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**IN BRIEF**

Upcoming district  
coffee hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at the at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month.

Residents who have any comments or concerns can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517) 373-2576 or send an e-mail to [richardleblanc@house.mi.gov](mailto:richardleblanc@house.mi.gov).

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold district coffee hours Monday, Feb. 14, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary.

Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail, at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at [SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov).

**Surplus food distribution**

Federal food commodity distribution to Westland residents has been scheduled for February.

Residents of Westland living south of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month - this month it is Feb. 14 - at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. For information, call the church at (734) 729-1737.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and should call their building manager for their distribution day. Greenwood Villa residents also will pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

For the month of February, the commodities will include apple cranberry juice, cream corn, macaroni, frozen pork patties, pear halves, shredded mozzarella cheese and possible additional items. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

The food program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services.

**Brownfield plan for theater OK'd**

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It took about 13 years but Westland has its first approved Brownfield Redevelopment Plan.

Council members voted Monday to approve the plan, which will provide a

reimbursement not to exceed \$207,000 in allowed expenses, for the planned new MJR Theater on Wayne Road. The new 16-screen digital theater will be built on the site of the now-closed Showcase Cinemas south of Warren Road.

"This is the first time we have had

a brownfield project in the city. The Brownfield Board has been in existence for 13 years," said Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale, adding to other plans that came before the board didn't come to fruition.

Due to a change in state law, a rede-

velopment can qualify as brownfield project if the building is functionally obsolete and an environmental issue isn't required. Tax increment financing will be used to reimburse MJR Theaters for work, such as environ-

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'I supported this program with the requirement that the students get the money directly.'

RICHARD HELPPIE, businessman and Wayne Memorial Distinguished Alumni

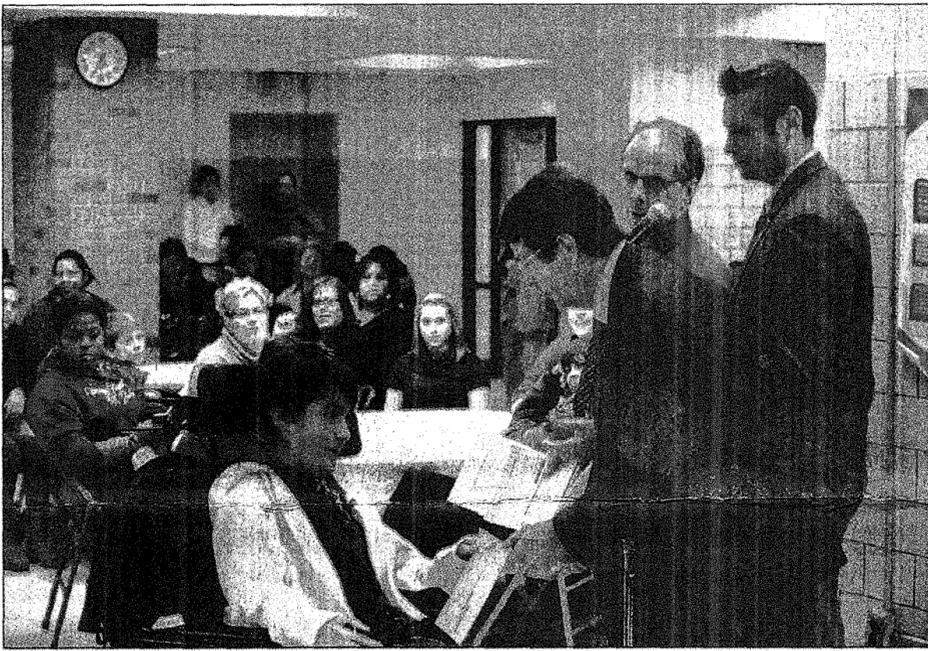


PHOTO BY THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Wayne Memorial High School student Jordan Buford receives a check for \$200 from Richard Helppie for achieving his academic goal as part of the high school's Champions' Program.

**Reaching academic goals has rewards for WM students**

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A mentoring program that offers high school students a financial incentive to reach their academic goals is about to get bigger.

Businessman Richard Helppie announced the transformation of the Wayne Memorial High School Champions Program into a charitable foundation, during a program Tuesday evening that saw 76 students receive checks for \$200 for reaching their academic goal during the fall semester.

"I supported this program with

the requirement that the students get the money directly," said Helppie, a managing partner of the Vineyard Capital Group and a Wayne Memorial Distinguished Alumni. "Now we'll try to expand it further and form a company, Champions of Wayne, and hire a director who can develop the program and look for more sponsors."

Since the spring of 2009, Helppie, through the Helppie Family Foundation, has been supporting the program which partners students with mentors who help them improve academically. Students who reach their GPA

goal receive \$200 and their name is engraved on a huge trophy, proclaiming them as a champion.

In the 1 1/2 years since the program started, the number of students that sign a contract and commit to improving their grades has grown from 100 to 217. Those reaching their goal has more than double with 76 students receiving checks from Helppie Tuesday evening.

"This is too cool, we're now too big to be in the library," said Helppie. "Next time we'll be in the

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**W-W board picks Hayton to fill vacancy**

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland school board Monday evening tapped a quality assurance analyst with the state of Michigan to fill a vacant board seat.

Jeffrey Hayton of Westland was the lone candidate of 11 that were interviewed by the board at the public meeting to garner enough votes to win the seat. Trustees John Goci, Carol Middel, Skip Monit and Cindy Schofield cast votes for Hayton, giving him the necessary minimum four votes needed.



Jeffrey Hayton

"It feels good," said Hayton. "I'm kind of surprised, happy and excited."

The Westland resident will serve the remaining 143 days of the term of Martha Pitsenbarger, who resigned last month. He also has filed to be on the May 3 school election ballot when two four-year terms, including Monit's seat, will be filled by voters.

"I wanted to get a little more involved in the schools," said Hayton. "I made plans to do this year and when this opened up, I decided to become available."

Hayton has lived in Westland for 20 years. Married, he is the father of two children who attend middle school and high school in Wayne-Westland. He has a master of business administration degree from Eastern Michigan University and is working on his master of public administration degree. He has been a state employee for almost 13 years and currently works in the Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

**'GOOD SCHOOLING'**

In interviewing for the appointment, Hayton said the district offers pretty good schooling "and I'd like to

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**8 candidates file for W-W school election**

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A veteran Wayne-Westland school board member is weighing his options after finding out late Tuesday that his name will not appear on the ballot in the May 3 school election.

Skip Monit, the current school board president, was notified Tuesday by Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof that he did not have the required number of signatures on nominating petitions that he had turned into the Wayne city clerk.

"I'm still in total shock," said Monit, a Wayne resident. "I'm pretty stunned, embarrassed, the whole gamut of emotions."

Monit, who had planned to seek a fourth

term on the school board, said the problem stems from bad information he received from the Wayne city clerk who gave him the wrong number of signatures needed to qualify for the election. Monit submitted five more than what he had been told, but was still 10 short.

Monit could run as a write-in candidate, but as of Wednesday morning, he "wasn't sure what I want to do."

Making it to the ballot were eight Wayne and Westland resident, seven of whom were interviewed Monday evening for an appointment to fill a vacancy on the school.

Those residents who will be on the May 3 ballot are:

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**AROUND WESTLAND**

**Special Olympics**

A bowling fundraiser for Westland Special Olympics will be held 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Registration is noon to 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person or \$3 for Special Olympics athletes including three games of no tap, none equals strike bowling. There will be a 50/50 raffle, optional jackpots and basket raffles.

To pre-register, call Nancy at (734) 489-3050 or Glenda at (313) 561-3484.

**Valentine Card Party**

SS. Simon and Jude Church is hosting a Valentine Card Party 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11.

Tickets are \$8 per person. There will be door and table prizes, 50-50 raffles, a light meal and snacks. Everyone is welcome.

The church is located at 32500 Palmer, Westland.

**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.

**VFW events**

The Romanowski VFW Post 6896 in Westland is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and the Legends Show Sunday, Feb. 13. Doors open at 4 p.m. with dinner at 5 p.m. and the show at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, there will be a trivia tournament. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the first question at 7:05 p.m. The cost is \$20 per table. There will be cash prizes and reservations are needed.

A Game Day with a Hawaiian theme is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26. Admission is \$5 per person. The games will include Euchre, Corn-Hole, Scrabble, Scattergories, Risk, Bunco, Pictionary and Wii Bowling. Bring an appetizer or snack for the snack table. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Sgt. Romanowski Post is at 28945 Joy, Westland.

**See Me Now benefit**

Joanie Givens will hold a fundraiser 4-10 p.m. Saturday Feb. 12, at the Wayne Recreation Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne for the benefit of the See Me Now Resale Shop.

The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple and includes, dinner, dancing, raffles, speakers and much more. All profits will go towards opening the resale See Me Now resale store in Westland. For tickets or

more information on to make a donation or volunteer to help make this fundraiser a success, call Joanie Givens at (734) 833-8291 or Kerry Partin at (734) 788-9319.

**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 kholenbeck@twmi.rr.com or skopcak@comcast.net.

**Metro Fibro Group**

The Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group is hosting a seminar/workshop 1-5 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, south of Ford, in Garden City.

Dr. Howard Schubiner from Providence Hospital, and author of Unlearn Your Pain, and Dr. James Dowd, rheumatologist, and author of The Viramin 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.

**Keep walking**

In the mood to walk, but don't like the weather? Westland Shopping Center has the answer - mall walking.

Westland Shopping Center opens its doors before usual operating hours for people who want to walk for exercise. Walking begins at 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Enter through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen on the northeast end of the mall. All other doors are locked until approximately 8:30 a.m. On Sunday all doors are opened at 10 a.m.

Westland Walkers also hold a meeting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Community Room on the lower level. Call (734) 425-5001 to check when a meeting has been scheduled.

It's easy to become a member of Westland Walkers. Just fill out a registration card available at the Customer Service booth in East Court. Return it to the Customer Service Associate or put it in the Walkers Box located on the side counter.

Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

For information about either class or other Bailey Center activities, call (734) 686-9882.

**CHAMPIONS**

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gymnasium and then (Eastern Michigan University's) Bowen Fieldhouse."

"All the students who are receiving the money earned it, there was no gift," said school psychologist Bill Gray. "This program makes students focus on discipline and hard work. It's very inspiring."

**SUCCESS STORIES**

Students shared their stories of success as part of the ceremony, each starting off their stories with a thank you for Helppie and finishing with one for their mentor.

Eric Pohl, whose mentor was School Superintendent Greg Baracy, told the group he didn't think about the \$200, he thought about getting a 3.7 grade point average.

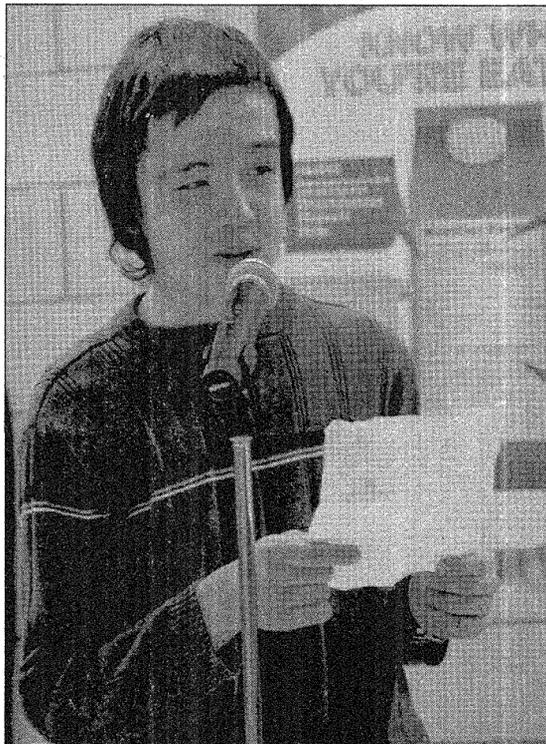
"It's amazing that he came and picked me," said Pohl about having Baracy as his mentor. "It meant a lot to me."

A sophomore, Pohl had been a student at St. Mary's School in Wayne before attending Wayne Memorial. He said he used the study skills he learned there and Baracy's help to reach his goal.

"It was a great, great opportunity for me," said Baracy. "It let me better connect with the students. I connected with a young man who has become very special to me."

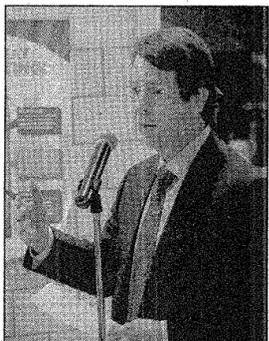
Baracy added that the high school owes Helppie "a great sense of gratitude of this program."

"The incentive here is to reach your goal, it's a connection with an adult that some students might never have. It's a wonderful program that builds motivation."



PHOTOS BY THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Sophomore Eric Pohl talks about his experience of have School Superintendent Greg Baracy as his mentor through the Wayne Memorial High School Champions Program.



Richard Helppie encourages Wayne Memorial students to continue to set new goals and "go forward."

and spend the rest on a video game," he said. His favorite game is Assassin's Creed.

Looking back on his days at Wayne Memorial, Helppie told students that it was someone getting computer and allowing students to program it that gave him his start.

"If you went back and asked who among those students would be passing out checks 35 years late, my name wouldn't have been on that list," he said. "A teacher allowed me to get my start. I was one of you 35 years ago."

Helppie also urged students to set new goals.

"The thing you experience after you reach your goal is what's next," he said. "I encourage you to pick out another one, keep going forward."

Pohl, Buford and the other students in the room were on board with that idea.

"I'll do it again, I hope I get Mr. Baracy as my mentor again," said Pohl.

As for the money, he plans on "buying something I really want."

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**A MOTIVATION**

And that's what Champions has been for Jordan Buford. Confined to a wheelchair because of spinal neuromuscular atrophy, the sophomore has a 4.0 grade point average, but faces the strains his illness places on his attendance.

According to his mother, Kristen, the winter weather is tough on the teen.

"He's always been a good student," she said. "He's got a lot of Advanced Placement classes and does well, but

he's got a lot of issues health-wise."

"I have to keep on him to do better because a B can be traumatic for him," said his mentor, Debbie Kopacz. "I have to keep pushing him. He's a really great kid and his mom is phenomenal and the strength behind him."

While Kopacz teased Buford about spending his newfound wealth on school supplies, the teen already had an idea of what to do with the \$200.

"I'll probably save some of it

**CANDIDATES**

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• Jeffrey Hayton of Westland, a quality assurance analyst with the state Department of Technology, Management and Budget, who was appointed to serve the remainder of a school board term that expires June 30.

• Thomas Buckalew of Wayne, a retired Wayne-Westland teacher who said he had been thinking about a run for the school board for about four-five years. "I understand the district is facing a number

of economic issues, I understand the district is in financial trouble and I'm deeply concerned," he said. "I understand the issues and would like to contribute to the solutions."

• Scott Davis of Westland, the general manager of Value City Furniture in Westland. Davis decided to campaign for a school board seat to "give back to the community and have a voice in his children's education."

• Carolyn Byndas of Westland, a business unit controller with SKF Bearings. She is seeking a seat on the board because she feels she "has a lot to give back to the community" and that with her financial

background, she has "so much input" she can give.

• Andrea Clawson of Westland, who finds the school board process interesting and believes she can "provide information and guidance to the district and the community."

• Charles "Trav" Griffin, a former Westland city council member and mayor and a retired UniServ director with the Michigan Education Association. Griffin said he has "a passion for education" and now wants "to get back involved in the community."

• Pamela Prough of Westland, who is the general manager of My Lady's Florist

who decided to run for election after researching the appointment. She said "a well-educated citizenry provides for a stronger community and stronger economy."

• Harold Dunn of Westland, a retired automotive engineer and veteran campaigner who has sought election to the Westland City Council, state House of Representatives and U.S. Congress in the past.

Two four-year terms will be filled in the election. Candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, to withdraw from the election.

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**HAYTON**

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see it stay that way." He wants to see the district be proactive in making changes to prepare for the sudden loss of revenue and that "with more communication," the district will get through it without a lot of problems.

"The role of the school board is to set the direction, the vision for the school district and the overall tone of how it operates," he added. "The big issue looking ahead is along the lines of the economy and what we try to do to save

money but not at the expense of the students."

He would like to see the district devise a way for parents to know what their children's homework assignments are so they can help their children succeed, and possibly use a blog to connect with parents.

"Generally, I think our students get a good education," he said. "The teachers go out of their way to assist the students."

**PRaised FOR INTEREST**

Thirteen residents had submitted letters of intent for the appointment, however, the board only interviewed 11. Lori Mireles-Smith withdrew just

before the interviews and Aja Lavander was a no show.

Of the 11 candidates, eight were nominated for the position — Hayton, Carolyn Byndas, Scott Davis, Michelle Sample, Thomas Buckalew, Charles "Trav" Griffin, Wilma Jackson and Andrea Clawson. Many of the candidates, including Hayton, Griffin, Buckalew, Clawson, Byndas, Davis and Prough, indicated they planned to run for a seat in the May school election.

The candidates were praised by school board members for showing an interest in the position. Board Secretary Cindy Schofield noted that it was the largest she has seen

in her 11 years on the school board.

"I've done this four times and the number and the quality is the best I've ever seen," Schofield said. "I'm not sure there was a single bad candidate. You were all great choices. I look forward to seeing you on the ballot in May. It looks to be an exciting race."

"I'd like to congratulate all of you," added school board President Skip Monit. "Every one of you could sit on this board and do a great job. Thank you for your commitment, we appreciate your interest in education."

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**THEATER**

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mental testing, demolition of the existing building and parking lot, backfill and compaction testing and site balancing.

"The state has changed what can be utilized for brown-field redevelopment. It has loosened up the guidelines," said Council President James

Godbout. "It's obsolete, not in the sense that it is contaminated, it's no longer useful in its current configuration."

The plan also would create a Site Remediation Revolving Fund that could have tax increment revenues of up to \$552,559 over seven years.

MJR Theaters CEO and President Michael Mihalich, who attended the study session and public hearing prior to the council meeting, said that

soil boring results will allow the building to be located as planned at the back of the property with most of the parking in front off Wayne Road.

When the Planning Commission reviewed plans for the 65,000-square-foot building, Fodale said only one resident spoke and then only to ask a question about the trash container location. The 16 auditoriums will have 3,100

seats and MJR estimates it will have more than 800,000 admissions annually.

"I want to thank MJR Theaters for coming to the city. We have sorely missed having a theater in the city," said Fodale.

Plans call for construction on the theater to begin in spring with it opening by November.

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# Ficano touts successes in county address

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Economic development and job creation, successes and plans dominated Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano's ninth State of the County address Tuesday evening.

A term that came up several times was leveraged collaboration. Ficano cited the county's Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program which has helped more than 4,000 Wayne County families and saved more than 1,100 homes. "My team created this program, which quickly became a national model, and we eventually shared it with the United Way," he said. "Now, families all over southeastern Michigan



Ficano

can simply dial 2-1-1 to get the best help available, at no cost. This is what my team does. This is leveraged collaboration."

To cut bureaucracy and red tape, Ficano proposed the concept of cross designation, which would allow the lead government to take on all the responsibility and liability and handle everything from inspections to permitting. "If we're truly serious about government reform, we need to be able to give each other full cross designation on projects so that we can cut through the red tape and get things done," said Ficano.

As an example, Ficano noted Detroit Mayor Dave Bing accepted the county's offer to help knock down abandoned buildings in the city to help clean up blight. In 45 business days, the partnership was able to knock down 453 abandoned structures, exceeding the goal of 450.

"But perhaps more importantly we gained knowledge. We figured out how to demolish a structure in six weeks instead of six months," said Ficano. "And we figured out how to do it for \$5,000 per structure instead of \$10,000. But we can do it even faster and cheaper."

#### PARTNERSHIPS

Another partnership cited by Ficano was the ongoing

remediation and restoration of Westland's Central City Park, which had been owned by the county.

In two years since the county's economic development department was reorganized and renamed, Ficano said \$5 billion in new investment commitments have been brought to the county.

County government itself is also going through changes, Ficano said, adding that six years ago efforts began to right-size staff, cutting costs, reducing spending and making smart investments to be more efficient and environmentally friendly.

"Unfortunately, not everyone has been willing to share the sacrifice, and I've

been put in a position where I've had to make some very tough calls," said Ficano, referring to problems with union negotiations and a lawsuit over funding for Wayne County Circuit Court.

The approximately 45-minute address, carried live on radio and a webcast, was well received by the invited audience that included state and county officials.

"We've had a lot of success in Wayne County creating jobs, but we have a long way to go," said Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb, D-Garden City. "I like the idea of collaboration. We are facing tough times in Wayne County, as are all governments. Difficult decisions will have to be made."

#### HOPE FOR COLLABORATION

With new commission Chairman Gary Woronchak, Webb said she hopes to see the type collaboration Ficano talked about taking place internally within county government.

Instead of focusing on the county's budget, which has an accumulated deficit of over \$200 million, Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, said she appreciated Ficano talking about opportunities.

"It was a positive take, talking about Detroit and the other municipalities working together with the county," said Gebhardt. "He gave credit to a lot of people and his team. I liked that it wasn't all I, I, I."

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# Inventor uses physics to design security device

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sean Nalepka describes himself as a problem solver by trade.

So when Nalepka noticed that the nice ornamental glass window along the side of his front door could be easily knocked out, allowing someone to reach in and unlock the door, he came up with a solution. He invented the Door Brake, a security device that supplements a door's locks.

"It's physics — no tricks. Two and a half gallons of water will keep out a black belt," said Nalepka, a 1992 Westland John Glenn High School graduate.

The Door Brake, which is patent pending, utilizes a combination of two basic physical forces — gravity and friction. Nalepka came up with a reservoir filled with water that when full weighs approximately 30 pounds — that provides the gravity. The frictional force is provided by a rubber pad adhered to the bottom of the device, which consists of several raised ridges that grip the floor.

The Door Brake has two wheels when raised for movement that Nalepka said makes it easy to move in and out of its position behind the door. His website has videos of people unsuccessfully attempting to kick in the door when the Door Brake is in place.

"I've always loved science. I never really had direction as a kid. I've always been an inventor," Nalepka said. "It was clear that I want to invent and help people. I have other inventions I want to bring to the pipeline."

At 37, Nalepka is using his environmental engineering degree from the University of Michigan, working for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Now living in Brighton with



Sean Nalepka shows off his invention, the Door Brake that uses physics, not tricks, to secure a door.

his wife and two children, Nalepka has formed a company and soon hopes to work full time for his own business without another full-time job.

"I'm already working full time for the company. We're selling the Door Brake online," Nalepka said. "I'm working with a marketing team from Chicago."

Sales have been slow, but Nalepka said he has had a positive response when he had a display at a show held at the Novi expo center.

"A lot of people were interested and there were people who bought it. Detroit residents were probably the largest group around the table," Nalepka said, adding college students will likely be big buyers to add security to their dorms and apartments.

The Door Brake, which sells for \$34.99 plus shipping and handling, is made at a factory in Grand Rapids; Nalepka said he wanted to keep the business in Michigan.

"I have a child who is

autistic, but this (getting his invention to market) is the hardest thing I've ever done," Nalepka said, adding statistically only one in 65,000 inventors reaches the stage he has with the Door Brake. "It's like I'm an NFL quarterback. I've made it to the NFL, now I need to make a couple of passes. The contract is signed and it's rare to get where I am with all this."

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# Health officials warn about 'bath salts' dangers

The Michigan Department of Community Health is warning people to beware of a new designer drug being marketed by the name "bath salts."

