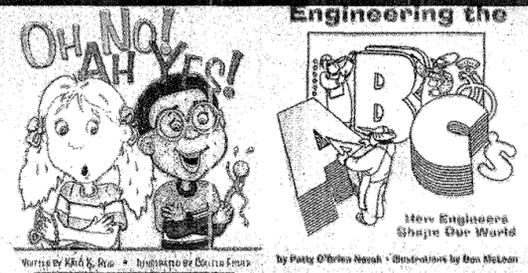


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## IN BRIEF

### I-SAVE winners

Six Wayne-Westland students were honored for winning entries in the I-SAVE contest. Individuals Save And Vie for Efficiency is a voluntary program developed by Wayne-Westland Community Schools as an internal energy conservation program and an alternative to performance contracting or outside energy consultants. It annually holds a contest in which students create posters, write essays and create videos encouraging energy conservation. This year's winners are:

- Joshua Lees and Chloe Adams, both students at Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton, who placed first and second in the poster contest.
- Marissa Pawlowski and Tony Gjocaj, both students at John Glenn High School in Westland, who placed first and second in the essay contest.
- Jacob Toarmina of John Glenn High School and the Bright Futures program at Franklin Middle School, first and second in the video contest.

### Margaritaville

St. Damian School will take a trip to Margaritaville when it holds a dinner-auction fundraiser Saturday, March 5, at the school, located on 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 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. The school also is hosting an International Fair from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 10. Students will be tour guides for a night of travel around the world, visiting places guests may have never been before and learning about their culture, geography and history. No suitcases needed, just pick up a "passport" in the lobby and get ready for the tour.

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# Officials work to address snow removal problems

**BY LEANNE ROGERS**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A couple of days before the metro area was hit with about 10 inches of snow on President's Day, local officials were meeting to discuss problems with snow removal on Wayne County roads. Those snow removal problems were, if anything, worse in the aftermath of the Presidents Day storm. The problems and complaints from municipalities about unplowed roads were severe enough that Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano fired

**The problems and complaints from municipalities about unplowed roads were severe enough that Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano fired his director of roads Mike Rogers Thursday.**

Specifically, Gebhardt said the earlier meeting was to address problems with snow removal at Cherry Hill and Wayne Road and procedures for breakdowns and when the supervisor wasn't present. "We were working towards a solution when we got hit with the storm (President's Day)," said Gebhardt, whose

## Police will issue snow tickets

**BY LEANNE ROGERS**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

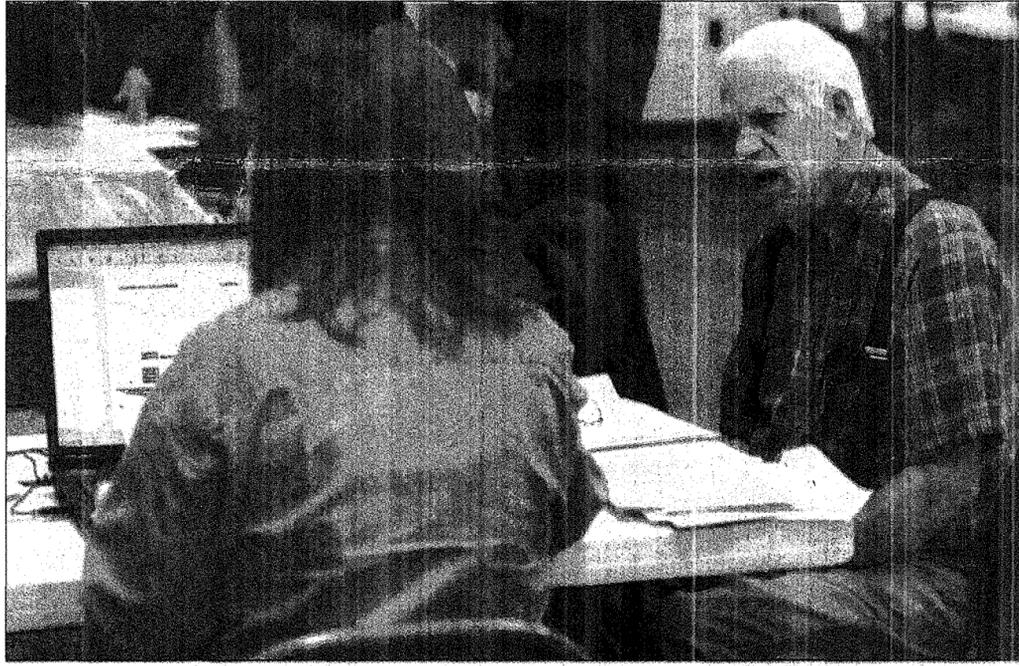
Contrary to some comments at recent council meetings, Westland police will issue tickets when vehicles are left on the street during snow emergencies. The goal isn't to write tickets but to get vehicles off the street so snow plows can get the streets cleared. "It's not that we don't write them. In the first (recent) snow emergency, we tagged over 50 vehicles (with warnings) and 49 vehicles were moved," said Chief Alan Ramsden. "We try to treat the citizens well and give them a chance to move the car. We'll knock on the door and ask them to move a vehicle." During the most recent

heavy snowfall, Ramsden said his officers didn't have much time for snow emergency enforcement. "We were overwhelmed. We had 38 (traffic) accidents in 24 hours. I can't count the number of stranded motorists we were trying to help." By the time the down-sized department is freed up for snow emergency enforcement, Ramsden said the snow emergency has often been lifted. "We're not giving people a free pass. We want people in Westland to respond to a snow emergency," he said. "Our officers continually work and will get to the tickets. I think 80 to 90 percent of our residents are good citizens who understand if they want clear streets, they have to move their vehicles."

# AARP tax preparers assist area residents

**BY LEANNE ROGERS**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The AARP tax preparation program doesn't have income guidelines but Bob Crews, coordinator of the Westland and Canton sites, has turned a couple of people away from the free service over their income. "They were making \$200,00 or \$300,000, they were taking advantage. I just didn't want to do them," said Crews. "There are no income guidelines. Basically, we look at the complexity of the return." Last year, volunteers at the Westland and Canton sites completed 1,794 income tax returns. Most of the people using the service, offered in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service, are senior citizens but there are also no age restrictions. "We're seeing more and more clients who don't want to pay to have their taxes done, we're a free service," said Crews, whose volunteers at Westland's Friendship Center three days a week and the Canton Summit one day each week during tax season. On a recent day, the volunteers had a full house with preparers working with clients and a couple of people waiting for their appointment. Down three volunteers from last year, Crews said the program might not be able to meet the number of returns completed last year. "Every return here is reviewed by someone else. Each piece of paper that is looked at by the preparer is looked at by someone else," said Crews. "A private preparer doesn't have that. When you see 1,800 people, that's a lot of keystrokes. If you think you're not going to make a mistake, you're nuts."



Volunteer Vicki White works to prepare an income tax return for Jerry Rowley at the AARP tax preparation program at Westland's Friendship Center. The volunteers also work one day weekly at the Canton Summit.

The volunteers undergo tax preparation training and can consult with Crews, who has been supervising the Westland and Canton program for number of years. Some people have not filed returns due to their income levels - something that isn't necessarily a good idea. "A lot of people listen to their neighbors or someone they talk to in a store who say because of their age that they don't have to file," said Crews. "It was like the year with the stimulus payment. You had to file a return to get it. There are property tax credits and other credits. Just because you don't have to file doesn't mean you shouldn't." All tax returns are filed electronically as they have been for the past six years. Due to a change in the connection, wireless vs. a cabled network, those who have their tax returns completed at Westland or Canton must go back to the same site this year. For more information, call the Friendship Center at (734) 722-7632 or the Summit at (734) 394-5485. There are also AARP tax preparation sites in Garden City, Plymouth and Livonia. There are no residency requirements.

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## New trustee has management, health care experience

**BY KAREN SMITH**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Randy Roulier wasted no time getting started as the new trustee on the Livonia school board. Less than a minute after he was sworn in Wednesday night, he took a seat at the board table and voted on a motion to adjourn the meeting at which he had just been appointed to replace Dan Lessard. On Monday night, he'll attend his first subcommittee meetings. His goals, he said, include getting a sense of the key issues and trying to get up to speed as



Roulier

quickly as possible - after, that is, "figuring out which door to go into." A manager for Blue Cross Blue Shield, Roulier was appointed in a 6-0 vote after the board interviewed five other candidates. Those candidates had been narrowed from a field of 18. **ACTIVE PARENT VOLUNTEER** Roulier joked that he doesn't know his way around the board office, but he has been involved in the schools as an active parent and a member of the district improvement team. His son, Brian, is a junior at Franklin High School. Both daughters are graduates of

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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 ofcglAnderson@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 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.

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 desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has pinocle and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle 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.

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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 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.

AARP Tax Preparation

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

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

Taxes this year will be done on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call for an appointment. Unfortunately, the preparers are only on site during the day the center offers the service so any tax question

regarding a return must be taken by a staff person, and returned by a preparer at their convenience.

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

Metro Fibro Group

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

Dr. Howard Schubiner from Providence Hospital, and author of Unlearn Your Pain, and Dr. James Dowd, rheumatologist, and author of The Viramin D Cure, will be the speakers.

The seminar/workshop costs \$40 per person.

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

Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:15 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

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Livonia Public Schools. Kelly is senior at Michigan State University; Erin, a freshman at the University of Michigan.

He has also coached for the Livonia Hockey Association, Livonia Soccer Club and the Livonia Junior Athletic League.

Board Vice President Colleen Burton, who has known Roulier and his wife, Laura, since their children were young, said she thinks his experience in the health care field may help the board find ways to cut health care costs.

That and his managerial/leadership skills were strengths Roulier emphasized during his interview. "I have confidence I can help this board, help this district and help our kids," he said during the interview.

Asked afterward to specify how his background may help, Roulier said he's often asked as a manager to look at the big picture. "In today's environment, that may prove beneficial," he said. "So often it's being able to connect the dots, not just tactical but strategic."

Health care is a major cost, he said, and there "may be alternatives that I could shed some light on, to help us weed through all the types."

Roulier also has experience teaching as an adjunct for University of Detroit Mercy.

ELECTION PLANS UNKNOWN

Roulier was appointed to serve until after the November election results are certified.

He said he doesn't know yet whether he will run for the remainder of the term, which expires in 2013. "I don't have any specific plans to run or not run," he said. "I knew there was a void, and I wanted to

make sure we filled the position for this nine-month term. I felt a sense of duty to do my share."

Roulier received the most No. 1 votes out of the three top candidates. The other two top candidates were John Grzebnik, a materials handler and recording secretary of the Livonia PTSA Council, and Jeff Wiggins, a law student who works in state Rep. John Walsh's office.

The three top candidates were decided by the board members rating each of the candidates.

Also interviewed Wednesday were 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; and Jason Borregard, a real estate professional.

A seventh candidate, Christopher Boloven, a law student, couldn't be interviewed by the board Wednesday but was considered a finalist and was interviewed by two individual board members prior to the meeting.

Grzebnik said he was honored to be one of the top three and while he would have liked to have been appointed, he respects the board's decision. "I wish Randy Roulier the best," he said.

McDonnell said she was disappointed, but she'll still attend board meetings. "I'll still be there for the kids and be an active parent," she said.

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

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

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district includes Westland. "I don't really know what the problem was but it's very disappointing. He (Rogers) seemed to be a knowledgeable, caring kind of guy. He

worked his way up through the ranks and was to soon retire through a buyout."

Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb, D-Garden City, also received complaints from constituents about poor snow removal, especially in Redford. Webb commented that she agreed with Ficano's firing of Rogers.

"These communities rely on the county," Webb said. "While there is the need to prioritize, they can't be waiting four or five days, especially when public safety is at stake and EMS crews need to get through."

