

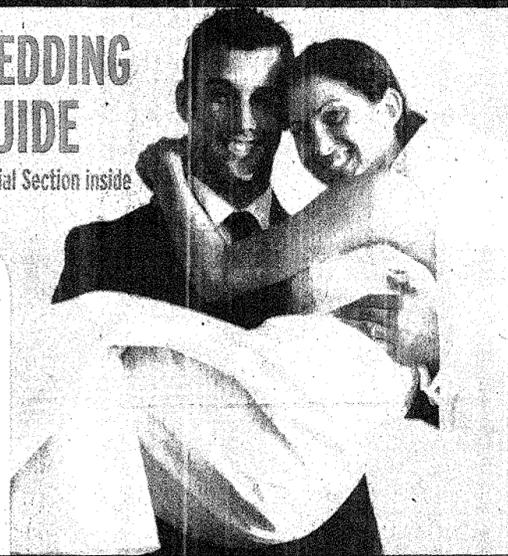
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## IN BRIEF

### Nature walk

Join members of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association to walk and learn about the preserve Saturday, Feb. 26.

The walk will be at noon and start at the Hix Park entrance on Hix Road north of Warren Road. Walkers will see a variety of trees and terrain the walk which will last 60-90 minutes. It will be held regardless of the weather, so walkers need to dress for conditions. For more information, visit [www.hpna.org](http://www.hpna.org).

### Pick the winners

How good are you at picking the winners in the Academy Awards?

If you're feeling lucky, pick this year's Academy Award winners in the Observer & Eccentric Oscar contest. If you're right, you could enjoy seeing movies at the Emagine Theaters for a year.



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Last year's winner was Kelly Kolchuk of South Lyon.

The deadline to enter is 11:59 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. Then tune in to see how well you did. The Academy Awards program is Sunday, Feb. 27.

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Donald McKinnon has his 1947 Ford Coupe cleaned, polished and ready to be trailed to the 59th annual Meguiar's Autorama this weekend at Cobo Hall.

## Westland retiree savors Motor City's love of cars

BY SUE MASON  
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Don McKinnon had one woman who said she could never ride in his 1947 Ford coupe because of the name on the back. It wasn't the blue oval, none can be found on the car. It's its nickname written on the lower edge of the trunk — Bertha Butts.

"That was my idea," said McKinnon. "I call the car that because it has a wide butt." Sunday evening's snowstorm didn't discourage McKinnon from backing it out of the garage of his Westland home Monday to show it off. Of course, he made sure the driveway was clear of the nine inches of snow that had fallen overnight.

It's reflection of his philosophy about

owning the street rod: It's meant to be driven. He's put close to 5,000 miles a year on his classic cars, driving to places like Norwalk and Columbus, Ohio, and for a spin around the track at the Indianapolis Speedway.

"It's been in a lot of rain. When you travel, you get rained on," said McKinnon.

### HEADED FOR AUTORAMA

But this week, the black coupe will be trailed to Cobo Hall Wednesday where it will be on display at the 59th annual Meguiar's Autorama as part of a 35th anniversary showing by members of the Motor State Street Rods. This is McKinnon's second time at the iconic custom car show. His last visit was five

Please see **AUTORAMA, A8**

## Demolition clears way for new MJR theater

When a photograph of the former Showcase Cinema flashed on the screen at Tuesday's council meeting, Westland Planning Director Bruce Thompson suggested that everyone take a good look.

"This is probably the last time you'll see it," said Thompson, adding that demolition is slated to get under way this week on the building.

The council approved the site plan for the new 16-screen MJR Theater that will replace the old Showcase Cinema on the east side of Wayne Road south of Warren Road.

"The new building will be in the same place (as the existing building) except further east to allow for more parking in the front — something the old theater didn't have," said Thompson. "All the screening, landscaping and other requirements have been met."

The existing building is 47,927 square feet and will be replaced by a building that is 67,996 square feet. The site plan calls for the two existing driveways from Wayne Road to be used by the new theater which is expected to



A steamshovel sits at the side of the old Showcase Cinema, ready to begin demolition. The 16-screen MJR Theater will be built on the site.

open by November.

The MJR Westland Grand 16 Cinema will have 3,100 seats and expects to have more than 800,000 admissions annually.

—By LeAnne Rogers

## Council OKs water rate hike, pays cleanup bill

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After listening to complaints about Westland's flooding cleanup and the amount billed by a private contractor, the council voted Tuesday to increase water rates just over 14 percent and pay the \$2.1 million bill from Belfor from the water and sewer fund.

The only opposing vote came from Councilman Bill Johnson, who unsuccessfully sought to have the portion of the rate increase needed to pay Belfor — about 24 cents per average water bill — split out of the remaining rate hike. Councilwoman Christine Bryant was absent due to a

possible injury after slipping on ice while heading to a council study session prior to the meeting.

While some residents continued to argue that Mayor William Wild exceeded his authority under the charter by bringing in Belfor to clean flooded basements on an emergency basis in June 2010 — a position not supported by City Attorney James Fausone — Johnson said his issue was the bill itself.

### RIGHT CALL

"I think the mayor had the absolute right to call the company and an absolute duty to act. There is not an issue

Please see **WATER RATES, A2**

## W-W board praises Sherman for her work

BY SUE MASON  
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Charlotte Sherman began her career with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and she will end it there.

The current deputy superintendent for instruction will retire effective June 30.

"Char will be with us until June, but I want to thank her for everything she has done for the students of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools," said school Superintendent Greg Baracy. "I can't come up with the words to express my deep gratitude for what she has done."

Sherman's request to retire was approved by the school board last week. She started as a student teacher in Wayne-Westland in 1970 and became a teacher in 1974. According to Baracy, she "held just about every teaching and administrative position there is in the district."

"She's very well connected with the kids in the high school, middle school and

adult education," he said.

He added that he will recommend that her position be filled.

Saying that he was "a little taken aback" by the announcement, Trustee William Gabriel praised Sherman for what she has done for Wayne-Westland.

"As a board member, I learned a lot from her," he said. "She's one person that's going to be missed."

Trustee Carol Middel pointed out that she worked with Sherman on a lot of things "and while we didn't always see eye to eye, I was able to see your side of it."

"I'm going to miss you," she said.

"When I came on the board, I started working with Char, I always looked to her expertise," said school board President Skip Monit. "I want to thank you for all your years with us."

Sherman chose not to comment, saying she will speak closer to her departure.

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# New school trustee expected to start Monday

Please visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) for the latest on this story.

BY KAREN SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Livonia school board expected to appoint one of seven applicants Wednesday night to fill the vacancy left by Trustee Dan Lessard.

The board on Tuesday narrowed the field from 18 applicants to seven, said board President Lynda Scheel.

They expected to begin interviewing them at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the board

office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

The finalists were: Christopher Boloven, a law student; Jason Borregard, a real estate professional; John Grzebnik, a materials handler and recording secretary of the Livonia PTSA Council; Bill Joyner, publisher of Friday Musings and a former Wayne County commissioner whose mother served on the school board from 1965-77; Eileen McDonnell, an administrative manager for PVS Chemicals who ran unsuccessfully for school board in 2007; Randy

Roulier, manager of strategic sales and retention for Blue Cross Blue Shield and a member of the district's school improvement team; and Jeff Wiggins, a law student who works in state Rep. John Walsh's office.

### FIELD NARROWED

Board members narrowed the field by choosing up to two people each to interview. Boloven, Roulier and Wiggins each received more than one vote. The rest received one vote each, Scheel said.

Boloven had an unexpected business trip come up so he was

unavailable Wednesday night for an interview, Scheel said. However, "his application will still be considered," she said.

The candidates who did not make the cut were: Steve King, a former school board member who lost a bid for re-election in May; Dianne Nay Laura, a school board member from 1996 to 2000 and wife of Livonia City Council Vice President Joe Laura; Roger Cebulski, a laid-off teacher for the Livonia Career Technical Center; Stacey Dogonski, a member of the PTSA Council; Cheryl Clancy, Alicia Douglas, Michele Frizzell,

Lyndal Last, Thomas Michalsen, Hans Mills and Bryan Vezina.

### ALL LIVONIA RESIDENTS

All seven finalists are Livonia residents. The district also includes a portion of Westland. McDonnell and Roulier have children currently attending Livonia schools.

Scheel said she was pleased with the number and quality of candidates. "We appreciate everybody who submitted their name," she said.

Lessard, 76, resigned Feb. 11 because he is getting married and moving to his fiancée's

home in Oakland County.

Whoever is appointed to replace Lessard will serve until after the November election results are certified.

The remainder of Lessard's term, which expires in 2013, will be filled by whoever wins the November election.

School board members are paid \$50 a meeting. The board typically meets two or three times a month.

Scheel said she expects the new member will attend subcommittee meetings Feb. 28.

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## AROUND WESTLAND

### Coffee hour

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Livonia and Garden City Monday, Feb. 28.

He will be at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington, Livonia 9-10 a.m., then move to Garden City for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson 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 [ofcanderson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:ofcanderson@senate.michigan.gov).

### Constituent hours

The staff of U.S. Representative Thaddeus McCotter, Michigan's 11th Congressional District, is holding office hours in several locations. This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the representative have the opportunity to speak with a staff member for assistance regarding any federal issue that they might have. This is not a political venue and no discussions of a political nature will be expected.

Office hours for Tuesday, March 1, are 9-10 a.m. at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Northville Senior Center, noon-1 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City and 3-4 p.m. at the Westland senior Friendship Center.

The Thursday, March 3, office hours, at 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center.

The congressman has two offices in Livonia and Milford the district to serve constituents. The Livonia office can be

reached by calling (734) 632-0314 and the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

### Open house

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool in Westland will be holding its annual Open House 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 8.

Come and visit the classrooms, meet the teachers, and learn about preschool opportunities for Young 3's, three-year-olds and four-year-olds.

The preschool is at 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland, in Kirk of Our Savior Church. Visit its website at [www.willowcreek-preschool.com](http://www.willowcreek-preschool.com) or call (734) 326-0078 for more information.

### Alumni game

Join the Westland Wild Wings as they seek a win against the Detroit Red Wing Alumni in a hockey game will be played Saturday, March 12, at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood.

The puck drops at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Kids under age 3 are free. Seating is limited to 800, so don't be slow in getting tickets. They're available at the mayor's office in Westland City Hall, the Bailey Recreation Center and the Mike Modano Ice Arena.

Sponsorship opportunities also are available for this event with a range of levels and cost. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski at (734) 722-7620 or by e-mail at [rkosowski@cityofwestland.com](mailto:rkosowski@cityofwestland.com).

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

### Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, March 18. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has pinochle and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

### Margaritaville

St. Damian School will take a trip to Margaritaville when it holds a dinner-auction fundraiser Saturday, March 5 at the school, located in Joy Road west of Middlebelt.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes dancing, dinner catered by Helena's and live and silent auctions. There also will

be a cash bar, a silent auction, live auction and 50/50 and Jelly Jar raffles. Parrots will be sold for \$30. Get the winning Parrot and pick any Live Auction item. Only 100 parrots will be sold.

Tickets on sale now at the school and parish offices. For tickets or more information, call the school at (734) 427-1680.

### American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the AMVETS Post 171 on Merriman Road between Avondale and Palmer. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org) or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

### Glow skate

Enjoy some glow-in-the-dark fun at Westland's Mike Modano Ice Arena 8-9:20 p.m. for Friday Glow Skate. The cost is \$3 for kids and \$4 for adults. Skate rental is \$3.

The arena also offers open skating 1:30-3:20 p.m. Saturdays. The cost is \$4 for kids, \$5 for adults and \$3 for skate rentals.

The arena is at Wildwood and Hunter, east of Wayne Road. For more information about ice arena programs, call (734) 729-4560.

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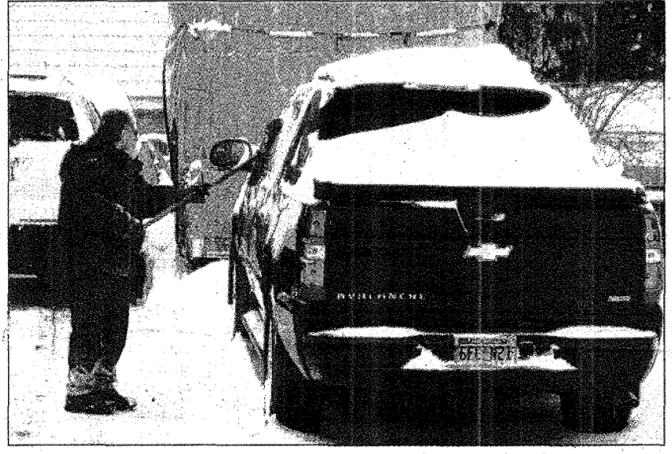
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### Snow day

Diane Kahler uses her snowblower to clear snow from the street around a van. A winter storm Sunday evening dumped some nine inches of snow on Westland, leaving residents digging out Monday morning.



Don Richater resorts to using a push broom to clear that accumulated on his pickup truck.

## WATER RATES

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between the mayor and me," said Johnson. "I believe Belfor is making \$1.5 million profit out of this."

Specifically, Johnson cited what he called inflated rates for labor and charges for equipment that most companies would have brought as part of their service.

Some residents also questioned the rates billed for labor, the amount of hours billed by individual employees and costs for tools and protective gear.

The cleanup costs averaged \$2,800 per house compared to \$6,000 bills paid by residents who hired their own contrac-

tor and sought reimbursement from the city, said Wild.

"Some of the questions on the bill were cleared up at the study session. The bill has been scrutinized. We sat down with Belfor and negotiated early on to get the original bill of \$2.5 million to \$2.1 million," said Wild, adding the city also got Belfor to forgo its standard 1.8 percent monthly interest charge on unpaid balances.

### FIVE INSTALLMENTS

The city will pay the bill in five payments spread over three fiscal years. The total rate increase — \$16.12 on an average bill based on using 14 units of water — is to cover an expected 9 percent water rate increase from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and a 15 percent hike in sewer rates from Wayne County along with funding local projects and restoring the water-sewer fund to solvency.

Part of the council's goal in restoring the solvency of the water-sewer fund is to improve the fund's bond rating and avoid the higher interest rates to finance larger projects that result from the lower rating.

Some residents questioned

whether the council was setting a precedent that would require the city to handle clean up at homes in the future.

Resident Mark Rodriguez cited language in the city charter requiring the council to set uniform water and sewer charges and not allowing anyone to have free services.

"You're setting a precedent for cleaning homes, if there is flooding. Are you getting bids from restoration companies for other flooding (that might occur)," he said.

Describing the widespread flooding as the largest natural disaster of Westland's 45-year history as a city, Wild said the city had to respond.

"The saying is no good deed goes unpunished. I can look into the (television) camera and said that I did the right thing," said Wild. "We take care of our community. There is nothing in the charter that says what to do if there is a hurricane, a flood or plane crashes in your neighborhood. Unless you are sitting in this chair, you won't know what it is like to have to make this decision. We stepped up to do the best we can for the community."

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# Siblings rally to help brother beat lymphoma

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It may not have been hospital policy, but for Brenda Leclercq and her brother Brian Haddow, walking two dogs into the ICU unit at Botsford Hospital was important — not only to them, but to their baby brother Kevin.

"Brian and I decided that Kevin's best friends, Cody and Marley, two beautiful golden retrievers that are his kids, should come pay a visit in the ICU unit," Leclercq said. "We just knew if we got those dogs there, they would help him recover."

A 30-year employee of Detroit Edison, Kevin Haddow has been battling a rare form of immunoblastic T-cell lymphoma. His family has partnered with the Garden City Firefighters Local 1911 to stage a bowling fundraiser Friday, March 4, to help the Garden City resident.

The benefit will be at Garden Lanes, 29145 W. Warren Road, east of Middlebelt, and proceeds will be used to pay his medical expenses. He is single and faces a 50-percent cut in pay in June.

## NIGHT SWEATS

Kevin Haddow went to the doctor to find out why he was having night sweats and a fever. According to his sister, he had no pain, just the sweats.

"His sheets would be drenched in sweat," said Leclercq, whose husband Bob is a retired Garden City fire captain. "Doctors were baffled until they did the blood work. They decided to follow up with some blood studies, and that's when we knew something was terribly wrong."

Oncologist Dr. Craig Gordon, director of neoplastic diseases at Botsford Hospital, ordered two tests. First was a bone marrow biopsy, followed by a lymph node biopsy two days later. It took three weeks to get the biopsy report, which told

## BOWLING FUNDRAISER

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, March 4

**Location:** Garden Lanes, 29145 W. Warren Road, east of Middlebelt, Garden City

**Details:** The fundraiser for Kevin Haddow is in partnership with Garden City Firefighters Union Local 1911. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under age 14. Included is three games, shoes and pizza. Proceeds will be used to pay for costs related to treatment and co-pays. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Donations also are being accepted. Checks should be made payable to Garden City Firefighters Union/Kevin Haddow.

**Contact:** Brenda Leclercq at (313) 670-6816 or Cindy Whismand at (734) 0986.

the family what type of lymphoma it was.

But while waiting for an answer, Haddow kept getting sick to the point that doctors had to begin some type of chemotherapy — "It was a matter of life and death." They started to administer CHOP, one of the most common chemotherapy regimens for treating non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

The biggest problem was that Haddow's platelets were dropping and he started bleeding internally and had to have two surgeries to stop it, "even though they didn't know where he was bleeding," Leclercq said. "The doctors saved his life."

Every day challenged Haddow more. He didn't know that Christmas had come and gone, nor did he know that his five siblings had celebrated a new year.

"We stayed by his side, rubbing his feet, talking to him, to let him know that he wasn't alone in this fight for his life," Leclercq said. "We just looked forward to a new year, a new beginning for Kevin."



Kevin Haddow of Garden City is finding he has help from his brothers and sisters in his battle with immunoblastic T-Cell lymphoma. They're staging a bowling fundraiser to help with his medical expenses.

At one point, Haddow aspirated and was put on a ventilator. Then he developed pneumonia.

## 'MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB'

"It was another mountain to climb, more prayers, trying to never give up on Kevin," Leclercq said. "The days and nights just seemed to run into each other, and it seemed like every time we got any hope of

good news, bad news would follow with it."

That's when Leclercq and her brother Brian decided to take Cody and Marley to see Haddow. They didn't ask permission "because we knew the answer would be no."

"All of the brothers and sisters knew that if anything could bring Kevin back to us, Marley and Cody could," Leclercq said. "So that's when

we decided to bring them to visit him in the ICU."

Leclercq and her brother walked the dogs into the hospital and stood in the waiting room, waiting for someone to scold them. No one did. People instead came up and petted the dogs, so they started walking through the hospital, just waiting to be stopped. When they finally got there, Leclercq remembers asking her brother, "Now what do we do?"

"He said, 'We'll just walk in,'" she said.

Concerned that they were so close but so far from her sick brother, Leclercq picked up the phone and told the staff that they were there to see Haddow and that she had a dog. When the automated doors opened, they quietly went to Haddow's room, where Leclercq held up his head so he could see them and they held the dogs up so he could touch them.

"Kevin spoke, we took pictures of the dogs with Kevin in his room," she said. "The doctors came by and talked to us, never saying a word. Somehow they knew that this might be the only chance to get Kevin to start the healing process."

While there was a high risk of infection, the family took

the chance and the next day Haddow started to improve. After six weeks in ICU, Haddow is now home, "fighting with all his heart to get better and beat the odds." Cody and Marley are by his side. He faces 11 months of chemotherapy, at least once a month, if not more often.

His diagnosis is stage 4B, meaning bone marrow involvement. It has gone to his brain and he now has ports in the top of his head and one in his chest wall to receive his chemo treatments.

Doctors are optimistic and feel he can go into remission with the proper treatment. If the treatment doesn't work or if the lymphoma comes back, he will possibly need a bone marrow transplant.

"Kevin has a long way to go, but he will make it," Leclercq said. "I believe that Cody and Marley saved Kevin. They brought him back. Miracles do happen, and Kevin is one."

"He truly is a hero to us," she added. "His fighting spirit amazes us. He knows that he has some mountains to climb, but faces them as a challenge. He will continue to fight with dignity and pride."

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## Agency's Walk for Warmth assists families in need

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Walking is a good way to generate some heat and money to help Wayne County families stay warm in their homes.

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency is holding its 15th annual Walk for Warmth 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. For the first time, the fundraiser will be held at Westland Shopping Center.

"We held this for 14 years at Southland Mall in Taylor. We decided to move it. We're trying to expand in western Wayne," said Erin Evans, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency communications manager. "The mall has been great."

Each year, the walk draws 400-500 people who collect pledges to help families in need heat their homes. One hundred percent of the money raised, about \$40,000 in recent years, goes directly to families. Last year, Wayne Metro helped more than 1,000 with utility assistance payments but still couldn't meet the demand for services.

"We get 2,000 calls a week just for emergency utility assistance. The program is for people who have received a utility shut off notice or are at risk of shut off," said Evans. "We usually raise \$40,000 with the economy. Our goal is to raise \$50,000."

People can get involved by forming a team and collecting pledges — more information is available at [www.waynemetro.org](http://www.waynemetro.org) or by calling (734) 246-2280, Ext. 123. Evans said

people can sign up right up to the time of the walk.

"People just collect pledges — we don't make them walk a certain amount. There will be entertainment at the same time. If they can't walk, they participate and watch the entertainment," said Evans.

Along with raising money, Evans said the Walk for Warmth is also a great way to make people aware of Wayne Metro, which recently opened an office at Westland's Dorsey Community Center located in the Norwayne community of Westland.

"This is really a great way to get us out there in the community," said Evans. "The walkers are from all over Wayne County and Oakland County."

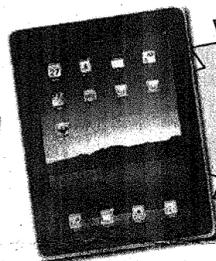
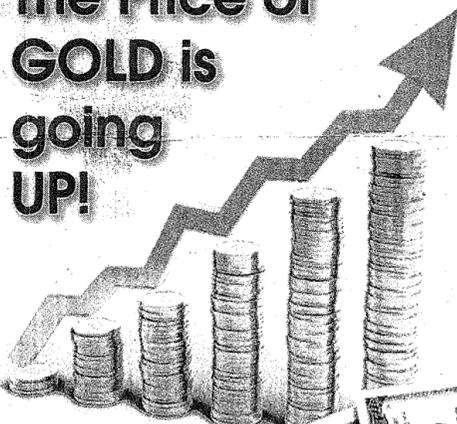
Awards will be given to the youth and adult teams with the highest amount of pledges, biggest team of walkers, best team name and most team spirit. The individual that raises the most money over \$1,000 will win the Grand Prize Boyne Highlands Lodging and Lift or Golf Package. The grand prize package 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 disc jockey, entertainment, face painting, door prizes and great shopping.