The so-called "bath salts" are being sold across the country as a crystalline powder online, at head shops, convenience stores and on the street. The salts, not commercially manufactured bath salts used in the bath tubs, are sold with names such as "Ivory Wave," "Aura," "ZOOM 2," "Zeus 2," "Cosmic Blast" and "White Rush." They can be snorted, ingested mixed with water, injected or inserted into body cavities.

Hospital emergency room in Michigan have reported 18 cases related to the use of "bath salts" in the past four weeks, many of which have been in the Marquette area. Many of the people treated

in emergency departments have been young adults in their 20s and 30s. Similar reports have been seen in states across the country.

"We are very concerned about the use of this dangerous product. These stimulants affect neurotransmitters in the brain which can result in violent behavior and death," said Dr. Gregory Holzman, chief medical executive for MDCH.

The "bath salt" products may contain a number of synthetic chemicals including Methylmethcathinone or Methyleneoxypropyvalerone (MDVP), both of which are strong stimulants that can cause increased heart rate, chest pains, dizziness, delusions, panic attacks, nose bleeding and nausea.

People who ingest these chemicals can be extremely paranoid and may not

respond to usual calmatives, according to the MDCH. Some people have been involved in homicides and suicides while under the influence. Many describe being chased by demons, gods, aliens or foreign soldiers, and severe cases may require long-term psychiatric care.

MDCH is working closely with the Michigan Poison Control Center to monitor the number of patients treated for use of "bath salts" in emergency departments across the state. Health care providers are being asked to send all information on suspect cases directly to the Michigan Poison Control Center.

Individuals with "bath salt" related medical concerns or questions can call the Michigan Toxic Hotline at (800) 648-6942.

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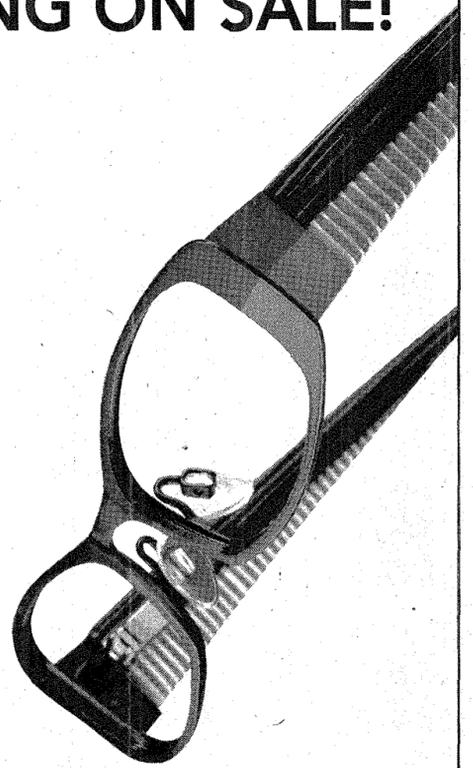
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## Electronics and ring taken in break-in of home

### Break-in

Four flat screen televisions, two laptop computers, a DVD player and wedding ring valued at \$6,600 were reported stolen from a home in the 29000 block of Hanover Feb. 7. The owner told police that her daughter arrived home to find the back door had been kicked in.

The missing property had been taken from different parts of the house, the owner told police. Officers noted several sets of footprints leading to and from the back door.

### Stolen vehicle

A Westland man told police Feb. 7 that someone had stolen a 1993 Ford F-250 pickup truck from Auto Lab, 1338 S. Wayne Road. The truck, which had a plow on the front and a salting unit in the bed, was valued at \$6,000. The owner said he had all the keys and was not behind on the payments.

### Larceny

On Feb. 4, a Romulus woman told police she was working at CVS Pharmacy, 1750 S. Wayne Road, stocking shelves with another employee. The woman said she was called to help at the front of the store and left her keys on a cart thinking her co-worker would keep an eye on them.

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When the employee returned, she said her keys were missing. After looking inside and outside the store with a manager, the woman said a man came into the store and asked if there was a lost and found for keys. The employee recognized her keys and retrieved them. She said the man left after hinting that he should get a reward.

Store surveillance video showed the man taking the keys off the cart, then going outside holding the keys in the air until he located the woman's car. The video showed the man getting into the car and rifling it before getting out of the car and returning to the store. Nothing appeared to be missing.

### Break-in

A resident in the 29000 block of Lonnie told police Feb. 3 that about 6:10 a.m. she went outside to warm up her car. When she went back outside about 10 minutes later, she said she noticed her garage door was open half way.

Checking inside the garage, she said her 21-inch electric start Snapper snowblower, valued at \$422, was gone. She said the garage door can only be opened with

the remote, so it must have been forced open. The officer noted there was no visible damage to the door.

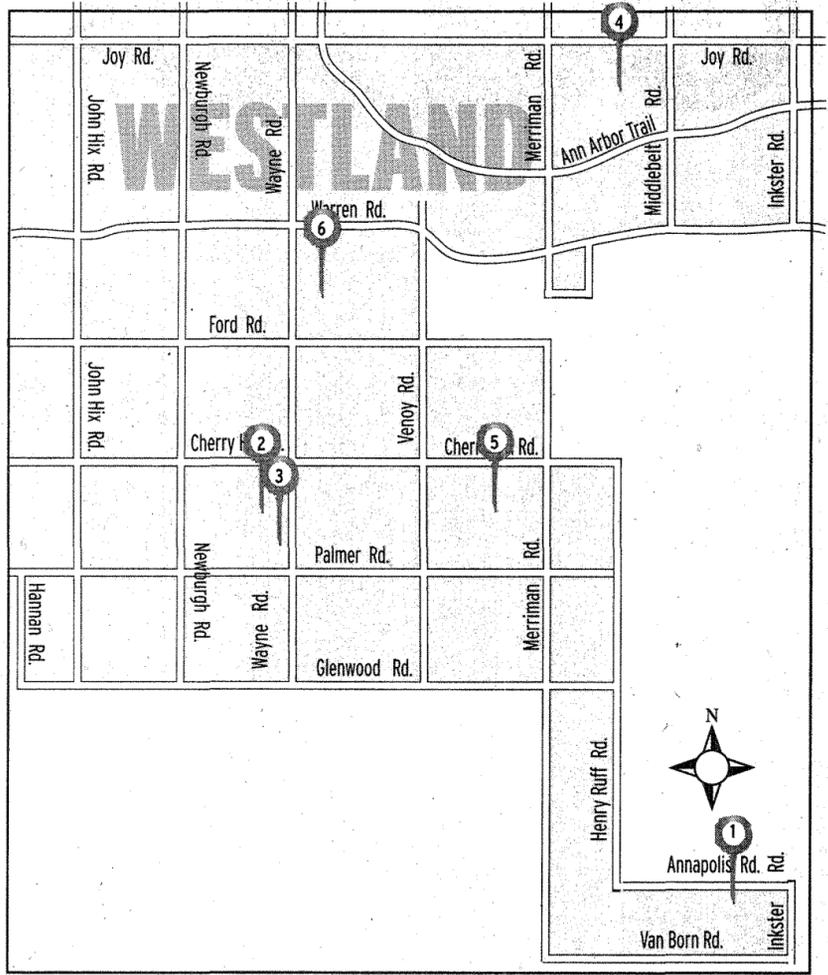
### Attempted break-in

On Feb. 6, police were called to a home in the 32000 block of Grandview about an attempted break-in. The homeowner had spent the previous night elsewhere due to a gas leak at the home. The homeowner's fiancé, a Livonia man, told police he went to the home to meet with a heating and cooling repairman when he noticed the two paned window on the side door had been broken.

The glass was scattered inside but nothing appeared to be missing. When the homeowner arrived, it was discovered that there were pry marks on the bathroom window and the framed was cracked. The window screen had also been moved. The damage was estimated at \$200.

### Defrauding restaurant

Police arrested a Detroit man Feb. 5 after he ordered food at Big Boy, 6360 N. Wayne Road, and then after eating, told the owner that he had no money to pay the \$11.42 bill. The owner called police and the man told them the same story. -By LeAnne Rogers



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## Crayola Crayon piggy bank stolen in break-in

### Drunken driving

A 48-year-old drunken Westland man got stuck when he drove into a snowbank at Craig and John Hawk about 2:30 a.m. Feb. 1.

He told police that he was coming from a Super Bowl party and thought that he was Up North. He was southbound on Craig and ended up in the northbound lane.

When the police found him, he was trying to get his Chevy Malibu out of a four-foot snowbank at the corner. It was his second drunken driving offense and the police confiscated his vehicle.

He had one passenger with him.

### Home invasion

A family who lives in the 31000 block of Bock discovered that their home was broken into when they returned from a trip about 5 p.m. Jan. 26.

The husband was outside cleaning snow when his wife and daughter saw that someone had entered through the back porch where they found broken glass. A Crayola Crayon piggy bank which was stuffed with \$1,000 worth of currency and coins was taken from a bedroom.

### Retail fraud

Two teen relatives, ages 17 and 18, worked together to take a BB gun at the Kmart store, 29600 Ford, while their grandmother was at the checkout about 3:30 p.m. Feb. 5.

Loss prevention officers at the store observed the two males take the gun out of a package. One passed it to the other who concealed it in his clothing.

The teens didn't have a reason for taking the gun, police said.

A 21-year-old Garden City man knew just what he wanted to steal when he went to the Kmart store about 8 p.m. Feb. 7. He had a used printer ink cartridge in an envelope which he changed out with a new ink cartridge.

Although he paid for a

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tube of toothpaste, he left the store without paying for the ink cartridge, which cost almost \$30.

He was arrested by police.

### Credit card fraud

A 47-year-old Garden City woman who lives in the 32500 block of Pardo reported at 3 p.m. Jan. 20 that someone fraudulently racked up several hundred dollars in purchases at the J.C. Penney store at Fairlane Center in Dearborn.

She said that she opened a new account at the Westland store in January but never received the permanent card in the mail. The statement showed purchases of more than \$600.

### Fraud

A 42-year-old Garden City woman reported that shortly after her credit card was stolen from her auto, fraudulent charges started appearing on her statement by Feb. 1.

The thief made a number of gasoline purchases, including at the Speedway station located at 28951 Ford in Garden City. The purchases totaled more than \$300 at various gas stations.

The woman was able to review a video at the Speedway station. It showed a man in his late 20s to early 30s, with a goatee and a camouflage skull cap and black jacket. He apparently filled up different vehicles. The video showed a late model Mercury and a new Ford F-150 pickup.

### Debit card fraud

A woman who lives in the 29000 block of Barton reported that someone had made fraudulent debit card purchases dating back to Sept. 12, 2010.

Because she hadn't opened up her monthly statements she didn't realize the loss. When she did, the 53-year-old found that someone made \$1,300 worth of purchases on the card which she canceled.

-By Sue Buck

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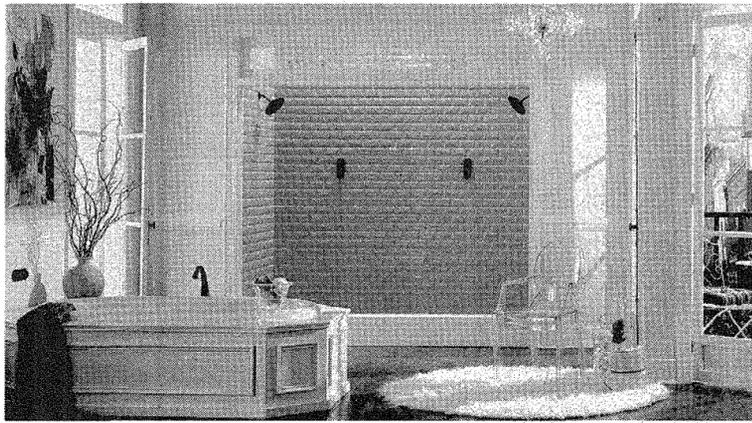
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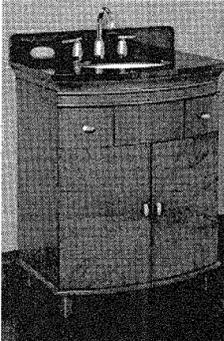
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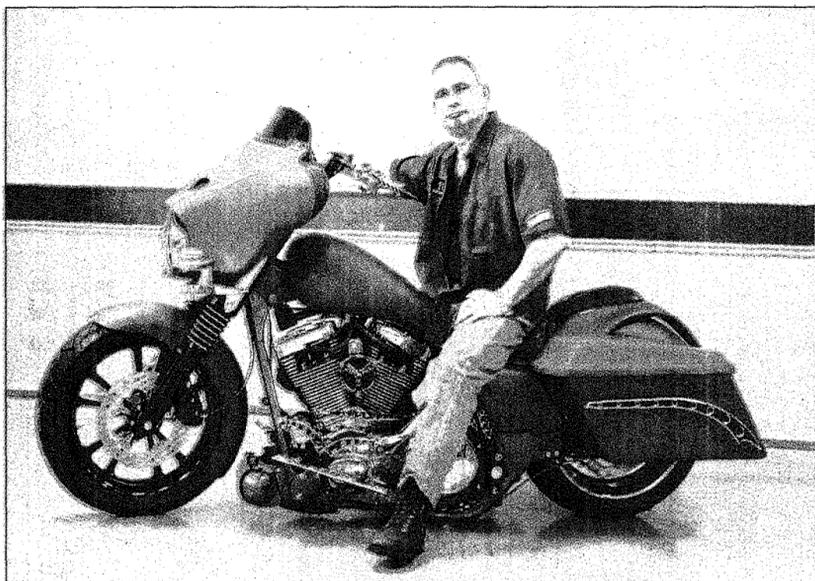
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Tony Lamantia of Tony Chrome Customs of Westland shows off his newest creation, which will debut at this weekend's Giant motorcycle Swap Meet in Novi.

# One of a kind

## Tony Chrome debuts custom bike at swap meet

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What do you call a motorcycle big enough to accommodate a 260 mm rear tire?

If you're Tony Lamantia, you call it a "Fat Ass Bagger." That's the name he's given his newest creation, an amazing one-of-a-kind bike that has an air bag system, allowing it to sit on the ground.

The owner of Tony Chrome Customs in Westland, Lamantia will be displaying the bike the Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"It's a neat bike, it has a lot of bells and whistles," said the Canton resident.

The bike started out as a Harley Davidson Electra Glide Standard that was stripped down to the frame which along with its swing arm was widened six inches to allow for a 260mm rear tire. Lamantia fabricated fenders, the seat pan and gas tank in his shop as well as designed the airbag air suspension and installed air in the front forks that lets the bike drop to the pavement.

"There's no kickstand, it rests on its frame," said Lamantia.

He also installed two-inch wider saddle bags with remote control actuators that let him open and close them remotely. The bike also features a 95-cubic-inch Harley Davidson

### SWAP MEET DETAILS

**What:** Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet  
**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13

**Location:** Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi

**Details:** The swap meet will feature the largest collection of motorcycle vendors under one roof in the Midwest. Cyclists attending will see new 2011 bikes as well as used bikes - street, dirt,

twin cam motor, full digital instrumentation, stereo and a custom two-into-one exhaust system.

The bike took 2 1/2 years to build and Lamantia admits that the hardest part was finding spots for all the electricals once he put in the air bag. Now that it's done - pin-stripping and graphics were added this week - it's ready for the show circuit.

The bike will debut at Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet Sunday, then Lamantia plans to take it on the road to local bike shows, including an appearance in Autorama Extreme later this month, in Florida and the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in Sturgis, S.D.

Lamantia has been "tinkering with bikes" a long time. He built his first dirt bike when he was 12 years old. He did a stint with cars in high school, got back into bikes "later in life" and finished building his first Harley from the ground up in 2001. He earned his nickname when he put as much chrome as he could on his first bike.

"They called me Tony Chrome and it stuck, there's people who don't know I have

metric, touring, cruising, trikes, choppers, custom bikes, and trailers.

**Tickets:** Admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for ages 6-12. Parking is \$5. People who want to skip the lines and get in 30 minutes earlier can buy them in advance online at [www.motorcycleswap.com](http://www.motorcycleswap.com)

**Contact:** For information on the swap meet, call (800) 968-4242.

another name," he said. "They call the operator looking for Tony Chrome's number."

He started his business in an industrial park in Westland in 2005 and sells hard to find Harley V-Twin products. He still works full time at the Ford Motor Co.'s Saline plant and does a lot of the bike work out of his garage.

The swap meet is the Midwest's largest collection of motorcycle vendors under one roof, offering "everything for rider or machine."

"With nearly one out of every four bikers in the U.S. living in Michigan and its four border states, the nine swap meets we sponsor give bikers the chance to be around other bikers and to support the economic interests that are vital to keeping the industry strong," said event organizer Chad Dutmers. "We love to showcase Michigan-made bike builders and suppliers as much as possible. Our bread and butter is the Michigan biker."

To find out more about Tony Chrome Customs and Tony Lamantia visit his website at [tonychromecustoms.com](http://tonychromecustoms.com).

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# Library, rec center offer activities for winter break

The William P. Faust Public Library in Westland is offering a variety of free programs for children of all ages during mid-winter break, Feb. 20-27.

On tap are:  
• Beginner's Book Club is for children in grades K-2. Youngsters will explore poetry 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. Parents are invited to hear poetry readings during the last 15 minutes of the program. Register now for the program.

• From 1-4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, kids of all ages are invited to make a cheerful greeting card for a child fighting a serious illness. The library will provide all the supplies and see that the cards are delivered to the Make a Child Smile Organization.

• Cartoon Creations is an artistic program featured at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23. The program is appropriate for children seven years old and older. Register in advance. Additional craft opportunities take place 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, and Friday, Feb. 25, with Make-it-take-it crafts.

• A Wayne County Parks naturalist will present Animal Mysteries at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Children age seven and older will learn to recognize animal signs and tracks, and examine animal skulls and furs. Registration is required.

• Read and Play encourages socializing for young children while they listen to a story and spend a little time playing with the library toys. The informal gathering is appropriate for chil-

dren up to age five and is scheduled for 10-11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25.

• A family movie will be shown at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Call the library for details.

• Story times are fun and entertaining and are offered four times a week. Family Story time takes place 7-7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21. Toddler Story time is on Tuesday Feb. 22. Kids can attend either the 10 or 11 a.m. sessions. Preschoolers can attend 10:30-11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Baby time Story time is for children up to 24 months of age and meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. The interactive programs encourage families to experience a love of reading and literacy-linked activities.

Teens will find an exciting week of free programs to fill the winter break hours, too. Learn about program details for both children and teens from the library home page at [www.westlandlibrary.org](http://www.westlandlibrary.org), or by calling (734) 326-6123.

The Westland Parks and Recreation Department also has activities planned for kids during the break from school.

Here's the lineup:  
• Monday, Feb. 21 - Bowling party 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road. The cost is \$5 per person and includes three games, a hot dog and soft drink. It's open to kids 5-14 years old and parents are encouraged to participate.

• Tuesday, Feb. 22 - Fun Start Carnival Tennis Camp for young-

sters 6-10 years old. The camp costs \$50 per person and runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All equipment is provided and youngsters should wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothing as well as bringing a packed lunch.

• Wednesday, Feb. 23 - Zumbatomics 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for kids ages 6-12. The cost is \$7 per person or \$6 per person for groups of five or more.

A Rockers Soccer Clinic for kids 6-14 will be held 1-3 p.m. at a cost of \$16 per person or \$15 per person for groups of five or more.

As a special offer, youngsters can sign up for both Zumbatomics and the soccer clinic for \$20 per person.

• Thursday, Feb. 24 - Learn to skate 12:30-1 p.m. at Mike Modano Arena Wildwood at Hunter. The lesson will be followed by open skating 1-2 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person and the program is open to youngsters ages 6-12.

• Friday, Feb. 25 - High Velocity Ballers Basketball is offered 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for youngsters ages 5-12. The cost is \$20 per person.

The High Velocity Sports Sampler 1-4 p.m. will offer a variety of sports, including volleyball, kickball, floor hockey, fleeing and dodging games, for youngsters 5-12 years old. The cost is \$20 per person but both programs can be taken for \$35.

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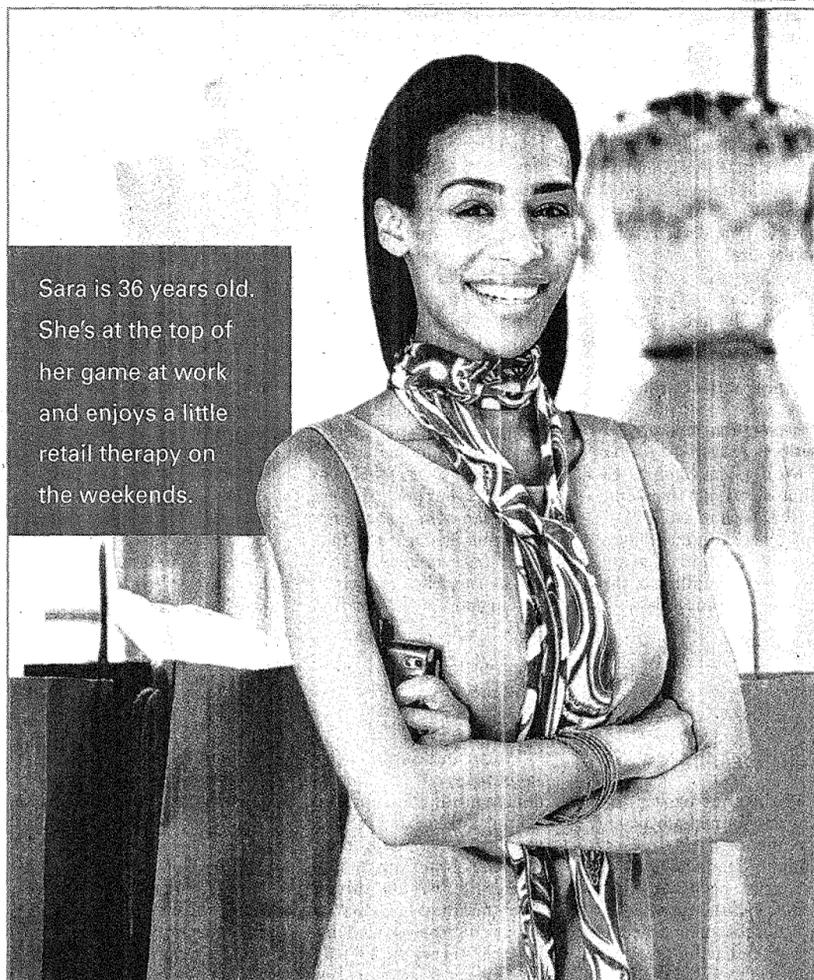
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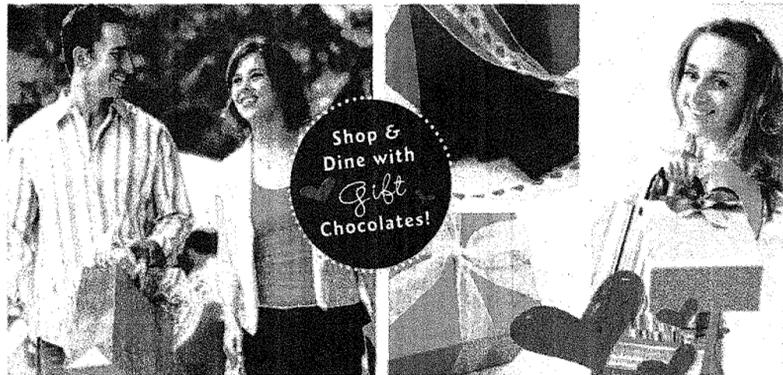
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**Observer:** How did you first decide to open your business?

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**Observer:** Why did you choose Garden City?

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**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

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Nancy McLeod is president of Sound Pictures Inc. in Garden City, a video and photograph company.