While Ficano's actions may seem drastic, Webb said she thought that they were appropriate, necessary and she is in agreement.

Along with the poor service,

Gebhardt said the county took a financial hit since President's Day is a holiday for county workers. "The costs for salt and overtime is a great way to shoot a hole in the budget," she said. "I hope we don't have any more snow."

Staff writer Sue Buck contributed to this story.

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Tuesday March 8, 2011 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the assessment roll:

**NOTE: Meetings located in THE GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM with late night appointments on Tuesday & Wednesday**

Monday	March 14, 2011	9:00am -5:00pm
Tuesday	March 15, 2011	1:00pm- 9:00pm
Wednesday	March 16, 2011	1:00pm- 9:00pm
Thursday	March 17, 2011	9:00am -5:00pm
Friday	March 18, 2011	9:00am -5:00pm

**APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN.** Write-ins must be received by Monday, March 14, 2011.

**Tentative** ratios for the 2011 tax year are:

CLASS	PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RATIO	PROJECTED EQUALIZATION FACTOR
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Residential	59.31%	0.8430
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The 2011 Assessment Roll will be open for inspection from March 8, 2011 through March 11, 2011 in the Assessment office from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. And 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m..

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**CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

**Petition #2723-J. Sullivan/Forum Fitness, 34250 Ford**  
Request for a non-conforming sign variance from Ord. 248 as a result of the placement of 8' x 16' temporary banners on both sides of an existing sign located at the southwest corner of the site formerly utilized by Montana's restaurant; whereas Sec. 15:3.2(k) states that temporary signs, other than those specifically authorized by Ord. 248 or unless approved pursuant to a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals are prohibited.

**Petition #2724-L. Jordan/Certified Nurse Aide Training Institute, 380 S. Venoy**  
Request for a use variance from Ord. 248 in order to operate a vocational school within the shopping center located at 380 S. Venoy, zoned CB-2 Shopping Center Commercial; whereas Sec. 10:3.2, Permitted Principle Uses, within the I-1, Light Industrial district is the only place Ord. 248 lists vocational schools as a permitted use.

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# Winter break is time for skating

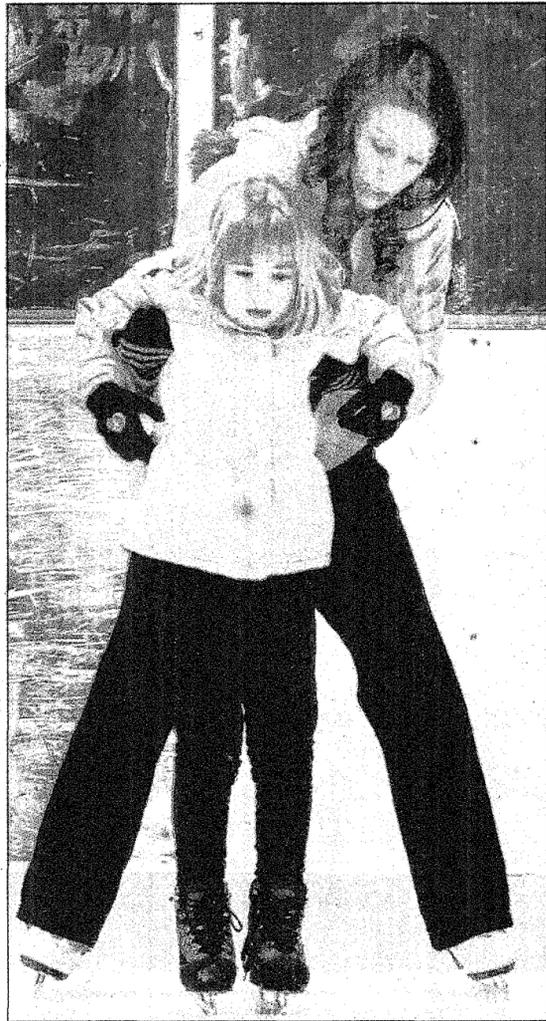
Youngsters, accompanied by a few parents, took to the ice at Westland's Mike Modano Arena Thursday for a mid-winter break learn to skate program.

"We had about 20 kids — we'd like to get 100 kids," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. "Learn to skate is how we introduce kids to hockey and figure skating."

The learn to skate program, which was followed by open skating time, was part of athletic camps and activities scheduled throughout the week for youngsters who didn't have classes for the midwinter break.

Based on the turnout during the week, Kosowski said some adjustments will be made to what programs will be offered.

"Some programs went, some didn't. We need to go with more cheaper stuff like the learn to skate," he said. "Not the big camps — people just don't have the money."



Instructor Tess Kuehne helps Samantha LaChance on the ice during a learn to skate program at Westland's Mike Modano Arena.



Samantha LaChance finds that learning to skate includes some hard landings.

# Westland native nominated for Oscar

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On Sunday, Westland resident Ruth Phillips will be paying a lot of attention to the annual Academy Awards presentations — she'll be waiting to see if her son, Sean, will be among the winners.

"I'm very excited — extremely excited," said Ruth Phillips, who still lives in the Westland home where her son grew up. "We brought him home from the hospital to this house."

A Livonia Franklin High School graduate, Sean Phillips is part of a team nominated for an Oscar in the category of visual effects

for Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland*. The team was also nominated for a Bafta, the British equivalent of an Oscar.

"They've really been flying high. It's such a hard field. There are so many good people who don't get nominated, I'm so excited," said Ruth Phillips, adding she has a DVR that she'll use to make sure she doesn't miss the big moment.

At 47, Sean Phillips is the youngest of three children. Ruth Phillips recalls that a high school teacher used to let her son borrow an early Apple computer on which he would do graphics over the weekends.

"My husband was an artist at Ford styling for years. He always had stuff up for the kids to do," said Ruth Phillips, whose husband, Allan, died in the fall. "I have drawings around the house that he (Sean) has done since he was 2 years old."

After studying art and engineering at Michigan State University, Sean Phillips worked for Grace & Wild Studios in Farmington Hills before eventually relocating to California. He worked for Disney and Sony Pictures Imageworks before his current work with DreamWorks.

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# Options for library funding considered

BY SUE BUCK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Garden City Library is exploring every option as the city plans its first budget workshop on March 7.

Besides discussion of a possible consolidation with another city, Library Director James Lenze is also looking at other options for the library.

Garden City faces about a \$4.2 million shortfall if no changes are made in its almost \$19 million general fund budget which provides the bulk of funding for the library.

Funding for the library is one of the "small holes" that the council talked about recently, Lenze said.

"The larger and more important hole right now is the projected budget gap," Lenze said. "Council is correct to be thinking about the small holes while considering solutions for

the larger hole because all the possible solutions will have an impact on residents."

The budget gap needs to be the primary focus right now. "Stop the biggest leak first," Lenze said.

An ad hoc Fiscal Condition Review Committee has looked at several options for the library and will likely include some of them in their recommendations to the council.

A Southeast Michigan Council of Governments representative has been part of those meetings for weeks and will soon deliver his report.

"What it boils down to is city council has two options for funding a library: use of general fund monies, an appropriation or millage," said Lenze. "If council finds a solution to the budget gap, they might choose to continue funding the library through appropriations. Or, they may want to

consider a library millage as part of the budget gap solution."

Under state law, the council would levy up to one mill to fund library services. Westland and Eastpointe are two cities which have chosen this option.

"Such a millage would save the general fund about \$228,000," Lenze said. "It could be levied for as little as one year, or in perpetuity."

As another option, Garden City could try to consolidate library service with one or more neighboring cities by forming a District Library. "But a district library still needs to be funded, either through appropriations or its own millage," Lenze said.

The options for library funding will be further explored during the budget process. All options are still on the table.

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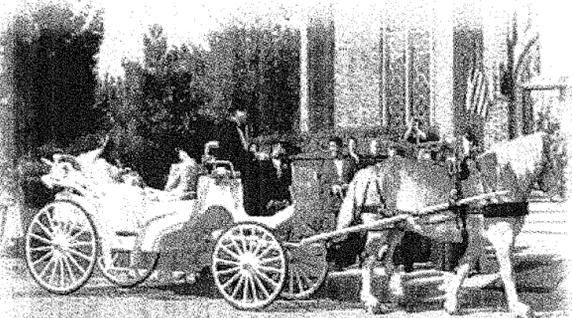
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## Students use math skills to help St. Jude Hospital

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Students at Edison Elementary School in Westland have found a way for doing math and helping others.

For more than five years, the students have participate in the St. Jude Math-A-Thon, raising more than \$38,000 over seven years for the children's cancer/research hospital.

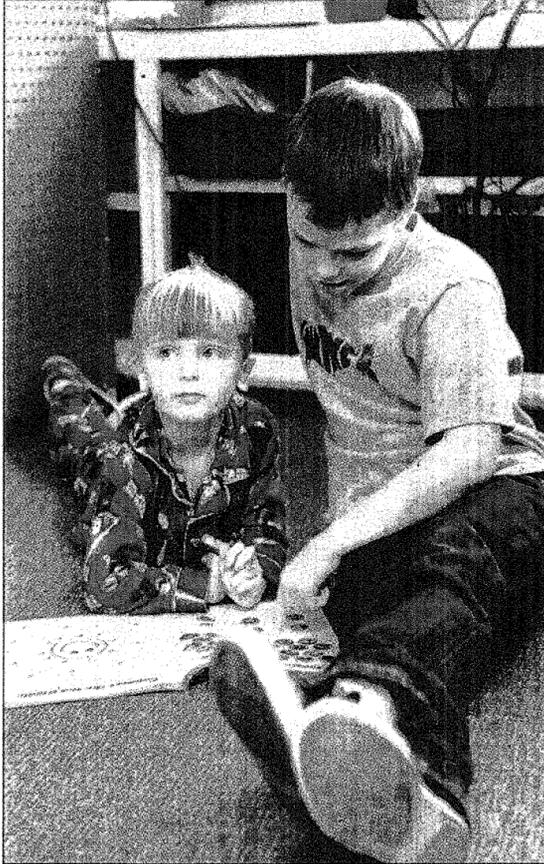
"Every student participates, and many of the teachers sponsor students," said fourth-grade teacher Tim Sullivan, who oversaw this year's Math-A-Thon. "Even though they're doing math, they're doing something for other children."

Students at each grade level receive a Scholastic Funbook that includes age-appropriate mathematics problems they must complete as part of the Math-A-Thon. Even kindergartners are able to participate.

The goal this year is to raise \$2,000; Sullivan will know what the bottom line is March 9, when donations are turned in by students. Depending on how much they raise in pledges, they can receive prizes ranging from a St. Jude T-shirt for \$35 up to a portable mp3 stereo speaker system or digital camera for \$500.

"With kindergarten through fifth grade here last year, we raised \$5,200. This year, we're not sure," Sullivan said.

Edison has more than 400 students this year in kindergarten through fourth grade.



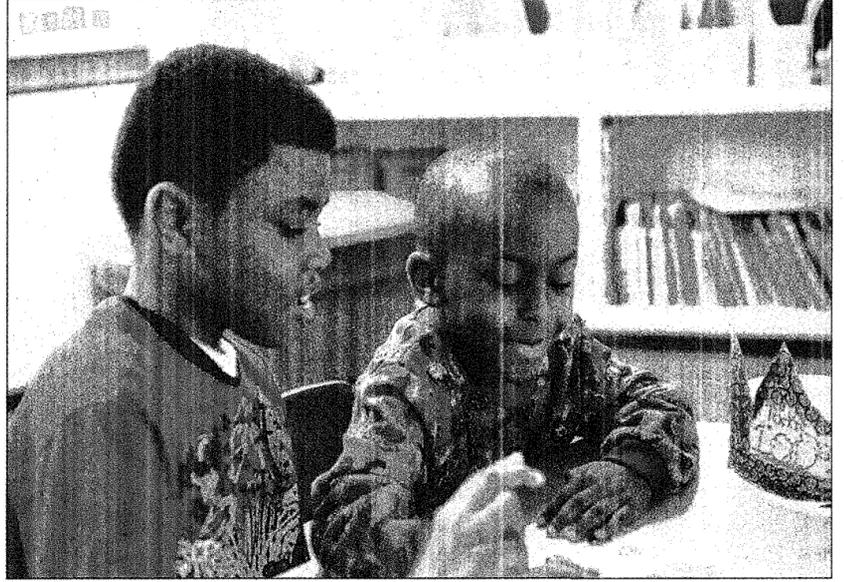
Kindergartner Dylan Moore with his buddy, fourth-grader Josh Salter, work on the Math-A-Thon problems.