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## WESTLAND COP CALLS

### Home invasion

**1** On Feb. 17, a resident of an apartment at Hunters West Apartments, 6501 Yale, told police that someone had cut a screen and opened a window to enter the apartment. The resident said that a jewelry box belonging to his sister and containing miscellaneous earrings, bracelets and necklaces, valued at \$6,500, had been stolen. The resident said that neither he nor his sister had been home for the preceding several days. It was unclear whether the window had been locked.

### Copper stolen

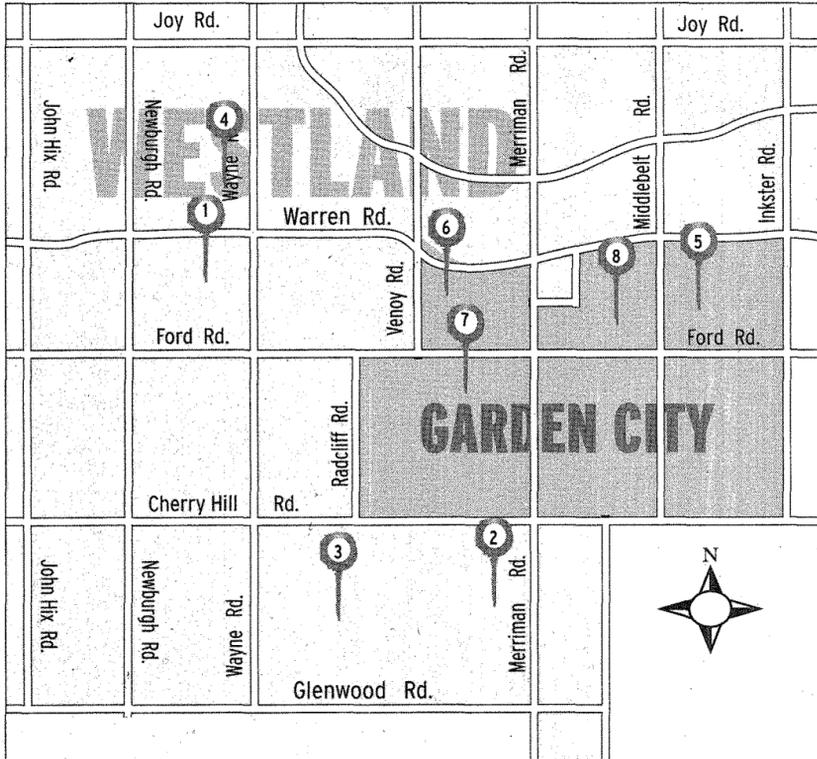
**2** Copper plumbing was reported stolen from a duplex in the 31000 block of Allegan Court Feb. 17. A mortgage company employee told police that sometime since Feb. 3, someone had kicked in the front door of one unit and stole the plumbing. Then someone kicked through the wall into the second unit and stole the pipes there. The kitchen counter, bathroom counter, toilet and several other cabinets were reported destroyed. The missing plumbing and damage was set at \$3,000.

### Larceny from a vehicle

**3** A Westland man told police that a CPAP breathing machine and a home care breathing machine, valued at \$8,500, were stolen from his vehicle while it was parked in the 33000 block of Alaska Court Feb. 17. He said he spent the night at the location and in the morning found his vehicle door open with the items missing.

### Retail fraud

**4** Police were called to Kohl's, 35000 Warren Road, Feb. 17 after employees reported stopping a shoplifter. The employee told police that he saw a woman remove the tags



from a wallet, then selected a ring before entering the restroom. When the woman left the restroom, the ring was on her finger, the employee said. The Romulus woman was stopped as she left the store without paying for the ring or wallet, valued at \$77. She was cited for retail fraud and released.

### Attempted vehicle thefts

A resident of Warris Farms Apartments, 37195 McKinney, told police Feb. 17 that someone had tried to steal her 2005 Chrysler Sebring from the parking lot. She said that she had found the driver's door lock, the steering column and ignition damaged. The manager of Warris Farms Apartments, 37115

McKinney, reported Feb. 17 someone had tried to steal a company plow truck. The 1994 Dodge Ram truck was reported to have damage to the passenger side door lock and ignition.

### Stolen vehicles

On Feb. 17, a resident in the 800 block of North Bayfield told police that someone had stolen his 2007 Dodge Charger from the driveway. He said the vehicle is paid off. The man also told police that during a break-in at the home two years ago, the ignition key to the vehicle had been stolen but it wasn't clear if the thefts were related. A 2002 Chrysler Sebring was reported stolen from Colonial Village Apartments,

8181 N. Wayne Road, Feb. 17. The owner said he was current on the payments and had the keys to the vehicle.

On Feb. 17, a resident in the Parkcrest Apartments, 36750 Parkcrest, told police that someone had stolen his 2001 Chrysler Sebring. He told police the car was paid for and that he had all the keys to the vehicle.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 1600 block of South Carlson told police Feb. 13 that he found the passenger door on his Ford Escape open. Reported missing from the vehicle were a snow blower, a radar detector and a CB radio valued at \$1,100 along with \$20 in coins. -By LeAnne Rogers

## GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

### Disorderly person

**5** A 50-year-old Romulus man dressed in camouflage-style clothing was arrested for trespassing, disorderly conduct and obstructing a police officer at the Kroger store, 5866 Middlebelt, about 5:30 p.m. Feb. 20. The mother of two 13-year-old Girl Scouts who were selling cookies in the vestibule said that the man repeatedly cursed at them and used foul language. They told police he would walk in and out of the grocery store and yell obscenities. In one instance, he said, "I'm a gangster and I'll kill all of ya," they said.

He also took a box of Girl Scout cookies without paying for them and went inside the store. He returned a short time later with groceries and wanted to "trade" a grocery item he purchased for the box of Girl Scout cookies which he took. He also threatened to kill the people inside the store and gained the manager's attention who told him he would be trespassing, if he returned. He didn't comply and the police arrested him. He was taken to the police station, processed and released with his groceries.

**6** A 43-year-old Dearborn man said that his Ford truck, which had a snowplow attached to it, was stolen sometime before Feb. 16 after he parked it in the lot next to the Sunoco gas station at 32889 Warren Road. He said that he parked it there because he didn't have room to park it at his house. Although the truck was parked out of the view of the video camera, its departure, but not the driver, could be seen on the video. The owner said that his tools and fuel pump equipment

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were inside of the stolen truck.

### Theft

**7** A 40-year-old Garden City woman said that someone stole the stereo from her 1994 Ford Explorer some time between 7 p.m. Feb. 17 to 7 a.m. Feb. 18 after she left it for repairs at American Transmission, 31749 Ford. The dash was severely damaged, and the police could find no evidence at the scene. The father of sons who attend the Lathers Early Childhood and Kindergarten Center said that someone stole his Craftsman tool box and tools about 1:45 p.m. Feb. 18 after he picked up his sons and left the tools on the ground near the school. He said that he took the tools out of his vehicle to make room for the boys. He realized that he left the tools at the school grounds when he returned home and couldn't find the tools when he went to the school to retrieve them.

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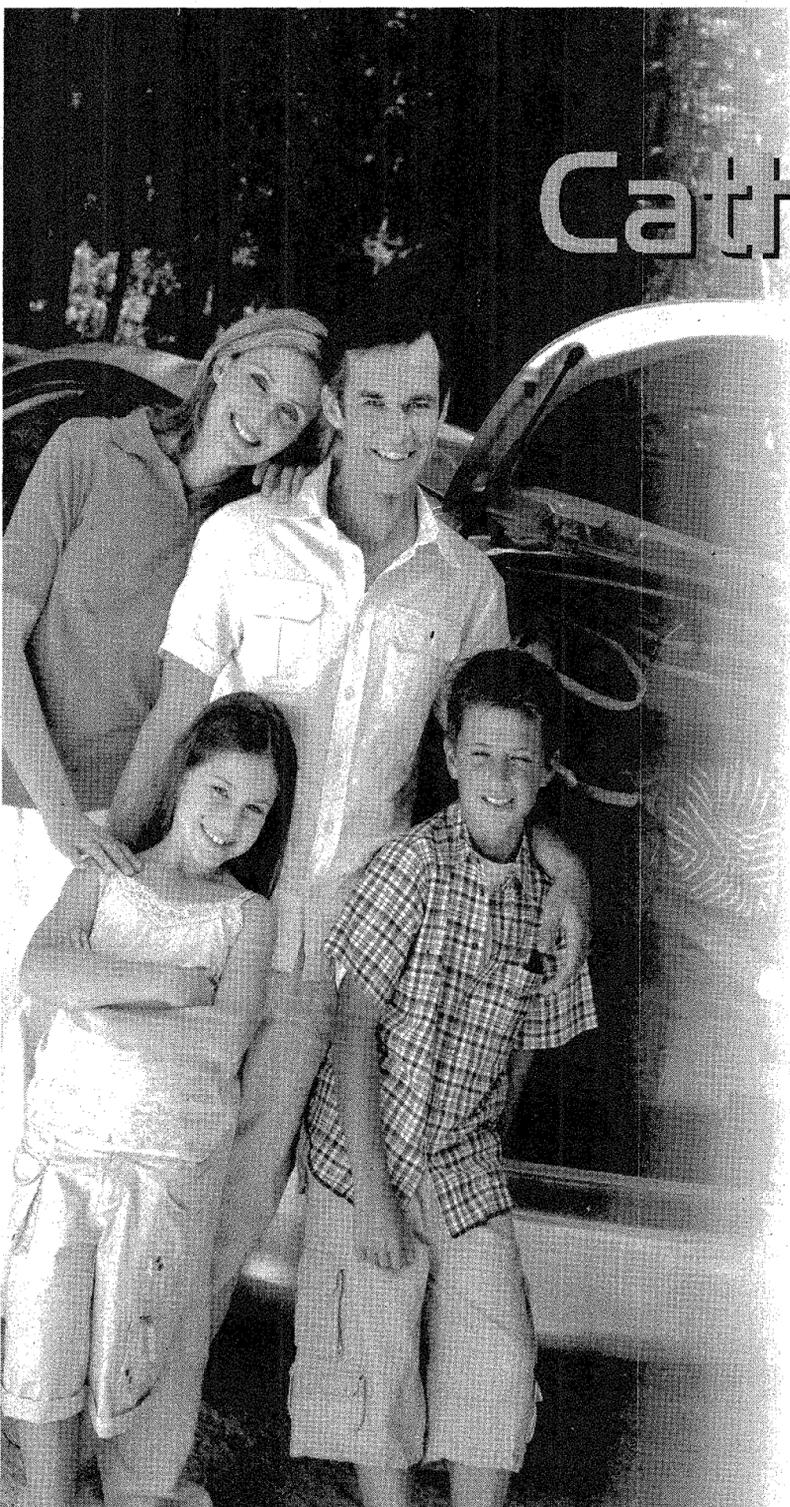
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### Suspended license

The police arrested a 34-year-old Ypsilanti man for driving with a suspended license about 4 p.m. Feb. 21 on northbound Middlebelt at Ford. Police found there was an outstanding warrant in Ypsilanti for his arrest on a family offense.

### Retail fraud

**8** A 35-year-old Westland woman was arrested about 5:30 p.m. Feb. 16 because she failed to pay for makeup at the Kmart store located at 29600 Ford, Garden City. She told police that she forgot that she put the mascara and eyeliner in her pocket. When the police checked her criminal history, they learned that she had a fail to appear warrant out of 19th District Court in Dearborn. -By Sue Buck



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The St. Mary Mercy Hospital staff showed their support by wearing red for the American Heart Association Go Red for Women campaign.

## St. Mary Mercy goes red for women

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women.

In support of American Heart Month, St. Mary Mercy Hospital celebrated the American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day on Friday, Feb. 4.

Each year, St. Mary Mercy raises awareness to this cause by encouraging employees, physicians and volunteers to wear red.

All month long, heart-conscious activities take place including healthy breakfast and lunch options in the cafeteria, heart smart seminars, free blood pressure screenings for staff, and Jeans Day.

Associates can donate \$5 to wear jeans or a colorful/pattern scrub top to work. Proceeds benefit the American Heart Association Start! Heart Walk held in May.

"Bringing awareness to American Heart Month is important because it affects our mothers, sisters, and friends," said Freida Craig, director of cardiovascular

services at St. Mary Mercy. "We know that 80 percent of cardiac events in women can be prevented if they avoid smoking and make smart diet and exercise choices. Women can also take advantage of our Heart & Vascular Center's wellness screening programs to help maintain a healthy life."

The Heart & Vascular Center's screening programs include:

- StayFit (\$49) - Includes bone density, blood pressure, cholesterol, Body Mass Index (BMI), and risk assessment
- ForeverFit (\$49) - Includes electrocardiogram (EKG), blood pressure, cholesterol, and cardiovascular risk assessment
- VascularFit (\$49) - Carotid artery ultrasound, Ankle-Brachial Index, abdominal ultrasound, and cardiovascular risk assessment
- HeartFit (\$79) - Blood pressure, cholesterol, peripheral vascular screening, electrocardiogram (EKG), and

cardiovascular risk assessment

The screening results are provided to patients to share with their physician. For more information or to make an appointment for a wellness screening, call (734) 655-2961.

Go Red For Women is the American Heart Association's solution to save women's lives. With one out of three women still dying from heart disease, AHA is committed to fighting this No. 1 killer that is preventable.

GoRedForWomen.org, a premier source of information and education, connects millions of women of all ages and gives them tangible resources to turn personal choices into life-saving actions. For more information, visit GoRedForWomen.org or call 1-888-MY-HEART (1-888-694-3278).

## Markets can mirror Michigan weather

Investors have felt very good as of late because all the major indexes closed at two-year highs.

However, just like we all know this is Michigan and Mother Nature can remind us it is still wintertime at any point — markets can change at the same pace.

No doubt when you look over the last two years, the markets have shown incredible strength. However, during that time it hasn't always been blue skies. During the last two-year period there have been numerous times when the markets sold off. In fact, that's the way markets operate. They never go straight down or straight up, they're always zigging and zagging in one direction or the other.

What's also inevitable about markets is this: Every so often there is a correction. I'm not saying the market today is

ready for a correction but I just want to remind investors to use your head. We all want this to be the end of winter; however, we all know Mother Nature will most likely have some surprises. Therefore, before you jump back in the market thinking you can make some fast money, think again.

I want to remind everyone about the opportunity to make IRA contributions, both Roth and Traditional, for 2010. You have until April 15 to make a 2010 IRA contribution. For most people, I recommend Roth IRAs over traditional IRAs, because they allow money to grow tax-free versus tax-deferred. In addition, with a Roth IRA you're not subject to required minimum distributions at the age of 70½.

The downside of a Roth IRA is that the money you are contributing is post-tax money. In a Traditional IRA you get a substantial tax savings up front because you can deduct your contribution. However, when money is withdrawn from the Traditional IRA it is all subject to income tax. I love having money grow tax-free and the

ability to let it grow tax-free for as long as I choose. That is why I am always in favor of Roth IRAs.

While it is not too late to make a 2010 Roth IRA contribution, it's also not too early to make IRA contributions for 2011. The sooner you make the contribution the longer the money grows.

Don't forget that when it comes to investing, it's not picking the best performing investment that will make you successful. What will make you successful is picking the investment that best coordinates with your other investments in your overall investment strategy.

Before you buy anything know exactly what it costs to buy, hold and sell. Successful investors have learned that a key ingredient to higher returns is low-cost investing. Good luck!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money-matters@hometownlife.com](mailto:money-matters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

## Author to speak about Holocaust Museum visit

Michigan author Robert M. Weir will speak about his visit to the Holocaust Museum in Berlin, Germany, during the monthly meeting of Citizens for Peace at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at Unity Church in Livonia.

The public is invited. Weir pondered the question of how so many could kill so many during a recent visit to the Holocaust Museum. Deeply moved by what he learned at the 4.7-acre memorial to the mur-

dered Jews of Europe, he developed his presentation and discussion forum which includes a 12-minute video of the museum.

He will recount his personal emotions and the impressions he saw etched in the faces of those visiting the memorial. Weir hopes to elicit more questions from his audience and discuss the similarities of pre-war Germany and social conditions that exist in some nations today. Weir writes and speaks about

people, peace, social justice, the environment and outdoor adventures.

The Citizens for Peace is non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-profit group advocating a Department of Peace and a culture of peace.

Unity of Livonia is at 28660 Five Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster roads). Donations are desired, but not required. For more information, call (734) 425-0079.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold two Public Hearings on Thursday, March 10, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearings, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearings is to solicit public comments on the following:

1. **11-001, Text Amendment.** To amend Section 154.006, Amendments, to require City Council to hold a public hearing on map and text amendments in compliance with City Charter.
2. **11-002, Text Amendment.** To add Section 154.071 Access Management to establish standards for separation of driveways and provide for shared access.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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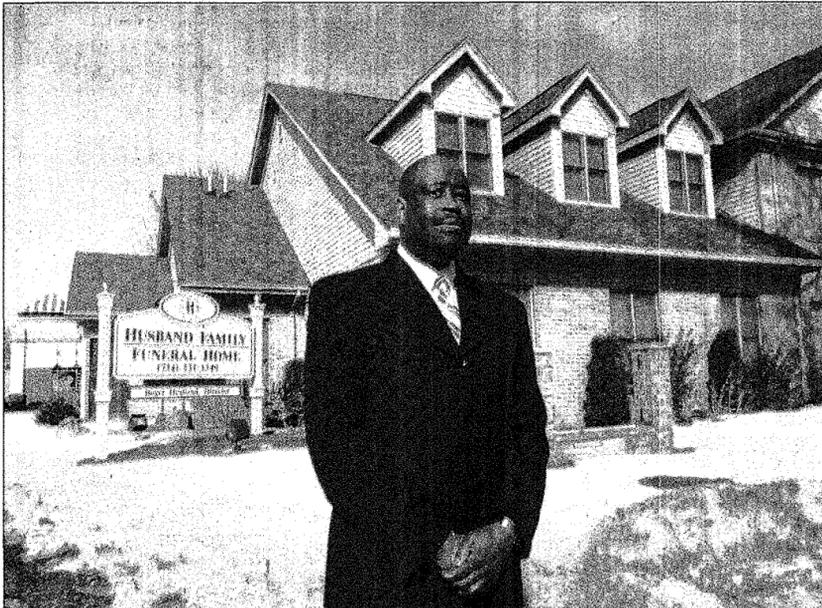
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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Roger Husband is the owner/director of Husband Family Funeral Home on Wayne Road, south of Palmer, in Westland.

## Director brings 30 years of experience to new funeral home

When the owners of a building on Wayne Road south of Palmer in Westland, formerly occupied by a funeral home, found themselves without a tenant, they had few options. They could attempt to sell or lease the building to another tenant or "turn lemons into lemonade."

The 11,000-square foot, two-story building, decorated throughout with warm colors, fireplaces, and even a banquet room, was the perfect environment for a funeral home. The building's owners placed numerous ads, taking inquiries from in and out-of-state funeral homes looking to expand as well as funeral directors looking to start their own businesses.

Through a referral by Wayne State University's Mortuary Science Department, Roger Husband began conversations with the building owners. As a 30-year veteran of the funeral home business, he has serviced the Detroit area community in all phases of the grieving

### HUSBAND FAMILY FUNERAL HOME

**Business Name and Address:** Husband Family Funeral Home, 2401 S. Wayne Road, Westland

**Your Name and Title:** Roger Husband, owner/director

**Business Opened When:** January 2011

**Business Specialty:** Husband Family Funeral Home is a full service facility, offering a wide variety of funeral and cremation packages and options. The facility has two chapels and a repast room.

**Business Phone and/or Website:** (734)331-3349, www.rhusband.com

process.

A graduate of Wayne State University's Department of Mortuary Science, his resume is very impressive. Among his many commitments, he continues to teach classes as one

of Wayne State's instructors. During the vetting process, the building owners also learned of Roger's flawless reputation, known for his insight and complete professionalism when assisting families in their worst hours of need.

Husband had planned to own and operate his own funeral business one day. He realized that opportunities like this do not present themselves often and so, a partnership was formed.

Opening just six weeks ago, Husband Family Funeral Home is already lending support and outreach to a community of people who respect hard working, dedicated business owners. It is a full service facility, offering a wide variety of funeral and cremation packages and options. The facility has two chapels and a repast room.

With highly competitive pricing, they handle all aspects of the funeral process, including transportation and after-care counseling, with dignity and compassion.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### High marks

Antoinette D. Martin, a financial advisor with an Ameriprise Financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. has received high marks from her clients in the recent Ameriprise financial advisor client satisfaction survey.

A Westland resident, Martin ranked in the top 25 percent of participating advisors who scored 96 percent or higher based on overall client satisfaction and the frequency of proactive contact the client

received from the advisor.

Conducted by an independent research organization, the survey provides clients with the opportunity to rate their advisor. There are nine areas for clients to rate their advisor, ranging from financial knowledge to ability to provide financial advice that suits the individual needs of the client.

"Client satisfaction is the metric that should matter most to an advisor," said Don Froude, president of The Personal Advisors Group, Ameriprise Financial. "Our

advisors take pride in knowing their clients better than anyone in the industry. And based on the client satisfaction results, our clients appreciate the service they are receiving."

As a financial advisor, Martin provides customized financial advice that is anchored in a solid understanding of client needs and expectations, and provided in a one-on-one relationship with her client. Martin's office is located at 23054 Cherry Hill, Dearborn. She can be reached at (313) 216-0124.

## When to give up? The answer is never

Today's topic is on my mind this week because of conversations with friends facing various employment

related challenges. When bombarded by adversity, this question often comes to mind. When to give up?

The answer is as simple as it may be difficult. Never.

Don't give up your dreams. Don't give up your goals. Don't give up your faith in yourself. You are the only person guaranteed to always be there to cheer you on - or discourage you if you let that happen.

It's so easy to get discouraged in today's economy. The phrase "I can't" (that should be erased from our vocabulary) starts to



Clarity Patton Newhouse

take hold. I can't possibly ... close enough sales, start my own business, find a new job, achieve my dreams. Actually, yes you can (eventually), no matter how unlikely or even impossible the goal seems.

The question is: how many times are we willing to hear "no" before we get to "yes." The answer had better be, "as many as it takes" or we probably won't get there.