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**Observer:** Is there any other information you would like to share with our readers?

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yourself saying "good-bye," that we were able to touch each other's lives through their video.

Here is quote from one of my many customers, Jay Fiordella:

"I have been a semi-pro drummer here in the Detroit metro area for the last 30 years. I had many recordings and videos of many different acts which I played in. The music was on various formats varying from cassette tapes, VHS, DAT and CD. I was looking for a service which could provide me with uniform and up-to-date copies of this material. Thankfully, I became aware of Nancy and her company, Sound Pictures. She was able to preserve and copy the various materials to CD and DVD formats in a cost affective and professional manner. I was so happy with her service that I have an ongoing project with her, which she is compiling a DVD demo of my history of drumming that I can post on the Internet and use as a resume for possible musical opportunities. I would and do highly recommend Nancy to anyone needing this type of service."

## MILESTONES

### New event

**Details:** Face Flair, designer of facial appliques you can wear on your face and body, will now come out to you next event. Founded by a Westland Jaycee Kim Torres, Face Flair is available to face paint in the Metro Detroit area. It provides packages that include 10 of its unique designer appliques and unlimited face painting by the hour. Contact Face Flair for pricing and availability. Consider Face Flair for company parties, reunions, birthdays, bachelorette parties or any event that requires a little "Flair!" It also can help fund raise for charities by donating 20 percent of our booth proceeds at any fund raiser. **Contact:** For more information, call (877) 586-4428 or go online to www.faceflair.com.

### Walk for Warmth

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 26

**Location:** Westland Shopping Center at Warren and Wayne roads in Westland

**Details:** Get your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers together and start a team for the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's Walk for Warmth. The walk raises money for people faced with making the choice to feed their family or heat their homes. One hundred percent of funds raised support families facing crisis situations. Last year, Wayne Metro helped more than 1,000 people with utility assistance payments and still couldn't meet the demand for services. Awards will be given to the youth and adult teams with the highest amount of pledges, biggest team of walkers, best team name and most team spirit. The individual that raises the most money over \$1,000 will win that Grand Prize Boyne Highlands Lodging and Lift or Golf Package.



Youngsters get to decorate a cupcake as part of bakery tours at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland.

Grand Prize Package includes one night's hotel lodging for two in the Main Lodge at Boyne Highlands Resort and one-day unlimited lift tickets for two or one round of golf for two on choice of four Boyne Highlands golf courses. The first 300 participants to pledge \$15 or more will receive an official 2011 Walk for Warmth T-Shirt. The Walk is a fun event for the entire family and includes a DJ, entertainment, face painting, door prizes and great shopping. **Contact:** For more information visit www.waynemetrolife.org or call (734) 246-2280 Ext. 123.

### Now closed

**Location:** Frankie's, 29205 Ford Rd., Garden City

**Details:** If you're planning to stop by Frankie's, think again. In a posting on Facebook last week, the bar announced that due to an unforeseen circumstance we have had to close the bar indefinitely. The announcement went on to say that "we are unable at this time

to discuss details" and "express our deep, heartfelt gratitude to all of our supporters and dedicated staff. Without you we would have never been able to get this party started! So lets keep in touch, and we will keep you posted on any future plans we have to restart the party."

### Bakery tours

**Time/Dates:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturdays

**Location:** Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** The cake shop is inviting youngsters to come in and learn about cake decorating and decorate their own cakes to take home. Tours can be scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. Cost is \$7 per child and includes a large cake that Mary Denning decorates, individual cakes for each child, and apron and a hat. Tours must be pre-booked. **Contact:** Call (734) 261-3680.

### Educational Tours

**Location:** Glass Academy, 25331 Trowbridge in west Dearborn

**Details:** For \$200, the Glass Academy offers a 1 1/2-hour glassblowing demonstration (lecture and presentation) for groups up to 30. For larger groups, it can do two sessions back to back with lunch in between. This tour is designed for the group that would like to be entertained. After a tour of the studio and all the classroom spaces, participants will watch as a piece of blown glass is crafted for them. Artists will talk about the process, give a lecture on the history of glass and glassblowing, and answer all questions. Each tour ends with the participants receiving a 10 percent discount coupon to use in the Gallery that day. **Contact:** To schedule a educational tour, call (313) 561-4527.

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## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Suit Weekend

With an increasing number of women unemployed and looking for work, dressbarn's annual "Send One Suit Weekend" program aims to remove a fundamental hurdle for those women in need seeking a job: having the proper outfit to wear for the job interview.

The ninth annual clothing donation program will run from Feb. 24-27, with drop-off sites at dressbarn locations in Livonia and Canton. The national apparel retailer, geared towards the working woman, has teamed up with Dress for Success, the international non-profit organization that supports female economic independence, to collect articles of professional attire, which in turn will be donated to women looking to gain a job or who are trying to re-enter the workforce.

"This program provides the initial, yet vital, step of supporting women with the proper attire building their confidence to succeed in getting a job," said Vivian Behrens, EVP and Chief Marketing Officer at dressbarn.

"Send One Suit" weekend encourages our customers to donate a suit or any professional clothing that can be used by someone less fortunate who is working to better her life. The last thing a woman should have to worry about during a job search is whether her wardrobe will prevent her from being seriously considered for employment."

Last year, dressbarn's "Send One Suit Weekend" clothing drive yielded more than 43,000 professional clothing items in four days. The collected items were distributed to more than 70 Dress for Success affiliates throughout the U.S. This year, the company is looking to attract in excess of 50,000 items of gently-worn professional attire.

"For nearly 50 years, dressbarn has been dedicated to the needs of the working woman," said Behrens. "This charity drive allows us to further that ideal, as we champion efforts with local communities and non-profit organizations nationwide to give women in-need a renewed sense of self and the confidence to re-enter or join

the workforce."

"This is our ninth year partnering with dressbarn for 'Send One Suit Weekend' and we couldn't be more thrilled," said Joi Gordon, CEO of Dress for Success Worldwide. "Every day we witness the transformative power professional attire has over the lives of women and their families, and with these donations, women can walk into an interview suited, brimming with confidence - the first and most fundamental step to professional and personal success."

The dressbarn stores at 37217 Six Mile, Livonia, and 43367 Joy, Canton, along with other stores in the Detroit area nationwide, will serve as a drop-off sites for gently used suits, dresses, skirts, slacks, blouses, belts and shoes that will be used to benefit low-income women who are looking for employment. Additionally, dressbarn will offer donors an additional savings of 15 percent off a total purchase in gratitude for their generosity.

For a complete list of locations and acceptable items, visit [www.dressbarn.com](http://www.dressbarn.com).

**Listings** for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto: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**

**Open Houses**

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13  
**Location:** St. Raphael Catholic School, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City  
**Details:** St. Raphael School is holding an Open House for current and potential new students and their families. The open house will allow current school families to browse through the classrooms and enjoy many projects and areas of study that the children have been working on this school year. In the school's Activities Center, representatives will be on hand to share information about the many extra-curricular and social opportunities available for every child's interest. Prospective new families will get a first-hand look at the facilities, meet the teachers, ask questions, and obtain materials about the school. Complimentary refreshments will be provided. The accredited school offers religion class, weekly Mass, and sacramental preparation, including Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. Sports teams, computer labs, classroom technology, Japanese class, band and choir are some of the school's programs. Latchkey and bussing are offered, and all faiths are welcome.

**Contact:** To learn more about St. Raphael Catholic School Open House, call the school office at (734) 425-9771 or visit the website at [st-raphael-gc.org](http://st-raphael-gc.org).

**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](http://www.strobertbellarmine.com) and click on the school link.

**See Me Now benefit**

**Time/Date:** 4-10 p.m. Saturday Feb. 12  
**Location:** Wayne Recreation Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne  
**Details:** Joanie Givens will hold a fund-raiser for the benefit of the See Me Now Resale Shop. The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple and includes, dinner, dancing, raffles, speakers and much more. All profits will go towards opening the re-sale See Me Now resale store in Westland.

**Contact:** For tickets or more information on to make a donation or volunteer to help make this fundraiser a success, call Joanie Givens at (734) 833-8291 or Kerry Partin at (734) 788-9319.

**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 must pre-register for this program.

**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](http://www.post251.com) or [www.post251.org](http://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](mailto:biovan@angelahospice.net).

**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.

**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.

**Fish Dial-A-Ride**

**Details:** Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

**Contact:** For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

**Earth Angels**

**Details:** Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/ performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

**Contact:** [www.earthangelsontour.org](http://www.earthangelsontour.org) or by e-mail to [eaeng1986@comcast.net](mailto:eaeng1986@comcast.net)

**Higher Rock Cafe**

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

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

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

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

**VOLUNTEERS**

**First Step**

**Details:** First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

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

**Drivers Needed**

**Details:** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne

Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings.

**VNA Hospice**

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

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

**Seasons Hospice**

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

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

**Literacy Council**

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

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

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

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

**FOR YOUR HEALTH**

**Safe Place**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

**Details:** A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

**Contact:** Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

**Adult Day Services**

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays

**Location:** 570 S Main St., Plymouth  
**Detail:** A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals

**Contact:** Laurie Krause at [laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com) and (734) 956-2600

**Metro Fibromyalgia**

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

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

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

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

**Menopause & More**

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

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

**Counterpoint**

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

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

**Toughlove**

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Location:** Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia.

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

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

**LifeCare**

**Time/Date:** 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 570 S. Main St., Plymouth  
**Details:** LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.

**Contact:** Lillian Easterly-Smith at [info.lifecarecc@gmail.com](mailto:info.lifecarecc@gmail.com) or (734) 956-2109

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

**EDUCATION**

**Willow Creek**

**Location:** 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland

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

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

**St. Damian**

**Location:** 29891 Joy, Westland  
**Details:** St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

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

**YWCA Preschool**

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

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

**ORGANIZATIONS**

**Friends of Eloise**

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

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

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

**Westland Rotary**

**Time/Date:** 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

**Location:** Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland  
**Details:** Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome.

**Contact:** Mary at (734) 729-5401

**Writing Group**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month  
**Location:** Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

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

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

**Toastmasters**

**Location:** Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level of the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind the Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

**Details:** Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

**Contact:** For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.

**TOPS 869**

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

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

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

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

**Legion Post 251**

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

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

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

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

**TOPS M128**

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

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

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

**Garden City Dems**

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

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

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

**Citizens for Peace**

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

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

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

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



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# Youngsters celebrate Chinese New Year at library

BY SUE MASON  
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For youngsters at the William P. Faust Public Library, celebrating the New Year Monday meant singing Gung Hoy Fat Choy.

That's the Chinese New Year Song and their celebration had everything to do with The Year of the Rabbit.

"The kids really enjoyed it," said children's librarian Claire Mueller. "One girl had on a Chinese jacket and she came up and twirled around for us to see."

Mueller talked about New Year's and introduced youngsters to Chinese traditions. Their New Year's celebration lasts 15 days, and much like Westerners they, too, clean their homes and get ready for company and guests.

She also had them sing songs, including the *Chinese Dragon Song*, done to the music of *Are You Sleeping*, and the *Lion Dance Song*, done to the music of *Mary Had a Little Lamb*.

There also were stories including the tale of the *Seven Chinese Sisters* by Kathy Tucker done with props. Mueller even brought her large soup pot and spoon for the program.

"The sisters have special skills, one can ride her scooter real fast, another can talk to dogs and one sister makes wonderful chicken noodle soup," said Mueller. "The kids helped with the sisters' special skills. They twirled their finds like wind."

According to Tucker's story, the one sister made her pot of soup and the dragon that lived on the mountain top smelled it.

Being hungry, he came down to see what the smell was. He encountered the youngest sister, who didn't talk, and took her back up the mountain. She learned to speak and the one word was help that was heard by the sisters.

When they went to get her, the sister who spoke to dogs, spoke in dog to the dragon, who understood her. So surprised that someone would speak to him, he dropped the child and she was caught by a sister who was a great catcher.

In the end, the sisters invited the dragon to come and have soup with them.

"It's one of my favorite stories especially with the props," Mueller said.

The youngsters also folded paper into accordion pleats and attached it to a dragon head and tail. They used scraps of paper to decorate the head and tail before attaching the completed piece to a straw so they could move it around.

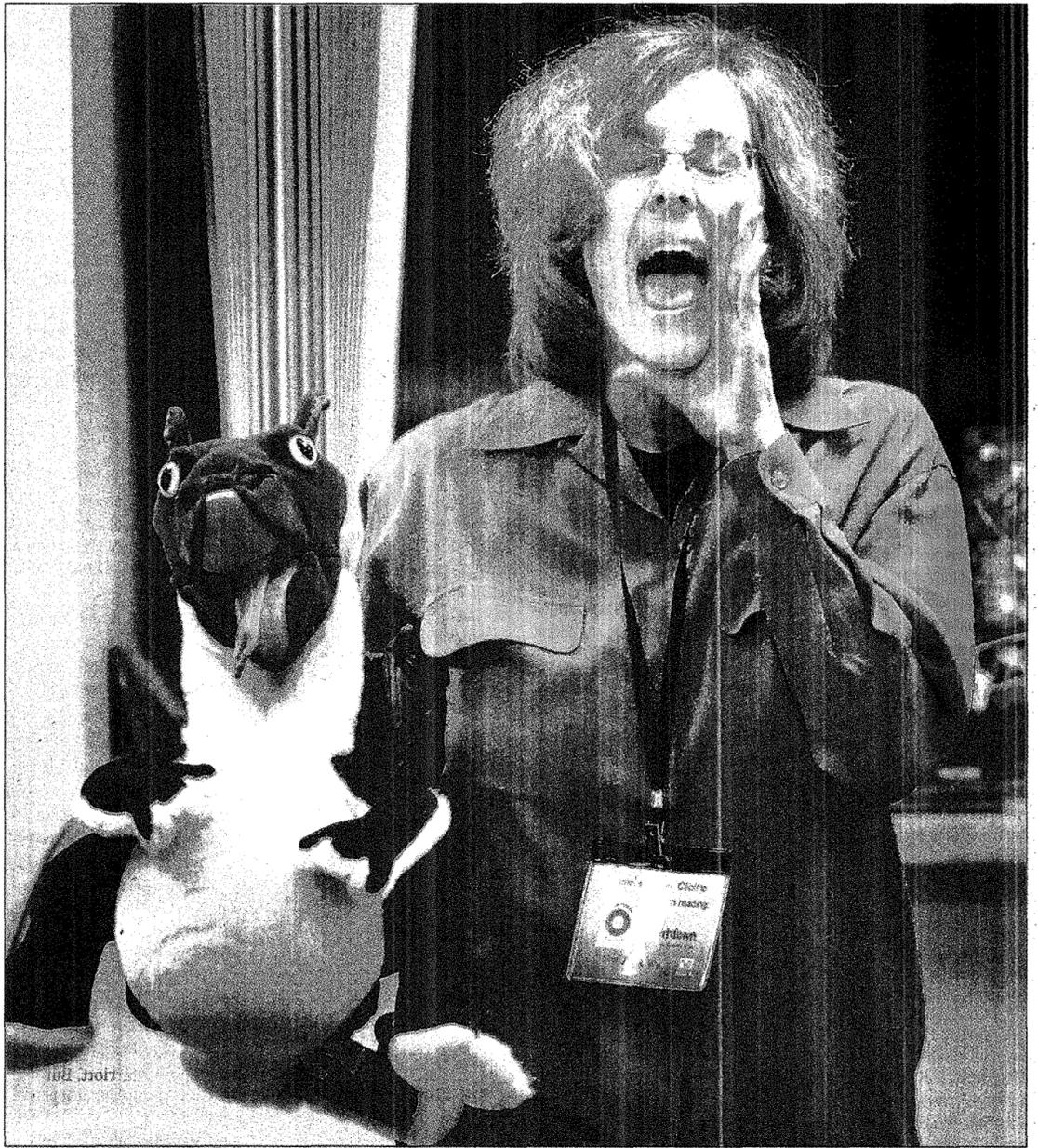
"The kids really enjoyed it, they really got creative with the paper and glue," she said.

The library has plenty of activities planned for children for the month of February. Next up is a Dollar Bill Origami class 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16.

The program is for children ages 7 and older. They learn how to fold dollar bills into different shapes and animals. They'll practice with fake money and receive one real dollar bill to use for their favorite origami shape.

Registration is required and can be made by calling the library at (734) 326-6123.

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Children's librarian Claire Mueller speaks for the dragon that's in the children's book "Seven Chinese Sisters."



Adrian Siba plays the rhythm sticks for the sing-along.



Roman Opsommer (from left) his grandmother, Cyndi Tuggle, and sister Grace Opsommer work on making a Chinese dragon.



Mom Lisa Said brought Sara in her pajamas ready for bed after celebrating the Chinese New Year.



Children's librarian Claire Mueller reads a story to youngsters as part of a Chinese New Year's program held Monday evening.

# Boy, 11, stars in vacation video series for Marriott

BY KAREN SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A vacation video posted on YouTube for family and friends to view may lead to an acting career for an 11-year-old Livonia boy.

Connor Gorman, a Livonia Public Schools sixth-grader, was videotaped by his father, Brian, having a good time while vacationing last July at Orlando World Center Marriott. In the videos, Connor catches lizards bare-handed and sneaks them home on the plane, brushes his teeth with chopsticks and wears a Snuggie around at Disney World's Magic Kingdom on an 85-degree day.

Orlando World Center Marriott's online marketing firm saw the videos and asked to use them on the resort's Facebook and YouTube page, then flew Connor and Brian down for an all-expense paid trip over Thanksgiving break to shoot more "Gorman Getaway" videos.

"They loved the humor that Connor brought to the videos and how it showcased a kid having a great time on vacation," said Brian, a single dad.

## GOING PLACES

Since then, Connor has joined a talent agency, appeared as an extra in a horror movie filmed in Troy and was interviewed on Ripley's Believe It Or Not radio show *Ripley's Oddcast*. He is the youngest guest to ever appear on the show.

The Ripley's interview will post Feb. 14 at [www.ripleyoddcast.com](http://www.ripleyoddcast.com).

Connor's been asked at least twice for his autograph — once at school and once at Burger King. Someone saw him standing in line waiting to order and said, "That's the 'Gorman Getaway' kid."

The vacation video that



Orlando World Center Marriott's online marketing firm flew Connor and his dad down for an all-expense paid trip over Thanksgiving break to shoot more "Gorman Getaway" videos.

Brian posted on YouTube, complete with music, is no ordinary vacation video.

Brian is a senior art director at Team Detroit in Dearborn, a full-service advertising agency. He produces videos for a living for Ford, Lincoln and Ohio Art (Etch-A-Sketch), among other companies.

And Connor "is a ham, a natural on camera," Brian said. "He's so used to having me with a video camera."

A storyteller who likes to make people laugh, Connor is "the next Jim Carrey," says his grandfather, Tim Gorman of

Westland.

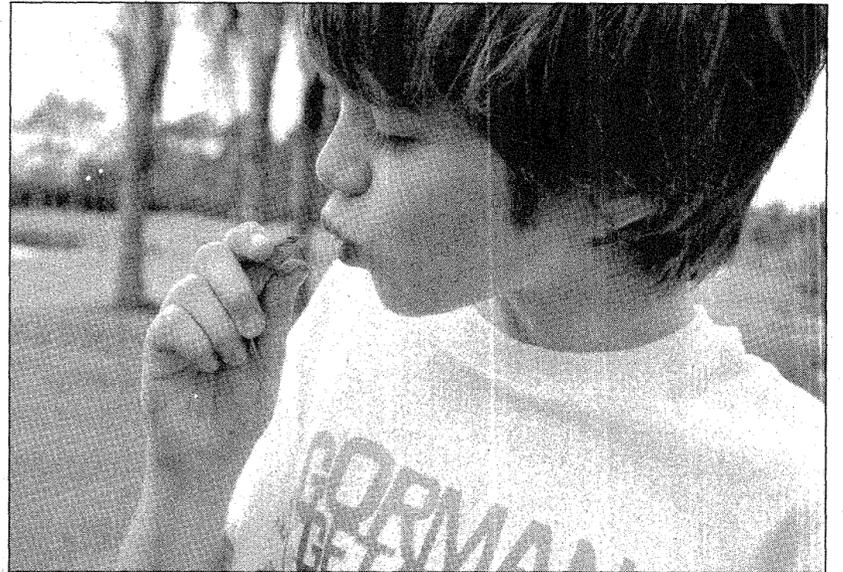
So Connor was totally open to his father's suggestions to step things up to make the videos more entertaining.

During a brainstorming session, Brian offered Connor \$5 to walk around Disney World in the Snuggie. "At Disney World, anything goes," Brian said.

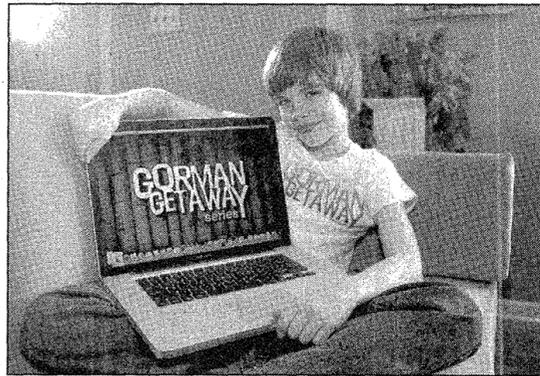
"He still hasn't paid me the \$5," Connor deadpanned.

## A TRAVEL SHOW NEXT?

Ironically, Connor wanted to stay at the more kid-centric Nickelodeon Suites Resort



Connor Gorman caught lizards bare-handed and then sneaked them home on the plane in the vacation video that caught the attention of Orlando World Center Marriott's marketing firm.



Eleven-year-old Connor Gorman, at home in Livonia, "is a ham, a natural on camera," his father says.

across the street from Orlando World Center Marriott. But since Dad was paying, they went to Marriott.

Connor found plenty of fun things to do there, what with

12 pools to swim in, free lemonade he could help himself to at anytime and all those lizards running around. Before long, he and his lizard cage were a familiar sight to the hotel staff.

Now, Connor would like to have his own travel show — from a kid's perspective.

"I'd like to fly around with my Dad, visit every state at least once and tell kids where to go (for fun)," he said.

He loves performing magic and would start each show with a trick. "Do you know who Criss Angel is?" he asked, referring to the famed American illusionist and magician. "He taught me this trick face-to-face," Connor said, making a toothpick disappear and then reappear behind his father's ear.

"Face to face?" a visitor asked. "Yes," Connor said. "You know that little screen with the keys in front of it?"

To see Connor's "Gorman Getaway" videos, visit [www.youtube.com/worldcentermarriott](http://www.youtube.com/worldcentermarriott).

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# TRW Automotive looks for ways to better fuel efficiency

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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In the quest to create more efficient engine and vehicle operation, a Livonia supplier is working with another company to increase fuel efficiency in commercial vehicles.

TRW Automotive, which is headquartered in Livonia, will be exploring possible applications in commercial vehicles with Fallbrook Technology's continuously variable accessory drive technology.

Fallbrook announced on its

website this week that the two companies entered a memorandum of understanding.

The specific applications covered by the memorandum were not disclosed. John Wilkerson, senior communications manager for TRW, said Thursday TRW's property in Indiana was doing work with Fallbrook. "They'll see if the technology can help fuel efficiency in vehicles," Wilkerson said. The work was in its very early stages, Wilkerson said.

Fallbrook noted on its web-

site that the applications are designed to improve both system performance and efficiency, which would directly increase vehicle fuel efficiency.

TRW Automotive supplies more than 40 major vehicle manufacturers and 250 nameplates. TRW's products include braking systems, steering and suspension systems, occupant safety systems (airbags, seat belts and steering wheels). TRW Automotive reported \$11.6 billion in sales in 2009.