### DOING THE MATH

Sullivan estimated that most classes would spend a couple of hours doing the math problems. A lot of classes partnered with other classes so they weren't just sitting for two hours, as with Sullivan's class, which worked with younger

counterparts in completing the books.

The Funbook includes cartoons with the Numerators, math super heroes like Fraction that fights with a powerful slash and Symmetry that splits into two parts for a double attack. Also prob-



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Kindergartner Ryan Goodson, working with fourth-grader Dante Barthwell, gladly paid \$1 so he could wear his pajamas to school on Math-A-Thon Day.

lems like adding numbers to identify the country assigned that number, a crossword-like number puzzle and everything from addition and subtraction to multiplication and division, depending of the grade level.

As part of the Math-A-Thon, students also had the opportunity to wear pajamas to school the last day before mid-winter recess by paying \$1.

The Math-A-Thon started as a pilot program in 1979 to raise funds for St. Jude and has grown into one of the hospital's most successful fundraising programs. To participate, students ask family and friends for pledges to solve math problems.

The funds raised by the students benefit St. Jude, where doctors and scientists work to eradicate childhood cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases. St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance. No child is ever denied treatment because of the family's inability to pay.

### GETTING WORD OUT

Sullivan challenged several of his students to make commercials. One group was assigned to promote Edison gear, while a second group — Chris Cybulski, Hannah

Bourdeau, Raven Nelson and Ryan Erickson — created their own one-minute Math-A-Thon commercial that played on white boards in the classrooms during announcements.

In their commercial, the students pointed out that getting pledges is hard work, doing the math is a lot of sweat and helping with cancer research is "priceless."

"It's based on the Visa commercial," Sullivan said. "They created it, they came up with the idea. They had a week to come up with something. It was pretty clever."

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# Town hall draws celebrities, film incentive supporters

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The town hall meeting Thursday drew hundreds of film industry supporters and celebrities who are strong advocates for the tax incentives for the film industry.

Their message was about the jobs and impact on Michigan residents who had found work in the film industry.

Actor Jeff Daniels, who lives in Chelsea and owns the Purple Rose Theatre there, spoke about the trickle-down impact of the film industry and the incentives.

Daniels met a truck driver on a set who had lost his job and his house had faced foreclosure, but with the incentives, the driver found work and made enough money to purchase two Ford vehicles.

"Let's ask the Ford salesman what he thinks of the tax incentive," Daniels said. "Based on those two cars, he bought a ring for his wife."

"Now let's ask the jeweler who he bought the ring from what he thinks of the tax incentives."

### EFFORT WAS BIPARTISAN

Filmmaker Mike Binder called it a "sad night."

"I can't believe we're pushing this ball back up the hill," Binder said, referring to the discussions with state lawmakers three years ago to develop the tax-incentive package.

Binder pointed out that the original bill was spearheaded by Republicans. "This was not creating a Department of Film; this was to incentivize the business," Binder said.

"Everything that was promised has happened, only better. It breaks my heart to have to fly in here and push this rock up the hill again."

Columnist Mitch Albom mentioned the occupations impacted by the film industry from producers and film crews to caterers and hotel employees.

"This isn't about saving Hollywood; this is about saving Michigan," Albom said.

Albom pointed out that state film production expenditures went from \$2 million to \$225 million in two years. "This is 100-fold growth," Albom said.

### REPORT SAYS JOBS CREATED

An Ernst & Young economic report also showed 6,491 full-time equivalent jobs were created in 2009-10, creating more than \$800 million in economic output or an annual salary of \$53,000 each.

No other industry in Michigan experienced that kind of growth, Albom said. "Just as they were setting down the boat, the governor blew it out of the water," Albom said. "This is not about saving Tom Cruise; it's about saving Tom Farmington Hills, Tom Novi and Tom Detroit."

Not everyone who spoke had worked in Hollywood or with filmmakers.

Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner, who worked on the film credit package three years ago, drew his own take from the recent Eminem ad for Chrysler.

"Gov. Snyder, this is Michigan, and this is what we do," Meisner said. "But in order to keep doing it, we will need some help."

Meisner said the group that pushed for the incentives three years ago studied New Mexico, Connecticut and Louisiana to create Michigan's package. "We saw this was a proven formula," Meisner said.

Meisner believed that Snyder's proposal in changing the tax structure was a "leap of faith."

"Facts are facts," Meisner said. "Our No. 1 goal was to stimulate jobs and investment at a time when it wasn't happening. This economic downturn was one of the worst in history," he said.

Meisner pointed out that the film industry brought diversification to the state's economy and that the effort to develop the film incentives was bipartisan.



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"I thought I was preaching to the choir," says Jeff Daniels, speaking about his meeting with candidate Rick Snyder, who, according to Daniels said that he did not want to kill the film incentives.

Walsh said he will balance the input he receives on the film issue with the calls he receives from senior citizens, schools, indigent care and the environmentalists, groups and individuals who have contacted him about Snyder's budget.

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# Film supporters fight to stop final cut on incentives

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

More than 1,000 film industry supporters gathered at a standing-room-only town meeting at Laurel Manor in Livonia Thursday night with hopes of saving the film incentives that have provided work and jobs for them.

Workers employed in the industry, ranging from actors and producers to truck drivers and construction workers, attended the gathering to send a message of "work it out, don't throw it out" to Gov. Rick Snyder and state lawmakers.

Snyder proposed a cap of \$25 million to the film industry in each year. Previously the incentives totaled \$150 million a year, and filmmakers could receive up to a 42-percent rebate on production expenses.

The impact of the loss of the tax incentives would be felt locally, as Philippe Martinez, owner of Maxsar Studios in Livonia, told the crowd. Martinez has already invested \$1.6 million to start his company here.

Martinez said the governor talked about "shared sacrifice."

"He took the film business as the little lamb to be sacrificed," Martinez said.

"I'm not here to fight for the building. I'm here for the 50 employees that I've hired and I want to hire more."

Many of the attendees will be working to save the tax incentives as they have a personal stake in them.

### 'SHUTTING DOWN A PLANT'

David Dalton of Redford has worked as a stagehand in lighting and in rigging theaters and sets.

"This is equivalent to an auto company shutting down an entire plant," Dalton said. "Instead of a paycheck, the people here will be collecting an unemployment check."

Dalton noticed an immediate impact with the tax incentive.

"I've seen more movies shot here (since the tax incentives began) than I have in my last

30 years," Dalton said. "They've increased my income."

Dalton, who worked on the set for *Detroit 1-8-7*, also worked on *Salvation Boulevard* with Pierce Brosnan, *The Irishman* and *Game of Death*, among others.

"We'd have slow seasons," Dalton said about his work before the incentives. "With the movies in town, it hasn't been slow since."

Dalton spoke with David Jackson of Grosse Pointe, who is a Teamster who sets up movie sets and builds displays for shows, about what they planned to do to let state lawmakers know that they support the incentives.

Jackson said the display set-up business is dead without the film industry. Jackson also builds Auto Show displays.

Jackson has worked on Clint Eastwood's *Gran Torino*, *The Double* and *Home Run Derby*.

"It's been a good run in business," Jackson said. His wife, Elizabeth, also created a craft service industry, and has worked with *Detroit 1-8-7*.

### 'GOOD FOR MICHIGAN'

Carol Schober of Plymouth attended because she supports the incentives.

She thinks about the young college students and recent graduates involved in the film industry.

Her granddaughter moved to Los Angeles to pursue an acting career and attend the American Music and Dramatic Academy. "It's really great to hear the young people talk," Schober said. Several college students from the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University talked about how they have found work or their hopes in landing a job in the film industry here.

Schober believes state lawmakers need to sit down and figure out how to keep the incentives. "It's good for Michigan," she said.

"The people who are not involved with the arts have no idea how many fields are affected by it," Schober said.

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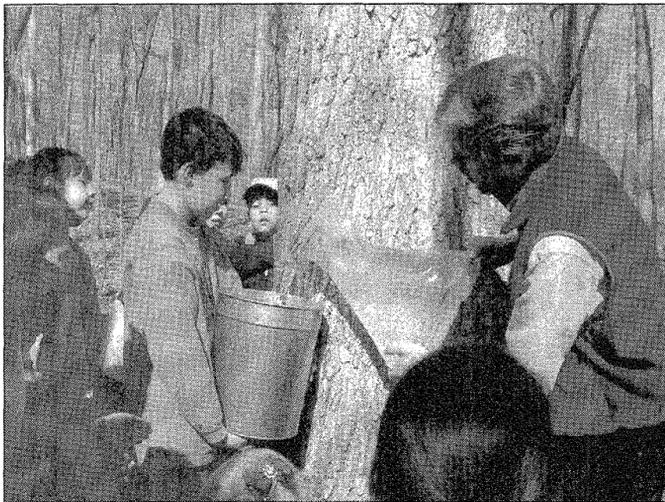
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A short hike in the woods for a hands-on demonstration of tree tapping, sap collection and boiling is part of the program. Information for backyard hobbyists also will be presented.

All ages welcome for the program, but trail is not stroller friendly.

The cost is \$5 per person, and advanced registration and pre-payment are required.

Cass Benton Park is located in Northville, off Northville Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile. For more information, call (734) 261-1990 or visit [www.waynecountyparks.org](http://www.waynecountyparks.org).

## Life Remodeled aims to change lives

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Members of Ekklesia aim to change the life of a local family through the Life Remodeled project and are hoping a reality television show will provide the means to bring the program to more people.

A congregation that meets at Westland John Glenn High School, Ekklesia is the sponsor of Life Remodeled which will not only build a new home in Norwayne for a local low-income family but also provide additional support through counseling and financial management guidance.

"It's really more of a holistic transformation of lives. We're coming from a different niche," said Chris Lambert, a pastor at Ekklesia.

The home at 32231 Oscoda Court, a blighted building acquired through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, is set to be demolished March 4. Life Remodeled volunteers, which will include building trades professionals, will build the new home April 25 through May 1.

Now that the location is in place, the Life Remodeled project is focusing on fundraising for both the home and the reality show, along with selecting a family who will become the owners of the new home.

"I've read that 15 to 17 percent of the homes are lost after Extreme Makeover," said Lambert. "We would have four hosts - me from the perspective of a pastor, a financial adviser, a woman from the University of Phoenix as a educator working with children and parents and the fourth is a therapist."

Like Life Remodeled itself, the television show would be aimed at not just putting people into a house but helping them develop improved financial and life skills. Lambert estimates \$45,000 will be needed to construct the home, which is receiving donated materials and labor, and \$51,000 to produce the reality show.

A total of 111 applications were received and 20 applications were returned from 28 applicants selected for the second stage. A committee that includes Wayne-Westland

Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy, Lou Toarmina of Toarmina's Pizza and Shaun Taft, basic services director for Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency will continue narrowing the field.