I've talked to people lately who aren't looking for jobs because they hear there aren't any available. OK, sure, I know the statistics and, yes, they may be against you. But if you don't enter the race you have no chance to win.

So if there's something you want to do - at home or at work - don't give up! And have a

sunny day.  
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P.S. "Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

**Calvin Coolidge,**  
30th President of the United States (1872 - 1933)

Clarity Patton Newhouse is Quality and Business Development Manager for Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury in Garden City. She writes "A Sunny Note" to brighten the day with encouraging insights for business and life. "A Sunny Note" also is published online at ASunnyNote.com for readers across America and beyond.

## MILESTONES

### Cooking Demonstration

**Time/Date:** 10 and 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 2

**Location:** Westland Weight Watchers Center located inside the West Ridge Center at 36585 Warren Road, Westland.

**Details:** Chefs Jesse Gales and Isabella Nicoletti will offer a cooking demonstration and dessert sampling at the Westland Weight Watchers Center. The meeting is open and free to the public. Anyone who is interested in learning more about Weight Watchers can do so without having to pay a meeting fee. Gales and Nicoletti, the official chefs of Weight Watchers Group, will also share tips on healthful eating and cooking techniques, as well as answer questions.

**Contact:** Call 888) 332-6746 for more information.

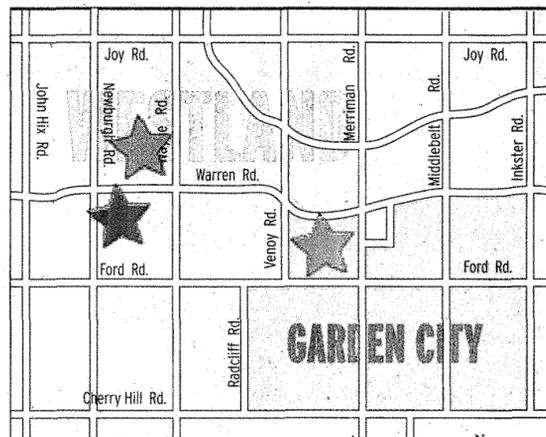
### Walk for Warmth

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

**Location:** Westland Shopping, 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Westland Shopping Center will serve as host for 15th annual Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency Walk for Warmth. Join Westland Mayor William

Wild and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano in a fundraiser to help alleviate the struggles of people who are faced with making the choice to feed their family or heat their homes. Last year, Wayne Metro helped more than 1,000 people with utility assistance payments and still couldn't meet the demand for services. Register to come out and walk, become a Warm-A-Heart campaign partner or make a donation



online at [www.waynemetro.org](http://www.waynemetro.org).

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 246-2280.

### Crop Nights

**Time/Date:** 5-11 p.m. Friday, March 11 and April 8

**Location:** Maxwell's Arts and Treasures, 32416 Industrial, north of Ford, Garden City

**Details:** Join your fellow scrappers at Maxwell's for Friday Night Crops. Maxwell's will provide the tables, snacks, and prizes. All you need to do is bring your supplies and have some fun. Call ahead to reserve a space. Cost is \$10 per evening. Profits will help outfit the Maxwell's stage with sound equipment.

**Contact:** (734) 427-5300, Ext. 7 for the store or Ext. 2 for the office or Laura by e-mail at [laura@maxwell-sartandtreasures.com](mailto:laura@maxwell-sartandtreasures.com).

### Simply Polish

**Location:** Simply Polish, 6201 Middlebelt, Garden City

**Details:** Simply Polish has begun its spring cleaning and is offering 30 percent off any item with a coupon available on its website at

[www.simplypolishusa.com](http://www.simplypolishusa.com). Simply Polish is your number one source for Polish pottery, amber jewelry, glass ornaments, crystal artifacts, dance lessons, dance costumes, T-shirts, language classes and more. When it comes to pottery, it stocks a wide variety of plates, mugs, cups and saucers, bowls, ovenware, stoneware, coffee and tea pots, candlesticks, home accessories, gifts and more.

**Contact:** Call (734) 525-2880 for information and store hours.

### Coffee Connection

**Time/Date:** 8-9 a.m. March 10

**Location:** Personalized Hearing Care, 35337 W. Warren Road, Suite 3, Westland

**Details:** The Westland Chamber of Commerce's monthly Coffee Connection will be hosted by Personalized Hearing Care located on Warren Road, just east of Target, in Westland. Stop in for coffee and get some networking done before you have to go to work. No need to RSVP, just stop in when you can.

**Contact:** Call the Chamber at (734) 326-7222 for more information.

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# Students celebrate success of Cell Phones for Soldiers

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

The free Little Caesars pizza was definitely a hit with students at Churchill High School recently.

Churchill students were rewarded with the pizza for collecting the most cell phones for soldiers in December in a competition with Franklin and Stevenson high schools. Students in Livonia Public Schools collected 3,000 cell phones at the district's 24 schools.

Holmes Middle School won the middle school competition and will have pizza parties for 900 students Feb. 23-25.

The prize was the Pizza Party courtesy of the GM Military Discount Program, Chevrolet, Little Caesars Pizza, and 99.5 WYCD Detroit's Country radio station (CBS Radio).

### REACHING OUT

"I love pizza" was the first thing out of Megan McDonald's mouth as she sat with students from the leadership classes. For them, it was a jubilant occasion and everyone was proud of the accomplishment.

"It was a good experience," said McDonald, a senior. "It's reaching out to the community and showing our support."

McDonald was one of the Churchill students who wrote Christmas cards to Michigan-based troops overseas and enclosed a pre-paid phone card as part of the green initiative. The used phones collected by Livonia students were recycled and proceeds used to purchase prepaid cards worth 180,000 minutes.

"We wanted to tell them we appreciate them," said McDonald.

Founded in 2004, Cell Phones for Soldiers was the idea of Robbie and Brittany Bergquist, then 12 and 13 years old. Based in Massachusetts, the nonprofit organization has provided U.S. service men and women with more than 90 million



Parent Georgi Ryktarsyk and student Derek Goeglein prepare for the lunch crowd at Churchill High School's pizza party.

minutes of free talk time.

Locally, the cell phone drive evolved from the GM Military program that provides discounts on vehicles to active and reserve soldiers.

"Livonia has a high concentration of military families. That's why we chose it," said Linda Stouffer, marketing manager of Vehicle Purchase Programs for GM. "We wanted to find a way to give back to the military. We know how important it is for them to keep in contact with their families."

Stouffer would like to challenge other districts to hold a used cell phone drive for soldiers. She was amazed at the number of phones collected by Livonia students. The drives have netted more than 30,000 cells from around country.

"LPS represents 10 percent of that," said Stouffer as she watched a steady stream of students pass in front of her with their pizza.

### PARENTS HELP TOO

Georgi Ryktarski, a mother and member of the PTSA, and student Derek Goeglein had been stacking pizza boxes before the lunch rush began and still were busy. Ryktarski was one of 10 PTSA volunteers. She thought it was "important to help the students" whenever she and her husband could.

Churchill Principal Joe Anderson was happy for the PTSA's help. He was worried about how they were going to serve 2,100 kids, but the staff came up with a plan to give students different color tickets for each of the parties that were held on three consecutive days. A total of 358 pizzas were consumed at Churchill.

"It's a great recognition for kids to be rewarded for doing something nice," said Anderson. "Our students already know how important it is to help others. I wasn't surprised they won."

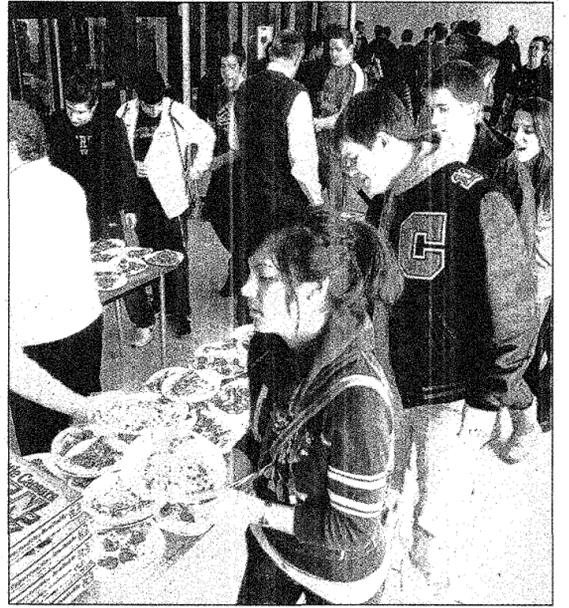
Little Caesars stores began supporting Cell Phones for Soldiers in March 2010. Since the partnership began, customers have donated more than 24,000 phones.

### BUILDING COMMUNITY

Assistant Principal Marsha Byrd said the Cell Phones for Soldiers drive "was a good way to build community and make it a smaller world, and for students to be exposed to different aspects of life like businesses and military. It was good for students to see the impact of working together. It's been wonderful. Everybody worked together."

"It was something we could actually do instead of contributing money," said Stephen Charnley, a senior.

Student activities director Karla Halvangis helped by promoting the cell phone drive. "I tried to play up the



Tracey Van De Ven and Keith Chartrand pick up some pizza for lunch.



Devonte Woods passes out water bottles.

competition between the schools."

"And we crushed Stevenson and Franklin," added senior Tom Windle. "We always like to beat them. Our canned food drive we collected 39,412 cans for Goodfellows."

Gina Davis and her co-chairs are about to start planning an early April auction for First Step, the agency offering services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The cell phone

drive was especially important to her.

"It hit home," said Davis. "One of my family members was in the war."

For information about Cell Phones for Soldiers, visit [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com), or [www.facebook.com/JoinCellPhonesforSoldiers](http://www.facebook.com/JoinCellPhonesforSoldiers). Local school districts can contact [linda.stouffer@GM.com](mailto:linda.stouffer@GM.com) if they are interested in holding a district-wide school drive.

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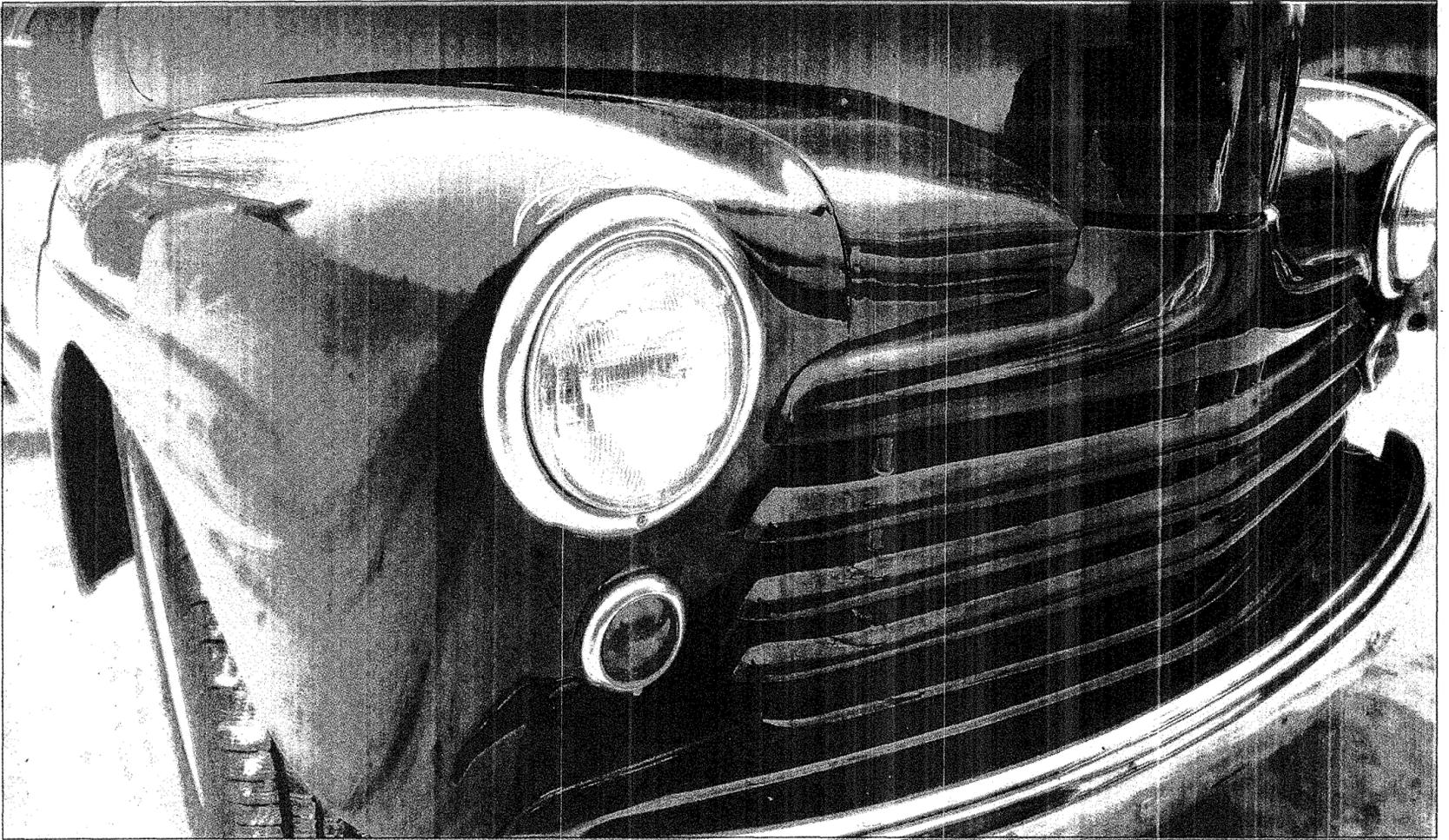
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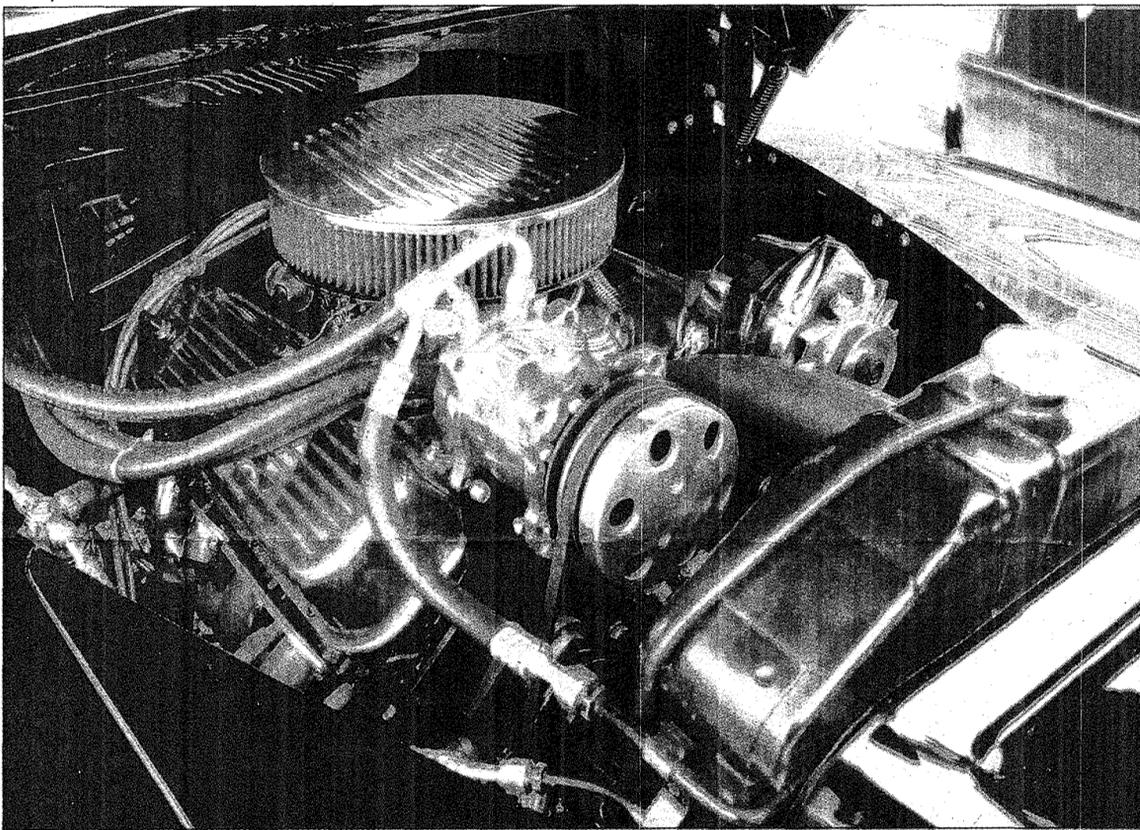
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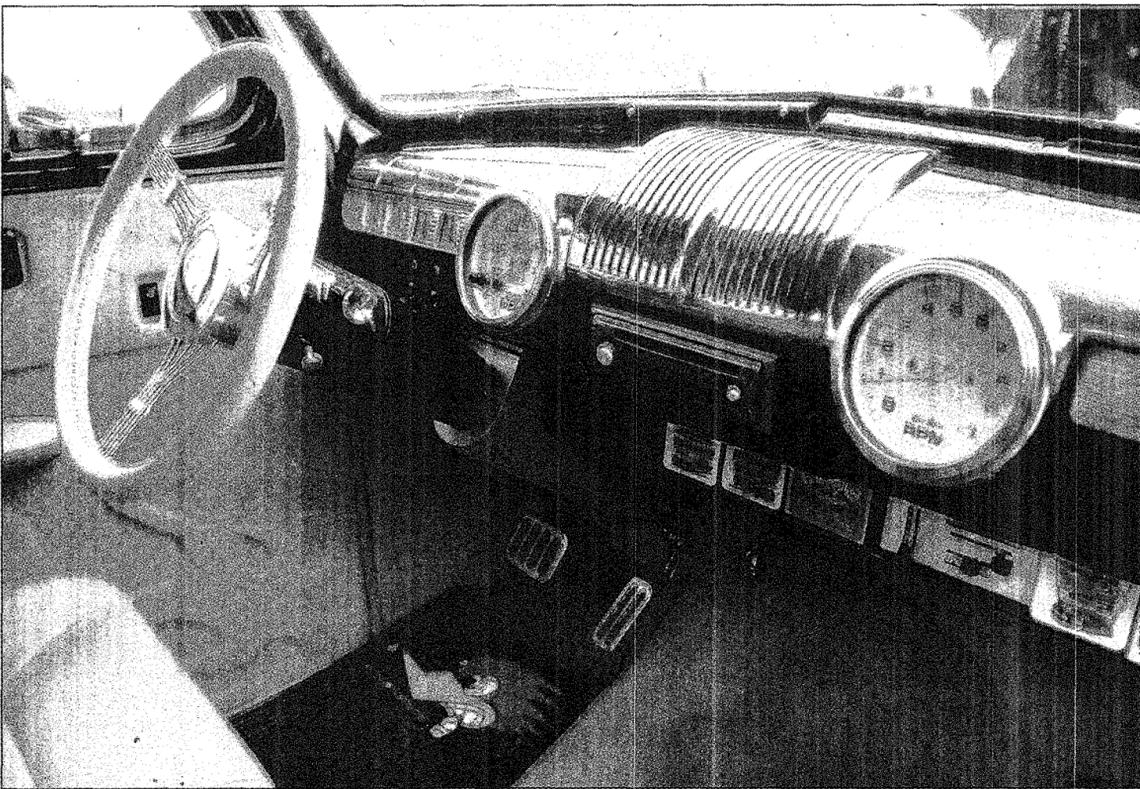
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While the car was completely done, McKinnon added pinstripes to the front and rear of the car.



Under the hood of Don McKinnon's 1947 Ford Coupe is 454 Chevy motor and overdrive automatic transmission.



The car may be a 1947 but it has newer features like air conditioning, heat and a stereo. It also sports Mopar floor mats with Woody the Woodpecker on them.

## Classics, customs invade Cobo for annual Autorama

Billed as America's Greatest Hot Rod Show, the turbo charged 59th annual Meguiar's Autorama roars into Cobo Center in Detroit Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27.

The annual winter ritual brings the most devout gear heads and just plain curious folks, with more than 1,000 exhibits of hot rods, custom cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles of the past and present. This year's show features award winning customs from across the country, including the radical custom car Scythe, presented by Galpin Auto Sports, Dennis Li'l Daddy Roth's Streetnik Bandit, the Goodguys Hot Rod of the Year and The Downtown Brown '30 Ford.

New this year is the Hollywood Legends car display, featuring some of the most famous TV and movie cars in history, including the KITT car from *Knight Rider*, the Torino from *Starsky & Hutch*, the General Lee from *Dukes of Hazzard*, the sheriff's car from *The Andy Griffith Show*, the *Ghostbusters* movie car, the Monkeemobile and the *Green Hornet* TV Car.

The entire lower level of Cobo Center also features Detroit Autorama Extreme 1953 with 225 traditional rods, customs and bobber bikes presented by 89X.

At the heart of Autorama are hundreds of sizzling striped and souped up masterpieces of backyard car jockeys from across the country who flock to the motor city to show off their originals for the first time. The autos compete for awards and prizes in

the Summit Show Car Series. The series competition culminates in the awarding of a check for \$1,000 each to the Pirelli Great 8. One of the great eight is named winner of the prestigious Ridler Award for the best vehicle first time shown sponsored by GM Performance Division. The winner receives \$10,000 in cash plus a custom trophy and a jacket.

Other features at this year include Preservation Award Winner Barry Ewing with his Oliver Hines' 1933 Ford Coupe, winner of Autorama best in show 1955, 1956 and 1957. The Drag City USA exhibit presented by Milan Dragway, featuring vintage race cars, the 17th annual Toy A Rama and the Hot Rod Heritage Fine Art Exhibit.

Appearances on the Celebrity stage include Jonathan Hillstrand from *Deadliest Catch*, Debby Ryan from Disney's *Suite Life on Deck*, Billy Bretherton from *Billy the Exterminator*, Sammi Sweetheart from MTV's *Jersey Shore* and WWE Wrestling Superstar Shawn Michaels.

Show hours are noon-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. Admission at the door is \$18 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 years and children under age 5 free. Discount tickets - \$15 for adults and \$4 for children - are available at O'Reilly's Auto Parts.

For more information call (248) 373-1700 or go to the Autorama website at [www.autorama.com](http://www.autorama.com).

## AUTORAMA

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years ago when the club celebrated its 30th anniversary at Autorama. That time the temperature was 50 degrees and he drove his '37 Ford there.