Based on its research and testing, Fallbrook believes that CVADs have significant potential as a "clean" technology because improved acces-

sory performance can result in improved fuel economy. A vehicle's accessories, such as the air conditioner, power steering pump, water pump or alternator, draw power from the engine and impact the vehicle's fuel efficiency when they are running at speeds that are above or below their optimum revolutions per minute.

Under existing practices, these accessories are connected to the engine and therefore dependent on the speed of the engine for their power. As the engine speed goes up or down, the accessories' speeds go up and down. A CVAD, which operates between the engine and these accessories,

is designed to allow accessory speed to vary according to performance needs independent of the engine speed, the company stated.

Under the memo of understanding the companies will continue to investigate development of applications with the possibility of entering a definitive joint development agreement. Both companies expect negotiation of a joint development agreement to conclude in 2011.

"This is yet another example of how our NuVinci technology has the potential to reduce the carbon footprint from vehicle use," said William G. Klehm III, chairman and CEO of Fallbrook, in a pre-

pared statement. "Together with partners like TRW, we're creating affordable, advanced clean-tech products that can help make a difference in the near term."

Fallbrook Technologies Inc. is a technology company dedicated to improving the performance and flexibility of transmissions for vehicles and equipment. Fallbrook's NuVinci® continuously variable planetary technology is applicable to machines that use a transmission such as bicycles, light electric vehicles, automobiles, agricultural equipment, and wind turbines, among others.

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## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On February 15, 2011 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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1998	Pontiac	Bonneville/4 Dr	Gold	1G2HZ5217WH228605
1999	Chrysler	Concorde LXI/4 Dr	Green	2C3HD46J0XH563011
1990	Chevrolet	Caprice/4 Dr	Brown	1G1BN54E3LR123863
2001	Pontiac	Grand Prix/4 Dr	Black	1G2WK5J71F132750
2004	Hyundai	Sonata/4 Dr	White	KMHWF25SX4A966639
1987	Olds	Cutlass/2 Dr	Tan	1G3EX1131HU312908
1996	Plymouth	Breeze/4 Dr	Gold	1P3EJ46C8TN287106

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

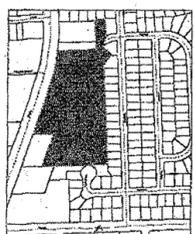
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## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #1530F, Public Hearing for Proposed Water Main Easement Vacation, MJR Theater, 6800 N Wayne Road, East Side of Wayne Road, South of Warren Road, Parcel #034-99-0003-705, (Dennis Redmer)



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., March 1, 2011.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission

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## OUR VIEWS

# More than Valentines

## Feb. 14 is day to consider organ donation

It seems like we can't have a day of the year without having something recognized on that day. A few examples are Flag Day June 14, Patriots Day Sept. 11, Veterans Day Nov. 11 and Boy Scout Day Feb. 8.

Some of these observances are recognizable and easy to remember. Fourth of July, Christmas and New Year's and Valentine's Day come to mind. There are others that just have us shaking our head in amazement, days such as Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day on Feb. 7 or Name Your Car Day on Oct. 2.

There are some important observances that go unnoticed. While most people will be giving out Valentine's on Monday, Feb. 14, the thousands of people waiting for an organ transplant will be hoping someone will take a moment to observe National Organ Donor Day.

National Organ Donor Day encourages people to sign up to donate their organs. That simple act may save a life. On average, 17 Michigan residents have organ transplants every week. However, the supply of organs available doesn't come close to meeting the demand. This state has about 3,000 people on the waiting list. That number is 100,000 nationwide, according to Gift of Life Michigan.

Organ donation is a vital need. You can donate both deceased and living organs. Sure, it is uncomfortable to think of your own death, especially an early one, but organ donation affords you the opportunity to save up to eight lives. Each tissue donor can improve the lives of up to 50 people.

According to Gift of Life Michigan:

- Nearly 10,000 Michigan patients have received a life-saving organ transplant in the last 10 years.
- Cornea transplants have been successful for more than 100 years and organ transplants have worked for more than 50.
- There is no age limit for donation.
- Donation doesn't cost the donor or the donor's family anything.

• Last year, 289 organ donors provided 786 organs to waiting recipients in Michigan. A record 1,067 people became tissue donors.

Life affords a few opportunities to share the gift of life. Being an organ donor means giving the gift of extending a life, letting families have time with loved ones, especially infants and toddlers.

In Michigan in 2010, organ donations resulted in 786 transplants and saved hundreds of lives. Transplants so far in 2011 total 62. And 2,955 patients were waiting for a transplant as of Feb. 1, including 2,424 kidney, 312 liver, 61 lung, 55 kidney/pancreas, 79 heart, 10 pancreas, eight kidney/liver and one liver/heart.

The topic of organ donation now and in death is something that you may not want to discuss; however, it is an important one that could literally help to save a number of lives. Michigan residents no longer sign the back of their Michigan driver's license to indicate their wish to be an organ and tissue donor. Instead, they join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry and receive a red heart logo for their license or state ID.

We encourage you to consider becoming an organ donor. Think about giving some of the gift of a second chance at living. Do it before you love your pet (Feb. 20), take your dog for a walk (Feb. 22) or have some chips and salsa on National Tortilla Chip Day (Feb. 24).

Take a moment to look into to become an organ donor. You can get more information about organ donation on the Gift of Life website, [www.giftoflifemichigan.org](http://www.giftoflifemichigan.org). If it takes you more than a day to make up your mind, not to worry. April is Organ Donation Month.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Who's getting your heart on Valentine's Day?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"My husband - Oh, and the grandkids."

Rita Gibbs  
Canton



"My grandson Kalieb because he's got a little piece of my heart already."

Cindy McHugh  
Westland



"I don't know."

Krista Kramer  
Westland



"Him, my husband."

Mary Cook  
Farmington Hills

## LETTERS

### Right To Repair hurts job market

Proponents of the Motor Vehicle Owner's Right To Repair Act would have you believe that this legislation is backed by small independent automotive repair shops that are unable to access the tools and information necessary to diagnose and repair today's high-tech cars and trucks. In reality, Right To Repair was created and funded by huge after-market automotive parts companies. Their goal is to access the manufacturer's intellectual property for the production and sale of parts without the associated research and development costs.

Ten years ago, the automotive manufacturers created a partnership with the Automotive Service Association (ASA), creating the National Automobile Service Task Force (NASTF) that maintains an Internet-based system with links to every manufacturer's website where Technical Service Bulletins and vehicle repair information are available. There are links to where diagnostic equipment and special tools can be purchased, and to schedules of technical training classes from both the vehicle manufacturers and through third-party private sector providers.

Over 75 percent of the post warranty automotive repairs are performed by independent repair facilities, such as the one where I work in Farmington Hills. Our specialty is the diagnosis and repair of the many electronic systems on today's vehicles. Thanks to organizations such as ASA, NASTF, the International Association of Technicians Network (IATN) and private companies such as Identifix, we never need to send our customers to the automotive dealer for service.

We have invested a lot of money and time gathering and maintaining our inventory of diagnostic equipment, tools and knowledge, to provide our customers with the service they expect and deserve. Unfortunately, many automotive repair facilities and technicians are too cheap and/or too lazy to do what is necessary to survive in such a demanding field of expertise, and they are being fooled into thinking that Right To Repair will make their job easier. It will not. It will simply give them access to information that has already been available for years.

Right To Repair would give proprietary automotive parts design data at no cost to potential counterfeiters (many from foreign countries) resulting in the loss of jobs here in the United States. Security system designs would be available, including key codes and engine immobilizer override information, increasing the occurrence of auto thefts.

In 2007, House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell called the proposed legislation "a solution in search of a problem."

James A. Kidd  
A.S.E. Certified Master Automotive technician

### Fast and loose

It would seem that all one needs to discover what is at the root of all of the economic problems that we face is to read the editorial section of one of the two largest newspapers in the state or tune to one of the strongest A.M. radio stations in the Midwest broadcasting from Detroit's Fisher Building.

The culprit, according to most of the columnists, editors and talk show hosts from these media outlets, is, of course, unions that represent workers in both the public and private sectors. Recently the most convenient target has been those "greedy" public sector unions who are allegedly responsible for the \$1.8 billion deficit now facing Michigan.

But two years ago, it was the "greedy" autowork-

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ers that were drawing fire for single-handedly rendering the Big Three uncompetitive with lavish contracts, rife with high wages and benefits, "forced" upon the auto companies causing the industry to collapse. Both assumptions are barely, if at all, true. However, these media outlets say little about greed on Wall Street or the greed of CEOs which now command gaudy salaries that are often hundreds of times that of the least paid worker they employ.

Both union types will have to adjust expectations for the short-term, reflecting the downturn, but neither caused this debacle. Lack of regulation and Wall Street greed caused the great collapse. However, the basic underlying problems that the United States and the people of Michigan have been facing are a lack of demand for products brought on by several decades of flat or declining real wages and eight years with virtually no employment growth.

The Tea Party would have us believe rising taxes are the problem, but that is no more true than saying the deficit is at fault. Taxes haven't been rising. Taxes as a percentage of GDP are at about 20 percent and have been in much of the post-WW II era, except during the Bush43 and Reagan administrations when ill-advised tax cuts caused deficits to explode. For the wealthy, the tax climate has never been better, at least in modern times. As far as the deficit goes, ask yourself how you are being damaged by it.

The conservative media outlets who have been attacking labor are the same elements that would have you believe that "death panels" exist, that the insurance company regulation brought on by the ACA is "government run" health care and that Social Security with \$2.6 trillion in assets is bankrupt. With a history of playing fast and loose with the truth, why are they to be believed in this case? They are not.

Mitch Smith  
Canton

### What is MEA thinking?

The MEA wants us to accept their new plan to reform education. Ever wonder just what they are thinking when they hear our questions?

Q&A with the MEA

The People: What's your plan to reform education?

The MEA: Raise Taxes.

The People: What is a fair wage for a teacher?

The MEA: More.

The People: When should we use pay for performance?

The MEA: Never.

The People: What about falling grades?

The MEA: It's your fault.

The People: Should parents have the right to home school?

The MEA: It takes a union to educate a child.

The People: What about vouchers?

The MEA: Are you a teacher hater?

The People: Why should we give you what you want?

The MEA: Because it's all about the kids.

Lloyd Romick  
Livonia

### Destroying America

In November, America voted to slow down Obamacare. A lobbyist manufactured proposal, mostly unread by our elected, it appeared one step toward Marxism pushing the view of no choice, a restraint seen by chickens in a chicken factory, next to demolish competition by hectoring a population into placid acceptance. American women might have seen the futures of their children dissolved by a lustiness for spending by a steam-rolling Congress. Some may have even thrown up, helplessly watching trillion dollar pork bailouts passed to political favorites or scams like cash for clunkers, caulking, or windmills with possible inflation a threat to follow. In two years, America's freedoms became further indentured by \$5 trillion of added debt often to accommodate the chorus of high maintenance liberals.

Once elected, our chosen are frozen and become unwilling to make any structural changes needed to slow down the endless bureaucrat creep - promoted as brilliant and wizards of economic growth revealing performances fitted for the Gong Show. The current administration relies upon positive commentaries from media poodles while choking and hobbling our industries forced to export of investment and job growth elsewhere. Ronald Reagan, America's last example of heavyweight leadership, enhanced his qualities by choosing business-minded subordinates. Unfortunately, President Obama has done the opposite, stuck with several nightmares of lesser experience.

Ross Perot sensed giant sucking sounds from Mexico; now they come again from unrestrained public service unions and bureaucrats controlling public treasuries. Our elected appear something like ping pong balls for the organized as their aristocracy is being formed. The worst example is California where public service unions have confiscated a waterfall of financially impossible accommodations. Providing states with bankruptcy and reorganization might be a way to flatten costs and avoid compounding mistakes. History is consistent; every bloated bureaucracy brings rattling pain, eventually capsizing and trashing the host. Cheering this chaos is the international manipulator of money and governments, "Spooky George Soros."

America's Tea Parties did plenty to disrupt several political wastrels. The opportunity to lead should be a gift of trust not an escalator. Yet some places needing leadership might remain vacant. The emergence of the American patriots energized many new people and the determination for reform. We will see if it is done. So sad that some politicians can linger for generations unchallenged, riding a wave and hugging a fiction of indispensability. Many incumbents run short of useful ideas and achievement but still remain. Term limits may be a blessing as better farmers point out periodic crop rotation is vital to enhance productivity and avoid unhealthy ground. Young Americans with sharp minds are needed in politics to challenge static roles and offer new management. Crop rotation can enrich the results in many organizations.

Jim Nowka  
Northville

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, in Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

### The issue: Theft of firefighter's wallet

It really pays to keep everything under lock and key, plus. This isn't the same world as thirty years ago.

southernlass7

### The issue: Diaper Bank helps others

Great work, Marybeth. God bless you for the things that you are doing to help those less fortunate.

FinnegansPop

### The issue: Going green

Umm, Flex Fuel Vehicles and E85 did take off. Almost half of GM and Ford production vehicles come as a FFV and they pledge a full 50 percent by 2012 and 80 percent by 2015.

As far as E85 Stations you can drive from New York to Los Angeles and fill up on E85 the entire way. Looks like the United States of E85 <http://e85prices.com/e85map.php>

Really glad to see electric vehicles joining the party but they have a long, long ways to get anywhere near where ethanol is. There are already over 10 million FFVs on the road, less than 3000 electric vehicle.

The diversity of alternative fuels is important but electric, Natural Gas, Hydrogen vehicles ... it's going to take time and money before they are contributing in any substantial manner.

E85Prices

# Westland woman recognized by Easter Seals

A Westland woman is riding her snowmobile and helping Easter Seals Michigan as part for non-profit's 24th Annual For Women Only Snowmobile extravaganza

Julie Busch was among 35 women who participated in this year's fund-raiser will be used to support Easter Seals' programs, benefitting children and adults with autism, physical disabilities or mental illness statewide. Over the past 24 years, FWO riders have raised an impressive total of \$2.285 million for Easter Seals, assisting in the agency's mission to create solutions for the people it serves.

"Mother Nature hasn't always been faithful to us during FWO, but our riders have," said Easter Seals Michigan President and CEO Brent Wirth. "Each one of them has taken their enthusiasm for snowmobiling and transformed it into a means to improve the lives of people with physical disabilities and mental illness. They are the reason that the children and adults who turn to Easter Seals for guidance succeed."

This year's sponsors included the Michigan Snowmobile Association, Nelson's Speed Shop, Woody's, Kewadin Hotel & Casino, and Mark A. Young Jewelers.

The gold, silver and bronze award recipients who raised the most money during the 24th FWO are Hessel resident Jean Sommers, gold, \$3,670; Montague resident Laura Hires,



Westland resident Julie Busch (right) receives her For Women Only 10-Year Anniversary certificate from Easter Seals Michigan Special Events Coordinator Dallas Pourchez (left). Busch also was acknowledged for raising \$750 for the snowmobile event.

silver, \$2,856.77, and Cedarville resident Jeri Griffin, bronze, \$1,945.

Other FWO riders acknowledged for their fund-raising success include Lily Pin recipients Sue Kraklau of Watervliet and Gina Cummins-Boney of Bark River with cumulative totals of \$5,000 plus.

At the \$750 Incentive Level were Busch, Kathy Eckenrode of Iva, Rhonda Maisano of Hessel and Marlene Vancamp of Crosswell, while at the \$1,500 Incentive Level were Jeri Griffin of Iva and Laurie Appel of Colona. At the \$2,500 Incentive Level were Laura Hires of Montague and Jean Sommers of Hessel.

At the \$1,000 Incentive Level were Bonnie Algar of Iva, Joni Johns of Whitehall, Diana Peterson of Cedarville and Judy

Wing of Cadillac.

Easter Seals Michigan is the leading non-profit provider of services for individuals with mental illnesses, emotional impairments, autism, developmental disabilities and other special needs. Spanning the entire state of Michigan, Easter Seals has been offering help and hope to children and adults living with disabilities, and to the family members who love them, since 1920.

Through a continuum of services, including therapy, training, education and support services, Easter Seals Michigan creates life-changing solutions, so that people with disabilities can live, learn, work and play in their communities. For more information, contact Easter Seals Michigan at (800) 75-SEALS or visit www.mi.easterseals.com.

# Disregard hype, stay the course with your money

Have you ever noticed that at least once a year, if not more, some winter storm is going to be the worst storm in history? The way some media were talking about the last storm you would think that we were getting close to Armageddon. There is no doubt that Tuesday's and Wednesday's storm was a reminder that this is winter in Michigan.

I bring this up because it is important to remember that in our media-driven world, it is not unusual for certain stories to get hyped. This includes weather and just about everything else in our society — including stories regarding money.

Investors can't afford to focus on stories the media chooses to hype. Whether it is the story regarding Egypt or the Dow at 12,000, investors must stay the course. Don't get caught up in the media hype, because all too often the hype is greater than the reality. The recent storm prediction is a perfect example. Yes, there was a storm but it certainly wasn't the worst of all times.

The storm also should be a reminder to all to make sure that when it comes to our homes we protect ourselves.

There are a couple of things everyone needs to do every so often. The first is a video inventory of your home. If there was some sort of disaster and your home did suffer losses, could you recreate what you lost and, more importantly, can you prove it

to the insurance company?

If you have artwork or other types of collectibles, pay particular attention to them, including video taping appraisals and receipts. Of course, don't forget to talk your way through the video and highlight certain items. Remember, the purpose of the video is to document what you have for your own needs, as well as the insurance company.

When the video is complete, keep a copy in a fireproof box or off location. Then, if there is some sort of disaster at your home, your video will be protected.

Another issue is homeowners insurance. Sit down with your agent and review your policy. Your current policy may have certain coverage that you no longer need. In addition, check with an agent to make sure your home is properly insured. With home values plummeting here and throughout the country over the last few years, your home may be overinsured. Therefore, an adjustment in your policy may be necessary.

It's also wise, from time to time, to consider competitively shopping your policy around to determine whether you have the best policy at the most cost-effective price.

Before you know it we won't be talking about winter storms, but rather spring and summer storms. It's Michigan, so we never know what the weather will be. That's why it is always important to be prepared and protect our home, no matter what the season.

Good luck!

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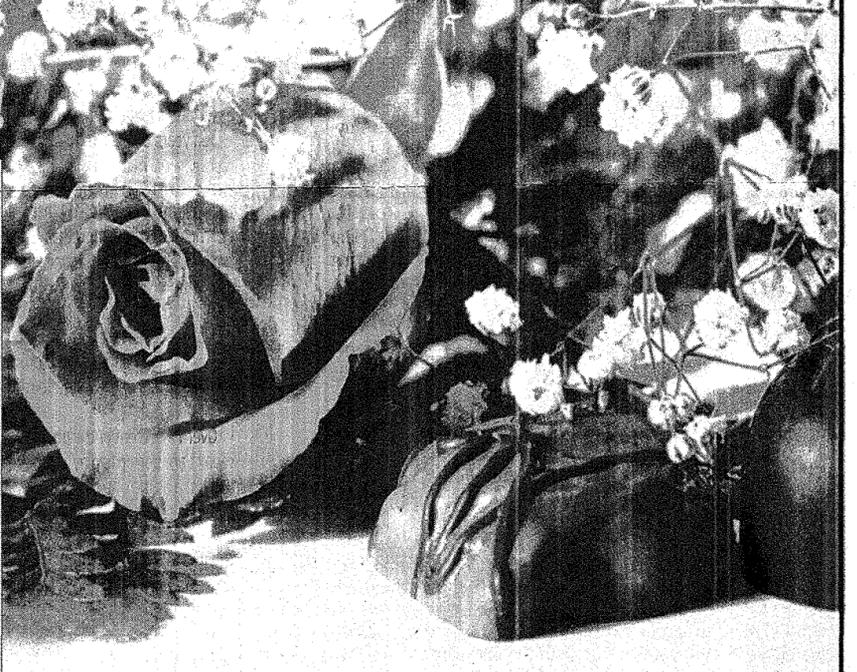
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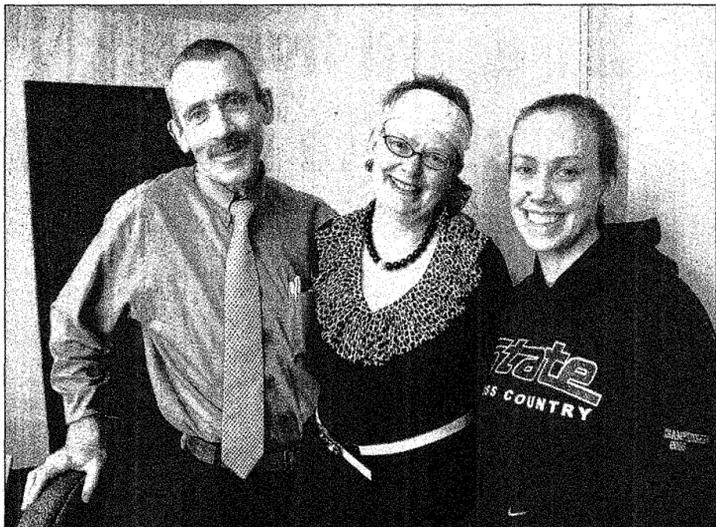
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Michael and Rachel McCormack will run the Chicago marathon, cheered on along the sidelines by daughter Becky.



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# Racing against time

Brain cancer patient determined to make marathon

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rachel McCormack is determined to run the Chicago Marathon in October, though there's one thing that might keep her from accomplishing that goal.

She might not live that long. McCormack, a 52-year-old Canton resident, was diagnosed in May 2010 with Stage IV brain cancer, a disease doctors have told her — and she has finally accepted — is going to claim her life. And while there's some question as to when (she was given four-24 months at the time of the diagnosis), there's no question how much McCormack is going to let that prognosis determine what she does with whatever time she has left: Not at all.

"I decided that, even though my tumor will eventually end my life, I won't let it destroy my spirit," McCormack said. "I could easily let it take over my whole life, and at times it does. (But) I'm not going to let it dictate everything in my life."

McCormack, who with her husband owns MicroMax Inc., a software engineering firm that designs and tests embedded control systems for the auto industry, decided she wanted to run the Chicago Marathon, which is scheduled for Oct. 9. She'd run the Free Press marathon in the early 1990s and had subsequently decided she'd run another when she reached her 50s.

### RUNNING TO HELP

McCormack is determined to run in Chicago because the marathon benefits the American Brain Tumor Association. She hasn't run one since 1993 and she's a little concerned about whether she can get herself in shape to do it.

"If I follow the regimen I found online, I think I'd be

able to do it," McCormack said. "It's about your mental attitude and determination. You have to finish what you set out to do."

The biggest question is time. McCormack was diagnosed in May 2010 after her primary care physician set her up for an MRI following some mysterious weight loss, which to that point, she said, had been her only real symptom.

The test, done at the University of Michigan, confirmed the diagnosis, which was then delivered to her by a less-than-delicate doctor who told her simply, "You have a brain tumor and it's going to cause your death."

"That was pretty awful," McCormack recalled. "Since then, everything in my life has changed. It's all upside down. I have a lot of adjustments to make."

Doctors attacked the tumor with surgery, which she said removed "90 percent of the cancerous tissue," but left some "tentacles" behind. She's done radiation and chemo since but doctors, she said, seem less than optimistic that much has improved.

### BRINGING IN HELP

Her hands don't work like they used to, so the knitting, crocheting and other handicrafts she enjoyed aren't possible. Her vision has been affected — she can't see colors as well — so she can't do the jigsaw puzzles she liked to do. Riding a motorcycle is out of the question.

"I bought one two years ago, and I was just getting good at it when this happened," she said, showing a rueful smile.