"There are criteria for the program. They have to approve a participant family that is low income," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis, who compared the Life Remodeled home construction and follow-up support to Habitat for Humanity. "The payment can't exceed 35 percent of their income. It's the same requirements as our first-time homebuyers program."

Upcoming fundraisers for Life Remodeled include Monday, March 7, when the Westland Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 30 percent of their sales to customers who mention the program. A benefit auction will be held Saturday, April 2, at the Westland Friendship Center.

For more information, visit [www.lifemodeled.com](http://www.lifemodeled.com).

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## Starfis receives Kellogg Foundation grant

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The modifications will enhance the success of these programs by yielding better data that can be applied to support children's educational pre-

paredness. The project is part of Starfish's comprehensive Early Childhood Plan to drive community-level change for young children in the city of Inkster.

"We take pride in our ability to provide the best services and care to our families and we are extremely grateful for the generosity and support the Kellogg Foundation has shown us," said Kalass. "This grant will give us the ability to further improve and update our Head Start programs to meet the needs of our children and the expectations of our families."

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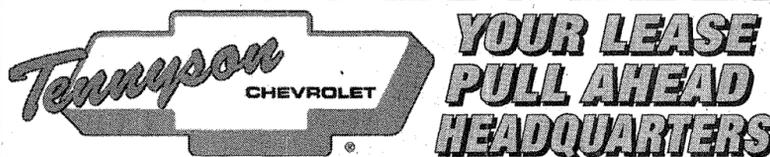
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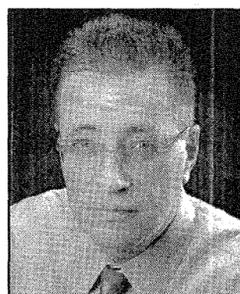
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# Lack of W-2 no excuse for not reporting income

**Q: Dear Rick: Because of the lousy economy last year, I had a number of different jobs. I received W-2s from two of my employers, but did not get one from the third company. I tried to contact the company, but it is no longer in business. Their phone has been disconnected and there is no forwarding address. A friend of mine also worked for the company and he did not receive a W-2 either. I contacted the company's accountants and they were not helpful. They told me the company went out of business and they have no more information. I also contacted the state and they cannot help me. What should I do? When I've mentioned my problem to friends, they said don't worry because since I didn't receive a W-2, I don't have to report the income. Do you have any thoughts?**



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom

to recreate the numbers needed to complete an accurate W-2, however, there is no alternative. As taxpayers, it is our responsibility to make sure that our tax returns are filed correctly. The fact that you did not get a W-2 when you were supposed to may help in alleviating some penalties, but that's it.

By now we all employees should have received W-2 forms. If not, contact your employer. Any W-2 not properly accounted for on a tax return will definitely lead to IRS scrutiny. That said, everyone should check W-2s for accuracy. Make sure your Social Security number is correct. After all, you're paying into the system so you might as well receive the benefits you deserve down the road. If your employer inaccurately reports your information, you may not be getting the proper credit. In addition, make sure to review wages, federal, state and city withholdings. These numbers should match the numbers on your last pay stub.

If you discover an error on your W-2, contact your employer and have them correct the mistake as soon as possible. Your employer can issue a corrected W-2, which is a relatively easy procedure.

A good place to go, not only for tax forms but also good information regarding taxes, is the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). The website is informational and user friendly. In addition, the IRS website allows user to connect to a variety of sites to file a federal return electronically at no charge. It's not a gimmick, and these sites are not IRS programs, but rather tax preparation programs, from many of the large, well-known companies.

My philosophy is, if by taking advantage of it you save money, why not?  
Good luck!

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## 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 murdered 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.

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.

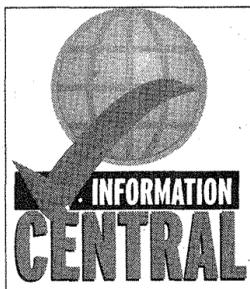
### Varicocele

Varicocele is the widening of the veins in the scrotum. A varicocele forms when valves inside the veins prevent blood from flowing properly. This causes the blood to back up, leading to swelling and widening of veins. They develop slowly and are more common in men ages 15-25. Varicoceles are often the cause of infertility in men. Symptoms of varicoceles; enlarged, twisted veins in the scrotum, infertility, painless testicle lump, scrotal swelling. Sometimes there may not be symptoms. Your doctor can examine the groin area and may be able to detect a varicocele. However, it may not be seen if th...

## Peace Corps observes 50th anniversary

In the years following World War II, many politicians began proposing bills for the creation of volunteer organizations in developing countries. It was Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey who introduced the first Peace Corps bill in 1957. After a lack of enthusiasm and support, it did not go very far.

It wasn't until the 1960 presidential campaign that John F. Kennedy picked up the proposal once again.



At 2: a.m. on Oct. 14, 1960, Kennedy gave a speech at the University of Michigan Union. In that speech, he presented the students with a challenge of giving just two years to live and work, helping people in developing countries. There were many who criticized the idea of this program. People, such as Richard Nixon, believed that the organization would just attract draft dodgers.

Once Kennedy was elected, he continued pushing for the establishment of the Peace Corps. In his inaugural address, he famously said, "And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

Kennedy officially signed Executive Order 10924, establishing the Peace Corps, on March 1, 1961. In August 1961, the first group of volunteers left to serve in Ghana and Tanzania. It wasn't until the 1980s that the Peace Corps became its own

independent federal agency after celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Throughout the '80s and '90s, the government continued to increase funding and the number of volunteers. When 9/11 happened, President Bush responded to the rising anti-American sentiment in the Middle East by increasing the Peace Corps budget. President Obama has also taken steps to increase the size of the Peace Corps since he has been in office.

To get a sense of what it's like volunteering in the Peace Corps, check out "Power Lines: Two Years on South Africa's Borders" by Jason Carter or "The Unheard: A Memoir of Deafness and Africa" by Josh Swiller.

Stop by at the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or remotely search our catalog 24 hours a day at [www.westlandlibrary.org](http://www.westlandlibrary.org).

### Highlighted Activities

**Writers Club:** 7 p.m., Feb. 28,

adults and teens

Do you have stories or poems or ideas you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Join us as Cheryl Vatcher-Martin leads the Westland Library Writer's Club. All writing is interesting to us so bring whatever you are working on.

**Afternoon Movie Classics:** "The Searchers," 3 p.m. March 1, ages 12 and up

Tough hombres and gun fights amid unbridled scenery. Join us as we explore the drama and grandeur of classic Western films from the American Film Institute's top 100 movies from the last 100 years. Today's selection is "The Searchers" with John Wayne.

**Yoga for Beginners:** Morning class, 10 a.m. March 2, Evening class, 7 p.m. March 2, adults and teens adults and teens

Join Lois Gannon of Evolve yoga studio in Ypsilanti as she leads a beginning Hatha yoga class. Interested parties should bring a yoga mat, if possible. Wear loose clothing. One of four morning classes this month. Sign up at the Reference Desk or call (734) 326-6123. Space is limited.

**Friday Night Movies:** "Secretariat," 7 p.m. March 4, ages 12 and up

Love movies? Join us as we watch projected Oscar nominees for the 2011 awards. Tonight's movie is "Secretariat," starring Diane Lane,

Scott Glenn and James Cromwell.

Refreshments available. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7 p.m.

**Job Seekers Lab:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

**Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library:** 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Everyone welcome, including drop-crocheters.

**Chess Group:** 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

Computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library at (734) 326-6123 to find out more.

Information Central was compiled by Homebound Delivery Coordinator Andrea Perez. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to [westlandlibrary.org](http://westlandlibrary.org).

## Schoolcraft holds job expo, Kids on Campus open house

Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development Department will host an open house for its Kids on Campus summer camp program 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3.

This is the 32nd year of the Kids on Campus, and this year's program will include several new offerings for children entering the first through 12th grades in the fall.

Attendees of the open House will be able to meet with instructors, ask questions, visit the campus, see class demonstrations and register for the more than 50 different week-long sessions in July.

Some of this year's Kids on Campus offerings include robotics, aviation and aerospace, adventures in medicine, crime detection, gaming design, culinary arts, starting a business, song writing, acting, art, study skills, academic basics in writing, math, science and for those preparing for college, navigating the daunting process of college applications.

The Kids on Campus open house will take place in the Diponio Room of the VisiTech Center on the college's main campus on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile. For more information, contact the Continuing

Education and Professional Development Department at 734-462-4448 or go online to [www.schoolcraft.edu/koc](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/koc).

Schoolcraft also will hold its annual Public Safety Expo 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City. Potential employers will be on hand to accept resumes and answer questions about their programs. The expo is free and the public is invited.

Those attending include area police, sheriff, fire and rescue units, Michigan Department of Corrections and State Police, federal law enforcement units including the Department of Natural Resources, Drug

Enforcement Administration, Secret Service and Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Army and ROTC, Coast Guard and Marine Corps, public safety and security departments from area hospitals and other public facilities, forensics lab, commercial enterprises, Schoolcraft's training academies, colleges and universities.

Representatives from Dallas, Texas, law enforcement also will be attending.

Job seekers should bring 30-40 resumes with them to the event.

The Radcliff Center is on Radcliff, south of Ford Road, in Garden City.

### AROUND WESTLAND

#### Keep walking

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

Westland Shopping Center opens its doors before usual operating hours for people who want to walk for exercise. Walking begins at 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Enter through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen on the northeast end of the mall. All other doors

are locked until approximately 8:30 a.m. On Sunday all doors are opened at 10 a.m.

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

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

put it in the Walkers Box located on the side counter.

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

#### Weatherization help

Weatherization Assistance is a home energy conservation program providing services to low-income residents. Families receiving weatherization services can expect heating costs to be reduced 20-25 percent, amounting to about \$300 sav-

ing per year.

Eligible projects include such things as floor insulation, storm windows, window repair/replacement, programmable thermostat, furnace and duct repair or replacement and roof repairs.

Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency manages the Weatherization Program for Wayne County, including the city of Westland. Contact Jeff Boyd, weatherization director, at (734) 284-6999.

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# 'Our little miracle'

## Family credits paramedics for saving daughter's life

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For a little girl who suffered cardiac arrest and spent her fourth birthday in a coma, Nevaeh Muntian of Canton seems remarkably healthy.

She laughs and sprints across her family's living room as she plays with her brother, Braelen, and cousin Lexi Bonar, both 2. She still enjoys singing, dancing, eating cookies, coloring and watching her favorite cartoon character, Dora the Explorer.

She hardly seems to notice the defibrillator doctors implanted in her upper left chest. She remembers little of her recent 16-day hospital stay.

"I was sleeping," Nevaeh said. She nearly died, more than once. Her parents, Brandon and Melissa Muntian, are convinced they would have lost their beloved daughter if Canton Fire Department paramedics hadn't arrived as quickly as they did to help Nevaeh, who was unconscious and barely breathing in her home on Heritage Drive, near Haggerty and Palmer.

"They saved our daughter's life," Brandon Muntian, 29, said. "We couldn't be more pleased with the way things turned out."

### TURNING BLUE

Nevaeh's parents, her two grandmothers and a family friend, 19-year-old Derek Styron, still recall the terrifying ordeal that started after

an outing Jan. 26 to a Detroit Pistons basketball game at The Palace of Auburn Hills, where Brandon Muntian took photos of his smiling daughter on his phone.

Returning home after 11 p.m., Nevaeh had started toward the bathroom when Styron noticed her fall. Her father rushed to her.

"Her eyes rolled back in her head. She was turning blue. I picked her up and she was limp in my arms," Brandon Muntian said.