"I've been playing with motors since forever," said

McKinnon. "I bought my first car when I was 18, a 1963 Plymouth. I street raced with it a lot."

Over the years, the retired Detroit police officer has owned a 1969 Dodge Dart, 1971 Dodge Demon, 1963 Dodge and a 1937 Ford that was destroyed in a house fire at his other house in Detroit. He used the insurance proceeds to buy the '47 Ford from

a guy in Woodhaven after a friend refused to sell him his coupe.

"My friend found it on the Internet," said McKinnon. "I went to look at it and two of my friends came along. While I was looking it over, the one friend said he didn't know why I was looking at it because I'd already bought."

The coupe is pretty much as it was when he bought

although he rebuilt the motor last fall and spent the winter cleaning and waxing it. Under the hood, the car has a 454 Chevy motor, an overdrive automatic transmission, Mopar front suspension. The interior is done in leather and it comes with air, heat, stereo and seat belts.

"It's a new car with an old car body basically," said McKinnon.

### SOCIAL CONNECTION

McKinnon's wife, Gerri, enjoys the rides. When he thought about quitting the club, she told him no and when they thought about moving to Georgia where a friend lives, they decide to stay in Michigan. There's not the enthusiasm for classic cars down there like here. "A lot of my club friends are retired, they love old

cars and love doing things in them," he said. "It's our social life. If something would have happened to friend, we would have been alone."

"I was a Motor City kind of kid," he added. "I had model cars when I was little. I've been interested in them forever. It's a lifestyle."

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Widowed Women**

**Date:** Monday, March 7, 14, 21 and 28  
**Location:** Toast Restaurant, 28340 Ford Road, just west of Inkster Road in Garden City

**Details:** All widowed women are invited to come to a Widowed Friends on Mondays in March at the Toast Restaurant to establish friendships, plan activities, share ideas and discuss what is offered.  
**Contact:** Reservations are requested for each week you plan on attending.

**Contact:** Laura at (734) 992-8238

**Open House**

**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.

**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.

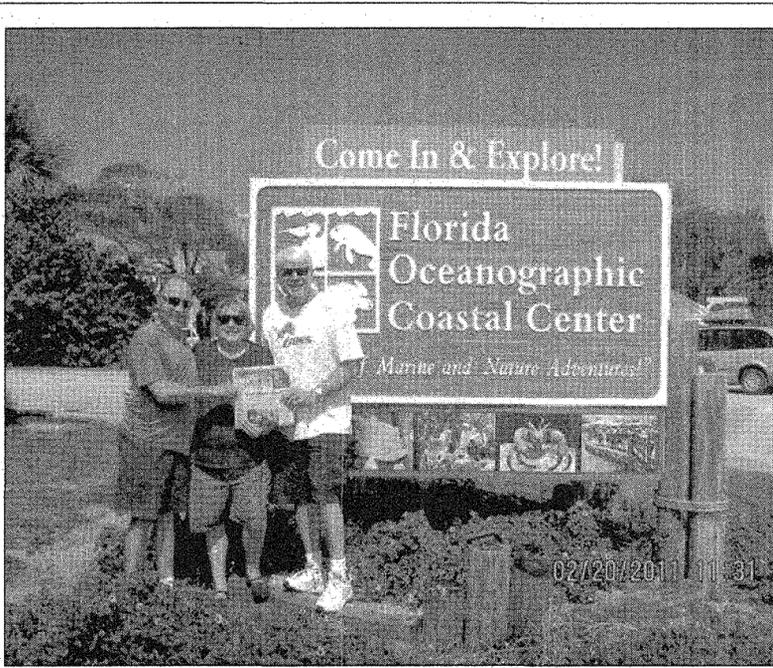
**Contact:** Bill Acton at (734) 326-2607, Ron Nickels at (734) 455-3415 or visit the website at [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org)

**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



**Wish You Were Here**

The sun was shining when Rob Ozenghar of Westland and Gail and Larry Cranston of Jensen Beach, Fla., posed with Ozenghar's Westland Observer at the Florida Coastal Oceanographic Center in Stuart, Fla., and shared the Westland Observer. They also visited the New York Mets training camp. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com) or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

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 at (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 e-mail to [eangel1986@comcast.net](mailto:eangel1986@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

**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

**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

**In Harmony**

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

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

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

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

**Veteran's Haven**

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

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

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

**Silver Strings Dulcimer**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month

**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

**Details:** Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass.

**Contact:** (734) 482-2902, <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>

**Garden City Kiwanis**

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

**Location:** Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City

**Details:** Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Double shock

## Governor's budget means tough times for city, schools

Shock is the strongest word we can think of to describe the message that came out of Lansing last week.

We should have known Gov. Rick Snyder's budget was going to be bad news for the city, schools and residents when an aide was chastised for calling it an "atomic bomb" even before it was unveiled, but we had no idea it would be so severe.

We can't say we didn't expect cuts. We knew they had to happen. It's the scope of them. The governor plans to have the state in the black in two years. Unfortunately, that won't be said of cities and schools that will bear the brunt of the state's light-year jump to fiscal health.

The cities had been preparing for less in shared revenue, but even on a good day, a range of \$1.2 million to more than \$2 million is hard to swallow for the city of Westland. And resuscitation may be necessary for Wayne-Westland school officials who will see \$14 million in revenue disappear, if the governor's budget is approved as is.

The governor's proposals are painful at best. They leave us reeling at the thought it what must be done, especially with the schools, to balance the budget. Luckily, both the city and school district have fund balances that will cushion the blow, although the district's reserves represent about one-third of the revenue it stands to lose.

Declining property values — Westland is facing a 9 percent drop this year — are taking a toll, and residents are being asked to pay more, like the increase in the police and fire retirement millage and the 14 percent increase in water rates, to fill in the gap.

The school district can't ask residents for a tax increase, it must rely on the state for most of its revenue. And the message from Lansing last Thursday was a deeper cut in per pupil aid which will short the district another \$5.9 million, as well as losing \$6.1 million the district has received in lieu of millage disallowed when Proposal A was enacted. Those cuts, coupled with an increase in the state retirement rate to 24.46 percent, leaves Wayne-Westland facing a funding cut of \$1,140 per student.

Both the city and the school district had tried to prepare for the worse. For the city, it was mission accomplished, but the school district wasn't quite as successful. It closed schools and garnered concession from many of its employee groups, but it could not get three unions to agree, including its largest, the Wayne-Westland Education Association.

Both entities are caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place. Any cuts they make to accommodate the revenue losses will affect the quality of life and the educational program in Westland.

We are all doing more with less, trying to survive until the state's economy has improved. The governor said his budget will create jobs which is what is needed at this time. However, the bottom line may be job-neutral, if cities and school districts slash their payrolls to make ends meet.

The question mark in all of this is what state lawmakers will do. Our hope is they will find a happy medium that will both cut the state's deficit without passing all of it down to the cities and schools. We will have to wait and see what lawmakers decide. Time will only tell just how badly our cities and schools will be impacted.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What did you think about Gov. Rick Snyder's budget proposal?

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



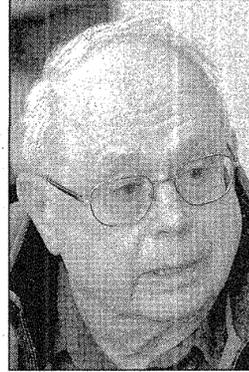
"I think there's a lot more for me to learn. Because it was so intense, people aren't able to look at it on TV and capture every budget detail."

Anne Prokopchak  
Westland



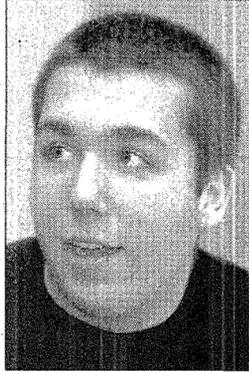
"I have a concern about regarding taxing pensions and raising the premiums on health insurance. I want to hear more of what the details are."

Diane Mehl  
Westland



"I think something had to be done. I'm retired and I get the tax break, but it's something we've got to do. It's a hard pill to swallow."

Stanley Nagi  
Livonia



"I have no idea, I really haven't heard anything about it."

Jacob Rinal  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Republican and proud of it

I read your article in the local news section of the Observer on Feb. 20. My response is to the comment from Mr. Kaminski.

I'm anti-Democrat period. I never vote Democrat and probably never will. You say you are worried about this state. You should be since you were a blue collar worker at Chrysler. I dislike the UAW as they are a big part of what has caused this mess (greed) in Michigan.

Didn't your Chrysler (and GM, but no Ford Motor Company) go to the government with their hands out? You said that Republicans are pro-corporation. Did the present administration (Democrat) not provide taxpayer money to bail out Chrysler and GM?

Lastly, and the most ignorant part of your comment was "People who call themselves Republicans and don't make \$250,000 a year are jerks." I am a 43-year-old retiree, drawing a government pension. I am a Republican and I don't make anywhere near your \$250,000 mark. According to you, that makes me and countless others, jerks, yet you have never met me. I don't think you are a jerk though, rather a bitter retired blue collar UAW Democrat.

John Buresh

Westland

### Budget proposal unfair

Gov. Snyder,

Your budget proposal is unfair to retirees. However, with the millions your family has socked away, you probably have no concept of what living on a fixed income is all about.

Last year, your party cut the Michigan Promise Scholarship (costing us an additional \$1,000 a year to pay our daughter's tuition, which some of us would call a tax increase) and now you propose a tax on private pensions.

You are certainly not advocate of working class families trying to provide a better future for their children.

But one thing you may have failed to consider is that Michigan is not the only place to live out one's retirement years. If I am going to be taxed to death (at the expense of your program of providing tax breaks for small businesses creating minimum wage or low paying jobs), I personally am going to opt to live in a state with a more favorable climate than Michigan.

David and Lynne Mrozek  
Livonia

### What's missing in budgets

Recently President Obama and Gov. Snyder with their advisers released budgets. One wonders if and/or how much these facts were considered: The poverty level in the U.S. is the highest since the 1940s. The middle class is collapsing. Sixteen percent of citizens are unemployed or underemployed. The gap between rich and poor is wider than ever before. Yet tax rates for millionaires are lower.

To deal with huge deficits (caused mainly by Wall Street) both budgets are similar in two respects. One, they contain pro-business policies. On the federal level, large

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corporations pay no income tax. Gov. Snyder suggests a huge reduction in business taxes.

Two, neither deficit reduction plan mentions Social Security. I heard some startling news when a well-known senator stated there is a surplus in Social Security for the next 27 years. However, it is believed some Republicans want to privatize the system.

A main difference between the federal and state budget is found in the area of social services for society's most vulnerable people. The president would not agree with our governor's plan for low income workers to lose tax refunds.

A second difference is in the area of education. President Obama stresses the importance of education and does not advocate cuts to K-12 or universities as proposed by Gov. Snyder.

Since the midterm elections, Republicans control several state governorships plus the House of Representatives. Many stress ideology and hold extreme views. Gov. Walker in Wisconsin uses budget deficits as a ploy to dismantle unions. Rep. Paul Ryan, also a Wisconsinite, is chair of the budget committee who echoes Wall Street's wishes.

Michigan Republican Gov. Snyder appears to be more moderate and realistic. However, he may not have the support of all fellow Republicans.

It is imperative for the future of our state and our country for governors and all representatives in state houses and in Congress to have meaningful dialogue and to reach compromises in order to maintain democratic principles. Above all, they must work together to assure taxes and spending are simple, equitable, efficient and that sacrifices are fairly shared.

Hannah Provence Donigan  
Commerce

### Working class hurt

I read with great interest Gov. Rick Snyder's budget overhaul. It does not take a genius to see that again the business party (Republicans) have put together a budget that hurts the working class, poor and elderly.

As for "no tax increases," how is that being disguised when there is new taxes on pensioners and all those who use an IRA in retirement? Those new taxes will come

from people who are on fixed incomes, who see costs of medicine, food, and gas rising almost daily. It was not surprising that the Chamber of Commerce gleefully endorses this budget.

When will people see this for what it is. Republicans, if you genuinely believe in no new tax increases, then you will not support this pension tax.

Les Weigum  
Southfield

### Vision of Progress

Pancreatic cancer is the fourth-leading cancer killer in the United States. Last year alone, more than 43,000 people were diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and of those nearly 37,000 died from the disease. Pancreatic cancer remains the only major cancer with a single-digit five year survival rate at just 6 percent. This five-year survival rate has not improved substantially over nearly 40 years.

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, a national organization fighting pancreatic cancer in a comprehensive way, is leading the way to increase the survival rates of people with this devastating disease by announcing The Vision of Progress: Double the Pancreatic Cancer Survival Rate by 2020. The organization is doubling its efforts to raise awareness, support patients and intensity advocacy for a national research strategy dedicated to finding a cure by undertaking this bold new initiative.

Working to double the survival rate by 2020 through a comprehensive approach to know, fight and end pancreatic cancer is creating hope for all those who have been touched by this insidious disease. This initiative is important to me because I lost my grandmother, Helen Jagielski, to this disease over 20 years ago. Since her passing, I have continued to watch numerous friends battle pancreatic cancer, many of whom have not survived. As a member of the cancer research field, I am confident that we can see major progress in this disease, but we can't do it alone.

In order to achieve this goal we must support those who have been afflicted by pancreatic cancer and advocate for greater awareness and more resources to fight this disease. To learn more about this initiative and how you can become involved in the fight against pancreatic cancer, please visit www.pancan.org.

Christina Jagielski  
Plymouth

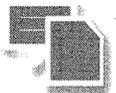
### Oil debacle

Mideast turmoil can choke off oil supplies. President Obama still violates court orders to permit deep water drilling. His dreams of green energy supersede promises to create jobs and prosperity.

Shutting down available gasoline will not spark the next Sputnik challenge or "Win The Future." Running out of gas will bankrupt the nation. America contains enough oil for the rest of this century, but it remains off limits. Changing this could save the country and his presidency.

Hank Borgman  
Farmington

## 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.

### The issue: The governor's proposed budget

Proud to be an American. At least I know I am poor.

RochelleParks

I am sorry to write this post. But as a concerned parent in this state and district, it is my belief that Dr. Baracy was kind of hoping something like this might come up. I believe that he knew something like this might happen in the state and he had a plan to make more cuts in the budget. I believe the district will yet again try to close more elementary schools in the district. This is not a choice that should be made. We see how many problems we are faced with this year, and we as parents/students/staff are hoping the "kinks" get worked out for next year. To me this will not be the case. I know we all were not expecting to hear Gov. Snyder's plans to be this harsh. My own jaw is still dropped opened with it. But please Dr. Baracy, I urge you to really look at everything, and every aspect of the district when you decide to go ahead with your new plan. This is only my opinion.

halfpint

### The Issue: Missing trip to China

I have had the privilege of knowing Lance for a few years and am deeply sorry that he couldn't take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. I think it would be nice to see the City honor him for his hard work and dedication. Perhaps the Mayor could ask Lance to lead the "Pledge of Allegiance" at a council meeting?

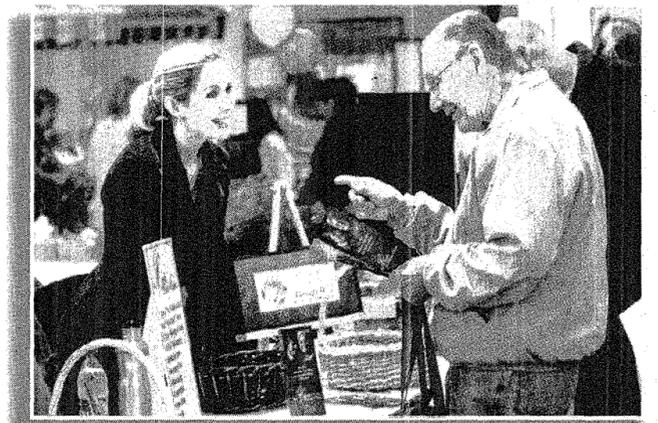
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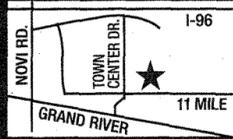
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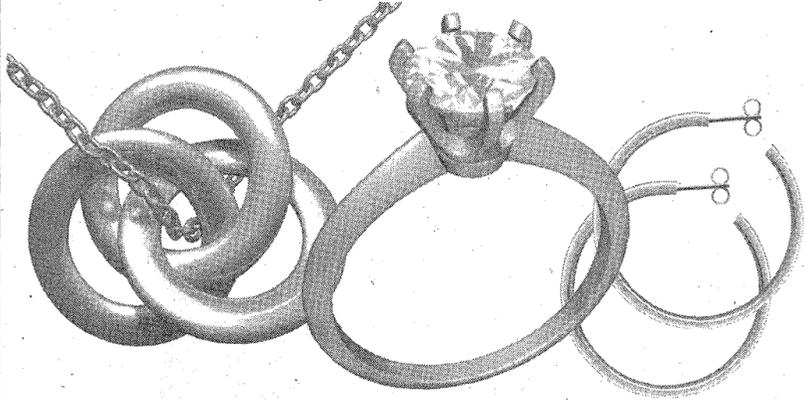
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# Livonia Schools to allow dual sport participation

## SIDELINES

### Wydryck All-WHAC

Madonna University senior forward Tabatha Wydryck earned first-team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors for the second straight year in women's basketball.

The 6-foot-1 Wydryck also made the WHAC's All-Defensive team, while sophomore center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson), who averages a team best 15.1 points and 7.4 rebounds per game, earned third-team All-WHAC honors.

Freshman guard Rachel Melcher was tabbed on the WHAC's All-Newcomer squad, while Stacey Szerlag was named to the Champions of Character team. Academic All-WHAC honorees included Erin Bentley, Katie Martin and Megan Murphy.

### Naubert All-Frosh

Bobby Naubert, a 5-foot-10 guard from Livonia Stevenson who averaged 10.9 points and 3.2 assists per game, was named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's All-Freshman squad.

Senior center Geoff Gaylor earned third-team All-WHAC and All-Defensive team honors, while redshirt junior Tyler Coker was selected to the conferences Champions of Character squad. Senior Ryan Bahnmler was named All-Academic.

MU head coach Noel Emehiser was voted by his peers as the league's Co-Coach of Character along with Siena Heights' Al Sandifer.

### MU baseball 2-2

The No. 11-ranked Madonna University baseball team dropped its final two games Saturday in the Tennessee Valley Invitational falling to host Bryan (Tenn.), 5-4, and No. 25-ranked Rio Grande (Ohio), 5-2.

Redshirt senior Jeff Bultinck belted a three-run homer in the top of the seventh against Bryan to put the Crusaders on top, 4-3, but the Lions tallied a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh to pull out the win.

Andy Ormilian, in relief of starter Aaron Saarela, took the loss for MU. Bryan starter Jason Ridenhour went all seven innings, allowing four earned runs on six hits. Aaron Smith went 2-for-4 and scored twice for Bryan (7-3).

In the second game, Rio Grande jumped out to a 3-0 lead and MU could only counter on a 2-run homer by Canton's Matt Kay, his third of the season.

MU starter Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) gave up three earned runs on 10 hits in five innings. Reliever Erik Wright (Canton) allowed two runs (both unearned) on two hits over the final two.

Eric Ford went all seven innings for Rio Grande (3-7), scattering eight hits and allowing two earned runs. He struck out seven and walked two. Bultinck and Steve Pelletier each collected two hits for MU.

The Crusaders (2-2) return to action Friday, March 4, in Phoenix, Ariz., in a twinbill vs. Malone (Ohio) to start a 10-day spring trip.

### MU inks golfers

Madonna University men's golf coach Steve Mato announced the signing of Dexter's Nick Dackiw to an NAIA letter-of-intent.

Dackiw placed eighth in last year's MHSAA Division II state finals with a final round 78 for the state-qualifying Dreadnaughts.

Meanwhile, MU women's coach Scott Marzolimo has added Chelsea Collura (Riverview Gabriel Richard) and Becca Porter (Temperance Bedford) to next year's squad.

Collura posed five top-six finishers on the Adams Junior Golf Tour and ended the year 20th in the tour championship.

Porter is a four-time All-Southeastern Conference and four-time MHSAA state finals competitor who placed 20th last year's Division I finals.

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Soccer players will now be able to kick for football teams under a new policy adopted recently by the Livonia Public Schools.

Effective beginning with the 2011 spring sports season, LPS will allow dual sport participation at the varsity level after it was approved by the Livonia Athletic Council, LPS Central Office personnel and Superintendent Randy Liepa.

The only time Livonia has allowed dual sport participation was during the 2006-07 school year when a gender equity ruling from a federal judge mandated the Michigan High School Athletic Association change its girls



Hage

golf and tennis fall and spring seasons.

In the fall of 2007, Churchill's two-time Division I individual girls golf champion Shannon Warner (2007 spring; 2006 fall) was also allowed to participate in volleyball after being a member of the Chargers' 2007 (winter) Class A championship team.

Under new guidelines adopted by Livonia, it means — among other things — that

volleyball season from the winter to the fall, girls basketball from the fall to the winter, and flip-flopping both the boys and girls

a girls soccer player came run track and field, a gymnast can competitive cheer, and a baseball or softball player can also participate in golf or tennis.

The Athletic Council began discussions about implementing the new policy last fall with input from the varsity coaches from Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson high schools.

"While these situations may be rare, they will require the cooperation, patience, understanding, commitment, and communication on the part of many in order for the process to function accordingly," Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said in a press release.

"Implementation of this policy cannot, and will not, occur if the two involved coaches have

not met with me first (together) and there is not an accompanying 'dual sport participation' form on file in the athletic office. I will be meeting with the affected athlete as well."

Under the new LPS policy, an athlete will also have to declare a "primary" and "secondary" sport of competition. In doing so, the primary sport will take precedence concerning matters or a situations of potential conflict. Should additional conflicts still remain, the school athletic administrator will make the final determination.

"Understand also that the history of dual sport participation at the high school level has shown us that this situation only occurs in rare instances and usually with

athletes of superior skill level and ability," Hage said. "We are not talking about the majority of athletes in a given season, by any means. You will also find that this policy is common practice in the KLAA (Kensington Lakes Activities Association) and this will now allow Livonia to become more competitive at the varsity level of competition."

Hage said the coaches will ultimately be the central figures in making dual sport participation work.

"This will be a learning process for both of us," he said. "But I do believe it is a positive move in the right direction for our athletic program and student athletes."

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# Rockets fizzle in 4th quarter

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For three quarters Tuesday, Westland John Glenn gave Canton all it could handle in the KLAA girls basketball tournament semifinal.

But then the state-ranked Chiefs went to work. Canton turned a 36-35 lead after three periods into a 54-36 victory — not allowing the visiting Rockets to muster a single point in the fourth.