She can't see well enough to avoid things like potholes, so her husband, 54-year-old Mike McCormack, is also training to run the marathon with her, as will a sister.

She can't work like she used to, so daughter Becky gave up

her job in the insurance industry to come home and help run the family business, something she'd worked at in the past. It was a necessary move, with her parents worried about keeping the business going, but one that still brings a nagging guilt for McCormack.

"I hate that she had to give up her job ... having her here is a huge help to me," McCormack said. "I was worried about how we were going to keep the business going if I wasn't able to make it."

It's the guilt Becky McCormack said she understands, but is totally unnecessary.

### WHO'S THE BOSS?

"It's a good job to have and it's nice to be back here to help out," Becky McCormack said. "I like being here ... I'm only 22, so if I want another job, I'm sure I can get one. I don't have to have the 'dream job' right now."

Becky, who ran cross country at Canton High School (as did sister Sarah, a 2003 grad) and at Michigan State, will sit out the Chicago marathon, instead cheering on "Team McCormack" from the sidelines. Rachel's husband, Mike, isn't as lucky. He agreed to run the marathon with his wife. "She talked about it, and it was a snowball effect, and all of a sudden we were doing it," Mike McCormack said with a smile.

The McCormacks have been training — Rachel recently did more than three miles on the treadmill, her longest stint yet — and her resolve is as strong as ever.

"I'm going to show (the tumor) I can do things a healthy person can do, even though I'm no longer a healthy person," she said. "I'm going to show it who's boss."

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# Four-legged fun

Workshop focuses on getting dogs outdoors during winter

BY PHILIP ALLMEN  
STAFF WRITER

Tim Riley cringes when he thinks about the family dog being cooped up inside for months on end because of frigid temperatures.

Dogs — even chihuahuas — can handle the cold, and owners need to get outside with their pets throughout the year, he said.

Riley, owner of Grayling-based Snow Bound Adventures, will be at Lyon Oaks County Park this Sunday for a workshop on winter activities with pets.

"People need to get out in the winter with their dogs," said Riley.

Snow Bound Adventures offers dog sled rides, and will show people how it works. Not all dogs are made to pull their owners on sleds, but another possibility is skijoring, where the dog helps pull its owner on skis.

But Sunday's workshop will run the gamut on pets and winter weather.

Riley said the workshop includes winter-related equipment, as well as advice on different wintertime activities and how to decide if your dog fits those skills needed. The workshop also delves into safety issues like dehydration, foot issues and cold weather.

There will also be time for questions and answers.

"We encourage people with some of the different things they can do with their dogs in the winter," said Riley.

"People can customize to



Snow Bound Adventures features working husky sled dogs.

things they'd like to do."

Riley said some people will have a chance to ride one of the dog sleds as time permits.

The workshop will run Sunday, Feb. 13, noon to 1 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. The dog sledding can take place for an hour after each workshop.

Dogs and their owners are both welcome to attend the workshop, but dogs in the demonstration area must be on a six-foot leash.

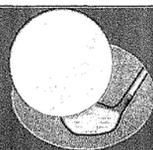
The event is free and no registration is required, but

a vehicle pass is required to enter the park.

"It makes me feel good to know these dogs will get off the couch for three months," Riley said.

Lyon Oaks is located at 52221 Pontiac Trail in Wixom. Learn more about the county parks at [www.destinationoakland.com](http://www.destinationoakland.com) or Snow Bound Adventures at [www.snowboundkennels.com](http://www.snowboundkennels.com).

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# Red-hot Campbell helps Spartans clinch Central

## SIDELINES S'craft men edged

Free throws were the difference Saturday as host Delta College staved off the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team, 86-83, in an MCCA Eastern Conference game.

Kwincy Tucker and Winthrop Thomas scored 19 and 18 points, respectively, for the victorious Pioneers, who made 20-of-28 free throws.

Delta improved to 11-12 overall and 4-6 in the conference.

It was 45-all at intermission.

Schoolcraft lost despite shooting 61 percent from the field and committing just 12 turnovers.

Karl Moore scored 25 points, grabbed five rebounds and had two blocks for the Ocelots, who slipped to 8-15 overall and 2-8 in the conference.

Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) added 16 points and eight rebounds, while Anthony Nash and Zachary Childress chipped in with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Schoolcraft went hit 4-of-8 from the foul stripe.

## Volleyball tryouts

Free tryouts for the 2011 Crusader Juniors Volleyball Club will be from 3-4:30 p.m. (ages 15-16) and from 5-6:30 p.m. (ages 17-18) on Sunday, Feb. 13 and 20, at the Madonna University Activities Center.

The Crusader Juniors, now in its 25th season, will run from March until June. Practices will be Tuesdays and Thursdays at Madonna or Livonia Ladywood High School.

The program cost is \$705 (includes four tournaments, plus state AAU tourney in Grand Rapids).

For more information, call MU assistant coach Brian McClain at (734) 432-5612; or e-mail Bgmcclain@aol.com.

## Mat fundraiser

The Livonia Franklin wrestling team will stage a trivia challenge fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 20, at Buffalo Wild Wings, located on the west side of Wayne Road just south of Warren Road.

Registration starts at 1 p.m. followed by the trivia challenge at 2 p.m.

The cost is \$15 per person. All ages are welcome. Prizes include \$200 (first place), \$125 (second) and \$75 (third). There will also be raffles.

For more information, call Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340.

## WYAA softball

Registration for the Westland Youth Athletic Association 2011 girls fast-pitch softball for all ages will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the Lange Compound Building, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford).

Age groups offered include: 8-10, 11-12, 13-14 and 15-16.

Games for 10-, 12- and 16-and-under will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, while 14-and-under games on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The WYAA provides trainers for pitching and hitting instruction with indoor winter practices and on-site batting cage.

Teams will play league games and tournaments in preparation for high school competition.

For more information, call (734) 421-0640; visit www.wyaa.org (Facebook/WYAA softball); or e-mail busymichigan@gmail.com.

## BOYS HOOPS

Central Division boys basketball showdown at Novi as he poured in a game-high 25 points to lead the Spartans to an impressive 62-50 win.

Stevenson upped its overall record to 14-1 overall and clinched at least a tie for the KLAAs Central title while improving to 8-0.

Novi, meanwhile, falls to 11-3 overall and 6-2 in the division.

Campbell made 8-of-11 shots from the floor, including five from three-point range. He

also went 4-for-4 from the foul line during the final period as Stevenson pulled away with a 22-10 run.

Campbell, who scored 10 in the decisive fourth quarter, was also playing with a heavy heart.

"My aunt (Jackie Campbell) passed away this weekend in Atlanta (Ga.)," he said. "She was in a coma. All I thought about was what her two kids

would do without her. This was mostly for her."

Jalen Reynolds, the Spartans' 6-foot-9 center, added 19 points, 17 rebounds and six blocks in the victory.

The Xavier University signee had 30 points in the previous meeting when the Spartans rallied (Jan. 18) at home to beat Novi in overtime, 61-55.

Stevenson jumped out to a 20-13 first-quarter lead thanks to a triple from Campbell and two more from senior point-guard C.J. Mwila,

who finished with 11 points on the night.

But Novi came alive in the second period with a 17-7 run to led 30-27 at halftime.

The Wildcats then opened a 36-29 advantage with 5:35 to go in the third period on a pair of free throws by Zac Dotinga.

Stevenson, however, tied it at 40-all heading into the final quarter after Charlie Swingle scored in a layup off

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## KLAAs mat champion is Brighton

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a photo finish for the team title in Saturday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association wrestling tournament hosted by Hartland.

And it proved to be a two-team race as Brighton emerged the winner in the 24-school jamboree by edging the host Eagles for the team title, 248.5-247.5.

Canton placed third with 179 and rounding out the top ten were: Howell (159), Livonia Franklin (128), Livonia Churchill (113), South Lyon (96), Wayne Memorial (92.5), Westland John Glenn (91.5) and Walled Lake Central (75.5) rounding out the top 10.

Churchill boasted two individual champions in seniors Jacob Meadows (119 pounds) and Jonny Bannoura (140).

Meadows, the fourth seed, upset top seed Keith Boldt of Hartland in the semifinals with an 8-4 decision followed by a 4-3 victory in the finals over third seed Gabe Martinez of Franklin.

Bannoura was also a fourth seed and upended top seed Aaron Calderon of Brighton in the semifinals, 5-3, followed by a 3-1 win over second seed Zach Marsh of Canton in the finals.

Franklin's Steve Tuyo held serve as the top seed when he captured the 130-pound crown

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## Narrow gate

Stevenson's Charlesann Roy (24) gets squeezed between South Lyon East defenders Nichole Tedd (20) and Taylor Jones (12) during Monday's KLAAs Central Division make-up game. For a complete roundup of girls basketball, see page B2.

## Return of Slaughter bolsters Crusaders

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Welcome back, Bryant Slaughter.

The 5-foot-10 senior guard from Westland, who sat out eight games with an academic issue, scored a game-high 21 points Saturday to lead host Madonna University to an 86-79 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win over Concordia.

It was Slaughter's third game back from his hiatus and the team's leading scorer at 14.6 points per game matched that total in the first half as the Crusaders led 39-38.

The Crusaders, who improved to 6-18 overall and 4-8 in the WHAC, enjoyed a 69-56 lead before holding off a last-ditch rally by the Cardinals (14-12, 6-6).

"His energy on both ends of the floor really helped us today, not to mention the early shooting," MU coach Noel Emehiser said. "He freed up some stuff for the other guards, and took some pressure off our point guard in terms of scoring, and helped open up Geoff (Gaylor) inside. His play was definitely a welcome sign for all of us."

Gaylor, the 6-8 senior center from Roscommon, recorded his

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Slaughter

## Pats' cheer team proves competitive

Livonia Franklin earned a runner-up finish in Saturday's KLAAs Kensington Conference competitive cheer competition hosted by Westland John Glenn.

Canton captured the team title with 724.432 points.

Rounding out the 11-team field were Franklin (721.850), Livonia Stevenson (720.5152), Northville (717.516), John Glenn (695.0344), Novi (677.6712), South Lyon (666.9936), Livonia Churchill (660.45), Plymouth (653.2102), South Lyon East (626.0544) and Wayne Memorial (606.8436).

The Patriots, coached by Rachel Van Steenis and Ashley Geraghty, captured the KLAAs South Division with a 4-0 record. They also took the Novi Invitational, along with a runner-up finish at Grosse Ile.

Senior members of the Patriots include Audrey Geraghty, Breana Ward, Catie Hatfield and Mady Byrd.

Junior participants include Abigail Killeen, Allyson Dominguez, Hailey Hoyer, Kaitlynn Riley, Laresa Smith, Laura Mitoraj, Mary Sabbagh, Mickie McLeod and Stephanie Wonch.

The sophomore class includes Emily Allen, Kayla



Members of the KLAAs South Division champion and Kensington Conference runner-up Livonia Franklin girls' competitive cheer squad, coach by Rachel Van Steenis and Ashley Geraghty, include: Audrey Geraghty, Breana Ward, Catie Hatfield, Mady Byrd, Abigail Killeen, Allyson Dominguez, Hailey Hoyer, Kaitlynn Riley, Laresa Smith, Laura Mitoraj, Mary Sabbagh, Mickie McLeod, Stephanie Wonch, Emily Allen, Kayla Madaj, Kelli Leidal, Megan Vallimont, Meghan Whitney, Missy Henderson, Naomi Rodgers, Sydney Trapp, Alexia Anagnostopoulos, Ajane Craig, Sheila McKinley, Tasha McKinley and Taylor Mazurek.

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Rounding out the squad are freshmen Alexia Anagnostopoulos, Ajane Craig, Sheila McKinley, Tasha McKinley and Taylor Mazurek.

The Patriots return to action at 1 p.m. Saturday for the Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship at Novi.

MHSA Division 1 district competition follows at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Southgate Anderson.

Vying for one of four spots at the Feb. 26 Lake Orion regional will be Brownstown Woodhaven, Canton, Plymouth, Inkster, Stevenson, Churchill, Franklin, Monroe, Saline, Southgate, Temperance Bedford, Warren Mott, Wayne and John Glenn.

## Busy as Bee: Lady Ocelots slip by Delta

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team took another step in clinching the MCCA Eastern Conference championship with a hard-fought 56-51 triumph Saturday over visiting Delta College.

Paced by Kimberly Bee's 21-rebound, seven-block effort, the Lady **COLLEGE HOOPS** Ocelots

improved to 20-3 overall — their eight consecutive 20-win season — and 10-0 in the conference.

In notching their 58th straight home victory, the Lady Ocelots now enjoy a three-game lead in the Eastern Conference over Macomb CC, Delta and St. Clair County CC.

Diamond Tolliver led Schoolcraft with 15 points, while Shawnicka Thomas and Bee added 11 each.

Bee, a 6-foot-1 sophomore from Detroit Communication & Media

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# C'ville's board work does in RU

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM  
CORRESPONDENT

Livonia Clarenceville's shooting percentage outside of the paint was low Tuesday, but the Trojans' success rate on the offensive glass was high, allowing them to pull away from visiting Redford Union in the second half on the way to a 46-31 victory.

Both teams struggled offensively in the first half of the boys basketball game.

Clarenceville shot poorly, while the Panthers suffered from turnover problems. Ahead just 14-12 at halftime, Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson told his team to pound the offensive boards.

"We spent about five minutes at halftime making the point clear that, if we're not going to make shots today, that (offensive rebounding) is how we're going to win the game. So they stepped up, especially DeOndre Hogan; he probably had four or five in the second half."

"They dominated us in the third quarter on the glass," agreed RU coach Brett Steele. "That was obviously a point of emphasis as we came into the game, but we just didn't do a very good job. The big kid (Hogan) inside physically manhandled us a little bit. That was certainly a big difference in the game."

Hogan opened the third quarter with a pair of buckets in the paint - one on a putback - then found himself on the bench after drawing his third

personal foul.

A Derrell Woods putback gave the Trojans a 20-14 lead; then a 7-0 Redford run, including an Anthony Stadler triple, gave the Panthers a 21-20 edge.

A pair of free throws from Delsaac Turner gave RU its final lead, 23-22, with 3:13 remaining in the period.

A 7-0 Clarenceville run, featuring a Damien Quarles three-pointer and a pair of baskets from Damien Sanchez, made it 29-23 before the Panthers trimmed the margin to 29-26 entering the fourth quarter.

Hogan re-entered the game and began the final period with another putback. Woods sank a free throw after being fouled on a putback attempt; then Samuel Brown sank a triple to open Clarenceville's lead to 35-26. The margin never fell below eight again.

"We're not offensively skilled enough to play catch-up," Steele said, "so we need to try to keep games close. Once they got a little distance between us, that forced us to try to do some things we're not real good at and they capitalized on it."

Clarenceville's roller coaster season, which began with a pair of victories followed by seven consecutive losses, is now back on the upswing with three straight wins for a 5-7 overall record.

"This is pretty big to get our confidence back up, winning three in a row," Johnson said. "Hopefully we can keep that

up."

To continue their streak, Johnson believes the Trojans must focus on playing aggressive defense and forcing turnovers.

"That's how our team is built," the Clarenceville coach said. "I don't think we're a team of superstars, I think we're a team of athletes and hard-working kids. In our winning streak we've really been stopping teams from getting good shots. As long as we give one shot per possession, I don't think they're getting layups. I think we've been doing a real good job in practice and in games of running the game plan defensively."

Clarenceville used a variety of defenses Tuesday, both man-to-man and some trapping zone defenses, including a 1-3-1 configuration, something rarely seen on the high school level. The Panthers handled the zone pressure fairly well in the opening quarter, as Dwight Pooler and Stadler sank triples to help RU take a 10-6 lead. But the Panthers managed only one hoop for the rest of the half. When Quarles scored off an in-bounds pass in the final minute of the second quarter, Clarenceville owned a two-point lead at halftime, setting the stage for its second half domination on the glass.

Quarles and Adrian Myers paced a balanced Clarenceville attack with 11 points apiece, while Sanchez added eight.

Pooler had 10 points and Turner eight for the Panthers, who dropped to 2-12.

# Launching pad

## Lady Rockets cage Wildcats, improve to 13-1

Three players scored in double figures Tuesday night as Westland John Glenn posted a 58-39 KLA South Division girls basketball victory over host Plymouth.

Glenn, which improved to 13-1 overall and 7-1 in the division, got 14 points from sophomore guard Shakeya Graves. Juniors Joslyn Massey and Erica Covile added 13 and 11, respectively.

Glenn led 19-11 after one quarter and 31-20 at halftime. "Plymouth came out really aggressive and pressure us well defensively," Glenn coach Mark Anderson said. "They disrupted what we wanted to do, but the second half we picked up the tone. We were more aggressive and we handled their pressure."

Kate Watson and Alex Roberts scored 15 and 11, respectively, for the Wildcats (5-9, 3-5).

Plymouth hit just 15-of-33 free throws, while Glenn connected on 14-of-20.

**NOVI 64, STEVENSON 48:** Freshman guard Kerri McMahan scored 17 points and senior guard Alyssa Armiak added 13 on Tuesday to lead the KLA Central Division-leading Wildcats (13-1, 7-1) past host Livonia Stevenson (10-5, 5-4).

Junior guard Jordan York tallied 17 points for the Spartans, who trailed 31-25 at halftime and 47-37 after three quarters.

Freshman Charlesann Roy contributed 11 points and seven blocks in the setback.

"The tale of the game was Novi's transition game," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "They scored most of their points on fastbreaks. They leaked out people off of every board and we could not keep up."

Novi was 10-of-14 from the free throw line, while Stevenson made only 10-of-21.

**CANTON 53, FRANKLIN 37:** The state-ranked Chiefs (12-2, 8-0) pulled away in the third quarter with an 8-0 run Tuesday to beat host Livonia Franklin (7-7, 4-4) in a KLA South Division encounter.

Sara Schmitt paced Canton in scoring with 18 points, while Kayla Bridges and Kari Schmitt added 13 and 10, respectively.

Franklin senior guard Chelsea Williams had 16 points, six rebounds, six assists and two steals.

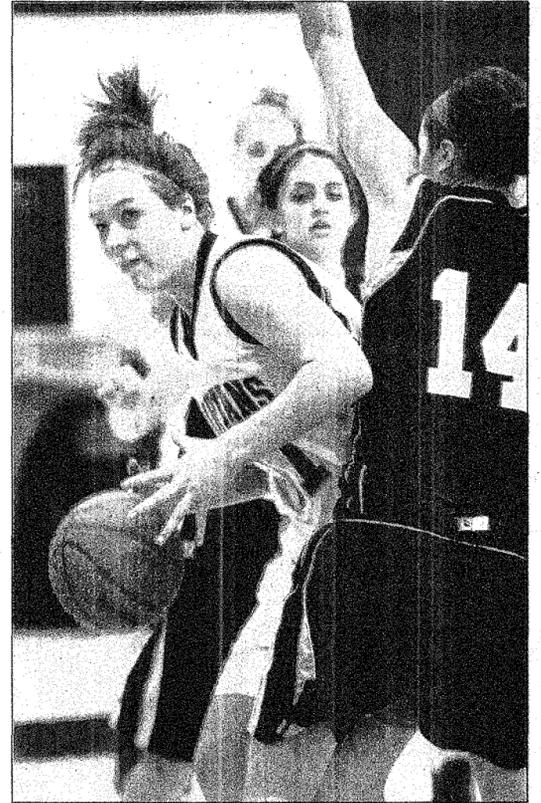
Senior forward Amanda Borioe added 12 points, three rebounds and three assists.

Franklin was a perfect 14-of-14 from the foul line, while Canton hit 7-of-14.

**CHURCHILL 55, WAYNE 46:** On Tuesday, sophomore Sydney Anderson's 17 points propelled Livonia Churchill (3-11, 2-6) past visiting Wayne Memorial (3-11, 0-8) in a KLA South matchup.

Churchill roared out to a 31-18 halftime lead and put it away with a 15-8 third-period run.

Junior Erin Menard and sophomore Emily Norscia each added 12 points for the Chargers, who hit 18-of-20 free throws.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Kaylee McGrath (41) maneuvers inside against Willow Cohn (14) of South Lyon East during Monday's KLA Central Division make-up game.

Ashley Bland scored 12 for the Zebras, who went 9-of-19 from the foul line.

**CLARENCEVILLE 44, UNIV. HIGH 34:** On Tuesday, senior Jenna Burgess and freshman Ayana Buckley scored 12 and 11 points, respectively, as Livonia Clarenceville (5-11) defeated Ferndale University High (1-7) in a non-leaguer.

Angelica Brown paced the Driving Eagles and all scorers with 15 points.

Clarenceville won despite shooting just 10-of-22 from the foul line, while University High hit only 8-of-19.

**FORD ACADEMY 45, LUTH. WESTLAND 40 (OT):** Diamond Baird pumped in a game-high 20 points Tuesday to lead Dearborn Henry Ford Academy past host Lutheran High Westland (1-12) in overtime.

It was 36-all at the end of regulation. The Navigators then outscored Lutheran Westland 9-4 during the five-minute extra session.

Taylor Wiener led the Warriors in scoring with 11 points, while Amanda Terranella and Aldreana Fikes added eight and seven, respectively.

Fikes had a team-high eight rebounds, while Terranella dished out six assists.

Both teams shot poorly from the foul line with the Warriors going 12-for-27 and Henry Ford hitting 7-of-16.

**STEVENSON 50, S.L. EAST 25:** Youth was served Monday as three underclassmen led the way as Livonia Stevenson (10-4, 5-3) rolled to a KLA Central Division victory over visiting South Lyon East (1-13, 0-8).

Sophomore Allie Koestering led the victorious Spartans with 12 points.

Two freshman, Charlesann Roy and Rachel Wilkinson, added eight points apiece. Wilkinson also had seven steals.

Stevenson led 20-11 at halftime and stretched their lead to 34-18 after three quarters.

The Spartans made 13-of-25 free throws.

Taylor Jones paced South Lyon East with six points. The Cougars shot 6-of-14 from the foul stripe.

**LADYWOOD 47, REGINA 45:** On Saturday, sophomore Andrea Anastos scored 17 points as host Livonia Ladywood (12-2, 4-2) edged Warren Regina (8-7, 0-6) in a Catholic League Central Division matchup.

Sophomore forward Kiley Gorski and senior forward Teresa Wojnarowski added 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Blazers.

Junior Morgan Chops also contributed nine points and nine rebounds.

Katy Jakubek paced Regina with 16 points.

Ladywood led 23-17 at halftime before the Saddletites closed the gap to 34-33 after three quarters.

Regina had the final possession with six seconds remaining after the Blazers missed the front-end of a one-and-one free throw, but never got a shot off.

"We did a good job defensively that last sequence," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said.

Ladywood was 9-of-14 from the foul line, while Regina made 6-of-12.

# Glenn stopped; Chargers win 1st

Westland John Glenn had a chance to get back into the KLA South Division boys basketball race Tuesday night.

But the Rockets came up short against co-leader Plymouth, 46-39, to fall to 9-5 overall and 5-3 in the division.

The Wildcats (10-4, 7-1) rallied from a 23-16 halftime deficit by outscoring Glenn 30-16 over the final 16 minutes.

Mike Nadratowski scored eight of his team-high 14 points, including 5-of-5 from the foul line, during the final period as Plymouth outscored the Rockets, 19-11.

Brennen Beyer and Pat Salo each added 12 points for the Wildcats, who remained tied with Canton in the KLA South.

Glenn got 13 points from junior guard Aveon Simmons.

The Rockets were 3-of-5 from the foul stripe, while Plymouth made 15-of-22.