Nevaeh's paternal grandmother, Vicki Partin, said it seemed that a Canton police officer arrived within 90 seconds after a 9-1-1 call was made, and he radioed his findings of a weak pulse to paramedics who quickly arrived. They used every medical procedure possible to save Nevaeh as they rushed her by ambulance to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

Fire Chief Tim Dunn said four paramedics — Chris Battistone, Matt Niemczewski, Richard Crackel and Ryan Molina — had rushed to Nevaeh's house in an ambulance and a heavy rescue vehicle. Three of them accompanied her to Oakwood Annapolis, where doctors gave further treatment before Nevaeh was flown by medical helicopter to the University of Michigan's Mott Children's Hospital.

### 'GOING TO DIE'

U-M doctors nearly lost

Nevaeh. "They thought she was going to die," her 24-year-old mother said.

Even after the initial scare, Nevaeh remained in a coma for several days, including her fourth birthday, as doctors gave her a hypothermia treatment to cool her body. They needed to reduce the risk of brain damage.

"Her brain was shut off," Melissa Muntian said.

Doctors slowly revived her Feb. 2, and her family said doctors ran tests that showed Nevaeh hadn't suffered any brain damage, despite going into cardiac arrest four times and then being in a coma.

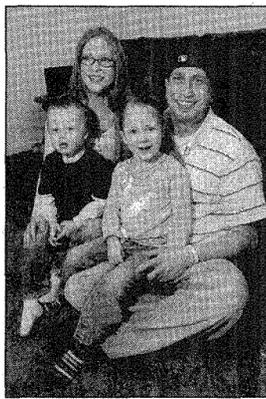
"That's why we call her our little miracle," her maternal grandmother, Shelly Ozment, said.

Nevaeh finally came home Feb. 10 with a defibrillator implanted in her small body, and her family said U-M doctors suspect one of two heart conditions could have caused her problems. They also believe Nevaeh's condition could be genetic, though her parents said no one on either side of the family ever suffered cardiac arrest at a young age.

Nevaeh returns for a follow-up visit in late March, when her parents hope to learn precisely what caused her heart problems. Doctors already have told the family that Nevaeh may have to wear a defibrillator the rest of her life.

### 'SHE HAD ANGELS'

Dunn, Canton's fire chief,



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Four-year-old Nevaeh Muntian sits in her father Brandon Muntian's lap, while her mom holds Nevaeh's 2-year-old brother, Braelen. The family is grateful Nevaeh got the quick help she needed after suffering cardiac arrest.

was glad to hear that Nevaeh's family lauded the efforts of local paramedics, police and hospital personnel at Annapolis Oakwood and U-M.

"We try to do our best to help everybody," Dunn said. "That's why we're here."

Aside from top-notch medical care, Ozment believes her granddaughter also had help from another source.

"She had angels," Ozment said.

Brandon Muntian said Nevaeh's ordeal has brought the family even closer together. Family members are thankful Nevaeh will, again, be able to sing, dance, eat cookies, color and watch cartoons. And in coming weeks, there will be a belated fourth birthday party.

That thought brings a smile to Nevaeh's face. "I want some cake," she said.

# Anderson: Budget plan won't move state forward

The Democratic vice-chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee is voicing serious concerns over Gov. Rick Snyder's budget proposal and the devastating cuts it makes to K-12 schools and universities, public safety, and vital state services for families and seniors.

While Snyder's budget included \$1.8 billion in corporate tax breaks for businesses, many other working families and retirees will actually be seeing a significant tax increase, said State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland.

"Everyone knows that in order to turn Michigan around we will need to make tough choices to close the budget gap and invest in the programs that will drive Michigan's revitalization," said Anderson. "I have grave concerns about the groups and programs that Snyder has decided should carry this burden — particularly education. The Governor's plan will divest critical funding from our education system at every level, from kindergarten to the university classroom, placing a quality education out of the reach of Michigan's future workforce."

Governor Snyder's budget proposal stands to hurt nearly all Michigan residents by:

- Cutting \$470 per pupil from education funding for K-12 schools.
- Slashing \$222 million (15 percent) from higher education funding for colleges and universities.
- Cutting statutory revenue sharing by almost 34 percent for cities, villages and townships that communities use to fund police officers and

fire fighters in our neighborhoods. State revenue sharing payments to counties will also be cut by \$51.8 million.

• Raising taxes on all public and private pensions that retirees and seniors receive.

• Eliminating the Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit, which helps working families who are struggling to get by with lower wage jobs. Last year, 200,359 Wayne County residents filed for the Michigan EITC, returning \$86,538,418 back to our local economy.

"Michigan is certainly facing a fiscal challenge, but cutting public safety, education, and raising taxes on working families and seniors is certainly not the answer," Anderson said. "We need to balance our efforts to help businesses create jobs and support the educational opportunities necessary for kids to qualify for those jobs."

In addition to the \$470 per pupil cut from all of the school districts in Senator Anderson's district, the Governor's budget eliminated categoricals from Wayne-Westland Public Schools worth \$6,065,800 and Garden City Public Schools worth \$726,000.

Anderson, State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, and State Rep. Bob Constan, D-Dearborn Heights will be fighting to get this funding restored, but are concerned that it will be even more difficult this time than in the past.

"These cuts to our local schools will be devastating and they reflect the wrong priority for moving Michigan forward," Anderson said.

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# Wayne High seniors' blankets help Spread the Love

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The students, all seniors, put on fundraisers to generate money to purchase fabric and then used their sewing skills to create more than 100 blankets and quilts which were donated to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

"We incorporated a lot of different skills," said Katie Sullivan, one of the teachers who coordinated the project. "It was a very meaningful exercise for a lot of the students."

The Spread the Love program is about seven years old. Beverly Beltramo, director of spiritual support services for Oakwood Healthcare Inc., helped bring the project to the healthcare system. Volunteers make and donate the blankets to the four Oakwood acute care hospitals in the Oakwood system. The blankets are given out to patients, Beltramo said.

"It's a great program," said Beltramo. "We give them out every day. We always need more."

The Wayne Memorial students put on fundraisers, such as read-a-thons, to

generate the \$900 they used to purchase fabric. When the final stitch had been tied off, they had 123 blankets to donate.

"I'm just glad I was able to help out," said Jesse Sullivan, a senior. He raised the most money - about \$180 - and created five of the blankets himself.

"I thought it was a great idea," said Robert Parker, who created three of the blankets. "I think they should keep it going every year."

"I loved it, it was fun," added Hailey Diehl.

The students dropped the blankets off at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. There were almost four carloads, enough to overflow three large cardboard boxes and fill several large garbage bags.

Teresa Jackson, a patient representative in the guest relations department at Oakwood Annapolis, had to hunt down three different places to store them.

"I think it's awesome," she said. "It's the largest donation we've had to the Spread the Love program here."

The Rev. Susan Mozena, the chaplain at Annapolis Hospital, who frequently hands out the blankets during the course of her daily rounds, agreed.

"I think it's great seeing good kids doing positive things instead of hearing about bad kids doing negative things," she said.



The Rev. Susan Mozena (left) and Teresa Jackson (right), patient representative at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, accepted more than 100 blankets for the Spread the Love program from Wayne Memorial High School students Hailey Diehl, Jesse Sullivan, Robert Parker (kneeling) and Destiny Baker. Marguerite Foshee (back row, right) and Katie Sullivan (back row, left) coordinated the program.



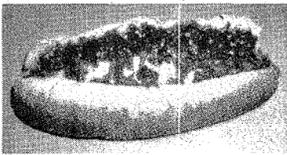
## Wish You Were Here

Dave and Patricia Nothstine (from left) and Barb and Jim Rozelle, all of Westland, pose with Their Observer at the top of the Gondola Ride near Christchurch, New Zealand. The photo was taken on Feb. 1, while the Nothstines and Rozelles were visiting Christchurch as part of 12-night Princess Cruise to New Zealand and Australia. The cruise started in Auckland, New Zealand, on Jan. 27 and ended on Feb. 8 in Sydney, Australia, where they stayed two additional nights before returning to Westland on Feb. 10. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

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## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

## Pancake breakfast

The Garden City Lions will hold their 20th annual Pancake Breakfast 8-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 13, at the Moose Lodge on Ford east of Middlebelt.

The breakfast is \$4 for adults and \$2 for kids age 12 and younger and includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, coffee and milk.

Look for members of the Garden City Fire Department helping out as the special guest cooks.

## 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.

## Pasta Dinner

The Garden City High School Band Boosters will hold a pasta dinner 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, March 4, in the cafeteria. The cost is \$4 for

students and senior citizens and \$6 for adult. Children under age 4 will be free.

## Open house

Garden City Co-Op Preschool is holding an open house 6-7 p.m. Monday, April 11, at the preschool, housed in the Garden City Presbyterian Church at 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford.

Parents can bring their children to meet the teacher and see what will be offered for the 2011-2012 school year.

## Preschool enrollment

Garden City Preschool is currently taking names for its mailing list for fall 2011.

Registration for the four-year-olds begins Wednesday, March 30, at Lathers Early Childhood and Kindergarten Center, 28351 Marquette at Harrison, Garden City. Registration for the three-year-olds begins Wednesday, April 6.

Contact Jeannine at (734) 762-8550 for more information. Non-residents welcome.

## Used Book Fair

The Friends of the Garden City Public Library are sponsoring a Used Book Fair Monday-Wednesday, March 21-23, in the gymnasium of the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood, west of Merriman.

The hours will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Wednesday will be a Books by the Bag Day.

The library also is accepting donations of used books, CDs, DVD's and videos in good condition for the sale.

## Support group

The Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group will meet 1-3 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford, Garden City.

Ronda Violi will be the speaker. A registered nurse and a life, business, and retreat coach, she has had chronic pain for 10 years and understands the importance

of taking good care of yourself when you have a chronic illness.

There are no dues, but the group does accept donations. For more information, visit the website at [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com).

## Breaking the Boundaries

Tickets and table space is available for the West Suburban Area Council of Chambers' annual Breaking the Boundaries business expo 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia.

The event brings together business professionals from the Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Greater Farmington Chamber, Lakes Area, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford, Southern Wayne County Chamber of Commerce for the expo. There will be a speaker at 5 p.m. talking about "How to Work the Room" followed by the expo 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Space for the expo is limited. A full table costs \$50, a half table \$25. Space is limited available on a first come, first serve basis. Appetizers and a cash bar will be provided. Cost is \$10 per person and a reservation is a must.

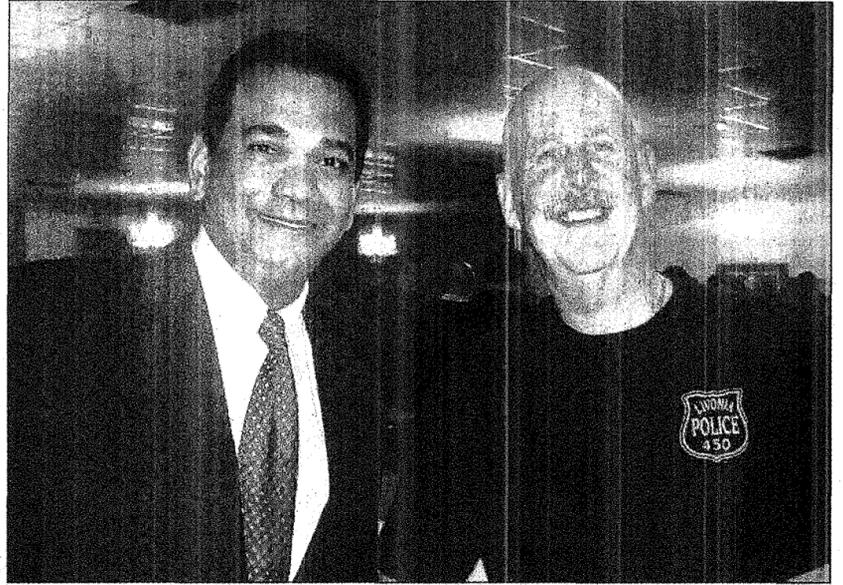
For more information or to reserve a spot, call the Garden City Chamber of Commerce at (734) 422-4448.