With the win, the Chiefs (17-2 overall) will host 17-2 Grand Blanc in the KLAA tourney championship game. That game will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Glenn dropped to 16-3 overall, with all losses at the hands of the Chiefs.

"We're at the point of the year, that's a great game to have," said Canton coach Brian Samulski, about the 32-minute physical battle that just took place. "You're going to have games like this all the time (in the playoffs) and you want to play the best people."

"It was good to play them (Rockets), they're a great

team." Glenn coach Mark Anderson said his team stayed with the Chiefs until the tell-tale fourth. The physical play of Joslyn Massey (10 points, 12 rebounds) was a key to the Rockets' success to that point.

"We really wanted to match Canton's toughness," Anderson said. "They are a mentally and physically tough, tough team. And we just wanted to come out and match that."

"Maybe early in the fourth quarter we kind of lost our intensity, we weren't matching their physical play."

Power forward Andrea Gordon-McClain fouled out in the fourth and guard Erica Covile played much of the second half with four fouls, but Anderson said that didn't cause the Rockets' late slump.

"They (Chiefs) were in foul trouble, too," said Anderson, referring to senior guard Melanie Pickert, on the bench much of the game due to foul trouble.

Canton senior forward

Please see **ROCKETS, B2**



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John Glenn's Erica Covile (right) goes for a shot over Canton's twin sisters Kari (25) and Sara Schmitt in Tuesday's Kensington Conference title game.

# Ladywood denied in A-B finals

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While they may be down at times, the Farmington Hills Mercy Marlins demonstrated again Sunday afternoon they can never be counted out of a basketball game.

Mercy staged yet another second-half comeback to defeat Livonia Ladywood in the Catholic League A-B Division final at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall, 46-42.

The Marlins last captured the league crown in 1983. Since then, their only other appearance in the championship game was in 2006.

"That was something we talked about throughout the season," pointing to the banner (in the Mercy gym) and saying, "Hey, it's time to update that," coach Gary Morris said. "Once we advanced to the final, we talked it up a little more,

Please see **LADYWOOD, B2**

## GIRLS HOOPS

# SC women secure 5th title in row

The fifth-ranked Schoolcraft College women's basketball team wrapped up their fifth straight MCAA Eastern Conference title

Saturday afternoon with a 71-64 victory over stubborn Macomb Community College.

Sophomore center Kimberly Bee's 19 points and 15 rebounds paced the Lady Ocelots, who improved to 24-3 overall and 14-0 in the conference.

Bee upped her defensive rebounding total to 245, breaking the single season mark of 244 set by Sheray Brown (2008-09).

Shawnicka Thomas added 18 points and 10 rebounds for Schoolcraft, which captured its 61st straight game at home, including 49 in a row in the conference.

Diamond Tolliver chipped in with 11 points, including two key free throws to put the game away following a steal. That came after Macomb (18-8, 8-7)

Please see **SCHOOLCRAFT, B2**

# Area grapplers headed to the Palace

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central continues to be the cream of the crop at team and individual wrestling tournaments.

But several other area teams made strong showings the Division 1 state individual wrestling regionals held Saturday at Plymouth High School.

CC paced the field with seven individual champions, but Canton wasn't far behind with five out of six who wrestled qualifying for the March 3-5 individual state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

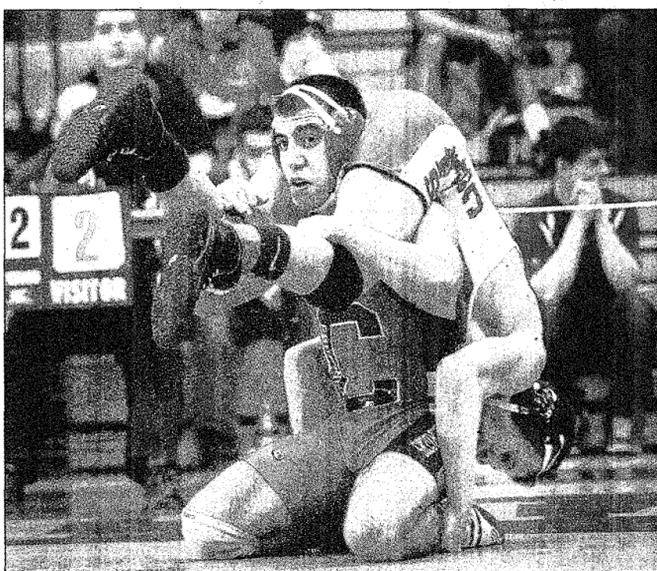
The Chiefs racked up three individual champions, while Livonia Franklin brought home a pair as both Gabe Martinez (119) and Matt Roos (160) garnered titles.

Martinez, a sophomore, raised his season record to 54-6 by winning on a 12-0 major decision over Salem's Cody Korpus.

Roos (49-4) also won by a 9-0 major decision over CC's Andrew Erickson.

Roos will be making his second straight trip to the finals.

"He went to 'states' last year, but didn't place," Franklin coach Dave Chiola



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said. "So we're hoping for better results this year."

Chiola said the key matchup for Martinez was Livonia Churchill senior Jake Meadows (45-4) in the second round. Martinez won a 10-5 decision.

"We knew the winner of that match had a great shot at being regional champ," Chiola said. "So once we won

that we were pretty focused and pretty confident."

Despite the loss, Meadows will go to 'states' for the Chargers by way of a third-place finish.

Two other Patriots will compete at the finals following fourth-place showings including 112-pounder Danny Martinez (51-12) and senior 130-pounder Steve

Tuyo (53-6).

Franklin junior heavy-weight Omar Haymour (28-14) and sophomore 160-pounder Allen Steele (28-16) were eliminated in the earlier rounds.

Churchill senior Jonny Bannoura (37-8) also qualified with a runner-up finish.

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Churchill's Jonny Bannoura (front), the runner-up at 140 pounds, gets the upper hand on Canton's Zach Marsh during Saturday's Division 1 individual wrestling regional at Plymouth.

# Pats slide by Highlanders, 56-49

Getting 25 points from senior guard Chelsea Williams, Livonia Franklin climbed over the .500 mark with a 56-49 KLAAs cross-over girls basketball victory Tuesday night at Howell.

The Patriots, who withstood a 20-15 Howell run in the final period, improved to 10-9 overall.

Williams also added five assists, five rebounds and five steals in the victory.

Senior forward Amanda Borieo chipped in with 12 points, six rebounds, two blocks and two steals. Senior guard Jessica Emery added nine points.

Katie Kubiak and Kaitlyn Stroinski tallied 18 and 15 points, respectively, for the Highlanders (6-13).

Howell made 19-of-23 free throws compared with Franklin's 9-of-17.

**KETTERING 53, STEVENSON 36:** Allison Bicknell's 14 points carried Waterford Kettering (18-1) to a KLAAs crossover victory Tuesday at

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Livonia Stevenson (12-7).

Hannah Stinson added 11 points for the Corsairs, who led 25-15 at halftime before going on a 19-9 third-period run.

Kristen Balhorn and Jordan York paced the Spartans with 10 and nine points, respectively.

Stevenson made only 12-of-29 foul shots, while Kettering connected on 14-of-17.

**BRIGHTON 57, WAYNE 53:** On Tuesday, Laura Taylor and Alexis Garon scored 14 and 12 points, respectively, as the host Bulldogs (6-13) defeated Wayne Memorial (3-16) in a KLAAs crossover.

Wayne's Jaylyn Hammac led all scorers with 18 points. Holland Boertje chipped in with 14.

Brighton made 20-of-26 foul shots, while Wayne hit 12-of-15.

**MILFORD 59, CHURCHILL 37:** Lindsey VanDye tallied 21 points and Lauren Smith added 15 to lift the Mavericks (7-12) to a KLAAs crossover triumph Tuesday over visiting Livonia Churchill (3-16).

The Chargers, who trailed 30-20 at halftime, got a team-high nine points from sophomore guard

Sydney Anderson.

Churchill was 7-of-11 from the foul stripe, while Milford made 4-of-8.

**INTER-CITY 46, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 35:** Junior center Amanda Terranella's 16 points and 11 rebounds went in vain Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland (1-16, 0-9) fell to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (5-12, 2-7) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division game.

Angela Morrison added nine points, while Aldrena Fikes contributed eight rebounds for the Warriors, who trailed 22-12 at halftime and 38-15 after three quarters.

Rachel Muscat scored seven points for the Chargers, who won despite making only 13-of-30 free throws. Lutheran Westland made 11-of-20 from the foul stripe.

**THURSTON 49, CLARENCEVILLE 26:** On Monday, Lexus LeGardy scored 14 points and Brijaanae Durough added 12 as Redford Thurston (9-10) rolled to a non-conference win over host Livonia Clarenceville (5-14).

Clarenceville, which trailed 23-16 at halftime and 38-22 after three quarters, got eight points from Jodi Ankiel. The Trojans made 6-of-12 free throws, while Thurston was 8-for-18.

# Eagles swoop by C'ville in OT

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A near-blowout game at Redford Thurston became a nailbiter as Livonia Clarenceville erased a 21-point deficit to force overtime Tuesday before the host Eagles surged in front again and held on for a 78-72 boys basketball victory.

Thurston built a 52-31 lead with 3:05 remaining in the third quarter before the Trojans began chipping away.

The Trojans (7-9) hit the offensive glass hard in the second half and pounded the ball inside to DeOndre Hogan, who scored eight points in the fourth quarter.

Trailing 62-53, Hogan scored off a pass from Sam Brown, who hit a short jumper to make it 62-57 with 2:12 remaining. After Thurston missed a pair of free throws, Hogan scored on a putback with 1:10 left.

Two more missed Thurston free throws later, Hogan to pull the Trojans within 62-61 with 41 seconds left.

Thurston's Xzavier Bowen then split a pair of free tosses with 37.5 seconds on the clock, but Derrell Woods answered with a short jumper to tie the game at 63.

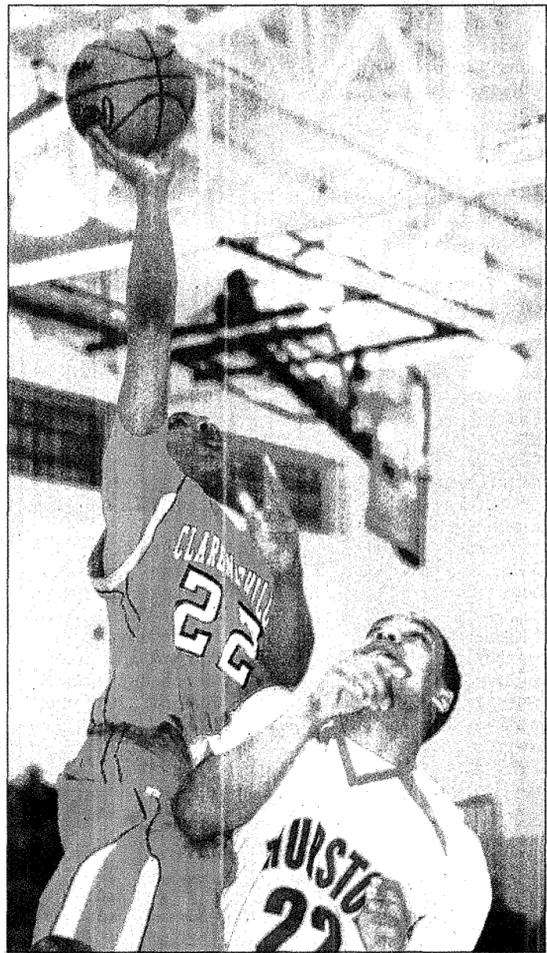
The Eagles ran an effective final play, as Bowen penetrated and fed to J'Sean Jones, who was fouled with 4.8 seconds left. But Jones missed both free throws to send it to overtime.

Thurston's Anthony Barley and Woods exchanged buckets to start the OT; then Barley sank two free throws. After a Woods miss, Marquis Johnson hit the game's biggest shot, sinking a three-pointer for a 70-65 lead.

"I thought that was huge," Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "He was open; he had a good look at it."

"That three was a dagger," Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson said.

The Eagles built a 74-67 lead before the Trojans rallied again, moving within 75-72 on a Hogan basket with 30 seconds remaining. But Thurston then sank three of four from the line to close out the victory.



Clarenceville's Kassius Kelly (left) goes in for the layup over Thurston defender Eric Wilson during Tuesday's non-conference encounter.

Johnson said the keys to his team's comeback bid included "just not giving up," along with aggressive defense and offensive rebounding success.

Likewise, Bates credited the Trojans for playing hard when they were in a hole.

"They got back in the game and they went to their strong suit," he said. They went to their two kids inside."

Bates said the Eagles "kind of got out of it mentally a little bit" in the third and fourth quarters. "We got a few fouls there in a row, and we started to lose our focus."

Although the game was on

the line in the fourth quarter and overtime, Johnson said the Trojans' poor second quarter was the key to the contest.

"The first half was the biggest problem," Johnson said. "If we play like we did in the fourth, we don't worry about that 15-point (fourth-quarter) comeback."

"We've got to play from start to finish. When we do that, we win."

Barley led all scorers with 20 points. Johnson added 16 and Jones 10.

Hogan and Damien Quarles tallied 14 points apiece for Clarenceville.

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pulled to within three, 67-64, with only 16 seconds left.

Shealica Grandberry also dished out six assists.

Sadie Howell and Jackie Highstreet tallied 18 and 13 points, respectively, for the Monarchs, who enjoyed a 32-31 halftime advantage.

**SCHOOLCRAFT 71, ST. CLAIR 68:** Diamond Tolliver's triple with 28 seconds left and a pair of free throws by Charlise Slater with only 12 remaining helped secure another MCCA Eastern Conference win Tuesday night for host Schoolcraft

College (25-3, 15-0) against St. Clair County Community College (17-11, 9-6).

Tolliver finished with 15 points, six assists and six rebounds, while Slater also tallied 15 points as Schoolcraft won its 17th straight.

Sophomore center Kimberly Bee contributed 11 points and a game-high 14 rebounds for the Ocelots, who trailed 56-53 with 7:30 to go before going on a 9-0 run.

Korea Jackson and Chaniese Turner paced the Skippers with 26 and 25 points, respectively. Turner and Melayka Vaughn also combined for 28 rebounds.

**MADONNA 62, AQUINAS 54:** Madonna University (11-14, 7-9) sent Tabatha Wydryck out in style on Saturday afternoon as the Crusaders downed visiting Aquinas College (9-21, 5-11) inside the MU Activities Center on

Senior Day 2011.

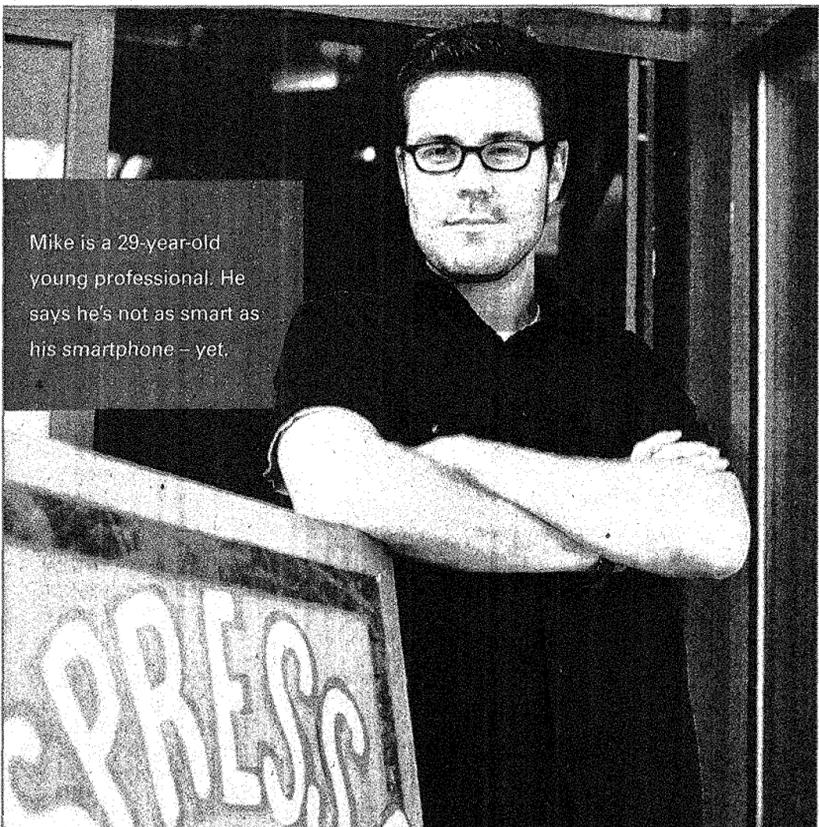
The 6-foot-1 Wydryck, MU's lone senior this season, finished with 13 points. She was honored in a pregame ceremony that included being presented by coach Carl Graves with her jersey framed as well as tokens of appreciation from her teammates for her four years of service to the Crusader program.

With their win, the Crusaders secured the fifth seed for the WHAC playoffs (Wednesday at fourth-seeded Indiana Tech).

Sophomore center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) led MU with 14 points and 10 rebounds for her sixth double-double of the year. Junior center Becca Wojcinski added 12 off the bench.

Taelor Sanders led Aquinas with nine points.

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Kayla Bridges, who scored nine points, re-entered the game to open the final stanza and soon thereafter senior forward Kari Schmitt (eight points, five rebounds) canned a short hook shot to put the Chiefs ahead to stay at 37-36.

But she laughed when asked if she was Canton's secret weapon in the 19-0 final frame.

"I think we were very patient in the fourth quarter," Bridges said. "We made them play defense for a long time and that's what Brian kept telling us to do. Wait for the perfect opening, don't take quick shots."

"And that's what we did. We waited, got really good shots and wore them down."

Junior guard Robyn Mack (seven points, three steals) scored back-to-back buckets about two minutes into the

quarter to make it a 42-36 advantage.

And with the Rockets trying to employ a half-court press, the Chiefs managed to circumvent that by throwing long passes to wide-open senior forward CarolAnn Sexauer (10 points) at the other basket.

She easily deposited four layups over a two-minute span to blow the game wide open.

The Schmitt twins kept Canton close in the early going, each scoring six points in the first (which ended 13-12 John Glenn).

Senior forward Sara Schmitt, who led all scorers with 20 points, also played strong down low in the second quarter. Her eight points in the quarter sparked Canton's 17-10 margin, giving the Chiefs a 29-23 halftime lead.

But Glenn owned the third quarter, as the game's pace quickened to Samulski's chargin.

"For the most part, I thought we defended well and played well," Samulski said. "The

third quarter I thought we started playing a little fast and turned it over too much."

With about 5:33 left in the third, John Glenn guard Kaira Barnes (nine points) converted a three-point play to cut the deficit to 31-26.

Erica Covile (10 points, four boards) scored a couple buckets and Shakeya Graves' spinning jumper in the paint put the Rockets back on top, 36-35 in the final seconds.

However, Samulski must have flipped the switch before the fourth began, because momentum swung back to Canton in a big way.

"I just think they are a well-coached team, a well-disciplined team and I mean, we got after them," Anderson said. "I knew three things were going to happen today."

"Either we were going to win or we were going to lose, but I definitely knew win or lose we were going to get better. I know we got better today."

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## LADYWOOD

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using it as a goal.

"It's a credit to these kids. Being down at halftime and not having much going our way against a quality opponent like Ladywood, they could have said: 'It's not our day, but the kids kept chipping away and, finally, we got things turned around. I'm just very, very proud of them for fighting like they did.'"

After an even first quarter, the Blazers outscored the Marlins in the second, 18-6, and went into halftime with a 31-19 lead.

Morris said he was a little surprised by the lackluster first half, because the Marlins (15-4) had been playing so well the last six games.

"We just came out flat, or we were a step slow at both ends of the floor," he said,

adding that was especially so in the second quarter when Ladywood (14-4) dominated the play.

"In the third quarter, we started playing better defensively, although we still struggled to score. As we got into the fourth, we were able to create some offense from our defensive pressure."

Mercy trimmed the deficit by five in the third period to 35-28 and outscored Ladywood in the fourth, 18-7.

Candice Leatherwood, Sarah Benson and LaRae' Prater scored five points each in the final quarter, and it was Prater's basket with 2:34 remaining that put the Marlins in the lead to stay, 43-41.

Benson led the Mercy offense with 13 points. Janelle McQueen scored 12.

Leatherwood, a freshman point guard, drew two fouls in the first three minutes of the game and was on the

bench for much of the first half. That hurt Mercy at both ends of the floor, according to Morris.

"She's a very good defensive player and is very good at getting us into our offense," he said. "We were fortunate to have her for most of the second half."

Leatherwood fouled out with a minute and a half left in the game, but Mercy had the lead by that point.

Ladywood sophomore point-guard Andrea Anastos scored a game-high 20 points.

The Blazers were 16-of-23 at the foul line, the Marlins 10-of-23.

Mercy will play Detroit Public School League champion Renaissance in the Operation Friendship game 6:30 p.m. Friday at Ladywood. The consolation game will match the host Blazers against Detroit Pershing at 5 p.m.

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# Crusaders collapse in 2nd half, fall to Saints

Madonna University squandered a 16-point half-time lead and ended the regular season Saturday in Grand Rapids with a 61-46 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball setback to host Aquinas College.

Damacious White scored a game-high 20 points for the Saints, who improved to 12-18 overall and 4-12 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders (8-21, 6-1) got 14 points and six rebounds off the bench from sophomore forward Connor Leidal (Livonia Franklin).

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Senior Bryan Slaughter (Westland) and freshman Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) each contributed nine points.

Tim Jensen and Matt Weiss added 17 and 15 points, respectively, for Aquinas, which outscored MU 30-2 to start the second half.

MU will travel Thursday to Fort Wayne, Ind., to face Indiana Tech in the opening round of the WHAC playoffs. (Game time is 7:30 p.m.)

ST. CLAIR CC 77, SCHOOLCRAFT 65; Tory

Villovos scored 23 points and A.J. Burton added 15 Tuesday to lift St. Clair County Community College (19-10, 9-6) past host Schoolcraft College (9-19, 3-12) in an MCCA Eastern Conference matchup.

The Skippers led 33-24 at half-time before Schoolcraft tied it at 58-all with just over seven minutes remaining. St. Clair then responded with a 9-0 run to put the game away.

Karl Moore paced Schoolcraft with 16 points and 14 rebounds, while Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) also added 16 points and seven boards. Lydell Mason contributed 15 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks in the loss.