## BOYS HOOPS

**CHURCHILL 53, WAYNE 30:** Senior Stephen Foster's 21 points catapulted Livonia Churchill (1-13, 1-7) to its first victory of the season Tuesday at Wayne Memorial (2-11, 1-7) in a KLA South Division encounter.

Matt Windle and Josh Dillard added 10 and nine points, respectively, for the victorious Chargers.

Senior point guard Dean Bokuniewicz dished out five first-half assists as Churchill bolted out to a 33-15 lead.

"The key was our offensive execution the first half," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "Foster is just an awesome kid and it was great to see his shots go down. And Bokuniewicz is our smallest guys, but he played his heart out."

Wayne got seven points from senior guard Carle Freeman.

"Besides our lack of shooting, Churchill just outthrusted us," Wayne coach Mike Schuette said. "They played well and we didn't."

**HURON VALLEY 46, TAYLOR BAPTIST 30:** Senior center Shawn Schaffer had 20 points and 12 rebounds to lead Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (4-

9, 3-6) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win at Taylor Baptist Park Christian (8-3, 6-3).

Senior forward Matt St. John added seven points and 14 rebounds for the victorious Hawks, who led 17-10 at halftime and 29-13 after three quarters.

The Hawks avenged a 40-32 homecourt setback to Taylor Baptist on Jan. 11.

Taylor Baptist got 13 points from Noah Combs.

Huron Valley shot 6-of-12 from the foul line, while Wildcats hit only 6-of-16.

**OAK CHRISTIAN 69, LUTH. WESTLAND 46:** On Tuesday, Drew Perrin's 15 points pace a balanced scoring attack as state-ranked Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (12-0, 7-0) cruised past visiting Lutheran High Westland (2-10, 1-7).

Nathan Piasecki and Josh Peterson each contributed 10 points for the victorious Cougars, who led 43-15 at intermission.

Marc Rosin tallied 14 points for the Warriors, who shot 7-of-11 from the free throw line.

Oakland Christian made 15-of-21 foul shots.

# Chiefs whip Franklin as 2 players ejected

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The final home performance in the Canton career of point guard Dietrich Lever II didn't exactly go as planned Tuesday night.

Lever did score 21 points and contributed five steals as the Chiefs knocked off Livonia Franklin, 55-28 on "Senior Night."

But the Ferris State-bound point guard - honored before the game for scoring 1,000 career points for Canton - wasn't around at the final buzzer.

Lever was ejected early in the fourth quarter along with Patriots forward Deion Grubbs following a physical altercation under one of the baskets.

According to Canton coach Jimmy Reddy, "He (Lever) got fouled hard at the rim and kind of retaliated and they kicked both guys out."

Lever's ejection didn't stop the Chiefs from improving to 10-4 overall and 7-1 in the KLA South (good for a first-place tie with Plymouth).

Canton led 18-6 after one quarter and 28-11 at halftime, keyed by the strong play of Lever and junior forward Paul Baumgart (22 points, 9 rebounds, 4 blocks).

"I thought our first half was really good defensively, we held them to 11 (points), created some turnovers so we got some easy baskets," Reddy said.

The coach also noted a bounce-back game by Baumgart, who was held score-

less Friday night in a win at Plymouth.

"He had a real tough night on Friday and he came back and was big," Reddy said. "I thought he was really good early... He rebounded, he scored around the rim for us and did a nice job."

Top scorers for Franklin (4-10, 3-5) were senior forward Tino Thomas (6 points), junior guard Tommy Smith and sophomore guard Jake Erme (5 points each).

"We struggled when we got open looks and we had major defensive breakdowns," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said. "Canton did a great job, but I was not pleased with our effort."

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# McGrath's 27 wasted as MU edged at WSU

## COLLEGE HOOPS

Sophomore center Kaylee McGrath notched a career-high 27 points to go along with a team-high eight rebounds, but the Madonna University women's basketball team fell short Monday in its upset bid against host Wayne State, 70-65.

McGrath was 11-of-15 from the floor and went a perfect 4-for-4 at the foul line as the Crusaders slipped to 10-12 overall.

Tabatha Wydryck added 14 points, while Heather Pratt added 4-of-7 from three-point range to score 12 off the bench for the Crusaders, who led 34-32 at halftime.

Paige Sickmiller place the Warriors (7-14) with a career-high 24 points, including four 3-pointers, to go along with 11 rebounds.

Deanna Crumpton and Chelsea Kouri added 13 and 10 points, respectively, while Lena Thomas dished out eight assists.

**CONCORDIA 69, MADONNA 56:** In a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game Saturday, host Concordia University (17-9, 8-4) erased two-point halftime deficit to beat Madonna University (10-11, 6-7).

Kortni Elsworth tallied a game-high 26 points and grabbed 14

rebounds to lead the victorious Cardinals, who made 20-of-26 free throws on the day (76.9 percent).

Brittany Simmons also posted a double-double with 10 points and 11 boards.

Freshman guard Rachel Melcher paced MU with 18 points, while sophomore center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) chipped in with 16 points and eight rebounds.

Senior forward Tabatha Wydryck also added her sixth double-double of the year with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

The Crusaders led 28-26 at intermission, but fizzled in the second half shooting only 8-of-38 from the floor (21.1 percent).

For the game, MU connected on just 28.4 percent (19-of-67), including 6-of-27 from three-point range.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Franklin baseball camp

The fifth annual Franklin Future Stars spring baseball camp for boys and girls in grades 3-6 will be Saturday, Feb. 12 at the high school fieldhouse, located at 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

Session 1, consisting of hitting, base running skills and infield work, will be from 9-11:30 a.m.

Session 2, consisting of pitching, catching, outfield and defensive kills, will be from 12:15-2:45 p.m.

Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Each camper

will bring his or her sack lunch. Campers and instructors will eat a supervised sack lunch together in the bleachers of the fieldhouse.

The cost for each session is \$25, or \$45 for both sessions.

E-mail Franklin varsity baseball coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (734) 968-0499.

### WYAA baseball signup

Baseball registration for the Westland Youth Athletic Association will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the Lunge

Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road and west of Venoy).

The WYAA has openings for all age groups, including: Co-ed T-Ball (5-6), Co-Ed Machine Pitch (7-8), Mustang (10-and-under), Bronco (12-and-under), Pony (14-and-under), Colt (16-and-under) and Palomino (18-and-under).

Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt and Palomino age divisions involve local travel with interlocking leagues with other cities.

For more information, call (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours (or leave a message) or visit www.wyaa.org.

- DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA STEVENSON 108 MONROE 78**  
Feb. 8 at Stevenson  
200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (John Ferrara, Jake McNamara, Kellen Schoff, Brandon Bielicki), 1:39.57 (pool record).  
200 freestyle: 1. Schoff (LS), 1:47.12; 3. Evan Shatter (LS), 1:57.98.  
200 individual medley: 1. J. Ferrara (LS), 2:04.55; 2. J. McNamara (LS), 2:07.16.  
50 freestyle: 1. Jonathan Voelker (M), 23.06; 2. Brandon Bielicki (LS), 23.07.  
1-meter diving: 1. Zach Nofziger (M), 213.55 points; 2. Jack Beaudoin (LS), 178.80; 3. Eric Rathgeber (LS), 159.40.  
100 butterfly: 1. Matthew Nemeth (M), 56.43; 2. Dave Ptashnik (LS), 1:00.63.  
100 freestyle: 1. Brandon Bielicki (LS), 50.83; 3. Adam Ferrara (LS), 52.63.  
500 freestyle: 1. J. Ferrara (LS), 5:00.63; 3. Brendon Stanisz (LS), 5:15.12.

### BOYS SWIM RESULTS

- 200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (J. McNamara, A. Ferrara, Shatter, Brandon Bielicki), 1:33.7; 3. Stevenson (Jack Hiltz, Grant McNamara, Stanisz, Ryan Deska), 1:41.48.  
100 backstroke: 1. Nemeth (M), 53.79; 2. Schoff (LS), 53.98.  
100 breaststroke: 1. J. McNamara (LS), 1:03.16.  
400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (J. Ferrara, Shatter, A. Ferrara, Schoff), 3:25.09; 3. Stevenson (Stanisz, Hiltz, Bradley Bielicki, Ptashnik), 3:41.78.  
Stevenson's dual meet record: 6-6 overall.  
TRI-MEET RESULTS Feb. 5 at Northville  
TEAM SCORES: Northville 103, Livonia Stevenson 83; Saline 124, Stevenson, 62; Saline 117, Northville 69.  
STEVENSON INDIVIDUAL FINISHERS  
200 freestyle: 1. Kellen Schoff, 1:46.3; 3. Brendon Stanisz, 1:56.23.

- 200 individual medley: 4. John Ferrara, 2:05.87; 5. Jake McNamara, 2:11.0.  
50 freestyle: 5. Brandon Bielicki, 23.63; 9. Evan Shatter, 24.38.  
1-meter diving: 7. Jack Beaudoin, 173.40 points; 7. Eric Rathgeber, 157.65; 8. Jessee Damesworth, 156.00.  
100 butterfly: 3. Schoff, 54.63; 8. Dave Ptashnik, 1:00.61.  
100 freestyle: 1. Brandon Bielicki, 51.34; 8. Adam Ferrara, 53.48.  
500 freestyle: 2. Grant McNamara, 5:12.51; 5. Stanisz, 5:14.35; 9. Brandon Shatter, 5:32.25; 10. Nick Belmore, 5:38.7.  
100 backstroke: 1. John Ferrara, 56.28; 7. Shayne Battjes, 1:02.73; 10. Bryan Frederick, 1:04.42.  
100 breaststroke: 3. Jake McNamara, 1:03.81; 5. Grant McNamara, 1:08.58; 7. Jacob Collier, 1:09.78.  
Dual meet records: Northville, 9-1 overall, 4-0 KLA Central Division; Stevenson, 5-6 overall, 3-1 KLA Central.

# Plymouth upends Spartan icers

Plymouth scored three unanswered goals over the final two periods Tuesday to stun state-ranked Livonia Stevenson, 3-2, in a KLAAs Kensington Conference boys hockey crossover at Compuware Arena.

Justin Bauer's unassisted goal with 7:30 remaining in the third period proved to be the game-winner for the Wildcats, who improved to 5-7-7 overall and 4-2-4 in the KLAAs South Division.

Sean Smiatacz's goal from Nick Schultz and Cody Staub just 1:07 into the final period knotted the count at 2-2.

Stevenson led 1-0 after one period on J.J. Pettersson's sixth goal of the year from Ryan Urso and Andrew Palushaj.

Pettersson then notched his seventh of the season with 10:16 remaining in the second period off an assist from Urso, but Plymouth answered with just nine seconds left in the second on Cody Staub's tally from Tyler Sanders and Bauer. Plymouth netminder

## BOYS HOCKEY

**Michael Justus made 23 saves, while Connor Humitz had 26 stops for the Spartans (13-4-2, 8-2-1 KLAAs Central).**

**CHURCHILL 6, PLYMOUTH 6:** In a high-scoring affair Saturday, the host Wildcats (4-7-7) and Livonia Churchill (9-8-1) battled to a draw at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Plymouth pulled goaltender Mike Justus for the extra attacker and scored with seconds left to earn the tie.

Tyler Sanders and Cody Staub each tallied two goals for Plymouth.

Zach Gambrell and Sean Smiatacz each contributed power play goals as the Wildcats started the game with a 2-0 lead.

Jake Otto led Churchill with two goals and two assists.

Joe Williams also scored twice, while Riley Brown added a goal and assist. Steve Klisz tallied the other Churchill goal.

"We had a chance to close it out and were unable to do so," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "Give Plymouth credit, they competed to the last horn."

Justus made 26 saves, while Churchill's Jesse Chambers had 16 stops.

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

### DUAL MEET RESULTS

**SALEM 137, 40**

**LIVONIA RED 133, 15**

**Feb. 8 at Churchill H.S.**

**Vault:** 1. Morgan Soper (Salem), 9.0; 2. Nicole Jacobs (Salem), 8.85; 3. Brooke Alligeyer (Salem), 8.75; 4. Ade Jepperson (Salem), 8.7; 5. Shannon Diaz (Red), 8.6.

**Uneven bars:** 1. Jepperson (Salem), 8.75; 2. Jacobs (Salem), 8.65; 3. Soper (Salem), 8.35; 4. Meghan Lark (Red), 8.25; 5. Diaz (Red), 7.8.

**Balance beam:** 1. Jacobs (Salem), 9.4;

2. Mallory Dorton (Red), 8.6; 3. Maddie Burt (Salem), 8.5; 4. Maggie McGowan (Red), 8.35; 5. Lark (Red), 8.2.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Lark (Red), 9.1; 2. (tie) Soper (Salem) and Jacobs (Salem), 9.0 each; 4. Diaz (Red), 8.8; 5. Rose Prebola (Red), 8.65.

**All-around:** 1. Jacobs (Salem), 35.9; 2. Jepperson (Salem), 34.0; 3. Lark (Red), 33.8; 4. Soper (Salem), 33.65; 5. Diaz (Red), 33.25.

**Livonia Red's dual meet record:** 4-6 overall.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Thursday, Feb. 10**

Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 11**

Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Westside at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Roeper at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

Luth. South at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Thursday, Feb. 10**

South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Divine Child at Ladywood, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 11**

Roeper at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.

Luth. South at Huron Valley, 5:30 p.m.

Clarenceville at Lutheran North, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.

### PREP HOCKEY

**Friday, Feb. 11**

Franklin vs. A.A. Gab. Richard at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

**(Mich. Public School Showcase)**

Churchill vs. Farmington at Chelsea (South Rink), 6:15 p.m.

**(Trenton Showcase at Kennedy Arena)**

Stevenson vs. Wyandotte, 8:20 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 12

Franklin vs. Taylor Unified at Taylor SportPlex, 7 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Ann Arbor at Arctic Pond (Plymouth), 7:30 p.m.

**(Trenton Showcase at Kennedy Arena)**

Stevenson vs. O.L. St. Mary, 4:40 p.m.

### PREP WRESTLING

**Thursday, Feb. 10**

**(MHSAA Team Districts)**

Division 1 at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.

Division 3 at Clawson, 10 a.m.

Division 1 at Southfield, 5:30 p.m.

Division 3 at Clarenceville, 5:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 12

Division 1 at Garden City, 10 a.m.

Division 3 at Clawson, 10 a.m.

Division 4 at Blissfield, 10 a.m.

### BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

**Thursday, Feb. 10**

Pinckney at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

W.L. Central at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

Hartland at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

W.L. Western at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

Wat. Kettering at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 12

MISCA Meet at EMU, noon.

### PREP BOWLING

**Thursday, Feb. 10**

Clarenceville vs. Plymouth, John Glenn vs. Northville, Wayne vs. Salem at Super Bowl (Canton), 3:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 12

Ike Doubles Tournament at Imperial Lanes, 8 a.m.

### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**Saturday, Feb. 12**

Marygrove at Madonna, 3 p.m.

Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**Saturday, Feb. 12**

Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

## KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

**Feb. 5 at Hartland**

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Brighton, 248.5 points; 2. Hartland, 247.5; 3. Canton, 179; 4. Howell, 159; 5. Livonia Franklin, 128; 6. Livonia Churchill, 113; 7. South Lyon, 96; 8. Wayne Memorial, 92.5; 9. Westland John Glenn, 91.5; 10. Walled Lake Central, 75.5; 12. (tie) Novi and Walled Lake Western, 73 each; 14. Northville, 72; 15. Grand Blanc, 70; 16. South Lyon East, 69; 66. Waterford Kettering, 66; 18. Pinckney, 62; 19. White Lake Lakeland, 61.5; 20. Plymouth, 60.5; 21. Milford, 56; 22. Walled Lake Northern, 47; 23. Salem, 41; 24. Waterford Mott, 33.

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

**103 pounds:** Benjamin Griffin (Canton) dec. Jordan Amine (Brighton), 5-2; **3rd place:** Kyle Gillies (Glenn) def. Logan Crandall (S. Lyon), no score available; **5th:** Nate Hughes (Hartland) dec. Devin Acker (Kettering), 5-3; **7th:** Eric Gerber (Lakeland) pinned Mohamad Yousef (Ply.), 1:37.

**112:** Austin Eicher (Hartland) dec. Tyler Foley (S.L. East), 4-2; **3rd:** Dan Martinez (Franklin) dec. Richard Demarois (Canton), 4-3; **5th:** Jackson Pizzo (Brighton) dec. Richard Poole (Milford), 9-7; **7th:** Brandon Calma (Lakeland) dec. Quinn Depraw (Glenn), 4-3.

**119:** Jacob Meadows (Churchill) dec. Gabe Martinez (Franklin), 4-3; **3rd:** Alec Pantaleo (Canton) dec. Keith Boldt (Hartland), 10-3; **5th:** Ian Stirtion (N.ville) dec. Evan Yezbeck (W.L. Western), 8-5; **7th:** Daniel Koenig (Brighton) dec. Giddian Albuerne (Novi), 7-0.

## PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

**125:** Alex Calandrino (Howell) dec. Evan Hoshaw (Brighton), 9-2; **3rd:** Jordan Atienza (Franklin) dec. Ross Kantola (Hartland), 5-3; **5th:** Said Yousef (Ply.) dec. Montell Watkins (Kettering), 7-3; **7th:** Alejandro Albuerne (Novi) dec. Keshav Patel (Canton), 11-4.

**130:** Steve Tuyo (Franklin) won by technical fall over Christopher Brish (Brighton), 24-7; **3rd:** Alec Breckenridge (Ply.) won by tech. fall over Ryan Foley (S. Lyon East), 16-0; **5th:** Ray Stambaugh (Kettering) dec. Justin Rollins (Hartland), 8-0; **7th:** Corey Davis (Stevenson) dec. Devon Adams (Wayne), 8-6.

**135:** Joe Johnson (S. Lyon) won by major dec. over Keith Kooperman (Brighton), 11-2; **3rd:** Gabe Costanzo (W.L. Western) dec. Hayden Hughes (Howell), 4-2; **5th:** Travis Campo (N.ville) dec. Samer Shebak (Stevenson), 3-1; **7th:** Matthew Aoun (Novi) dec. Austin Rohn (Salem), 8-2.

**140:** Jonny Bannoura (Churchill) dec. Zach Marsh (Canton), 3-1; **3rd:** Aaron Calderon (Brighton) dec. Sam Hier (S. Lyon), 11-9; **5th:** Mitchel Thomas (Hartland) p. Kody Roy (Stevenson), 1:58; **7th:** Avery Opperman (Franklin) def. Beau Bielski (Novi), no score available.

**145:** Chase Snider (Hartland) p. Jalen Jones (Wayne), 2:55; **3rd:** Carson Whaley (Grand Blanc) dec. Patrick Kern (W.L. Western), 5-0; **5th:** Keybondray Sangster (Mott) dec. Frank Martin (W.L. Central), 4-2; **7th:** Justin Ploff (Brighton) p. Keven Wacker (Glenn), 3:10.

**152:** John Julien (Hartland) dec. Andrew White (Brighton), 12-5; **3rd:** Kyle Marlon (W.L. Central) def. Brenden Kemper (Grand Blanc), no

score available; **5th:** Chad Czenneski (Howell) p. Collin Anglin (S. Lyon), 1:37; **7th:** Kevin Newborn (Wayne) won by major dec. over Joshua Marhofer (Salem), 11-1.

**160:** Chad Hunt (Hartland) dec. Nick Zakovich (W.L. Central), 10-6; **3rd:** Troy Root (Howell) p. Danny Croft (Glenn), 3:55; **5th:** Jordan Maschke (Brighton) p. Ryan Grubb (Milford), 2-1; **7th:** Samuel Ekanem (Wayne) dec. Tyler Gross (Salem), 5-4.

**171:** Brandon Hill (Brighton) dec. Anthony Patriito (Howell), 10-3; **3rd:** Justin Charneski (Hartland) dec. Braden Price (Canton), 6-3; **5th:** Kameron Jones (Glenn) dec. Matt Roos (Franklin), 2-1; **7th:** Jake Haddad (S.L. East) dec. Trevor Maresh (N.ville), 2-1.

**189:** Anthony Abro (Canton) dec. Matt Ostemiller (Hartland), 8-4; **3rd:** David Sparling (Howell) p. Vince Tkac (Brighton), 4-2; **5th:** Josh Visel (Pinckney) def. Charles Sovel (W.L. Central), no score available; **7th:** Durim Gega (S. Lyon) dec. Alex O'Connor (Franklin), 2-0.

**215:** Kurt Alder (Brighton) dec. Dimitrus Renfro (Wayne), 6-1; **3rd:** Alex Sokol (Lakeland) dec. Nick Long (Hartland), 7-4; **5th:** Dillon Morantes (Churchill) dec. Daulton Aurthur (Kettering), 6-4; **7th:** Mitch Faulkner (Howell) def. Robert Lincoln (Canton), no score available.

**285:** Ben Poirier (Canton) dec. Jacob Range (Stevenson), 11-6; **3rd:** Cameron Englund (Franklin) won by major dec. over Jonathan Stine (Pinckney), 13-5; **5th:** Derrick Campbell (Glenn) dec. Nick Denney (W.L. Western), 3-2; **7th:** Joey Traeye (Kettering) def. Omar Haymour (Franklin), no score available.

## WRESTLING

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with a 24-7 technical fall over Brighton's Christopher Brish.

"Tuyo looked as good as he's looked all year," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "If he wrestles like this the next few weeks, he's going to be tough to beat."

In addition to a runner-up finish by Gabe Martinez at 119, Franklin's Dan Martinez (112) and Jordan Atienza (125) each added third-place finishes.

"These four work together every day in the wrestling room

and their hard work shows on Saturdays," Chiola said. "Gabe (Martinez) beat the Canton kid (Richard Demarois) in the semifinals, who had beaten him twice this year. He seemed to be a little off in the finals, but he'll see that kid (Meadows) at least two more times this year."

"Danny (Martinez) looked good all day, and Atienza showed that he's one of the best in the state at his weight."

Despite taking fifth, Chiola says there is room for improvement.

"I did not think we wrestled very well as a team today," he said. "The four guys that placed in the top three were on their

game; the rest of the team was not."

Wayne got a pair of runner-up finishes from Jalen Jones (145), who was pinned by Hartland's Chase Snider in the finals; and Dimitrus Renfro (215), who lost a 6-1 decision to Kurt Alder of Brighton.

Jones was seeded third, while Renfro was second.

Stevenson heavyweight Jacob Range also took a second, falling to top seed Ben Poirier of Canton in the championship match, 11-6.

Range was also seeded second.

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## MADONNA

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eighth double-double of the year with 14 points and 14 rebounds to go along with five blocks.

The freshman guard combo of Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) and Travis Schuba each added 12 points, while Tyler Coker had nine rebounds and 10 points.

A total of 57 fouls were called in the game with three Crusaders fouling out and one for Concordia.

"It's been hard for us to gain consistency from one game to the next not knowing how games are going to be called," Emehiser said. "I thought our guys did a good job adjusting

to the way the referees called the game today and try and exploit that with Concordia."

MU made 34-of-40 free throws on the afternoon (85 percent).

"The second half we took only three 'threes,'" Emehiser said. "We were really trying to get to the rim and the free throw line. I know we shot 25 free throws in the second half, which was a combination of them having to foul down the stretch and us being pretty aggressive and getting to the basket."

Four Cardinals scored in double figures led by Chad McMullen (17), Marius Williams (16), Rocko Holmes (15) and Austin Cook (14).

Williams dished out a game-high 13 assists.

Slaughter, who came off the

bench and played 26 minutes, left the game with 48.4 seconds remaining when he was blindsided on a screen administered by the 6-5, 275-pound Holmes.