## St. Pat's Feast

Maxwell's Arts and Treasures will be the site of a St. Patrick's Day feast Thursday, March 17.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the family event that includes dinner, entertainment and fun. Tickets purchased before March 11 are \$10 for adults and \$4.50 for children. After March 12, they will be priced at \$12 and \$6.50. Preregistration is encouraged because of limited seating.

Call (734) 427-5300, Ext. 7, or (734) 722-7620 for more information. Maxwell's is at 32416 Industrial Dr., north of Ford, Garden City.



Roop Raj from Fox 2 Detroit (left) was master of ceremonies as Livonia Police Chief Robert Stevenson (right) and others paid tribute to Nehasil.

## Jaycees raise \$16,000 for fallen officer's family

The Livonia Jaycees raised \$16,000 for the family of fallen Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil during a fundraiser Feb. 4 at the One Under Bar and Grill in Livonia.

More than 400 donors and supporters attended the three-hour event, which featured Roop Raj, from Fox 2 Detroit, as the master of ceremonies.

Nehasil was killed in the line of duty Jan. 17.

Members of his family, Livonia Police Chief Robert Stevenson and John Badeen, president of the Livonia Jaycees, paid tribute to Nehasil's memory in a celebration of his life.

More than 50 packages were auctioned off, and the banquet

hall, food and beverages were donated by One Under Bar and Grill.

The following individuals, businesses and organizations helped to make the event possible: Mark Abbo, Glenn Anderson, Andiamos, Bill Brown Ford, Body Works Healing Centers, Bonnie Showerman, Brainers Greenhouse, Bright Side Dental, Cardwell Florist, Canton Township trustees, Chinn Jewelry, Coifer Salon, Compuware Sports Arena, Crazy Cops Poker Room, Dairy King, Embassy Suites, EZ Groom, Flowers On the Avenue, Gebela's Pizza, Gigi's Mode, Jeff Glover, Hampton Inn, Honey Baked Ham

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## Novi spoils Stevenson's conference title quest

### Reynolds keys win vs. Rocks

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

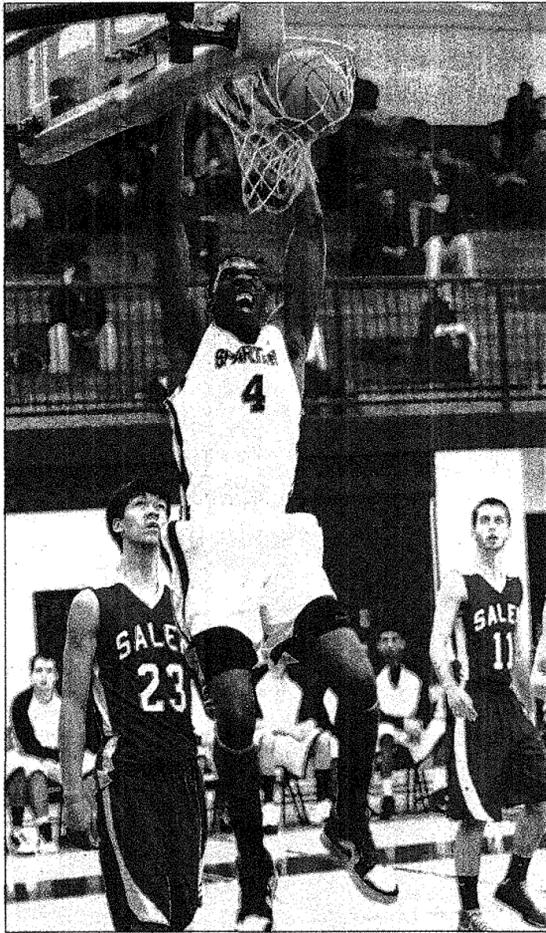
Grant Bettner's three-pointer with 5:26 to go in the game put Salem in position to pull off the upset against host Livonia Stevenson in Wednesday's Kensington Conference boys basketball semifinal.

It gave the Rocks a 50-47 advantage, but that was the last point Salem would score as Spartans closed out the game 15-0 run en route to a 62-50 victory.

Stevenson, which improved to 17-1 overall, got 27 points and 19 rebounds from 6-foot-9 senior center Jalen Reynolds to earn a spot in Friday's conference championship game to face KLAAs Central Division nemesis Novi (16-3).

"Down the stretch I thought we buckled down as a team and found a way to come away with the victory," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. "It's a great win for Stevenson and it's a great win for our program,

Please see **REYNOLDS, B3**



JOHN KEMSKI

Stevenson's 6-foot-9 senior center Jalen Reynolds throws down one of his seven dunks during Wednesday's 62-50 Kensington Conference semifinal victory over Salem.

### Third time's a charm for Wildcats, 55-51

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rob Laney's return to the Novi boys basketball lineup definitely adds another dimension.

And it was no more evident than in Friday's KLAAs Kensington Conference title game, as the 6-foot-5 senior led the way with 15 points as Novi upended host Livonia Stevenson, 55-51.

Stevenson, which had won its first two meetings against the Wildcats, had its 14-game winning streak snapped and falls to 17-2 overall.

Novi, surviving a late Stevenson scare after building a 53-44 lead with 4:10 remaining, improved to 16-3 overall.

"It's nice, we haven't gotten one yet," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said of the conference title. "This is our second league title in four years. It's a little extra sweet because we've been 8-2 in the division and second place every year since this (KLAAs) league started.

"As I told the kids, it's nice to beat really good teams. At least compete against them and see where you're at. Hopefully we have a little confidence heading into districts, which isn't going to be easy with Catholic

Central, Plymouth, Canton, Salem and South Lyon and Northville."

Stevenson's 6-foot-9 senior center Jalen Reynolds accumulated two early fouls and was forced to the bench for a stretch.

Meanwhile, Laney was carving up the Spartans' defense with 13 first-half points. It was only his second game back after a nine-game absence because of a torn thumb ligament.

"This is the first time Laney played against us and he had a heck of a game," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. "It shows he's been working hard over the last month. Even though he was injured, he stayed in shape. He definitely was the determining factor in tonight's game.

"With Jalen picking up two silly fouls early, that really put us back. It made it tough for him to stay focused for 32 minutes and it made it tough for our team to stay focused."

Reynolds finished with 15 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks, while senior point guard C.J. Mwila added 14.

Stevenson junior guard Jonathan Campbell, who torched Novi for 25 points in the previous meeting, was limited to 10.

Please see **STEVENSON, B3**

## SIDELINES

### Crusaders ousted

An upset bid fell just short Thursday night as the Madonna University men's basketball team lost to host Indiana Tech, 61-58, in the opening round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs at the Schaefer Center in Fort Wayne.

Senior Bryant Slaughter (Westland) scored a team-high 17 points in his final game as the Crusaders end their season at 8-22 overall.

Connor Leidal (Livonia Franklin) and Josh Gay added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Geoff Gaylor, also in his final game as a Crusader, finished with eight points and 10 rebounds.

Indiana Tech (21-10) which rallied from a 36-27 halftime deficit, got 17 points from Clyde McKinney.

### S'craft men routed

The men's basketball season ended on a losing note Wednesday night for Schoolcraft College.

Sam Burton scored 18 points and Doug Anderson added 16 as nationally-ranked Mott Community College, No. 1 in NJCAA Division II, rolled to a 92-54 triumph over the visiting Ocelots.

Mott, which clinched a share of the MCCAAs Eastern Conference title, improved to 26-2 overall and 14-1 in the conference. The Bears shot 11-of-14 from the foul stripe.

Schoolcraft (9-20, 3-13) got 16 points from Karl Moore.

Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) added 15 points and nine rebounds, while Zachary Childress chipped in with 14 points.

Schoolcraft, which made 14-of-21 free throws, missed the MCCAAs playoffs for the fourth straight year.

### Abraham adds two

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced the signing of two more players for the 2011 season when he added Cassie Castro of Saline and Kayla Vogel of Hastings to NAIA letters-of-intent.

Castro was a 2010 All-State selection for the Hornets along with being a two-time All-Region and All-Southeastern Conference selection. She was Saline's Defensive Player of the Year two straight seasons.

Vogel earned four varsity letters at Hastings where she amassed 613 kills, 132 solo blocks and 92 ace serves as a senior to earn All-Barry County first-team honors.

### Evans honored

Concordia University 6-foot-4 senior forward Brad Evans (Livonia Churchill) was named to the All-Academic team in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

To be named to the all-academic team, a student-athlete must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher and be a junior or senior.

## Crusader softball squad loaded

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

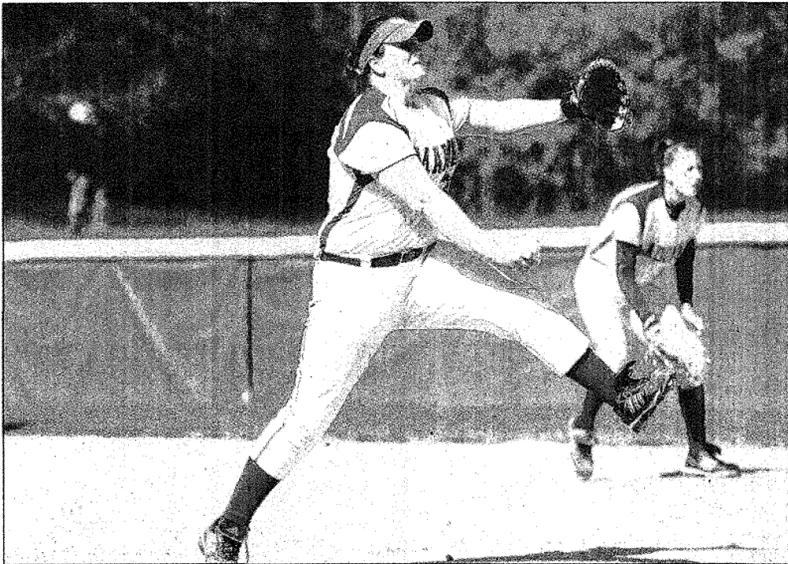
It's not out an Abbott & Costello routine, but who's on first base may be the biggest question mark as the Madonna University women's softball team embarks on the 2011 season.

The Crusaders, who begin their quest Friday, March 5 in the Tucson (Ariz.) Invitational, return a quality cast from last year's 43-12 squad which reached the NAIA Nationals for the second straight year.

"The talent is head and shoulders above anything we've put together," said MU coach Al White, who has amassed 409 wins since he began in 1999. "As a coach, you have a good problem, and as a coach, I'm not scared to put these kids in any position."

The team's leading hitter from a year ago - Livonia Churchill's Cat Sidor - has graduated. The All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference pick batted .374 with six homers and 36 RBI.

First base will more than likely be manned by four freshmen - Carlee Meek, who helped White Lake Lakeland to the 2010 Division I state finals; Erin Mays, an All-Stater from Ida who hits with left-handed power; Caitlyn Keuvelaar, coming off shoulder surgery from Essexville-



PATRICK MOORE | MU SPORTS INFORMATION PHOTO

Madonna University senior pitcher Jess Irwin went 29-6 last year with 370 strikeouts in 236.1 innings.



White Shay

Garber; and Kristen Drabek of Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

"We've had only two first basemen over the last eight years, so you can say we're

spoiled," White said. "We have four first basemen working out who will get an opportunity, and whoever produces, will get the most playing time.

"It's scary, but we're excited, too."

Drabek and Keuvelaar will also provide depth at catcher behind the duo of Ashley Shay (Garden City/Dearborn Divine Child), a durable senior who led MU with 37 RBI while playing in all 55 games, along with sopho-

more Amber Rafko, who hit .318 in 25 games.