Schoolcraft was 17-of-32 from the foul line, while St. Clair hit 7-of-15. MU will bring the WHAC playoffs

at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Indiana Tech.

**SCHOOLCRAFT 77, MACOMB CC 69:** On Saturday, Karl Moore's 20 points and 10 rebounds powered host Schoolcraft College (9-18, 3-11) to an MCCA Eastern Conference win over visiting Macomb Community College (7-21, 2-13).

The Ocelots, who trailed 36-34 at intermission, also got 15 points from Lydell Mason (Westland John Glenn) and 14 each from Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) and Anthony Nash. Mason also grabbed seven rebounds.

Keith Drain and Alan Hardy scored 19 and 16, respectively, for the Monarchs. Schoolcraft hit 23-of-33 foul shots, while Macomb made 17-of-28.

## PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

### MHSAA INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL WRESTLING RESULTS (Top 4 advance to state finals)

#### DIVISION 1

##### Feb. 19 at PLYMOUTH

**152 pounds:** Andrew Garcia (Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) d. Shon Powell (Birmingham Brother Rice), 7-3; **3rd place:** John Montgomery (N) won by major dec. over Dan Wagner (Southfield), 15-4.

**160:** Matt Roos (Livonia Franklin) won by major dec. over Andrew Erickson (CC), 9-0; **3rd:** Brennan Kelly (Warren DeLaSalle) pinned Josh Rezyev (Fraser), 4-49.

**171:** Kevin Beazley (CC) dec. Braden Price (Canton), 1-0; **3rd:** Trevor Marsh (N) won by default over Shawn Miller (Grosse Pointe North).

**189:** Anthony Abro (Canton) dec. Miles Trealout (CC), 5-3; **3rd:** David Sparling (Novi) won by major dec. over Mouhammad Soukar (Dearborn Fordson), 9-1.

**215:** Chris Nash (Roseville), Lucas Luchonok (Dearborn Edsel Ford), 115; **3rd:** Justin Roe (Farmington) dec. Jadon Cook (G.P. North), 10-7.

**285:** Ben Poirier (Canton) dec. Reggie Lewis (Grosse Pointe South), 5-3; **3rd:** Jim Froehlich (Fraser) dec. Kyle Gray (Warren Mott), 10-3.

**103:** Ben Griffin (Canton) dec. Evan Toth (CC), 7-5; **3rd:** Garrett Strube (Mott) dec. Matt Cusumano (DeLaSalle), 8-4.

**112:** Doug Zundel (Roseville) dec. T.J. Fagan (CC), 5-3; **3rd:** Malik Amine (CC) won by major dec. over Danny Martinez (Franklin), 13-2.

**119:** Gabe Martinez (LF) won by major dec. over Cody Korpus (Salem), 12-0; **3rd:** Jake Meadows (Livonia Churchill) dec. Kevin Kennerly (Farm.), 3-2.

### DIVISION 4

#### Feb. 19 at SALINE

**125:** Ken Bade (CC) p. Said Youssef (P), 4-17; **3rd:** Ian Stirtton (N) won by default over Marnie Govantes (Farm.).

**130:** Logan Marcicki (CC) p. Alec Breckenridge (P), 1-15; **3rd:** Kirk Wawrzyniak (Roseville) dec. Steve Iuyo (Franklin), 6-2.

**135:** Alec Mooradian (CC) won by major dec. Nolan Solomon (Sterling Heights), 13-0; **3rd:** Riley Hanson (CC) dec. Matt Pfeiffer (Fraser), 4-0.

**140:** Mike Babicz (CC) dec. Jonny Bannoura (Churchill), 5-1; **3rd:** Zach Marsh (CNT) won by default over Jake Vincent (University of Detroit Jesuit).

**145:** Nick Mason (CC) won by default over Nick Tomski (Farm.); **3rd:** Brandon Mattinen (DeLaSalle) dec. Chris Caverly (Northville), 2-1.

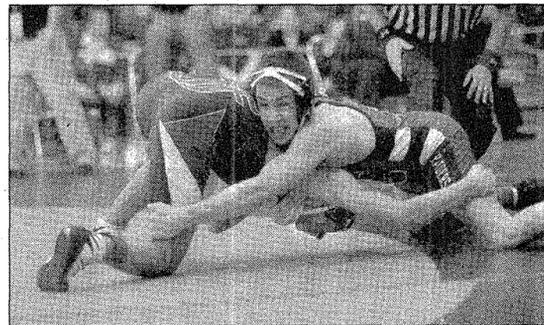
**171 pounds:** Tomas Gomez (Southgate) d. David Pope (Monroe) dec. Ben Dominguez (Southgate), 4-2; **3rd:** Brian Smith (Temperance Bedford) pinned Dimitrus Renfro (Wayne Memorial), 2-33.

**103:** Mitchel Rogaliner (Bedford) dec. Shayne Wireman (Holt), 3-1; **3rd:** Martin Rodriguez (Grand Ledger) dec. Kyle Gillies (John Glenn), 8-2.

**145:** Denver McLaughlin (Monroe) dec. Derek Saunders (Monroe), no score available; **3rd:** Travis Vanderveen (Portage Central) dec. Jalen Jones (Wayne), 3-2.

### DIVISION 4 at MANCHESTER

**103 pounds:** Isaac Dusseau (Hudson) d. Zachary Francis (Lutheran High Westland), 8-4; **3rd place:** Carter Ballinger (Jonesville) pinned Brendan O'Connor (Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central), 2-49.



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Franklin's Gabe Martinez (left) and Churchill's Jacob Meadows lock up during an early round 119-pound regional match. Martinez won the match and his weight class, while Meadows also qualified for the individual state finals.

**KLAA SOUTH DIVISION BOYS SWIM MEET**  
Feb. 18-19 at Westland John Glenn  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Canton, 519 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 492; 3. Plymouth, 482; 4. Livonia Churchill, 335; 5. Wayne Memorial, 217; 6. Livonia Franklin, 203.  
**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Canton (Jay Jin, Jacob Dillon, Victor Zhang, Evan Champagne), 1:43.82 (meet record); 2. Plymouth (Cameron Earls, Alex Journey, Ethan Christensen, Adam Liakos), 1:44.06; 3. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Nick Stevens, Paul Gutu, Ryan Boes), 1:48.69; 4. Wayne, 1:49.41; 5. Churchill, 1:51.02; 6. Franklin, 1:53.98.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Zhang (Canton), 1:45.94 (meet record); 2. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 1:54.01; 3. James Scott (LF), 1:54.23; 4. Adrian Simion (Canton), 1:54.56; 5. Zach Koch (P), 1:54.98; 6. Jake Ferguson (WJG), 1:57.67.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Jin (Canton), 2:05.69 (meet record); 2. David Vincentini (LC), 2:08.78; 3. Christensen (P), 2:12.46; 4. Brandon Larkins (LF), 2:12.57; 5. Nick Weber (P), 2:13.86; 6. Christopher Krebs (Canton), 2:17.95.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Gutu (WJG), 22.96; 2. Liakos (P), 23.01; 3. Zachary Williamson

(WM), 23.19; 4. Mike Carlson (Canton), 23.21; 5. Kyle Mikols (LF), 23.34; 6. Evan Champagne (Canton), 23.54.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Alan Robinson (LC), 342.05 (meet record); 2. Ryan Kilgore (Canton), 312.90; 3. Connor McManus (P), 278.30; 4. Chris Sharp (LC), 271.60; 5. Connor Monroe (WJG), 258.45; 6. Ainsworth Orr (WJG), 248.20.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Christensen (P), 56.17; 2. Earls (P), 58.21; 3. Gutu (WJG), 1:01.07; 4. Jonathan Marceau (Canton), 1:04.5; 5. Kenny Denstclair (LC), 1:04.93; 6. Nick Williams (WM), 1:05.05.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Journey (P), 51.01; 2. Liakos (P), 51.18; 3. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 51.74; 4. Carlson (Canton), 51.79; 5. Champagne (Canton), 53.42; 6. Franklin Qiu (LC), 53.66.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Jin (Canton), 4:58.76 (meet record); 2. Ferguson (WJG), 5:09.29; 3. Koch (P), 5:10.19; 4. James (LF), 5:10.41; 5. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 5:12.79; 6. Derik Atzinger (LC), 5:27.37.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. John Glenn (Gutu, Dave Vader, Josh Wakeford, Joey Wakeford), 1:32.0 (meet record); 2. Canton (Carlson, Dillon, Champagne, Zhang), 1:32.08; 3. Plymouth (Earls, Journey, Christensen, Liakos), 1:34.06; 4. Franklin, 1:37.35; 4. Churchill, 1:40.08; 6. Wayne, 1:42.18.

## BOYS SWIM RESULTS

**100 backstroke:** 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 56.39; 2. Simion (Canton), 58.85; 3. Earls (P), 59.53; 4. Williamson (WM), 1:00.64; 5. Krebs (Canton), 1:02.54; 6. Brad Johns (LC), 1:03.88.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Zhang (Canton), 1:01.5 (meet record); 2. Vincentini (LC), 1:04.24; 3. Corey Robbins (WM), 1:05.1; 4. Larkins (LF), 1:06.02; 5. Journey (P), 1:06.24; 6. Dillon (Canton), 1:09.07.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Carlson, Jin, Krebs, Simion), 3:30.16; 2. John Glenn (Vader, Ferguson, Stevens, Josh Wakeford), 3:36.42; 3. Plymouth (Koch, Austin Ryan, Kyle Strobel, Weber), 3:45.41; 4. Churchill, 3:45.8; 5. Wayne, 3:46.59; 6. John Glenn, 3:48.04.  
**KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION BOYS SWIM MEET**  
Feb. 18-19 at South Lyon  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Northville, 643 points; 2. Salem, 455; 3. Novi, 439; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 376; 5. South Lyon, 286.  
**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Stevenson (John Ferrara, Jake McNamara, Kellen Schoff, Adam Ferrara), 1:41.24; 4. Salem (Jeremy Wellman, Turner Solterman, Eric Li, Matt Collingwood), 1:44.83; 6. Salem (Jason Zhang, Smaran Bhaktawara, Jerry Bai, Kyle Stokfisz), 1:46.88.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Adam Seroka (S), 1:45.42; 4. Max Mills (S), 1:50.35.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Joon Chung (Novi), 1:57.64; 4. J. Zhang (S), 2:05.13.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Collingwood (S), 22.02; 5. Brandon Bielicki (LS), 23.11.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Kevin Bain (Northville), 473.85 points; 6. Nick Griwicki (S), 330.05; 7. Charlie Dillon (S), 327.75.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. William Greenlee (Northville), 53.94; 2. Seroka (S), 54.27; 5. Li (S), 56.64; 6. Bai (S), 56.68; 7. Mills (S), 56.99.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Schoff (LS), 48.44; 2. Collingwood (S), 48.93; 6. Bielicki (LS), 50.54.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. J. Zhang (S), 5:02.49; 4. Grant McNamara (LS), 5:06.68.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Bielicki, J. McNamara, Adam Ferrara, Schoff), 1:30.46; 4. Salem (Aaron Micek, Bai, Mills, Seroka), 1:33.56.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Schoff (LS), 53.77; 2. Ferrara (LS), 55.59; 3. Li (S), 56.94; 4. Wellman (S), 59.34.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Jong Min Kim (Novi), 1:02.85; 2. J. McNamara (LS), 1:03.09; 4. McNamara (LS), 1:05.58; 7. Solterman (S), 1:06.96.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Collingwood, J. Zhang, Mills, Seroka), 3:38.09; 5. Stevenson (Bielicki, Evan Shatter, Brendan Stanisz, J. Ferrara), 3:28.95.

# Spartans mercy Mott with 11-goal outburst

Livonia Stevenson scored a goal during the first shift of the game and never looked back en route to an 11-3, mercy-shortened boys hockey win over Waterford Mott in a KLAA crossover game Saturday at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena.

"I was pleased with the way we kept pressure on them and didn't let them back in the game," said Stevenson coach Gerry Vento, whose team improved to 15-5-3 overall. "We were pretty focused from the start of the game."

Senior forward Ryan Urso scored that opening goal and led the Spartan attack with his 10th and 11th of the season to go along with four assists.

Fellow senior forward Andrew Palushaj racked up four points, including two goals to push his season total to a team-leading 20.

## BOYS HOCKEY

Senior forward Justin Shureb contributed his ninth goal of the season and two assists; senior defenseman John Mandryk had three assists; and sophomore forward Max Humtitz picked up a pair of goals (his 14th and 15th) and an assist.

Senior forward J.J. Petterson chipped in a pair of goals to move his season total to nine, while senior defenseman Brendan Hay collected in his fourth goal of the year and an assist.

Other goal scores included senior forward Tim Pruchnik (eighth) and Nick Barr (third). Barr's goal 4:33 into the third period ended the game.

Scott Cuthrell and J.D. Clemence, both short-handed,

and Colin Lark (power play) tallied goals for the Corsairs (15-6-2 overall).

Sophomore netminder Connor Humtitz stopped 20-of-23 shots to earn his 13th win of the season.

The Spartans, who converted four-of-six power play chances, outshot Mott, 36-23.

**CHURCHILL 9, MILFORD 0:** Fourteen different players recorded at least one point Saturday as Livonia Churchill (11-9-2) rolled to a KLAA crossover mercy rule victory over the Mavericks (8-15-1) at Canton's Arctic Edge.

The Chargers had eight different goal scorers as Devin Smythe led the way with two goals and one assist.

Ben Proben, Brad Mills, Steve Klisz and Jake Otto also chipped in with one goal and one assist each.

Riley Brown and Mike Gambino completed the Churchill goal scoring. Alex Estes played the first period in goal for Churchill before Jesse Chambers and David Turel finished

up in the second period. Eric DeMercurio went the distance in goal for Milford.

**FRANKLIN 6, GRAND BLANC 4:** Two goals each from Adam Michael and Zach Wiacek carried Livonia Franklin (7-13-4) to a win Saturday morning over Grand Blanc (4-17-1) in a KLAA crossover at Canton's Arctic Edge.

The Patriots scored two goals in each period leading 2-0 after one and 4-2 after two.

Wiacek's power play goal with 4:39 left from Mike Diaz, who finished with four assists, proved to be the game-winner. Wiacek then added an empty netter with 39 seconds remaining to seal the win.

Tyler Dewhirst contributed a goal and assist, while Adam Webb also scored for the Patriots. Josh Dude also collected an assist.

Rourie Petrich and Hunter Moran each recorded a goal and assist for the Bobcats. Matt Kraemer chipped in with two assists.

Franklin netminder Matt Slinder made 38 saves, while Grand Blanc's Mitchell Behm had 23 stops.

## Steelheaders meeting

Best Chance Too charter captains Bill Bale and Dave Engel will be the featured speakers for the Metro-West Steelheaders meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 at the Livonia Senior Center, located at the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

Bale and Engel fish tournaments throughout Lake Michigan and will speak on coho salmon, steelhead, lake trout and brown trout fishing.

Dan Keifer, Community Outreach Coordinator of the Clinton River Watershed Council, will provide updates on efforts to control entry of Asian Carp into the Great Lakes.

Meetings are free and open

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

to the public. No reservations required. For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790.

### WYAA fastpitch softball

Registration for the Westland Youth Athletic Association 2011 girls fastpitch 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 train-

ers 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](http://www.wyaa.org) (Facebook/WYAA softball); or e-mail [busymichigandad@gmail.com](mailto:busymichigandad@gmail.com).

### Livonia soccer signup

The Livonia City Soccer Club has opened registration for the spring 2011 recreational soccer program for both boys and girls in all age groups.

Registration information can be found on the club's website, [www.livoniacitysoccerclub.com](http://www.livoniacitysoccerclub.com) or by calling the club offices at (734) 464-8575.

## COMPETITIVE CHEER

### MHSAA GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER DISTRICT RESULTS

#### DIVISION 1

##### Feb. 19 at SOUTHGATE ANDERSON

**TEAM STANDINGS (top 4 advance to regional):** 1. Southgate, 799.812; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 748.5816; 3. Canton, 743.0280; 4. Livonia Franklin, 742; 5. Saline, 723.2696; 6. Livonia Churchill, 717.4472; 7. Temperance Bedford, 715.812; 8. Westland John Glenn, 711.3040; 9. Plymouth, 697.7168; 10. Brownstown Woodhaven, 696.0260; 11. Warren Mott, 694.2944; 12. Monroe, 648.6440; 13. Wayne Memorial, 6:44.9180; 14. Inkster, 575.1320.

#### DIVISION 3

##### Feb. 19 at BROOKLYN COLUMBIA CENTRAL

**TEAM STANDINGS (top 4 advance to regional):** 1. Grosse Ile, 711.3896; 2. Brooklyn Columbia Central, 686.9948; 3. Livonia Ladywood, 673.1986; 4. Onsted, 667.5766; 5. Monroe Jefferson, 664.0370; 6. Livonia Clarenceville, 654.7104; 7. Lansing Catholic Central, 654.6142; 8. Ida, 653.7092; 9. Flat Rock, 644.2460; 10. Stockbridge, 628.9320; 11. Williamson, 618.6072; 12. Romulus Summit Academy, 610.3352.

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Holiday Inn Express Hotel  
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Tuesday, March 29, 2011  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Wayne County Airport Authority is in the final stages of conducting a FAR Part 150 Aircraft Noise and Land Use Compatibility Study for Willow Run Airport. The Study represents the combined efforts of community and airport stakeholders who have an interest in activity at the Airport.

This Study Advisory Committee jointly participated in developing specific proposals for noise abatement following a detailed review of noise impacts generated from the current Airport configuration. The public is invited to attend a Public Hearing concerning the Study, forecasts, the existing and future Noise Exposure Maps and the Recommendations of the Study. The Consultants preparing the Study and Airport Authority staff will be available to answer questions in an Open House format, and both verbal and written comments will be accepted by a court reporter. A formal presentation will be made at 6:15 p.m. with an opportunity for public comment. Written comments will also be accepted for ten days following the Hearing, until April 8, 2011. Written comments can be sent to the Noise Program Manager at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, LC Smith Building— Mezzanine level, Detroit, MI 48242. A copy of the Recommendations Chapter is available for public review at the Willow Run Airport Administrative Offices, 801 Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti, MI, and at the Airport website at [www.willowrunairport.com](http://www.willowrunairport.com). Pre-arranged appointments can be made by calling (734) 942-1503.

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SUZANNE PITLUK

Santa Paula, CA - A Michigan resident for most of her life, passed away on Wednesday, February 9th at UCLA Medical Center in Santa Monica, CA. Suzanne was an active and proud North Farmington High School band, theater, and football mother. She served as the NFHS Marching Band camp nurse for 10 years, hemmed many costumes for the productions, and cheered on the Raiders to numerous victories. Born in 1953 in Detroit, Michigan, Suzanne received a Nursing Certificate from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. A believer in continuing education and constant learning, she was taking classes at the University of Detroit Mercy, from which she was looking to obtain her Bachelors of Science Degree in Oncology Nursing. Suzanne practiced nursing in the Metro Detroit area since 1976 and worked at various hospitals throughout Southeast Michigan. Her last job in Michigan was as an Oncology Certified Nurse with the University of Michigan Cancer Center. There as a Staff Infusion Nurse, she helped those inflicted with similar diseases as her. Besides calling on science and medicine, she drew from her own personal experiences with cancer to help her patients cope with their difficult times. Before her passing Suzanne had applied for her California Nursing License so she could continue helping others. Suzanne loved her family and they were always put before her own well being. She enjoyed socializing, meeting new people, traveling, and living life to the fullest. Although she dabbled in an array of hobbies, she was an arts and crafts extraordinaire, a talented seamstress and gardener, and was picking up rose gardening after moving to Santa Paula with her husband Jack in May of last year. Her wonderful smile and presence always kept a room cheerful. Her laugh was loud and contagious and her energy and views about life were infectious. One of her many passions included breast cancer awareness and telling her story to help others. An advocate of fighting breast cancer and finding a cure, she participated in numerous walks including the Susan G. Komen 3 Day and the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Not only a walker, she was usually called upon to be a speaker or participate in the opening/closing ceremonies. She is survived by her husband, Jack, her two children, Gretchen and Nathan; her parents, Vic and Esther Schroeder of Interlochen, MI, her remaining sisters, Johanna DeMeyer and Heidi Good of Royal Oak, MI and South Lyon, MI and many nieces, nephews, and other family and friends, to whom she brought great joy and caring. She is predeceased by her youngest sister Gretchen Little, 2007. Memorial gifts may be made in Suzie's name to one of three organizations:  
- The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center funding Suzie's world class Michigan doctor, Dr. Daniel Hayes (www.cancer.med.umich.edu).  
- SU2C - Stand Up to Cancer (www.standup2cancer.org) whose Breast Cancer team was led by Sue's California doctors, Dennis Slamon and Sara Hurvitz.  
- The American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org), where Sue was a spokesperson and active participant. A service will be held in Michigan Saturday February, 26 at 11am at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 East 14 Mile Road in Birmingham. Sue will be interred in Mount Hope Cemetery in Interlochen, MI this Spring. A memorial service was held on Sunday, February, 20 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oxnard, CA.

# Learn to weather life's storms at annual event

Chuck Gaidica, WDIV-TV's weather anchor and meteorology director, will speak at the 37th Annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast Thursday, May 12, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia.



Meteorologist and motivational speaker Chuck Gaidica will speak at the Livonia Prayer Breakfast in May.

He'll talk about "Weathering the Storms of Life." Gaidica, a motivational speaker and author, recently wrote two children's books. *Tommy Starts Something Big*, is about a boy whose one moment of pain leads him to start a movement that gives back to others and *Cuddling is Like Chocolate* deals with the health and wellness of touch. His goal is to encourage people of all ages to connect at a deeper level.

His website, CuddleAlert.com, offers information about his books, cuddling, and his speaker presentations. A portion of the proceeds from his company buy Cuddle Bears that firefighters and first responders use to comfort children during times of tragedy and crisis.

Gaidica, a Northville resident, also helped launch the Tipping Point Theatre, a professional theater in downtown Northville.