He was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital afterwards as a precautionary measure from what was later determined to be a concussion, which will keep him out of Wednesday's game at Davenport (22-4, 9-3).

After scoring a combined four points in his first two games back, Slaughter was able to regain his scoring touch on Saturday.

"He did his time," Emehiser said. "He practiced with the team. He put in a lot of (academic) work and he was able to correct his mistakes."

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## HOOPS

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a back-door cut with 51.8 seconds left.

"I thought we were taking quick shots," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. "But once we settled in and made four or five passes, we got rhythm shots and it got us back into the game."

The Spartans continued their momentum into the fourth with Campbell hitting a back-to-back triples followed by a Campbell feed and dunk by Reynolds to put Stevenson comfortably ahead, 57-46, with 2:43 left.

During the final eight minutes, Stevenson made 7-of-9 field goals.

"Jonathan not only can shoot the ball, but he made great choices in the half-court and transition," Allie said. "He's a good spot-up shooter." Novi got 15 points apiece from senior guard Brian Bush (all on triples) and 6-8 senior forward Samer Ozeir.

The Wildcats shot 41.8 percent from the floor (18-of-43) and committed 14 turnovers (to Stevenson's eight).

Stevenson also connected on 41.8 percent from the field (23-of-55).

"It was a similar story to the first game," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said. "In the fourth quarter we just lost our whole mental capacity — whether it's

fear, lack of growth, or facing adversity in tough games vs. great teams. There was a tipping point where we lost ourselves emotionally more than anything else.

"Biff my hat's off to them (Stevenson). When Campbell gets squared up he's a dead-nuts shooter and he made shots."

Campbell, meanwhile, was motivated in more ways than one.

"The coach (Allie) talked about we haven't won in 10 or 15 years in this building," he said. "We came up and wanted

to put up a fight. We didn't want it to be a co-title. We wanted to win it outright."

Allie also said it was the best performance collectively — to date — by his star trio of Reynolds, Mwila and Campbell.

"This is the first time all three played well," the Stevenson coach said. "I have tremendous respect for Cory Heitsch and for their program. Any time you can win here — it's a great win."

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## SCHOOLCRAFT

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Arts, established season school records for total rebounds in a (369) and offensive rebounds (159), along with career offensive rebounds (360).

Amber Avery (2009-10) held the previous season rebound mark (36), while Theresa Cooper (1997-98)

held the season offensive rebound record (155). Avery (2008-10) also had the previous record for career offensive rebounds (271).

Delta (14-7, 7-3) led 24-14 in the early going before Schoolcraft took the lead for keeps, 36-34, with 10:33 left in the second half.

The Lady Ocelots opened a 49-42 advantage with 2:28 remaining only to see that lead whittled down to 49-48 with only 1:28 left.

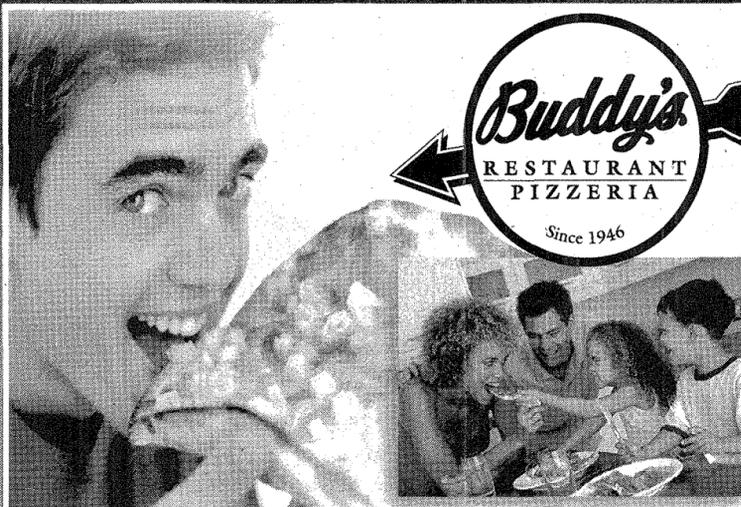
Grace Baumgartner had 15 points and nine rebounds for the Pioneers, while Brittany Wiggins added 11 points and eight boards.

Ashley Root also pulled down 10 rebounds.

Delta shot just 16-of-60 from the floor (26.6 percent), while Schoolcraft made only 20-of-68 (29.4 percent).

Both teams shot poorly from the free throw stripe — Schoolcraft (11-of-20) and Delta (12-of-25).

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# Course on life draws from Kabballah

The Novi Jewish Center will present a new course titled: *Toward a Meaningful Life: A Soul-Searching Journey on Finding Purpose & Joy*, beginning Feb. 23. The six-part series will cover the most basic elements of life and aims to bring them more meaning and inspiration, drawing from the Kabballah's teachings. The course will cover such topics as home and family; marriage love and intimacy; positive thinking; joy and satisfaction; work and wealth; pain and anxiety; and religion and faith. The series will run twice

during the week, from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday and 10:30 a.m.-noon Sunday. Sessions will be held at the Providence Park Campus, Novi Orthopedic Center Building Conference Room, Main Floor 26750 Providence Pkwy. in Novi. "The objective of this course is to teach and empower individuals of all backgrounds with new life skills based on traditional Kabballah thought, thereby enabling them to transform the way they view their daily lives," stated Rabbi Avrohom Susskind of the

Novi Jewish Center. "The course offers an antidote to the monotony and grind of unchanging routines." Each lesson will conclude with a toolbox of exercises and guidelines to help participants make full use of the ideas and strategies that will be discussed. "Day after day, life can be a treadmill as we go through the motions without asking why or seeking what really matters to us," said Susskind. "This course offers recipes, tips, and techniques for not only discovering where your true meaning

lies, but in actually making it a part of your daily existence. These sessions will help you see life as the mysterious, challenging, and satisfying wonder that it really is." Toward a Meaningful Life is designed to appeal to people at all levels of knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Kabbalah thought. The course is open to the public, and attendees need not be affiliated with the center. Course fee is \$65. Register by calling (248) 790-6075 or visit [www.novijewishcenter.com](http://www.novijewishcenter.com).

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**Revival**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Feb. 9-12 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13  
**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, near Eight Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Spirit Explosion: A Time of Revival will feature the Rev. Dr. Bernadine Wormley Daniels and pastor Matthew Denney. Nursery care will be provided nightly and programs for children Pre-K through 5th grade will be held. Daniels will hold a workshop 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, called "Hearing the Voice of God." The cost for the workshop is \$8 and includes lunch. Registration is required. On Friday and Saturday, youth in grades 6-12 will gather for meetings with bands and speakers.  
**Contact:** For information or to register for the workshop call (248) 474-3444 or e-mail to [clarencvilleumc@att.net](mailto:clarencvilleumc@att.net).

## FEB. 10-17

**Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Beginning 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 and continuing the first and third Tuesday of the month through June  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** Gary Michuta will begin a new study, St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians. The class is open to all regardless of religious denomination.

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org)

**Blood drive**  
**Time/Date:** 1:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Livonia  
**Details:** Blood drive walk-ins are welcome, but appointments also accepted  
**Contact:** (734) 722-1735 for an appointment

**Concert**  
**Time/Date:** 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 13  
**Location:** St. John Lutheran Church, located on Gill Road, between Grand River Ave. and Freedom Road in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Trio Fiori performs. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served during intermission

**Concert**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13  
**Location:** Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 7575 Hix, Westland  
**Details:** Michigan Concert Choir presents the musical story of Job; free admission  
**Contact:** (248) 474-0584

**Veteran's retreat**  
**Time/Date:** 5:45-9 p.m., Feb. 10 or April 6  
**Location:** St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft, between Telegraph and Outer Drive, Detroit  
**Details:** An evening of reflection for veterans and their families will include dinner, prayer and conversation. Child care will be provided. \$5 for individuals and \$10 for families  
**Contact:** RSVP to the Dominican Center for Religious Development, (313) 387-9574 or e-mail to [info@dominicancenter.org](mailto:info@dominicancenter.org)

## FEB. 18-24

**Healing service**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19  
**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Service in memory of the late Debbie Friedman, a composer of contemporary Jewish liturgy and songs. Her music was groundbreaking in combining Hebrew and English lyrics set to Biblical texts, and many of her compositions are now standard features of worship services in the Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative, and Renewal congregations and synagogues throughout the world  
**Contact:** RSVP to Nancy Kaplan at (248) 737-1931 or e-mail [nancyellen879@att.net](mailto:nancyellen879@att.net)

## Ecumenical service on tap Feb. 13

The Rev. Marsha Foster Boyd, president and professor of pastoral care and counseling at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, will address an annual interfaith worship service sponsored by the Western Wayne County Ministerial Alliance. The All Faiths Unity Worship Service, open to Muslims, Jews, Christians and advocates of unity, starts at 5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 13, at New Hope Church, 33640 Michigan Ave., Wayne. The theme is "Strength to Love," which also was the title of a 1963 book of sermons by Dr. Martin Luther King. "We live in a climate where too often social, political and religious division and hostility is the norm — across our nation, and in Wayne County, as we've seen again recently in Dearborn. This service will bring people together, in the spirit of Dr. King," stated Dr. Virgil Humes, pastor of New Hope. Ministerial Alliance service. An interfaith choir also will sing. For more information call the church at (734) 728-2180.

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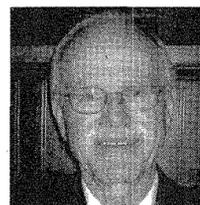
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**DORIS MAE (MONTGOMERY) JACKSON**  
 Farmington and Livonia. Born April 2, 1922, in Highland Park; died February 8, 2011, at the age of 88. Doris enjoyed the outdoors, swimming, biking, hiking and ice-skating, and loved spending time with friends and family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Tomas Jackson, and brother, Harold Montgomery. Surviving are her children, Joan (Rich) Chevalley, George (Diane) Jackson, Jane (Larry) Schwentor, Jean Jackson and James (Diane) Jackson; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and sister, Ruth Papp-Ramsay. Funeral services will be held Friday, February 11, at noon at the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, 205 E. Middle St., Williamston. Graveside services will be held Friday at 2:45 p.m. in Acacia Park, Beverly Hills. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday 1-hour prior to the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, P.O. Box 931517, Cleveland, OH, 44101, in memory of Doris Jackson. Online condolences may be sent to [gorslineruncimanwilliamston.com](http://gorslineruncimanwilliamston.com)



**BARBARA JEAN MCDOUGALL**  
 February 2, 2011 Age 74 of Northville. Beloved wife of the late Daniel W. McDougall. Dear mother of Karen (Dennis) Faletti, Katherine (Nicholas) Deluca, Gordon and Eric. Loving sister of Charles B. (Louise) Bernard, Patrick Bernard and Shirley (Al) Deluca. Grandmother of seven. Service at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Monday 1 p.m. Family will receive visitors Monday at the funeral home from 11 am until time of service. Cremation rites were accorded. Please view memorial and send tributes at: [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com).



**EDWARD A. SOLEAU**  
 Age 68, of Plymouth, February 4, 2011. Beloved husband of Linda. Loving father of Annette C. Haarala and Brian E. Soleau. Proud grandfather of twins Derek R. and Brandon E. Haarala. Dear brother of Ronald (Barb) and Marvin (Christine) Soleau. Preceded in death by his parents Benjamin J. and Gertrude L. Soleau and his brother Glen R. Soleau. Owner of the Plymouth Carpet Service and a member of Plymouth Knights of Columbus. Visitation Wednesday 1-9 PM, with a prayer service at 7 PM by the Knights of Columbus, at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Funeral service Thursday 1 PM at the funeral home. Interment at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Out of the Darkness ([www.outofthedarkness.org](http://www.outofthedarkness.org)) American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 120 Wall Street, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10005 or to the Alliance for the Great Lakes ([www.greatlakes.org](http://www.greatlakes.org)), 17 N. State St., Suite 1390, Chicago, IL 60602. To leave a message of condolence or share a memory with the family, please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com).

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# Ladies, start your brushes

## Artists will race to finish their canvases at Canton fund-raiser

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Sharon Dillenbeck says she is known as the "fastest" brush in the west.

But even a professional artist with 30 years experience behind the easel, like Dillenbeck, needs more than a few minutes to create a masterpiece.

She and two other artists, Janisse Lahti Larsson and Marilyn Meredith, will get about 90 minutes to work on their canvases before taking the stage for a five-minute "Paint Off!" Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Village Theater in Canton.

"I'm not painting it totally on stage. There would be no way for us to do any of that," said Dillenbeck, the owner of D&M Art Studio in Canton. "We're doing some pre-painting."

The Paint Off! is a part of Village Theater's love-themed fund-raiser, "All You Need Is Love." It will include hors d'oeuvres, desserts, a silent auction and five-minute performances by several music and drama groups in the community. The Paint Off! will give visual artists a chance to shine alongside the performing groups.

Dillenbeck will represent her art studio; Larsson will paint on behalf of the Partnership for Arts and Humanities; and Meredith will make the Three Cities Art Club proud.

Jill Engel, the Partnership's executive director, will emcee the Paint Off!, getting the audience involved in the excitement and asking ticket-holders to vote on the best of the three 30- by 40-inch canvases.

"It needed to be something exciting for our act," Engel said. "Each of the three is going to start their painting during the welcome reception, but complete it on stage. All three paintings have to do with love."



Photographer Allen Brooks of Livonia, a member of Three Cities Art Club, took this Norman Rockwell-like image, which Canton artist Sharon Dillenbeck will use as a basis for her painting during the Paint Off! Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Village Theater. That's Sean Ryan and Brooks' daughter, Gaby, in the photo.

### ON VIEW

All of the artists are experienced in creating art for an audience, although Larsson has taken the fine art entertainment concept to a new level. She offers a service, called "Paint the Night" and regularly works at weddings and other events. For a fee she sets up her easel, table and chair and finishes a painting of the subject's choice. She'll create a rose in acrylics during the Paint Off!

Dillenbeck, inspired by a Norman Rockwell exhibit she saw in Brooklyn, N.Y., asked photographer Allen Brooks, a member of Three Cities Art Club in Canton to produce a valentine image for her.

"He set up a girl and a little boy handing a valentine to her and produced this fabulous piece that I am literally painting from, just like Norman Rockwell would have done," Dillenbeck said.

She plans to wear a costume — long, white painter's smock and beret — while working on the Village Theater stage.

"We're kind of the home of performance art," she added, describing D&M Art Studio. "We do the chalk art in downtown Plymouth and Canton and we have painted live people into art. We like a challenge."

### NEW CHALLENGE

Meredith, who is president of the Three Cities Art Club, will paint John Lennon's portrait in his "Sgt. Pepper" attire.

Creating art on stage and within a time limit is new to Meredith, who paints outdoors with other Three Cities members at summer concerts in Canton.

"During Relay for Life we paint pillars. We take master works of art and transpose



Cathy Vettese of Three Cities Art Club paints outdoors during the 2010 Relay for Life in Canton. Club members are used to painting in front of an audience at both the Relay and at summer concerts in the park. Marilyn Meredith will represent the club when she completes a canvass on stage Feb. 12 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

it onto this four-sided pillar. That happens in front of the crowds that go by," she noted. "This (Paint Off!) is something brand new."

Dillenbeck is the only painter working in

### ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

**What:** A love-themed sampling of cultural arts in Canton

**When:** 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12

**Where:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

**What:** A fund-raiser for the theater, "All You Need Is Love" will include hors d'oeuvres, body art, face painting and art demonstrations on three easels, spiked and non-alcoholic versions of love potion punch, silent auction and brief performances by Canton Concert Band, The Comic Opera Guild, D&M Art Studio, Forever After Productions, Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra, Beckridge Chorale's Village Voices, Spotlight Players, and Village Theater Ushers. Paint Off! will feature three painters finishing love-themed paintings on stage. An afterglow will include desserts presented by the theater's ushers. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for those 18 and under

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oils, which take longer to dry than acrylic paints. She isn't worried about the result.

"If it doesn't turn out 100 percent, that's okay. If you make a mistake, all you need is love."



John Latini performs in the sixth annual The Un-Valentine Show, Friday, Feb. 11 at Trinity House Theatre, Livonia.

## Singers deliver twisted, funny 'un-valentines' in Livonia

"The Un-Valentine's Show; Songs And Tales Of Unforgiveness, Heartbreak, Dysfunction And Revenge" reveals the funny and twisted unhappy side of love at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 11, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

John Latini, Dave Boutette, Jamie-Sue Seal and Andre Villoch will perform.

Latini is the winner of the 2008 and 2009 Detroit Blues Challenge. He's a singer/songwriter, musician, and a consummate Barnum & Bailey-style entertainer, as well as a musical chameleon. Whether he's singing one of the old jazz standards, leading a folksy sing-along, belting out the blues, or quoting from the classic rock catalog, his unique style makes every song his own. His delivery can be packed with emotion, mischievous or silly, but it is always heartfelt.

Boutette's Midwest is full of passion, humor and grace. Influenced by songwriters that span from Chuck Berry to Paul Westerberg, he documents the trips and triumphs of life between the coasts. Before stepping out on his own, Boutette spent ten years with the Detroit-based The Junk Monkeys. The band toured the nation relentlessly, supporting acts such as the Goo Goo Dolls and Hootie and the Blowfish, while recording under the Warner Bros./Metal Blade

label from 1990-93. Boutette's latest CD is called *The Piccolo Heart*.

Villoch has performed in Michigan and Indiana as a musician, actor, and comedian for years. While studying at Ball State University he worked as a writer, actor, director, and troupe musician in the university's comedy troupe Absolutnacy, where he was voted Member of the Year in 1997. After Absolutnacy, he went on to work with the professional comedy troupes Charlemagne and the Concrete Ballet and The Collective as the primary musical force for each. After leaving Ball State Villoch moved to northern Michigan to join some of his favorite folk and rock acts in a lively and intimate music scene.

Seal has played American roots rock for more than five years. Her albums (with the Radio Town Flyers), *Fly Away*, and *Free*, received airplay on close to 100 Americana and roots programs across the nation, as well as medium and heavy rotation on small market commercial country stations.

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Comedy Held Hostage is Jarred Kreger (left), Ch'llian Thomas and Susan Coletti. The standup comedians will perform Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, at Riverside Theatre in Ypsilanti.

# Stand-up comedy trio films documentary

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Heckle Comedy Held Hostage and you might end up becoming the stand-up comedy troupe's punch line.

"At the end of the show we tease the audience. It's one thing that sets us apart," said Jarred Kreger of Westland, explaining how he, Ch'llian Thomas of Detroit and Susan Coletti of Harrison Township use improvised heckling to turn the table on the audience at the end of their shows.

They'll perform at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12 at Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$10, available in advance by calling (734) 612-4332.

The stand-up comedians joined forces a year and a half ago, maintaining their individual routines, but performing as a group under the Comedy Held Hostage title.

"We've done every comedy club in Michigan and sold out every show," Kreger said. "Now that they know us, we can come in and they know they can't restrict us. They know we'll give a good show. It's nice to have that bit of reputation." They took on the Comedy

Held Hostage title as a response to the restrictions and rules comedians face at some performance venues. It also signals their intent to resist unreasonable club requirements, such as dress codes or prohibitions on subject matter.

"The audience doesn't know it, but comedy club owners sometimes give comics rules. We want to be 100 percent honest and truthful about what we put out there," Coletti said.

### COMEDY DVD

They've filmed their experiences both at the microphone and behind the stage while touring clubs throughout the Midwest. They'll wrap up the film project at their shows this weekend in Ypsilanti. They plan to enter the documentary into festivals and hope it will offer some leverage in landing a national college tour.

"When you become a stand-up, there's a hierarchy at the clubs from open mic to emcee, feature and headliner. It could take years to go from one level to the next," Coletti said, adding that beyond the clubs, gigs may include colleges, casinos, theater, television and ulti-

mately, film. "We want to bypass the comedy club scene and have a national college tour."

### DIFFERENT STYLES

Coletti, who describes herself as "Queen Latifah meets Lucille Ball," and Thomas met seven years ago in a stand-up comedy class at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.

"Jarred talks more about his life and his comedy is physical, too. Ch'llian has a dry sense of humor, but at the same time is clever, with a funny twist," she said.

Kreger, the seventh of nine children in a "big Irish Catholic" family, pokes fun at himself and his upbringing, which included paying his way through Divine Child High School.

He started doing stand-up comedy two years ago after a friend suggested he give it a try.

"My first show was at a theater in Farmington. My second was in the U of M Dearborn cafeteria with Hal Sparks. I got lucky performing with some (big) names," he said.

Kreger honed his material at open mic nights and won a competition at Joey's Comedy Club before joining Comedy Held Hostage.

"I spent a while not knowing what I wanted to do. I've fallen into something that I really love."

## 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:** Through Feb. 19; gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday.  
**Location:** 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville  
**Details:** 5th Annual Member Exhibition will showcase styles and mediums of more than 50 artist members  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

## COMEDY

### Go Comedy!

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays  
**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale  
**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

### JD's House of Comedy

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings  
**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield  
**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday  
**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

### 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:** Tony Woods, through Feb. 12; Louis Katz, Feb. 16-19; Shane Moss, Feb. 23-26;  
**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

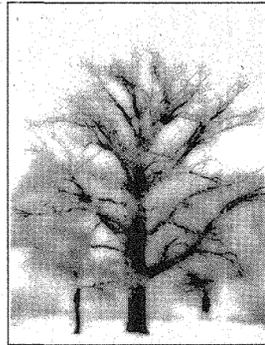
**Time/Date:** Jeff Caldwell, Feb. 10-12; Rachel Feinstein, Feb. 17-19; Ian Bagg, Feb. 24-26  
**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak  
**Special show:** 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10 with "clean comic," Jeff Caldwell. The evening benefits Friendship House and Camp Lael and includes a silent auction. Admission is \$30  
**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

## CONCERTS

### The Ark

**Time/Date:** The Battlefield Band, Feb. 10; The Kruger Brothers, Feb. 11; Mustard's Retreat, Feb. 12; My Folky Valentine with Annie and Rod Capps

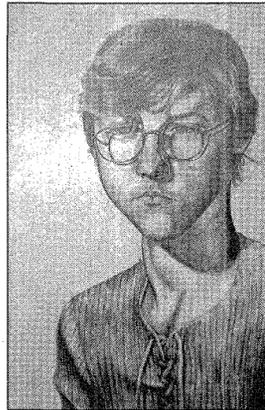
## GET OUT!



"Lochaven Winter" by Cassandra Medley. Her nature photography is on exhibit at the City Gallery in Farmington Hills.



Vanessa Sawson is Celimene and Andrew Papa is Alceste in the Hilberry Theatre company production of "The Misanthrope."



"Mark," graphite on pencil, by Mary Williams of Westland, is on display at Northville Art House.

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

### Baseline Folk Society

**Time/Date:** Third Saturday of the month  
**Location:** The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** Eight "Open-Mic" performances plus a featured group perform. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts  
**Contact:** (248) 719-3464 or mjimmullen@yahoo.com

### 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. The show on Feb. 22 features the George (Sax) Benson Quartet with George Benson on sax, Tom Brown on drums, Dan Pliskow on bass, and Cliff Monear on keyboard. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres  
**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.ComeHearCMSD.org

### Schoolcraft College

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25  
**Location:** The Presentation Room at the VisTaTech Center on campus, located at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia  
**Details:** Yehonatan Berick on violin and Pauline Martin on piano; \$20 general admission, \$10 for students. Get tickets online at www.scboxoffice.com; in person at the Schoolcraft College Bookstore, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday; and by call-

ing (734) 462-4409  
**Contact:** (734) 462-4403

**Trinity House Theatre**  
**Time/Date:** 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  
**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia  
**Contact:** (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

**Village Theater at Cherry Hill**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. welcome reception, 8 p.m. love themed variety show, 9:15 p.m. dessert reception, Saturday, Feb. 12  
**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

**Details:** "All You Need Is Love," a gala to benefit the theater, will include the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra, Spotlight Players, Village Theater Ushers, Comic Opera Guild, Canton Concert Band, Forever After Productions, D & M Art Studio, Three Cities Art Club, The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities and BeckRidge Chorale's Village Voices. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for age 18 and under  
**Contact:** www.cantonvillageheater.org or (734) 394-5300

### Woodward Corridor Musicians

**Time/Date:** 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 6  
**Location:** Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills  
**Details:** Chamber music concert titled "Introvert...Extrovert." Tickets are \$10 for adults; students K-12 are free. Tickets are available at the door.  
**Contact:** (248) 546-5818 or LFDean@aol.com.

