood Dr	\$161,000
23651 Maude Lea St	\$113,000
41151 N McMahon Cir	\$119,000
28025 Paca	\$156,000

28027 Paca	\$152,000
47231 Sunnybrook Ln	\$440,000
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800 Huntington Dr	\$225,000
840 Knollwood Cir	\$145,000
409 Stryker St	\$40,000
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27745 Aberdeen St	\$101,000
30146 Brentwood St	\$70,000
21300 Frazer Ave	\$18,000
23734 Merrill Ave	\$38,000
28325 Ranchwood Dr	\$140,000
30300 Shoreham St	\$104,000
19721 Silver Spring St	\$85,000
19810 W 12 Mile Rd	\$25,000
White Lake	
9933 Burgess Ct	\$235,000
8840 Charbone St	\$527,000
780 Lakeview Dr	\$155,000
1235 Oxbow Lake Rd	\$66,000
437 Rosario Ln	\$160,000

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Recognition

Gwen Daubenmeyer, associate broker and team leader at RE/MAX in the Hills, received an unexpected early Christmas present recently when she was named Certified Distressed Property Expert (CDPE) of the Year by the Distressed Property Institute.

CDPE certification means that the holder really knows what they are talking about when discussing short sales and dealing with banks and other mortgage holders on their clients' behalf.

Daubenmeyer achieved her designation in 2008, before the economic downturn truly began to squeeze the property market so she was well-placed to help local people buy and sell homes in unusual market conditions such as these.

She had no idea that she was eligible for any award, let alone the Expert of the Year. "I got a call from their office thanking me for my commitment to helping homeowners in Michigan and they invited me to fly in for their company Christmas party. I assumed that other CDPE holders would also be invited and I had no idea what was happening until they announced my name during their awards presentation.

"I was speechless. There are plenty of agents doing short sales out there, some doing more than I but I believe in 'people over things' — every single time. Customers are very savvy today. When you care more about their situation than a commission then they recognize it — it's a quality that you can't imitate or fake."

Daubenmeyer has been a licensed Realtor since 1985 and has traded through recessions previously but is consciously aware of how the situation has affected Michigan directly.

lives everywhere we can. If you need more information about buying or selling a home in the Bloomfield Hills area, contact Daubenmeyer or her team at www.gwencan-help.com or www.theintegrityteam.net or visit their office at 36700 N. Woodward Ave., Suite 100, Bloomfield Hills, MI, 48304.

Tax appeals

Kelly Sweeney, CEO of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, will be conducting a property tax appeal seminar Wednesday, Feb. 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Community

House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Sweeney will educate homeowners on the ins and outs of the property tax appeal process.

Topics will include:
 •Differentiating between State Equalized Value, Capped Value and Taxable Value
 •Explanation of the uncapping process
 •Breaking down the appeal process at local and state levels
 •How to read and interpret property assessment notices for 2011

This is the third year the seminar has been held. R.S.V.P. to events@cbweirmanuel.com.

Career Seminar

There will be a Real Estate Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at

Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Learn about a free preclicensing course. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

Investors

The Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne County holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. Entrance fee is \$20 for non-members to be applied to annual membership. For information, call (313) 819-0919 or visit www.reiawaynecounty.org. On Tuesday, Feb. 1, the group will host H&R Block. Learn the tax implications of a short sale, foreclosures, home/office writeoffs and more.

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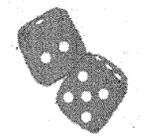
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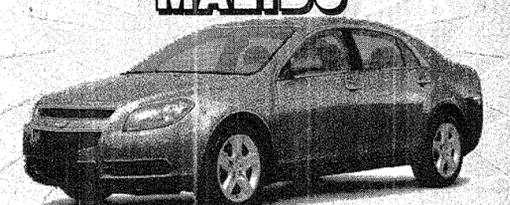
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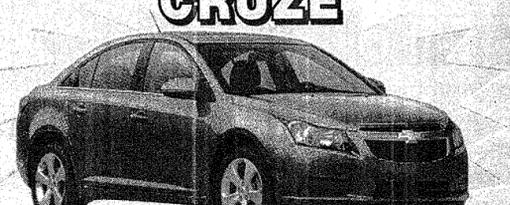
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