Tickets for the prayer breakfast are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, K-12. They're available by sending a check

### RELIGION CALENDAR

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## FEB. 25-MARCH 2

### Mass for widowed

**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m. Feb. 27  
**Location:** St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton, between Woodward and Coolidge, north of 14 Mile, Birmingham  
**Details:** Presented by Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. The widowed celebrate Mass together and meet and mingle in a safe setting afterward. Refreshments served during the fellowship.  
**Contact:** Gerry at (586) 795-0477 or visit www.widowedfriends.org

### Reconciliation workshop

**Time/Date:** 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26  
**Location:** Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Bishop Augustin Ahimana of Rwanda will share his experiences during and after Rwandan genocide. He will show the necessity of forgiving and being forgiven. Participants will learn the importance of forgiveness in their lives. Lunch will be served. A free will offering will be accepted. No charge for the workshop  
**Contact:** (734) 367-0422

### Tax preparation

**Time/Date:** 1:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 27  
**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 34541 5 Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Free tax preparation service directed by Jeff Conolly, an accounting services professional  
**Contact:** (734) 464-7990

### MARCH 3-9

### Alzheimer support

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-noon, March 4  
**Location:** St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** James P. Lampertius, a specialist in elder law and the principal of the law firm Lampertius & Associates will speak to the St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. Lampertius will cover the legal and financial facts that need to be faced when one has to place a loved one in a nursing home  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0190

### Concert

**Time/Date:** 9:30-10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 6  
**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, near Eight Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** The Royalheirs, a southern gospel quartet, will sing at morning worship  
**Contact:** (248) 474-3444 or e-mail the church at: clarencevilleumc@att.net

### TERRY LEE HEWER

February 21, 2011, age 57. Eternal soul mate of Lori. Loving Dad to Terry E. (Kasey) Hewer, Steven (Breanne) Hewer and Alicia (Billy) Groulx. Also leaves 16 grandchildren. Dear brother of Michael (Joann) Hewer and Richard (Denise) Hewer. Dear son of the late Phyllis Hewer, Robert Hewer and Bud and Barbara Boje. Visitation Thursday from 1pm until 9pm and Friday from 12:30pm until time of funeral service at 1:30pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth.



EDWARD K. THORP

Age 40, passed away peacefully Feb. 19, 2011 after a long battle with Leukemia and complications from a Stem Cell Transplant. Beloved husband of 13 years to Kelly (Fitzpatrick). Loving father to his young daughters Regan (10) and Ryan (2). Loving son to Peggy (Jerry Orlovski) Thorp and Don (Judi) Thorp; cherished son-in-law to Tim and Terri (Sullivan) Fitzpatrick. Brother to Kate Thorp; step-brother to Tricia (Joe) Gregart and Damon Pitsier. Beloved grandson to Josephine (Thorp) Argylean. He is also survived by many extended family members and friends. He will be remembered by all for his love of family and friends, his self-less and caring spirit, his strength and determination, his gift as a talented musician and his love of life. Visitation Thursday and Friday 2-9pm with a Scripture Service Friday 7pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home at 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth. Funeral Mass Saturday 6pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the

Ed Thorp Memorial Fund  
c/o Renee Kochanek, 49730 Pine Ridge Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170.  
Read about Ed's struggle for health or leave a comment at <http://thorpfamilychronicles.blogspot.com/>.  
Please also see <http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com/a/obituaries.htm> to leave a condolence message for the family.

### GARY LEE PUCKETT

55 yrs of age, passed away on January 24, 2011. He was preceded in his death by his mother Gloria J Kopke. Gary is survived by his father James Puckett, two daughters, Freedom & Mary. Siblings Vicki Puckett, Debbie Daugherty, Tricha Parsons & Ty Kopke, several aunts, uncles, nieces & nephews.

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## Moms pray for children

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia has started a new women's prayer group. St. Monica's Prayer Group meets from 10-11 a.m. in the church rectory conference room, at the parish, 11441 Hubbard. Participants gather to support each other in praying for their children, regardless of age. The group is open to all women. Prayer group members may attend sessions when they can. Weekly participation isn't required. For more information, call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

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## Find vinyl and CDs at annual radio station benefit

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

You can help bolster 88.1 FM The Escape's bottom line while shopping for favorite tunes Saturday, Feb. 26 at Salem High School in Canton.

The student radio station, WSDP, will hold its third annual record show in the school cafeteria from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Vendors will sell vinyl records, 45s, imported music releases, CDs, memorabilia, posters and other collectibles.

Folk musician Matt Watroba will sell much of his music collection, including Americana, bluegrass, blues, folk and country tunes.

"He used to teach here," said Bill Keith, WSDP station manager. "He has always remained a good friend of the radio station. His wife will be out to watch a couple tables of their CDs. I'm excited. He knows so many different artists. He has built a collection over the years."

Keith said the radio station raises about \$20,000 annually, although the Plymouth Canton school district pays the lion's share of its budget.

Its major fundraiser, an auction, will be held in May. The annual record show is a "mostly fun event" that generally brings in \$1,000 or more.

### INDEPENDENT ARTISTS

The student-run radio station, in operation since February 1972, airs music as well as news and sports programming 24 hours daily.

"We try to play new and up and coming artists," Keith said, adding that auditions are held for staff positions.

88.1 the Escape is among about approximately a dozen student high school radio stations operating in southeastern Michigan.

"There's a mystique about radio and music," Keith said, explaining the station's popularity among stu-



Shoppers peruse bins of albums and CDs at a previous 88.1 FM record show.

dents. "The vast majority may not go into it as a career, but it still has benefits for communication skills, learning team work and working in a business environment."

### DONATED RECORDS

Radio station staff members will sell donated CDs and music purged from the WSDP collection at the upcoming show.

"This year we have a lot of vinyl donated to us. A friend of the station donated two large crates of records," Keith said.

A teacher also donated several crates of records, including albums still sporting their sealed plastic covers.

"I was flipping through them and found four albums from the late 1960s by Rocky Barra, who's now pastor of one of the largest churches in Canton," Keith said, referring to the pastor of Connection Church. "I knew the name because my sister attends the church."

Keith e-mailed the church and discovered that the pastor had been in a band years ago.

"I had seen one of his records at a show once and did a double take. I regretted afterward that I had put it back," Keith said.

He said the four Barra albums that were donated to the radio station's fundraiser are all sealed.

"I haven't even cracked them open



Matt Watroba, a local folk singer, will sell a portion of his music collection at the 88.1 FM Record Show.

yet." Check out the radio station's website at [881theescape.com](http://881theescape.com)

## Shake off winter blues with classic comedy

Spotlight Players wraps up its run of the sweet comedy, *Harvey*, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Greg Bowman, the mid-day anchorman on WWJ radio AM 950, plays Elwood P. Dowd, the man who sees a 6-foot rabbit, Harvey, in this classic story that was made popular by the film that starred Jimmy Stewart.

"We're not trying to recreate the movie and, indeed, we can't. You won't see Jimmy Stewart, Josephine Hull, or Jesse White, but you will see Elwood P. Dowd, Vita Louise Simmons, Mr. Wilson - and Harvey," stated Mike Cuba, director.

In addition to Bowman of Ferndale, the cast includes Rebecca Winder of Canton as Myrtle Mae Simmons; Lisa Brawley of Livonia as Vita Louise Simmons; Linda Trygg of Westland as Mrs. Chaunvet; Lindsay Frischmuth of Plymouth as Nurse Kelly; Richard Holland of Livonia as Mr. Wilson; Steve Sedore of Plymouth as Dr. Sanderson; Gary Regal of Wyandotte as Dr. Chumley; Marian Busa of Canton as Mrs. Chumley; Pat McKane of Canton as Judge Gafney and Matt Houser of Waterford as the Cab Driver. Judy Cannizarro of Canton is producing the play.

Curtain is at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25; at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors and students under 19. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or by visiting [www.spotlightplayersmi.org](http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org). The theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

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Colleen Cannon looks over some of the many teapots sold at her store, TranquiliTea in downtown Plymouth. The store will celebrate its fifth anniversary with prizes, treats and tastings on Feb. 26.

## Spend a tea-riffic weekend in Plymouth

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Tea-lovers can party with the likes of Earl Grey and Jasmine Green Saturday Feb. 26 and then take in a little history with their favorite brew on Sunday, Feb. 27.

Two tea-related events are planned in downtown Plymouth this weekend.

The first celebrates the 5th anniversary of TranquiliTea and the second pairs crazy hats, a guest speaker and tea at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The anniversary party runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the store, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail, and will include door prizes, treats and tea tasting throughout the day.

The store also will donate 10 percent of its gross sales to First Step, the local organization dedicated to reducing domestic violence and sexual abuse. Anyone who makes a cash donation to First Step will get an additional entry for the prize drawings. Door prizes will include tea packages from our various vend-

ers, polish pottery, tea cozies, and more.

Owners Colleen and Patrick Cannon sold 40 different teas then they first opened TranquiliTea in 2006 and now carry more than 150 varieties.

Cannon said he enjoys earthy, robust teas such as Black, Pu Erh and Royal Golden Yunan and the green tea, Lung Ching. His wife likes Japanese green teas and dessert teas.

"One of the teas we very much agree upon is Genmaicha, a Japanese green tea that has roasted rice and popcorn in it — yes popcorn," he said.

"Currently we only blend one tea in the store. Blending tea takes a lot of space and you must do it in bulk. We leave that to those that have been doing it for years. However, we taste test every loose leaf tea that is on our shelves. We reject many more that we select."

### ALMOND AND CHERRY

Their most expensive tea, Organic Silver Needles, is a white tea that retails for \$7.50

per ounce. Most of their teas average about \$2.50 per ounce.

TranquiliTea also supplies the Plymouth Historical Museum with its signature "Mary's Blend," a tea that honors Mary Todd Lincoln. It will be served at the museum's Mad Hatter Tea on Feb. 27.

"It's a Ceylon tea with cherry and almond flavoring," Cannon said. "We have been told that Mary Todd Lincoln's signature dessert was a cherry almond cake. We had a tea tasting with the Museum and it was decided that the tea was a nice fit."

Mad Hatter Tea will include a full Victorian-style tea with sandwiches, scones and other fare, followed by the presentation, "Hookers, Crooks and Kooks. Aunt Merle Didn't Run a Boarding House," by Jana Broglin. Guests may wear their craziest or favorite hats in keeping with the tea's theme. Tickets are \$25 for Plymouth Historical Society members and \$30 for nonmembers. Call (734) 455-8940 for tickets.

For more about TranquiliTea, call (734) 459-9686

## Festival in need of local performers

The Southeast Regional Committee is accepting registration for its annual VSA Michigan Festival — A Celebration of Arts-Ability, a two-day showcase of singing, dancing, drama and instrumental music by more than 200 children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities.

The festival is slated for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 3, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at the Michigan State University Community School in Detroit. Throughout the year the children and adults participate in music and art therapy classes. The festival not only gives performers with mental and physical challenges the opportunity to show off their talents but also to participate in hands-on art activities. On Friday, they have the opportunity to eat lunch with their

friends. Performers will be given VSA art festival T-shirts. The VSA Michigan 2011 Emerging Artists Touring Exhibit also will be featured.

The Southeast Region Committee members Jody Conradi-Stark, Margaret Hull, Cindy Babcock, Connie Lott, Linda Ann Chomin, and Gayle Owens put on the festival. VSA enables children and adults with disabilities to experience and grow through the arts. The nonprofit was founded by Jean Kennedy Smith more than 25 years ago as Very Special Arts after her sister, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, started Special Olympics in 1968.

The VSA The event is open to the public and free of charge. For additional information, contact Conradi-Stark at (313) 273-7762 or e-mail catinc@earthlink.net.

The deadline to submit an application to perform in the showcase is April 1.

## ART

### Art & Ideas Gallery

**Time/Date:** 1-7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26  
**Location:** 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth Township

**Details:** Free interactive art project allows all ages from the community to participate. "Collaging History" arranges historical photos and other images installed on the gallery walls, also using drawing to make unusual connections between past and current events

**Contact:** (734) 420-0775 or www.artandideasingallery.com

### Dirty Show

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26

**Location:** Bert's Warehouse Theatre, 2739 Russell Street, Detroit

**Details:** Erotic art, performance art; tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door

**Contact:** dirtydetroit.com or call (313) 393-3233

### Northville Art House

**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, preview and reception; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 are general sales days

**Location:** 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville

**Details:** Sale of gently-used art to benefit Northville Art House. Tickets for the preview are \$10.

**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:** Shane Moss, Feb. 23-26; Steve McGrew, March 3-5; LA Hardy, March 9-12; Mo Mandel, March 16-19; Mark Sweeney, March 23-26; Chili Challis, March 30-April 2

**Contact:** (734) 261-0555; www.kickerscomplex.com

## GET OUT!



Youngsters enjoy "The Beach," a giant sandbox at the Cottage & Lakefront Living Show. It runs Feb. 24-27 in Novi.



See the film, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" Feb. 26 in downtown Northville.

### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

**Time/Date:** Ian Bagg, Feb. 24-26; Tim Nutt, March 3-5; Sean Patton, March 10-12; Lowell Sanders, March 17-19; Erik Griffin, March 24-26; Lynne Koplitz, March 31-April 2

**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

## CONCERTS

### The Ark

**Time/Date:** 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

### Barn Theatre

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. March 10-12

**Location:** Farmington Hills Players' Barn Theatre, 32332 12 Mile in Farmington Hills

**Details:** Blackthorn performs Celtic music; tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for seniors and students

**Contact:** (248) 473-1848

### 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 mjmmullen@yahoo.com

### Dick O'Dow's

**Time/Date:** 9 p.m. March 5

**Location:** 160 W. Maple, Birmingham

**Details:** The Terry Murphy Band plays progressive folk music from the U.S., Canada, Ireland and the British Isles

**Contact:** (248) 642-1135

### Hard Rock Cafe

**Time/Date:** 9 p.m. Feb. 24

**Location:** 45 Monroe Street, Detroit

**Details:** Christian rockers, Sweet Crystal and MediSin Wheel; \$5 cover

**Contact:** (313) 964-7625

### 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. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres

**Contact:** (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

### 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



Josh Rose will perform, along with Andrew Calhoun, March 5 at Trinity House in Livonia.

and Pauline Martin on piano; \$20 general admission, \$10 for students. Get tickets online at www.scbxoffice.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 calling (734) 462-4409

**Contact:** (734) 462-4403

### Trinity House Theatre

**Time/Date:** Drew Nelson, Feb. 18; Michael Smith, Feb. 19; Blue Water Ramblers, Feb. 26; The Waymores, March 4; Andrew Calhoun with Josh Rose, March 5

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

**Contact:** (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

## 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-96 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

## FILM

### Movies at the Marquis

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26

**Location:** Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main, Northville

**Details:** "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," tickets \$3 and available at Sincerely Yours, 110 N. Center, Northville

**Coming up:** "West Side Story," March 5, with tickets at Starring the Gallery; 118 W. Main, Northville; "The Sting," March 12 with tickets at Urban Optiques, 105 Maincentre, Northville; and "American Graffiti," March 19, with tickets at Edward's Cafe & Caterers, 115 E. Main, Northville

**Contact:** (248) 349-8110

### Penn Theater

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 26-27

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

**Details:** "Tangled," all seats \$3

**Coming up:** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part I," 7 p.m. March 4; and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 5-6; "The King's Speech," 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. March 11-12; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 13

**Classics:** "The Man Who Knew Too Much," March 3; "Vertigo," March 10; "Rear Window," March 17; "The Birds," March 24; and "Psycho," March 31. All shows start at 7 p.m. and cost \$3

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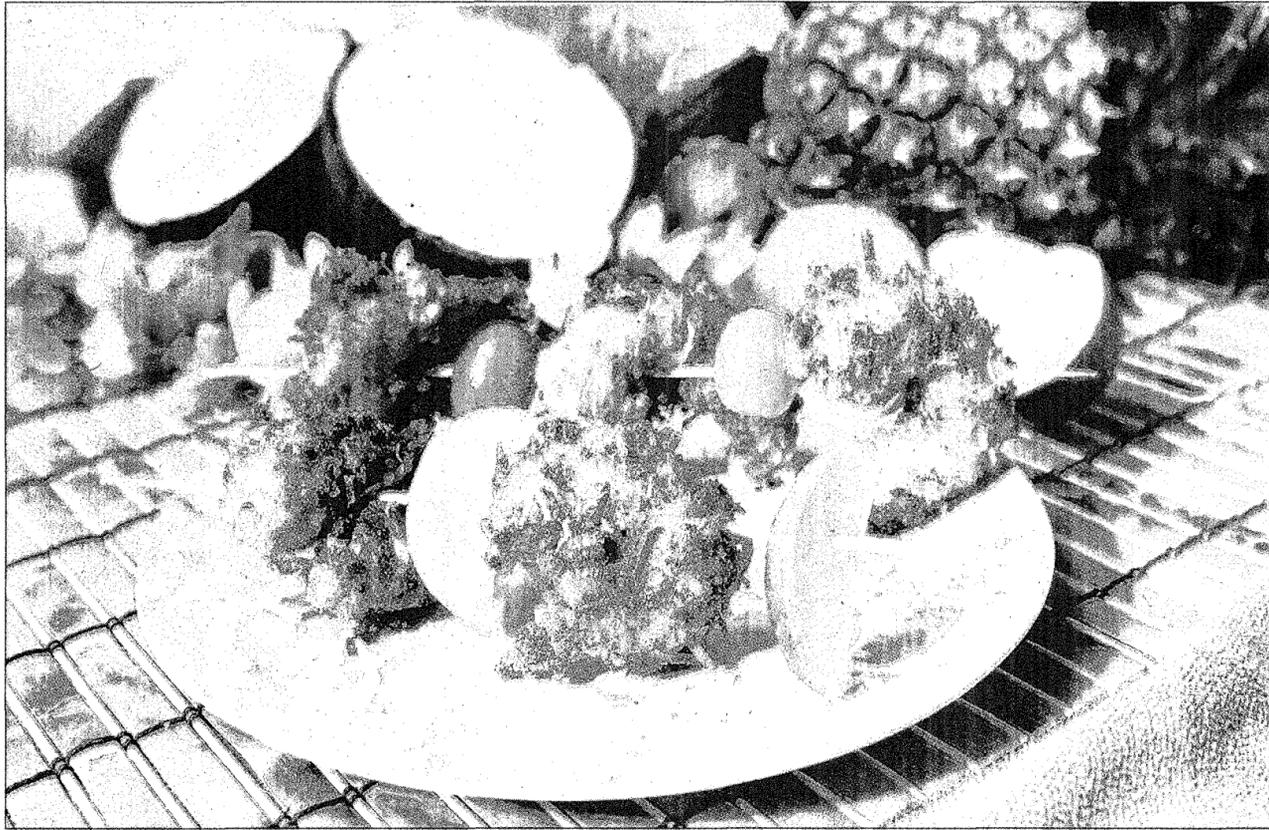
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Fired Samoas Shrimp

## Chefs turn Girl Scout Cookies into desserts

Tickets are on sale now for the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan annual Cookie Gala. Chefs from 220, Andiamo Detroit Riverfront, Atheneum Suite Hotel, Fifty-One-O-One, The Hills Seafood and Chop House, The Lark, Ocean Prime, Mosaic, Redwood Lodge, The Roostertail, St. Clair Inn and Sweet & Savory Bake Shop will create unique desserts using Girl Scout Cookies for the event, which will run from 6-8:30 p.m., March 30, in the Atheneum Suite Hotel, 1000 Brush Ave., in the heart of Greektown in Detroit.

Visitors can taste their creations and cast votes for their favorites. Tickets are \$75 each or \$130 for a pair, on or before March 23 and \$100 each, \$170 per pair, after March 23. The event will include hors d'oeuvres and desserts, a cash bar, live and silent auction and the opportunity to mingle with business and community leaders.

Get tickets through the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Web site at [www.gssem.org](http://www.gssem.org) and click on "for supporters" and then "cookie gala."

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, which includes troops in Plymouth and Canton, will hold five "Girl Scout Cookie Bake-Off Benefit" events this year. The first was held Tuesday, Feb. 22 in Lansing.

Other benefits are scheduled April 28 in Kalamazoo, May 3 in Jackson, Sept. 22 in Ann Arbor and Nov. 17 in Saginaw.

The events, held in each of the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Council regions, support Girl Scout outreach to low income and at-risk girls.

As people mix, mingle and bid on silent auction items, local chefs compete to see who can create the best dessert made from Girl Scout Cookies.

Go to [www.girlscoutbakeoff.com](http://www.girlscoutbakeoff.com) for ticket information.

Here's a sampling of recipes from the 2010 event in Ann Arbor.

### APPLE OLIVE OIL CAKE

By Paesano Restaurant and Wine Bar, Chef Carla Hoopingarner

**Cake:**  
3 whole eggs  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 cup granulated sugar  
½ teaspoon baking soda  
1 cup light brown sugar  
½ teaspoon baking powder  
1½ cup extra virgin olive oil  
1 teaspoon kosher salt  
1½ cup whole milk  
4 ounces almonds, ground fine  
3 ounces store-bought apple butter  
Dulce de Leche Apple Filling:  
2 cups Dulce de Leche Girl Scout Cookies, crushed fine  
2 cups store-bought apple butter  
Cinnamon Mascarpone Frosting  
2 pounds mascarpone cheese, room temperature  
½ cup powdered sugar  
1½ tablespoon ground cinnamon

**Make the cake:**  
Grease and line three 9-inch cake pans with parchment paper. Set aside. Preheat oven to 350. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs and sugars. Whisk in the oil, milk, and apple butter. Set aside. Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Sift into egg batter and whisk smooth. Whisk in almonds. Divide batter evenly among the prepared pans. Bake until golden, approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

**Make the filling:**  
Combine ingredients. Set aside until ready to assemble.  
**Make the frosting:**  
Use a rubber spatula to fold together cheese and sugar. Add cinnamon. Assemble the cake:  
Place one layer of cooled cake on flat work surface or cake stand. If layers baked unevenly or "puff" in center, trim so that each layer is flat and even. Top cake with half of the dulce de leche apple filling and spread evenly, leaving about ½ inch around edge to keep the filling from squeezing out. Spread about ½ cup of frosting over filling. Place second layer of cake on top of the frosting. Repeat step two. Place final layer on top. Use the remaining frosting to frost the top and sides of the cake. Garnish as desired.