## DANCE

### Polka Booster Club of America

**Time/Date:** Doors open 1 p.m., dancing from 2-6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 20  
**Location:** Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Garling Dr., Dearborn Heights  
**Details:** Freddie Ziwich and his International Sound Machine and Band; admission is \$13 and includes wine, beer and pop. Snacks are allowed but no BYOB. Tickets available at the door or in advance  
**Contact:** Terry at (734) 422-1901 or Joanna at (313) 561-8389

## FAMILY

### Bakers Keyboard Lounge

**Time/Dates:** 2-5 p.m. Sundays  
**Details:** Jazz for Kids Program  
**Location:** 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit  
**Contact:** (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

### Detroit Institute of Arts

**Time/Dates:** 2 p.m. Sundays  
**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

### Detroit Zoo

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily  
**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak  
**Details:** Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free  
**Contact:** (248) 541-5717

### Music Hall

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13  
**Location:** 350 Madison Ave., Detroit  
**Details:** Black Violin consists of Kev Marcus and Wil b, two classically-trained musicians, who along with their DJ, TK, create a mix of classical and hip hop music for kids. Tickets are \$10 for children, \$20 for adults. Get tickets from ticketmaster.com or the Music Hall box office

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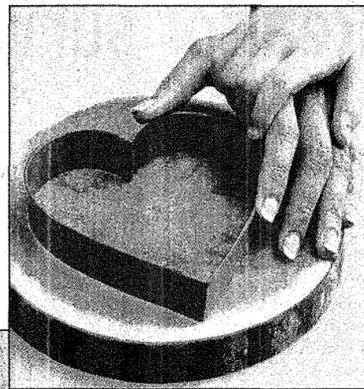
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# Tasty ways to ♥ your heart

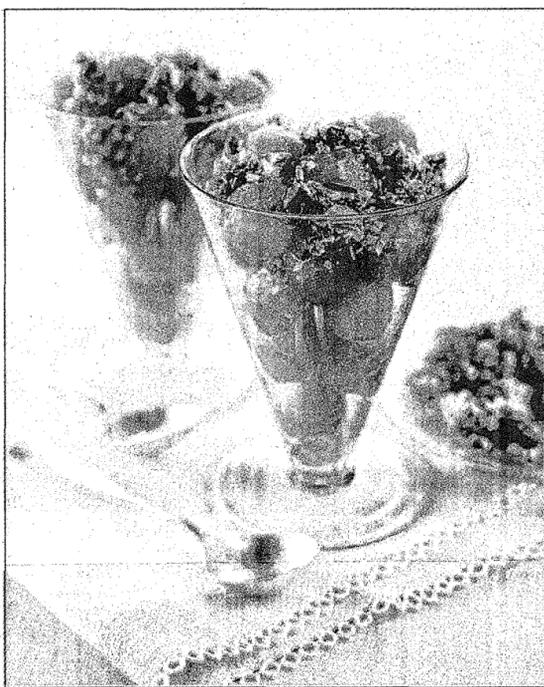


Valentine's Day naturally brings thoughts of hearts, flowers, sweetness and love. But did you know that it also falls during American Heart Month? A perfect time to start taking care of your heart and the hearts of the ones you love.

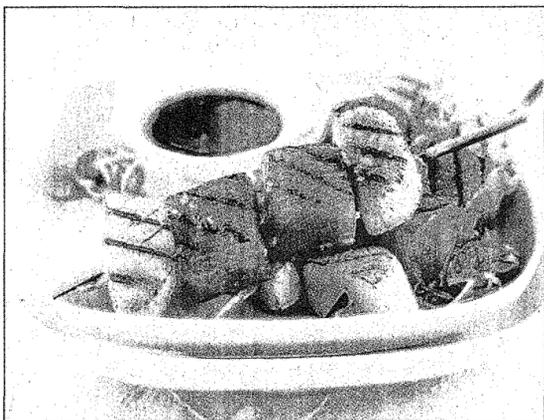
You might think that a heart-healthy diet is boring or flavorless. Actually, eating for your heart can add a lot of flavor, and some of it may come from surprising sources — such as watermelon.

Eating watermelon can help maintain cardiovascular health. That's because the amino acid called citrulline in watermelon increases free arginine which helps maintain blood flow, the arteries, and overall cardiovascular function.

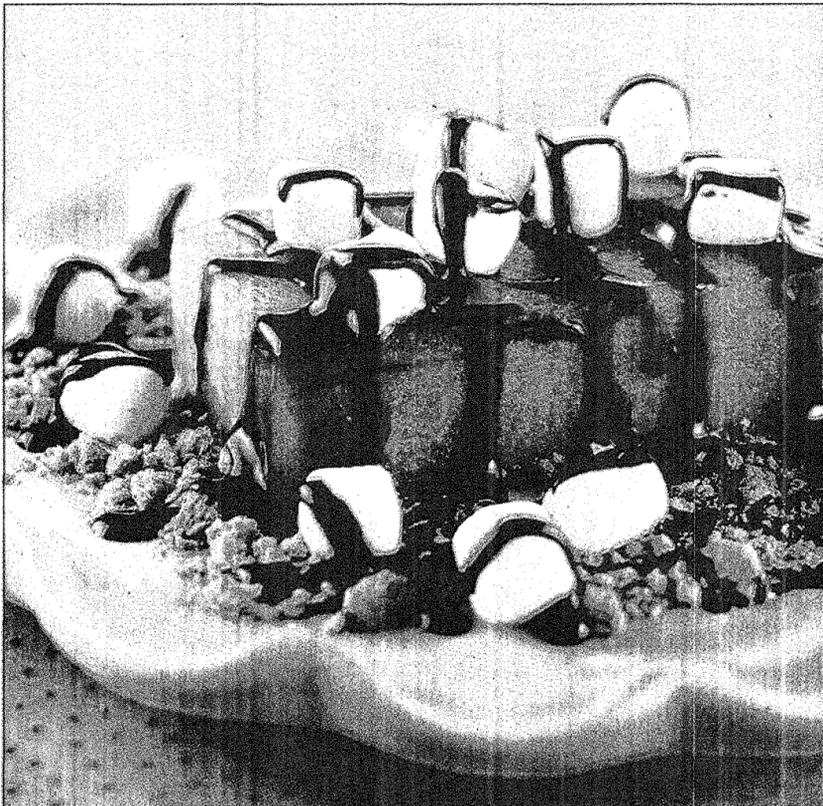
To get more scrumptious recipes like these, and to learn more about the heart benefits of watermelon, visit [www.watermelon.org](http://www.watermelon.org).



Watermelon Oat Crumble



Grilled Scallops and Watermelon Mini Kebabs



Watermelon S'mores



Use heart-shaped and circular cookie cutters to shape a variety of watermelon treats.

### WATERMELON OAT CRUMBLE

Serves 6 to 8

- 2 cups rolled or quick cook oats
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- ¼ cup honey
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 6 cups watermelon balls

Toss the oats, sugar, honey, cinnamon and pecans until mixed well. Spread into an even layer on a parchment paper-lined cookie sheet. Bake in pre-heated 300°F oven until golden brown. Turn off oven leaving the tray in for an additional 10 to 15 minutes. Remove and cool. Break into crumbles. Arrange the watermelon balls in 6 to 8 small bowls or wide stemmed glasses and top with the oat crumble.

### WATERMELON S'MORES

Serves 4

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- ½ cup melted dark chocolate chips
- 42 x 4 x 1-inch-thick rectangles of seedless watermelon
- 1 cup mini marshmallows

Sprinkle the graham cracker crumbs over the center of 4 plates. Drizzle ¼ of the dark chocolate over the crumbs. Place a watermelon rectangle over the crumbs and chocolate on each plate. Drizzle ¼ of the dark chocolate over the watermelon. Sprinkle the marshmallows over the watermelon and drizzle the remaining chocolate over the marshmallows.

### GRILLED SCALLOPS AND WATERMELON MINI KEBABS

- 12 sea scallops
- 4 cups boiling vegetable or chicken broth
- 24 1 x 1-inch watermelon cubes
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon fresh minced ginger

Cut the scallops into halves across the diameter to create half-moon shapes. Place them in a heatproof casserole dish in a single layer. Pour the boiling clear broth over the scallops and let them poach for 5 minutes. Drain and cool the scallops. On each skewer alternate 1 half-moon scallop, then 2 watermelon cubes, then another half-moon scallop. Mix together the soy sauce, sesame oil, garlic and ginger and brush the kebabs as they are grilled over a medium hot grill for about 90 seconds per side turning once. Serve warm. Serves 12 as an appetizer.

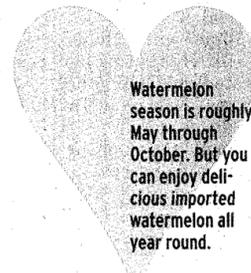
### HEART-HEALTHY EATING PLAN

The DASH eating plan (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) is a highly recommended diet that has been proven to lower blood pressure. It's been endorsed by:

- The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (one of the National Institutes of Health, of the US Department of Health and Human Services)
- The American Heart Association
- The Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- US guidelines for treatment of high blood pressure

And new research has shown that following the DASH diet over time will reduce the risk of stroke and heart disease, as well as kidney stones. The benefits of the DASH diet have also been seen in teens with hypertension. Learn more at [www.dashdiet.org](http://www.dashdiet.org).

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## Realtor survey gives nod to home ownership

A substantial majority of both homeowners and current renters agree that owning a home is a smart decision over the long term. That's according to the results of a National Association of Realtors survey of 3,793 adults conducted online by Harris Interactive.

The American Attitudes About Homeownership survey found that in today's challenging economy, 95 percent of owners and 72 percent of renters believe that over a period of several years, it makes more sense to own a home. In addition, an overwhelming majority of homeowners are happy with their decision to own a home — 93 percent of owners surveyed would buy again.

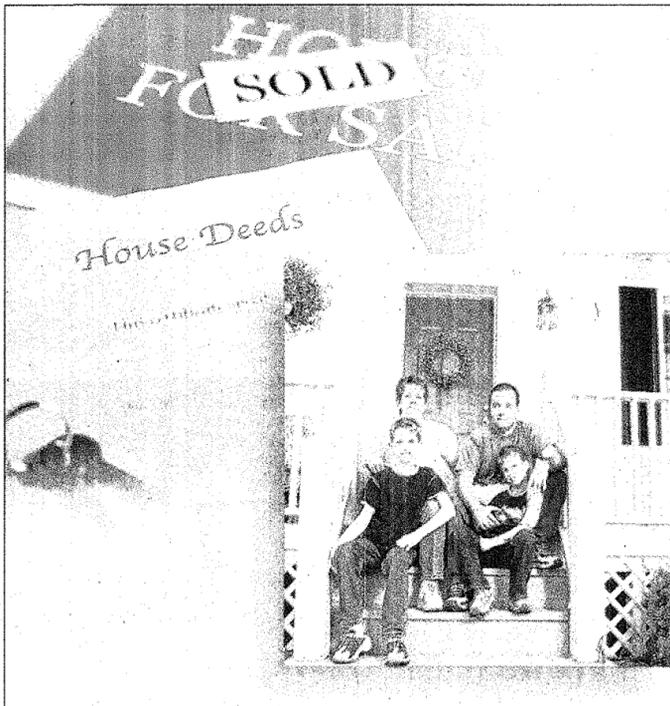
"Of course it's true locally. Nothing takes the place of home ownership," said Gary J. Reggish, broker/owner of Remerica United Realty of Novi and immediate past president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors. Interest rates are low, said Livonia resident Reggish, and many renters want to buy.

"You can buy houses today, nice houses, and have your payments lower than renters are paying in rent," Reggish said. Homeowners also enjoy the mortgage interest deduction, and can deduct property taxes as well.

"There are incredible bargains," he said of current housing inventory in the metro area, "in all price ranges." "Interest rates have dropped dramatically." A loan can be obtained for 30-year fixed in the 4 percent range, with significant savings over the life of the loan, he said.

Both professionally and personally, Reggish sees less tangible benefits to owning.

"Once thing that renting can never take the place of is the sense of community," he said. You don't get that in an apartment complex, he said, where residents are more transient. "You just don't have the sense of camaraderie."



There's less community input, he said, without homeowners associations and involvement even at the state level.

"There's nothing better than being able to go home and say 'This is mine.' You have choices," Reggish said.

"Homeowners and renters agree that home ownership benefits individuals and families, strengthens our communities, and is integral to our nation's economy," said National Association of Realtors President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I. "The results of this survey illustrate just how important issues related to home ownership are to people in this country."

The survey uncovered some differences between homeowners and renters, as well. While more than half of owners are "very" or "extremely" satisfied with the overall quality of their family life, only one-third of renters report the same level of satisfaction. Similarly, 43 percent of homeowners are very/extremely satisfied with their community life, compared with 30 percent of renters.

A majority of renters — 63 percent — said that it was at least somewhat likely that they would purchase a home at some point in the future. Among this group, young adults (18-29 years old) have the strongest aspirations for home ownership; only 8 percent of

young adults said that it was "not at all likely" that they would purchase a home at some point in the future.

In today's market, many aspiring homeowners are faced with worries about job security and creditworthiness. Among renters who are very or extremely likely to buy a home in the future, three out of five consider confidence in job security and creditworthiness to be an obstacle.

One point of agreement between renters and homeowners was support of the mortgage interest deduction (MID). Seventy-four percent of owners and 62 percent of renters say it's "extremely" or "very" important that the MID remain in place.

"At a time when the middle class is under increasing economic pressures, both homeowners and renters agree that the mortgage interest deduction should not be targeted for change," said Phipps. "Given strong public support of and aspirations toward owning a home, we need to keep policies in place that support and encourage responsible, sustainable home ownership for our future."

This survey was conducted online within the U.S. and fielded Oct. 6-20, 2010. A total of 3,793 adults, 18 and older were surveyed, including 1,880 homeowners, 1,115 renters, and 798 young adults. All samples came from the Harris Poll online database and were weighted for age, sex, race/ethnicity, education, region and household income to be representative of the U.S. general population of adults 18 and older.

Propensity score weighting was also used to adjust for respondents' propensity to be online. Results are available online at [www.realtor.org/statsanddata/homeownership/attitudes\\_homeown](http://www.realtor.org/statsanddata/homeownership/attitudes_homeown).

—Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

## Good to update documents regularly

**Q: Our documents are 27 years old and our board refuses to fix them. Can I force my association's board to take action?**

**A:** Point out that there are a number of reasons why the documents should be revisited by the association members including the need to get FHA certification, major changes in the Condominium Act over the

last 10 to 15 years, as well as the change in societal attitudes as they relate to parking recreational vehicles and the like.

Also point out to the extent possible that when the Documents are outdated, it minimizes the marketability of the condominium project as a whole, and, that the board may well have a fiduciary responsibility to seek competent legal counsel to correct and update the condominium documents to keep in the sale of homes.

**Q: Our attorney brags about the hundreds of condominium associations that he represents and when I call him on the telephone, I cannot get an answer. Is there a minimum number of attorneys that should be available to assist condominium associations when the attorney represents in the hundreds?**

**A:** That is a difficult question because some associations may require more work than others. Generally speaking, an attorney who brags about the number of community associations he or she represents should also be willing to advise the client that his firm has adequate personnel to assist in the representation, competently and efficiently, of those associations. If you are not getting the service from your attorney that you deserve, look for someone else.

**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](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.**

### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of October 25-29, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
46689 Aarons Way	\$165,000
1405 Aziz Dr	\$240,000
40477 Bay Harbor Ln	\$60,000
6046 Beauport Dr	\$133,000
47925 Candace Ln	\$282,000
47913 Cardiff Ave	\$80,000
48902 Castletford Dr	\$60,000
49158 Castletford Dr	\$351,000
8532 Chatham Dr	\$465,000
39775 Cheviot Rd	\$123,000
42183 Fairview Dr	\$114,000
39961 Finley Dr	\$160,000
1029 Foothill Rd	\$182,000
47610 Ford Rd	\$100,000
3092 Greenwich Ct	\$242,000
48492 Ivybridge Ct	\$370,000
49335 Lincolnshire Ct	\$340,000

Garden City	
31445 Donnelly St	\$75,000
28430 Ford Rd	\$258,000
7044 Helen St	\$46,000
28596 Krauter St	\$23,000
32253 Marquette St	\$101,000
30945 Pardo St	\$50,000

Livonia	
14123 Barbara St	\$133,000
28690 Bayberry Ct E	\$145,000
19579 Brentwood Dr	\$65,000
29218 Clarita St	\$71,000
16136 Golfview St	\$233,000
9056 Hartel St	\$50,000

Northville	
16807 Country Knoll Dr	\$235,000
17055 Dunswood Rd	\$238,000
41550 Rayburn Dr	\$240,000
39688 Rockcrest Ln	\$119,000
18776 Stonewall Blvd	\$450,000
17356 Victor Dr	\$288,000
17560 White Pine Ct	\$430,000
17550 Williamsburg Ct	\$575,000

### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 1-5, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	
15526 Kirkshire Ave	\$126,000
32240 Robinhood Dr	\$360,000

Commerce Township	
4688 Driftwood Dr	\$430,000
5980 Turnberry Dr	\$415,000

Farmington Hills	
24401 Broadview St	\$103,000
24461 Broadview St	\$185,000
28997 Forest Hill Dr	\$215,000
21550 Hamilton Ave	\$65,000
30658 Knighton Dr	\$240,000
21305 Oxford Ave	\$90,000
21410 Parker St	\$80,000
30342 Patricia St	\$184,000
25170 Rutledge Xing	\$235,000
25631 Springbrook Dr	\$175,000

Milford	
1189 Eagle Nest Ct	\$265,000
541 Union St	\$250,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### 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](mailto: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 prelicensing course. For more

information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or [laiello@kw.com](mailto:laiello@kw.com).

#### Tax law changes

A 2011 panel of SIX CPAs will answer tax questions 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile in Madison Heights. There have been changes in the tax laws, especially for businesses.

The seminar is presented by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747 6742. ([www.REIAofOakland.com](http://www.REIAofOakland.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 nonmembers to be applied to annual membership. For information, call (313) 819-0919 or visit [www.reiawaynecounty.org](http://www.reiawaynecounty.org).

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**LET'S CHAT!**  
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**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
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**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
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**ACROSS**

- Peach center
- Pinkie-to-thumb measure
- Type of prof
- Grape, to Gracchus
- Whetstone
- Apple remnant
- Mask wearers
- Some PC screens
- Ample
- Hazard
- Route follower
- Debt memo
- Alahuaiipa subject
- Smiled nastily
- T, in Athens
- Ship's record
- Forum hello
- Slates
- More judicious
- Visa and passport
- Off-road vehicle
- Bank jobs
- Dillydally

**DOWN**

- Lily-white
- Physiologist Pavlov
- Kind of salad
- Ninja's leader
- Makes light of
- Penelope Miller
- Springtime activity
- Build, as assets
- Miffed
- Tijuana Ms.
- Course finale
- Havana's island

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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20 Clod buster  
23 Make — double  
24 Broken-down horse  
25 Stage signal

26 Coast Guard alert  
27 Scrap of cloth  
28 Twilight, to a poet  
29 Berlin article  
31 Roped  
34 Honda rival  
35 Banned bug spray  
36 Zeno followers  
37 Flara —  
39 Kate's sitcom friend  
40 Axe handle  
41 Perry's penner  
42 Anatomical canal  
44 Heavy falling sound  
45 One of the Muppets  
46 "Saving Private —"  
49 Kind of grin

**SUDOKU**

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Certified warranty, Sync, moonroof, a/c seats, chrome. \$20,495

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Certified warranty, power pedals, heated seats. \$11,699

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## HOMETOWN WEEKLIES

### Welcome Boys and Girls!

This month's contest features:  
**My pet is SPECIAL!**  
Share with us how special  
your pet is.

# Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights!

## Hey kids!

Send us a picture or a  
story of why your pet is  
**SPECIAL to YOU!**

Youth ages 7 - 13 are invited to send a letter or a photo  
of why your pet is special. Scoop will pick lucky winners  
from entries received:

# Valentine's Contest

My Pet is Special

Share how special your  
pet is with Scoop!

Youth Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's information to contact winning entry:  
(Phone, email, home address)

Selected winners will have their name, age,  
hometown, photo and entry published in the  
next Scoop Hound Dog Highlights.

Send your entries for the  
My Special Pet Contest to:

**Scoop the Newshound**  
c/o: Michele Austin  
41304 Concept Drive  
Plymouth, MI 48170

**Deadline for submissions: 02/28/11**

Everyone who enters will receive a letter from Scoop and a small gift!

## Lucky winners from last month's contest



**Tejas Maire**  
Age: 7 1/2  
Farmington Hills  
1. Practice math everyday  
2. Eat healthy  
3. Collect box tops for school



**Hanna Shurtz**  
Age: 10  
Ferndale  
1. Play my violin for senior citizens  
2. Grow a big fruit and flower garden  
3. Get a fish tank for guppies



**Christian Charette**  
Age: 7  
Livonia  
1. Encourage kids to like school  
2. Give clothes and shoes to the poor  
3. Work with an animal shelter

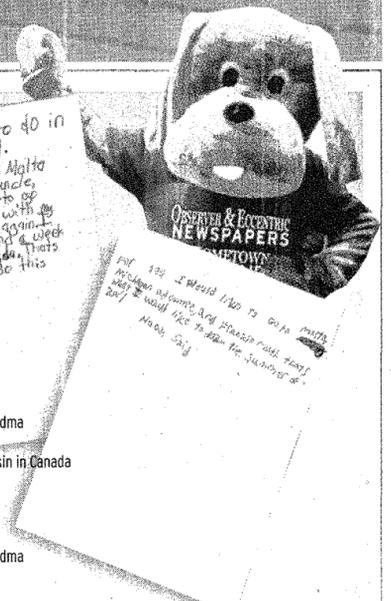


**Caroline Loder**  
Age: 8  
Livonia  
1. Ride a unicycle without help  
2. Play the guitar better on Guitar Hero  
3. Walk more than 8 miles in the summer

What I plan to do in 2-0-11.  
For 2-0-11 I want to go to Malta to see my grandma, aunt, uncle, and cousin. I want to go to Michigan Adventure with my brother, sister, and mom again. I also hope to go spend a week with my cousin in Canada. That's what I hope I can do this year.

**Abigail Said**  
Age: 9 1/2  
Westland  
1. Go to Malta to see my Grandma  
2. Go to Michigan Adventure  
3. Spend a week with my cousin in Canada

**Noah Said**  
Age: 12  
Westland  
1. Go to Malta to see my Grandma  
2. Go to Michigan Adventure  
3. Go to Frankenmuth



Send in your letter and photo, you may win a spot on Scoop's Hound Dog Highlight page!

Scoop, the newshound, will be offering contests on a monthly basis. Look for Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights page monthly in this newspaper!