Senior pitcher Jess Irwin, who posted an impressive 29-6 record with a 1.66 ERA and 370 strikeouts in 236.1 innings, returns as a three-time WHAC Pitcher of the Year.

She will once again be backed up by junior Hallie Minch (Garden City), who finished 14-6 with a 2.47 ERA.

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## Wayne girls rule region tournament

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Four area bowling teams are state finals-bound after earning top three finishes in the MHSAA Division 1 Region 5 team event held Friday at Westland Bowl.

Headed to M-66 Bowl next Friday in Battle Creek is Wayne Memorial which captured

**PREP BOWLING** the girls team title with a

total of 3,563 pins. Belleville and Brighton were second and third with 3,367 and 3,283, respectively, to also earn team qualifying berths.

Meanwhile, Plymouth captured the boys regional with a total of 4,160 pins to edge Westland John Glenn (4,159) for the title by one pin.

Wayne Memorial also made the state finals cut with a total of 4,033 on a six-game Baker of 189-214-131-157-182-192, followed by a three-game match play set of 1,073-932-963.

The Wayne girls posted a six-game Baker set of 156-186-224-157-150-191 followed by a three-game match set of 864-893-742.

Belleville's Daniella Perez led all individuals with a 581 series

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# SOFTBALL

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When she's not on the mound, Minch will also start in left field after hitting .344 with a team-leading 15 doubles.

"Jess is throwing well," White said. "She's a winner. And Minch is throw well and getting stronger. Both Meeks and Krista Messer (Taylor Kennedy) can also throw."

Senior starter Kelly Lesko (Trenton), a first-team All-WHAC selection, moves to the shortstop position after hitting .338.

Newcomer Jackie Barley, a mid-term transfer from Jackson Community College via Tecumseh, moves into the second base spot for lead-off hitter Brittney Scero (Canton), who graduated.

Meanwhile, sophomore third baseman Erica Landess (Carleton Airport) comes off a banner first season where she hit .352 with 36 RBI.

Also vying for infield time will be freshman Gina Sykes (Livonia Ladywood), sophomore Katelyn Hamman (Westland/Divine Child) and junior Dana Wawrzyniec (Airport).

"Gina is a utility player and one of the hardest working girls we have - and has a 4.0 GPA to boot," White said.

The outfield remains a strength led by Minch in left, senior Tara LaMilza (.293) of Warren Regina in right, and sophomore Arielle Cox of Monroe Jefferson (.293) in center.

Also in the outfield mix is junior Kiley Thornton (.286) of Ida, sophomore Ali Robinson of Farmington, freshman Dena Baydoun of Dearborn Heights Crestwood and freshman Rachel Walker of



PATRICK MOORE | MU SPORTS INFORMATION PHOTO

Garden City High grad Hallie Minch batted .344 last season and was the Crusaders' backup pitcher with a 14-6 record. She will play left field this season.

Fremont.

"Robinson is stronger, more energetic and has worked hard this year," White said.

MU will be defending its WHAC regular season and playoff titles after going 23-5.

"Since we've been in the top 25 (NAIA rankings) the last two-and-a-half years it makes a big difference," White said. "We have a target on our backs and everybody want to beat Madonna now."

So what is the three-time

WHAC Coach of the Year looking for going into the Arizona trip?

"Just be more consistent," White said. "Last year we got a little more lackadaisical after coming back from Arizona. I don't see it this year. The girls are working hard."

"Our schedule is tough. We play nine or 10 teams that have been to the national, but it's where it has to be."

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# Pershing guard does in Blazers

Detroit Pershing junior guard Caprice Dennis stole the show Friday in the consolation game of the Operation-Friendship girls basketball game at Livonia Ladywood.

The 5-foot-11 Dennis poured in a game-high 29 points as the Doughgirls improved to 19-1 overall with a 51-35 triumph over the host Blazers.

Ladywood trailed 31-22 after three quarters and got as close as six in the final period before Pershing closed out the game.

Senior Teresa Wojnarowski and sophomore Kiley Gorski led Ladywood (15-5) with 10 points apiece. Junior Briana Combs added nine.

The Blazers played without starting sophomore point-guard Andie Anastos, who was participating in a state hockey tournament.

Ladywood made only 8-of-17 foul shots, while Pershing his 8-of-11.

**CLARENCEVILLE 46, LAMPHERE 39:** Freshman forward Ayanna Buckley scored 10 of her 15 points to spark a 23-8 fourth-quarter run Friday as Livonia Clarenceville (6-14) roared back for a non-conference win over host Madison Heights Lamphere (3-17).

Jodi Ankiel added 11 points

for the victorious Trojans, who trailed 31-23 after three quarters.

Taylor Kelly and Erica Berger scored 18 and 11, respectively, for the Rams.

Clarenceville was 16-of-31 from the foul line, while Lamphere made 5-of-13.

**CRANBROOK 46, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 30:** Eva Heidingsfelder scored 18 points and LaShay Edwards added 14 to lead Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood (10-9) to a non-conference win Wednesday over host Lutheran High Westland (1-17).

Amanda Terranella and Aldreana Fikes tallied 12 points apiece for the Warriors. Fikes also grabbed 10 rebounds, while Terranella added seven.

The Warriors trailed 36-24 after three quarters before closing the deficit to eight with three minutes to play.

Cranbrook was 8-of-14 from the foul line, while Lutheran Westland hit 8-of-16.

"If we hit a couple of our shots and free throws towards the end, the game could have gone either way," Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade said. "The score doesn't reflect how my team play. I believe it was one our best games with only 11 turnovers. I'm looking

forward to what we can do in the districts."

**LADYWOOD 39, NOUVEL 27:** The trip was well worth it Wednesday night as Livonia Ladywood (15-4) bounced back from its heartbreaking loss in the Catholic League A-B Division championship game by defeating host Saginaw Nouvel Catholic (14-5).

Senior forward Teresa Wojnarowski paced the victorious Blazers with 13 points and six rebounds.

Junior guard Briana Combs added nine points (all on triples), while senior forward Alyssa Anastos chipped in with six points and 10 rebounds.

Jessica Franz led the Panthers with 11 points.

Ladywood fell behind 8-2 after one quarter before regrouping.

"You could tell we still were having a tough time from our loss (Sunday) to (Farmington Hills) Mercy (46-42)," Ladywood first-year coach Anthony Coratti said. "But we played hard and did a great job defensively, and we only had eight turnovers. We executed well. We just didn't hit shots."

Ladywood was 7-of-9 from the foul line, while Nouvel hit 3-of-6.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### 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 to the public. No reservations required.

For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790.

Westland John Glenn tuned up for the upcoming Class A district girls basketball tournament at Romulus by whipping Hartland, 60-37, in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover Thursday night at home.

Senior Michelle Vanover scored 12 points and added five rebounds for the Rockets, who improved to 17-3 overall and will face host Romulus beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Monday in the opening round of the state tournament.

Joslyn Massey contributed 10 points and 12 rebounds, while Shakeya Graves also scored 10 for Glenn.

The Rockets led 27-21 at halftime before taking control with a 19-7 third-quarter run.

Bailee Maggert paced the Eagles (17-3) with 14 points.

Hartland made 12-of-16 foul shots on the night, while Glenn was 3-of-6.

**FRANKLIN 43, W.L. CENTRAL 36:** Livonia Franklin (11-9) connected on 20-of-28 free throws Thursday to turn back visiting Walled Lake Central (6-14) in a KLAAs crossover.

### KLAAs GIRLS BASKETBALL

Senior point-guard Chelsea Williams led the Patriots with 18 points, while fellow senior Jessica Emery chipped in with eight.

Lisa Warmier paced the Vikings with 14 points. Central's free throw total was 9-of-14.

"Everybody played and it was a good team win," said Franklin first-year coach Bob Ostrowski, whose team led 17-8 after one quarter.

**LAKELAND 42, STEVENSON 41:** Marlana Maleich's free throw with only two seconds left proved to be the difference Thursday as White Lake Lakeland (16-4) edged host Livonia Stevenson (12-8) in a KLAAs crossover.

Stephanie Lock paced the victorious Eagles with a game-high 21 points.

Junior guard Jordan York paced the Spartans with 17, including 11-of-12 from the free throw line. Senior center Kristen Balhorn chipped in with 11.

Lakeland made 18-of-25 free

throws, while Stevenson connected on 13-of-17.

**W.L. WESTERN 41, CHURCHILL 38:** Junior center Erin Menard scored 12 points and sophomore guard Sydney Anderson added 11, but it wasn't enough Thursday night as host Livonia Churchill (3-17) fell to Walled Lake Western (5-15) in a KLAAs crossover.

Smith scored 12 points as the Warriors fought back from a 32-27 third-quarter deficit with a 14-6 fourth-quarter run.

Churchill had a wide advantage at the foul stripe going 20-for-31, while Western connected on just 4-of-11.

**W.L. NORTHERN 46, WAYNE 42:** On Thursday, Maria Roper scored 13 points and Caitlyn Crowley added 10 as Walled Lake Northern (6-14) edged Wayne Memorial (3-17) in a KLAAs crossover.

Jaylyn Hammac sparked Wayne with a game-high 16 points, while teammates Holland Boertje and Ashley Bland added nine apiece.

Northern connected on 11-of-19 foul shots, while Wayne made 10-of-16.

# Bears freeze Chargers; Spartans fall in OT, 7-6

## BOYS HOCKEY

State-ranked Wyandotte Roosevelt improved its overall record to 20-4 with a pair of third-period goals Friday night to beat visiting Livonia Churchill, 6-4, in a non-league boys hockey game at Yack Arena.

Gerald Mayhew led the Bears, ranked No. 5 in Division 2, with a goal and three assists. Tyler Groat also chipped in with a pair of assists.

Devin Smythe led the Chargers (12-10-2) with a pair of goals, while Jake Otto and Tommy Carey contributed one goal apiece.

Wyandotte led 3-2 after one period but it was 4-all heading into the third.

Wyandotte held the edge in shots, 19-15.

Goalie Alex Estes made 13 saves for Churchill, while Chase Schmittou had 11 stops

for the Bears.

**BROTHER RICE 7, STEVENSON 6 (OT):** Birmingham Brother Rice (18-5-1), ranked No. 2 in Division 2, celebrated senior night Thursday by scoring the game-winning goal in overtime to beat Livonia Stevenson (15-6-3) at Oak Park's Honeybaked Arena.

Stevenson led 3-2 after one period and it was tied 5-5 after two and 6-6 after three.

Justin Shureb's hat trick paced the Spartans, ranked No. 4 in Division 1.

Max Humitz added two goals, while Cam Humitz also scored.

Ryan Urso chipped in with three assists.

**CHURCHILL 6, LAKE SHORE 0:** Steve Klisz scored just 13 seconds into the game and

added a pair of power play goals Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (12-9-1) rolled to a 6-0 victory over visiting St. Clair Shores Lake Shore (10-10-3) at Edgar Arena.

Beside Klisz's hat trick, the Chargers also got a pair of power play goals from Brad Milks and another goal from Kevin Louwers.

Ben Proben chipped in with three assists, while Jake Otto and Mike Kutek contributed two apiece for the Chargers.

Churchill goaltender Alex Estes stopped all 20 Lake Shore shots on goal to record the shutout.

The Shorians, who trailed 2-0 after two periods before getting outscored 4-0 in the final period.

Lake Shore goalie Bobby Fredal made 27 saves in the loss.

Brian Monty added a 190-22-412, while Steven White contributed a 194 single game. The Rockets also had split scores of 159-146 and 180.

Wayne's Elliot Arnold and Zack Huffman took fourth and sixth, respectively.

Arnold rolled a 663 series on games of 239-213-211, while Huffman had a 636 on games of 223-220-193.