More Chef recipes online at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com)

## Mix cookies into cake, shrimp coating

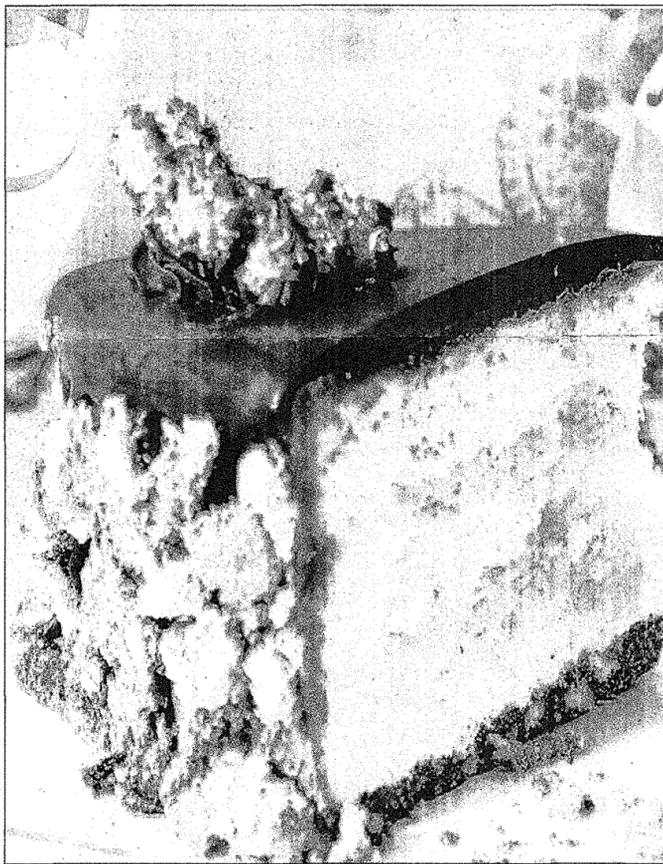
At Girl Scout Cookies straight from the box. Freeze them for future snacking. Or mix them into a recipe. But buy them now. Most troops in southeastern Michigan sell cookies through mid-March. Some, including troops in Plymouth and Canton, conclude regular sales this week, but may schedule a few bonus cookie days in March.

To find local cookie booths, log onto the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Web site, [www.gssem.org](http://www.gssem.org) or Heart of Michigan Girl Scouts, [www.gshom.org](http://www.gshom.org), and click on Cookie Locator.

Thin Mints are the biggest selling Girl Scout Cookies nationally. Samoas, the second most popular, account for 19 percent of sales.

Samoas, vanilla cookies covered with caramel, rolled in toasted coconut and striped with a chocolate coating, mark their 35th birthday this year.

Here are a few recipes using Samoas from Little Brownie Bakers, maker of Girl Scout Cookies:



Samoas Dream Cake



### SAMOAS® SWEET ROLLS

Serves 4

Ingredients

**Crepes:**

(To save time you also can use pre-made crepes).

1 cup all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon double-action baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
3 tablespoons powdered sugar  
3 finely chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies  
3 eggs  
¾ cup milk  
½ cup water  
½ teaspoon vanilla

**Filling & Garnish:**

1 8-ounce package cream cheese  
3 tablespoons powdered sugar  
½ teaspoon vanilla  
2 ounces chocolate syrup  
6 finely chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies  
4 teaspoons cinnamon  
Berries (red raspberries, strawberries, blueberries, etc.)

**Crepes:**

Combine liquid ingredients in a mixing bowl and mix on low speed for one minute. Add all dry ingredients and mix on low speed for 30 seconds, then on medium speed for one minute. Cook crepes on medium heat in 8-inch skillet using non-stick spray until very light brown. Turn once. Set cooked crepes aside using wax paper to separate.

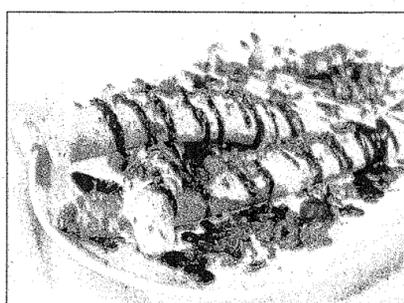
**Filling:**

Mix all filling ingredients, except finely chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies, together in mixing bowl on low speed for 30 seconds, then at high speed for 2 minutes or until thoroughly combined. Fold in half (approximately 3 cookies) of finely chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies.

Spread approximately 3 tablespoons of filling onto each crepe and roll up.

**Garnish:**

Place two Samoas® Sweet Rolls on four dessert plates and stripe chocolate syrup across then sprinkle remainder of finely chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies (approximately 3 cookies), and dust lightly with cinnamon. Add other garnishes such as berries or fruit-flavored syrup if desired.



Samoas Crepe Roll

Serves 8

Ingredients

**Cake:**

1 box yellow cake mix  
1 can store bought caramel frosting  
Coconut Caramel Filling:  
1 cup heavy cream  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 egg yolk, slightly beaten  
1 stick of butter  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 cups sweetened coconut flakes  
1 box Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies  
Chocolate Ganache:  
1 cup heavy cream  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons sugar  
10 ounces chocolate chips  
6½ tablespoons milk  
Bottom and Sides:  
2 boxes of Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies

**Directions:**

1. Mix and bake yellow cake according to manufacturer's instructions using three 8-inch pans.  
2. To prepare the coconut caramel, mix brown sugar, egg yolk, cream and vanilla. Melt butter in a sauce pan then add mixture. Cook mixture over medium heat until it boils for one minute — stirring often with a wire whisk. Remove from heat and stir in 2 cups sweetened coconut flakes. Chill mixture in refrigerator.  
3. Line a 10" springform cake pan with parchment paper. Chop one box of Samoas® and press into bottom of the springform pan. Sprinkle 2 ounces of chocolate chips over chopped cookies, place in the oven until chocolate chips

melt. Using the back of a spoon, spread chocolate over cookie crumbs as evenly as possible.

4. Place first layer of cake on top of melted chocolate and crumbs. Spread half of coconut caramel filling over cake. Place second layer of cake in pan and top with remaining filling. Place third layer of cake in pan. Remove sides of pan and spread caramel icing over top and sides of cake. Chill cake while preparing chocolate ganache.

5. Prepare the chocolate ganache by melting butter and cream in the top of a double boiler until it is about the consistency of bottled creamy salad dressing — thin enough to pour, but thick enough to coat the top of the cake without running off.

6. Place cake on cooling rack with a cookie sheet (preferably with sides) underneath.

Pour chocolate ganache on to the middle of the cake. Encourage it to roll over the sides of the cake with a palette knife, spatula, or the back of a spoon. Cover the cake as evenly as possible while trying to minimize the strokes used — the fewer strokes you use the smoother the finish will be.

7. Chop the second box of cookies and press onto the sides of the cake. Chill cake and remaining ganache in refrigerator. If desired, slide cake off parchment paper and springform pan bottom using a long spatula.

8. Finish the cake with piped rosettes of ganache and cut cookies or other fanciful decorations such as butterflies, honeybees, birds, etc. using tinted icing. Dream big!

### FIRE SAMOAS SHRIMP

Yields 5 shrimp

Ingredients

5 extra-large shrimp, peeled and de-veined  
5 Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies, finely chopped  
2 cups seasoned bread crumbs  
2 cups flour  
1 cup coconut flakes  
4 egg whites  
1 pinch cayenne pepper  
1 lime for garnish  
Vegetable or peanut oil for frying

**Directions:**

1. Toss coconut flakes with bread crumbs, cayenne pepper and chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies.  
2. Dredge shrimp through flour, followed by egg whites and Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies mixture.  
3. Fry shrimp in vegetable oil at 350 degrees until golden brown.  
4. Garnish with coconut flakes and lime wedges.  
**Serving Suggestions:**  
• Serve warm.  
• Arrange in a star pattern on a salad plate, or on a bamboo skewer with tropical fruits.  
• Can be served as an appetizer, in a salad, or as an entrée.  
• If serving as an entrée accompany with fried plantains and wild rice

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## As winter continues, saving energy costs remains essential

Cutting back unnecessary energy use is an easy way to keep your hard-earned money in your pocket. Here are some suggestions you can do at home, at absolutely no cost to you. These tips are from a recent *Newsline* publication of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

- Let the sunshine in. Open drapes and let the sun heat your home for free (get them closed again at sundown so they help insulate).
- Rearrange your rooms. Move your furniture around so you are sitting near interior walls — exterior walls and older windows are likely to be drafty. Don't sit in the draft.
- Keep it shut. Traditional fireplaces are an energy loser — it's best not to use them because they pull heated air out of the house and up the chimney. When not in use, make absolutely sure the damper is closed. Before closing the damper, make sure that you don't have any smoldering embers.
- If you decide not to use a fireplace, then block off the chimney with a piece of rigid insulation from the hardware store that fits snugly into the space (dampers don't shut fully without some leaking).
- Eliminate wasted energy. Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms. Unplug that spare refrigerator in the garage if you don't truly need it — this seemingly convenient way to keep extra drinks cold adds 10-25 percent to your electric bill. Turn off kitchen and bath-ventilating fans after they've done their job — these fans can blow out a house-full of heated air if inadvertently left on.
- Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning to prevent up to 8 percent of your furnace-heated air from going up the chimney.
- Shorten showers. Simply reducing that lingering time by a few minutes can save hundreds of gallons of hot water per month for a family of four. Showers account for two-thirds of your water heating costs. Cutting your showers in half will reduce your water heating costs by 33 percent.

• Use appliances efficiently. Do only full loads when using your dishwasher and clothes washer. Use the cold water setting on your clothes washer when you can. Using cold water reduces your washer's energy use by 75 percent.

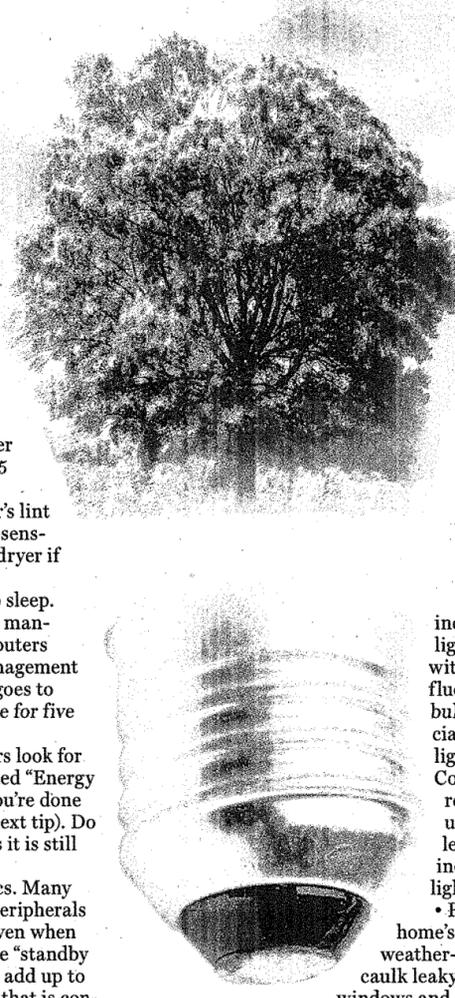
• Be sure to clean your clothes dryer's lint trap after each use. Use the moisture-sensing automatic drying setting on your dryer if you have one.

• Put your computer and monitor to sleep. Most computers come with the power management features turned off. On computers using Windows, open your power management software and set it so your computer goes to sleep if you're away from your machine for five to 15 minutes.

Those who use Macintosh computers look for the setting in your Control Panels called "Energy Saver" and set it accordingly. When you're done using your computer, turn it off (see next tip). Do not leave it in sleep mode overnight as it is still drawing a small amount of power.

• Plug "leaking energy" in electronics. Many new TVs, VCRs, chargers, computer peripherals and other electronics use electricity even when they are switched "off." Although these "standby losses" are only a few watts each, they add up to more than 50 watts in a typical home that is consumed all the time. If possible, unplug electronic devices and chargers that have a block-shaped transformer on the plug when they are not in use. For computer scanners, printers and other devices that are plugged into a power strip, simply switch off the power strip after shutting down your computer. The best way to minimize these losses of electricity is to purchase ENERGY STAR® products.

Every home is different. With a quick trip to your local hardware store, you have even more choices at hand.



• Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs, especially in high-use light fixtures. Compact fluorescent lights use 75 percent less energy than incandescent lights.

• Plug your home's leaks. Install weather-stripping or caulk leaky doors and windows and install gaskets behind outlet covers. Savings up to 10 percent on energy costs can result.

• Install low flow showerheads. If you do not already have them, low-flow showerheads and faucets can drastically cut your hot water expenses. Savings of 10-16 percent of water heating costs.

• Wrap the hot water tank with jacket insulation. This is especially valuable for older water heaters with little internal insulation. Be sure to leave the air intake vent uncovered when insulating a gas water heater. Savings up to 10 percent on water heating costs can result.

## Treat all children well

Q: I am concerned about our condominium association treating families with children differently in regard to violations of the rules then persons without families, particularly, the use of the common areas. How can I convince my board that they have got to get their act together?

A: They might be interested in a case that has been well publicized out of Massachusetts where the Justice Department settled



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a lawsuit against an association over allegations that it regularly discriminated against residents with children.

The Justice Department claimed that the complex fined families \$500 when their children violated Condominium Rules by playing tag or whiffle ball games in outdoor common areas while residents without kids were fined only \$10 for similar rule infractions. Additionally, the association retaliated against one resident who lodged a complaint with the Department of Housing and Urban Development over the excessive fines by charging her \$1,000 to pay for the association's costs to defend against her complaint. In effect, the association was sanctioned to the tune of \$150,000. If that doesn't shake them up, I don't know what can other than a lawsuit.

Q: I have heard that the housing and attendant pricing has eased up in the Boston area, in particular, in the suburbs because of foreclosures. I am particularly interested in the Needham community. Do you have any information?

A: Because of the excellent schools, attractive downtown area and train commuter service to Boston, Needham continues to be a very affluent community that is holding its real estate prices well. At best, prices have gone down 10 percent and in many instances, vacant lots are being gobbled up as there are few, if any, that are buildable. There are restrictions in terms of the type of house that can be constructed on relatively narrow lots in the community and homeowner associations are very diligent in enforcing the aesthetic guidelines. There are spec homes that are available but you are not going to find a bargain as you would in other parts of the Northeast.

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

## Check state's down payment assistance program

How would you like to get a below market interest rate? And how would you also like to get \$7,500 down payment assistance from the state?



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This is a real possibility for many Michigan home buyers who qualify for the down payment assistance program from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

The MSHDA down payment assistance program works with FHA and Rural Development loans. The maximum assistance of \$7,500 can be used for down payment,

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In all of Oakland County (except Royal Oak and Pontiac), the program is only available to applicants who have not owned a home within the past 36 months. The maximum household income is \$69,800 for a household of one-two people and \$80,270 for a household of three or more. In Royal Oak and Pontiac, there is no restriction on prior homeownership and the income limits are more generous, at \$83,760 for

a one-two-person household and \$97,720 for a household of three or more.

In all of Wayne County (except Detroit, Ecorse, Hamtramck, Highland Park and River Rouge), the program is only available to applicants who have not owned a home within the past 36 months. The maximum household income is \$69,800 for a household of one-two people and \$80,270 for a household of three or more. In Detroit, Ecorse, Hamtramck, Highland Park and River Rouge there is no restriction on prior homeownership and the income limits are more generous, at \$83,760 for a one-two-person household and \$97,720 for a household of three or more.

In all of Washtenaw County,

there is no restriction on prior homeownership and the maximum household income is \$101,040 for a household of one-two people and \$108,000 for a household of three or more.

To see if you qualify, contact a MSHDA approved mortgage lender today. You can view the list of approved lenders at [www.michigan.gov/mshda](http://www.michigan.gov/mshda).

Wes McCaig is the owner and broker of Visible Home (<http://www.visible-homes.com>), a real estate brokerage which combines traditional real estate with innovative technologies. Visible Homes provides full service real estate in Michigan, and is a member of the National Association of Realtors, Michigan Association of Realtors and the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 8-12, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	
16904 Dunblaine Ave	\$110,000
18204 Kinross Ave	\$165,000

Birmingham	
1236 Yorkshire Rd	\$270,000

Bloomfield Township	
2790 Amberly Rd	\$562,000
4390 Chisholm Trl	\$220,000
937 Lampwick Ct	\$330,000
4185 Meadowlans Dr	\$155,000
400 N Cranbrook Rd	\$605,000
2362 Rutherford Rd	\$57,000
1150 Timberview Trl	\$90,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$30,000

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Farmington Hills	
29111 Hemlock Dr	\$562,000
27580 W Echo Vly	\$330,000

Milford	
577 Florence Ct	\$155,000
520 John R	\$605,000
4271 W Highland Rd	\$57,000

Novi	
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2219 Barclay Ct	\$358,000
21860 Barclay Dr	\$370,000
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40944 Hollydale	\$99,000
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1108 Gallop Ln	\$188,000

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9359 Gale Rd	\$140,000
10199 Lakeside Dr	\$170,000

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Canton	
49082 Castleside Dr	\$380,000
41521 Cumberland Dr	\$140,000
45482 Fountain View Dr	\$330,000
50477 Monroe St	\$200,000
1829 Pebble Creek Dr	\$245,000
6254 Porteridge Ln	\$160,000

Garden City	
6848 Cardwell St	\$57,000
32713 Florence St	\$27,000

Livonia	
14216 Arden St	\$130,000
9896 Farmington Rd	\$88,000
15628 Fitzgeral St	\$144,000
38715 Grenada St	\$149,000
9074 Newport Way	\$72,000
16108 Southampton St	\$210,000

Northville	
16496 Lincoln Dr	\$20,000
16412 Mulberry Way	\$20,000

Plymouth	
50546 Beechwood Ct	\$94,000
1010 Church St	\$279,000
40723 Firwood Dr	\$154,000
40803 Newport Dr	\$40,000
9357 Village Manor Dr	\$308,000
352 W Spring St	\$30,000
1034 York St	\$90,000

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15593 Pomona Dr	\$20,000

Westland	
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1950 Dunn Ct	\$79,000
34636 Fairchild St	\$49,000
36756 Gilchrist St	\$46,000
30528 Grandview Ave	\$72,000
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37582 Robinson Ct	\$115,000
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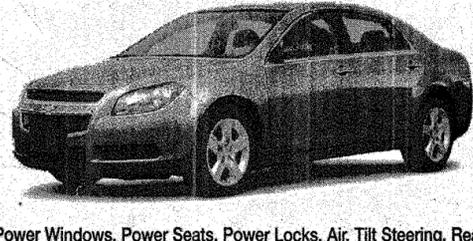
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# THAWING OUT, AUTO BRANDS BRING 'A' GAME

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## CAReport



By Dale Buss

Presidents' Day Weekend has become almost the unofficial start of the spring automotive selling season. And with that holiday already past, and spring less than a month away, auto brands have begun reasserting themselves in hopes of taking a bigger share of a steadily rising U.S. auto market.

Toyota, for example, has just come out swinging with a new advertising campaign to join with its aggressive program of sales incentives to attempt to take back some of the U.S. market share that it lost during its annus horribilis of 2010.

The campaign, "#1 for a Reason," focuses on many of the things that American consumers may have forgotten about how good Toyota is.

They include the fact that Camry remains the nation's No. 1-selling car, that the Corolla is the world's best-selling car of all time, and that Prius is the best-selling hybrid in the world. Toyota Tacoma is the market's best-selling small pickup truck. Toyota has the most fuel-efficient product lineup of any full-line American manufacturer. That sort of thing.

"It's a very celebratory campaign," Bob Carter, Toyota division general manager, told automotive journalists earlier this month.

Timing might just be right for Toyota to come out of its defensive crouch and

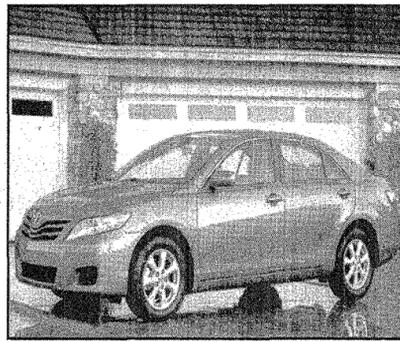
begin asserting its brand bona fides again. The federal government just last week proclaimed that only the original mechanical problems in Toyota vehicles were responsible for the worst of last year's safety recalls—and that there is no reason to suspect any, more insidious problem related to in-vehicle electronics and software. That validated the position Toyota executives had taken all along.

Plus, auto sales in general are picking up in the U.S. as the traditionally robust spring selling season approaches. Toyota retains the largest retail-market share of any automaker in America because it continues to spurn most fleet sales; fleets comprise a huge portion of sales to the traditional Big Three.

And even the emphasis of Toyota's campaign, promoting the brand overall instead of specific products, might be wise. Toyota continues to face a relatively sparse pipeline of new products this year, except for a larger version of Prius. So it may be more appropriate to focus on specific new Toyota models later, once they're actually launching.

In the meantime, the "#1" campaign could make for baby steps in the right direction for Toyota.

Meanwhile, General Motors has finally come up with a new answer to the dominance of Ford's Sync infotainment system.



Chevrolet MyLink is meant to answer Ford Sync in the infotainment market.

Toyota's new advertising campaign boasts about Camry, still the nation's No. 1-selling car.



GM announced its new Chevrolet MyLink system that will provide text messaging, e-mails, traffic advisories and other connected-car functions in the Chevy Volt and Equinox beginning this fall.

For the past few years, as they watched Ford introduce Sync and develop it quickly into a powerful brand advantage for Ford vehicles, GM executives have maintained that they could meet the competitive infotainment threat by building out their OnStar system and brand. Originally conceived as a safety-and-security system whose reliability is tied to the fact that it is "hard-wired" into GM vehicles, OnStar has been attempting to morph into a platform for Sync-like features such as hands-free texting as well.

But the transformation of OnStar into a Sync-beater perhaps was destined to fail. And for new CEO Dan Akerson, a veteran of the telco business, it simply was unacceptable for General Motors—a venerable technology leader in the industry—to play second fiddle in an area that has become as crucial as infotainment. Toyota, Kia and every other major brand are making big moves in this arena as well.

GM claims that MyLink carries some

advantages over Sync already. For one thing, MyLink's software will be continuously updated "over the air," whereas Sync owners must update the software themselves or, in some cases, bring their vehicles into dealerships for updates. GM also promises an unprecedented level of integration with Pandora internet radio as part of its system, a feature that Millennial consumers were clamoring for.

Let the scramble begin!

And Chrysler has begun clearing the way for the arrival of the new Fiat 500 on the shores of America.

Fiat wants to save buyers of its new 500 car from some of the less-than-desirable elements of the dealership experience when the Italian-made curiosity begins arriving here in volume within several weeks. North American Fiat chief Laura Soave has let it be known that the 130 Chrysler dealers who have qualified to sell the Fiat 500 will be encouraged to use "no-haggle" pricing.

Just about everything concerning Chrysler and its new owner is iconoclastic these days. No-haggle pricing would fit right in.

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