Other Wayne scorers included Tony Lave, tied for 11th (212-157-215-584); Jeremy Brown, 14th (211-178-189-578); and Scott Franklin, 24th (188-164-155-507).

Hornes rolled a 703 series on games of 279-189-235, while Cleavenger posted a 696 series on games of 193-276-227.

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## BOWLING

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on games of 213-176-192.

Stephani O'Harris was Wayne's top individual in seventh with a 542 series on games of 202-167-173.

Other Wayne individual finishers included Tiffany Markham, ninth (198-158-218-533); Brianna Everett, tied for 13th (161-205-147-513); Chelsea Morneau, 45th (161-196-357); and Brianna Winn, 167-127-294).

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Rachel Miller was 11th for the Rockets with a 520 series on games of 186-182-152-520, while Khiry Sparks took 12th with a 514 series on games of 192-157-165.

The Glenn girls posted a six-game Baker set of 178-192-210-207-227-210, while adding a three-game match set of 966-1,048-921.

Glenn's Jordan Hornes and John Cleavenger finished one-two individually in the boys regional.

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**General:** 2011 annual parking and boat launch permits are available at the park office. Vehicle entry permits are \$25; senior citizen \$15. Boat launching permits are \$30; senior citizen \$15. The HCMA and Oakland County Parks permits, valid within both park systems, are \$48. Daily entry fee is \$5.

Park office at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178. The Nature Center office phone number is (248) 685-0603. Pre-registration required for programs and a \$2 fee per person unless stated otherwise. Park hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

**Nature Center Survival Saturday:** Fire Building: Saturday, March 5, 1 p.m. Discover the basics of building a good fire and practice several different campfire starting methods. Fee:

\$3 per person. For ages 10 and older. Preregistration required. **Webeles:** Scientist: Sunday, March 6, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/outdoor program. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Preregistration required. **Webeles:** Naturalist: Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/outdoor program. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Preregistration required.

**Deer Trailing:** Sunday, March 13, 2 p.m. Explore the park's less-traveled game trails that often lead to surprising discoveries. Fee: \$3 per person. For ages 8 and older. Preregistration required. **Leave No Trace Camping for Scouts:** Saturday, March 19, 1 p.m. Scouts will learn how to camp without scarring the landscape. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Participants should dress for the weather. Preregistration required. **Bear Scouts:** Sharing Your World

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NICOLOSI-JOHNSTON

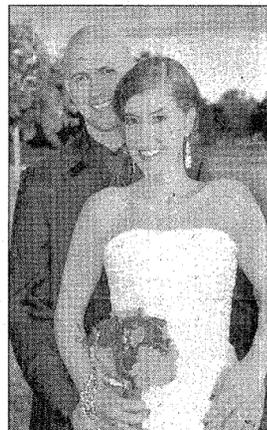
Kristina Johnston and Johnathan Nicolosi were married Sept. 10, 2010, in Denver, Colo. The Rev. Daniel McCoy officiated.

The bride, daughter of Charles and Maria Johnston of Livonia, received a bachelor of arts degree from Eastern Michigan University and a master of arts degree from the University of Colorado. She works as a speech pathologist at National Jewish Hospital, in Denver, Colo.

The groom, son of Thurman and Ada Saffell of Pineland, S.C., attended American University and is employed by the U.S. Air Force.

Carolyn Branchick of Novi was the maid of honor. Megan Richards of Chicago, Ill., and Kristen Rimmer of Denver, Colo., served as bridesmaids.

The groom's attendants were Christopher Nicolosi, Michael Miller and David Seiler. A reception was held in



Nicolosi-Johnston

Denver. The couple took a Mediterranean cruise and have made their home in Aurora, Colo.

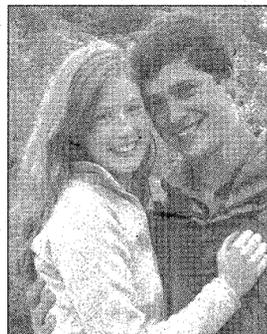
JULY WEDDING

Stephanie Ann Peterson of Farmington Hills and Luke Bostic of Huntington Woods announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Judy and Wally Peterson of Farmington Hills, is a Michigan State University graduate. She teaches in the Troy school district.

Her fiancé, son of Kate Lazuka and Mike Bostic of Ann Arbor, attended Michigan State University and is a senior financial analyst with ArvinMeritor.

A July 2011 wedding is planned in Farmington Hills.



Peterson-Bostic

AUGUST WEDDING

Christine Korycki of Canton is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Kelly L. Korycki, to Scott M. Cameron, son of Bruce and Judy Cameron of Hillman, formerly of Owosso.

Kelly received a bachelor's degree in the science of nursing from Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as an emergency room nurse by a local hospital.

Scott, a graduate of Michigan State University, received a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He is a commercial loan analyst at a local credit union.

An August 2011 wedding is



Korycki-Cameron

planned at St. John Neumann, in Canton, followed by a reception in Ann Arbor.

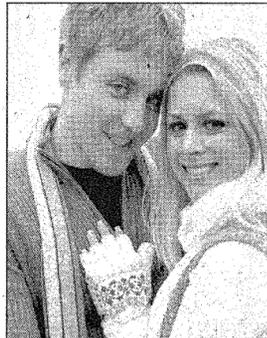
APRIL 2012 WEDDING

Kelly McComb and Steve Stork announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Lynn and Bob McComb of Livonia, attended Michigan State University and is employed in marketing and events at the Michigan Humane Society.

Her fiancé, son of Peggy Stork of Commerce, attended Western Michigan University and is employed as a senior mortgage consultant at Summit Funding, Inc.

An April 2012 wedding is planned at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.



McComb-Stork

BRODY ARRIVES

Patrick Rogers and Marilea Grom are proud to announce the birth of Brody William Rogers.

Brody weighed 7 pounds, 6.2 ounces and measured 19.75 inches when he was born Feb. 9, 2011, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.

Brody joins his parents and big brother, Sawyer, 2, at home in Vanderbilt.

Brody's grandparents are Joan and Gerald Rogers of Cheboygan and Mary and



Brody William Rogers

Joseph Grom of Livonia. He is the great-great nephew of Sophie and Joseph Wicher of Livonia.

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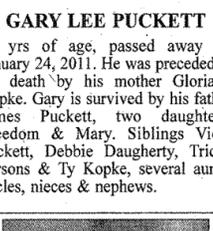
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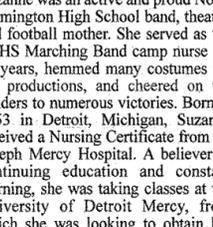
REV. MILLY COLLINS

With great sadness and many precious memories, the family of Milly Collins announces her passing on February 23, 2011, in Livonia, Michigan. Milly was a devoted and vivacious wife, mother and grandmother who warmed hearts and enriched lives. She gained international renown for decades of service as a religious teacher, author, composer and minister for the Unity School of Christianity. She wrote over 50 inspirational songs, some of which are included in the Unity hymnal in use around the world. Born in Detroit as Milly Kampas, she graduated from Mackenzie High School as valedictorian of the Class of 1945 and majored in theater at Wayne State University. Milly loved animals, children of all ages, traveling and always enjoyed a fast, bouncy Polish polka. Milly is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Bob Collins, by her devoted children Dave Collins (Janet Ecome), Carol Collins (Kevin Clark), Lori Knight (Denny Knight) and Diane Collins, by her loving grandsons Sasha Knight (Tomoko Tadachi) and Jesse Knight, and by her nephew Jim Huttula (Alisha Huttula) and their children Chris and Nikki. Donations in Milly's memory should be made to Angela Hospice or any humane society. A Memorial Service to celebrate her life will be held at Unity of Livonia Church, 26880 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 11 AM with visitation starting at 10 AM. If inclined to attend, please feel free to dress in the colors of the rainbow that Milly so loved. Please share a memory at [www.rgrharris.com](http://www.rgrharris.com)



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.



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 afflicted 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](http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu)). - SU2C - Stand Up to Cancer ([www.standup2cancer.org](http://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](http://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.



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 selfless 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/ia/obituaies.htm> to leave a condolence message for the family.

**HANNAH WINTER**  
 Feb. 23, 2011, at the age of 90. Beloved wife of the late Arnold. Dear mother of Al (Terri). Grandmother of Cory (Kristin) & Brent (Rebecca). Great-grandmother of Emma, Jordan & Seth. Services were held on Friday, February 25th at the Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile). Share a memory at: [www.mannsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mannsfuneralhome.com)

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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 was Thursday and Friday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.



MONICA ANN NISTAL

August 23, 1961- February 14, 2011. Monica was a long term resident of Plymouth before moving to North Carolina where she died at the age of 49. Monica was a beloved daughter, sister, Aunt and friend to many around her. She is survived by her parents, Miguel and Frances Nistal, Her brother Miguel Nistal and his wife Sandy, Her sister Maria Henningburg and her husband Andrew, her nephews; Miguel, Dominic, Maxwell, Jacob and Joshua and her niece Nicole. She is remembered by many loving family members and friends. The memorial service will be held March 5, 2011 at 11:00 am with visitation beginning at 10:30. Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be sent in memory of Monica Nistal to: St. Joseph Indian School, PO Box 100, Chamberlain, SD 57325

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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**FEB. 27-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](http://www.widowedfriends.org)

**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**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Time/Date:** 6-6:45 p.m. soup supper; 7 p.m. service, March 9  
**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Details:** Pastor Gregory Gibbons will preach on the theme "Jesus, Peter and Me." Refreshments follow the service. The church will hold Lenten services and soup suppers every Wednesday through Lent  
**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

**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

**Clothing Bank**

**Time/Date:** 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, Canton  
**Details:** Free clothing will be given

to anyone in need  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

**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](mailto:clarencevilleumc@att.net)

**Concert and dinner**

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. concert; 5-7:30 p.m. dinner, March 6  
**Location:** Congregation Bnai Moshe, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** The Gemini Brothers perform in a free concert; strolling Israeli dinner afterwards. Cost of the dinner, catered by Elite Kosher Catering, is \$25 for adults; \$10 for children, 5-12 and free for children, 4 and under. The fare will be gluten-free and nut-free. There will be a kids' station and a dessert station. Reservations must be received by March 1.  
**Contact:** (248) 788-0600

**Guest speaker**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. March 5  
**Location:** Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Nancy Seubert will talk about "The Earth Charter as an Ethical Framework for Local Action." The Earth Charter was fashioned from the principles of science, international law, the teachings of indigenous peoples, the world's great religions, and numerous traditions and best practices for building sustainable community. This interactive presentation will explore the Earth Charter principles and ways to reconcile social benefits that seem to conflict with each other, such as a sound economy and environmental integrity, \$10 if reserved in advance by phone; \$12 at the door. Reception follows  
**Contact:** (248) 478-7272 or [www.uufarmington.org/lc](http://www.uufarmington.org/lc)

**Pancake dinner**

**Time/Date:** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8  
**Location:** Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Chris Cakes will fling all the pancakes you can catch - and eat. Includes pancakes, sausage, orange drink, milk and coffee. Tickets available in the church Narthex for \$6 per person, \$2 for kids 4 and under. Or pay \$6.50 for adults and \$2.50 for kids at the door. Proceeds benefit the annual Youth Mission Trip

**Contact:** (248) 626-3620

**MARCH 10-16**

**Learning Shabbat**

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. service, 7 p.m. congregational Shabbat dinner, Friday, March 11 and 9:30 a.m. service, with lunch and program following, Saturday, March 12  
**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Dr. Rebecca Schorsch, chair of the Bible Department at the Chicago Land Jewish High School in Deerfield, Ill., will teach about the role of women and gender in Jewish life and imagination. Schorsch will analyze the text Eishet Hayil (Woman of Valor; Proverbs chapter 31) in a study session called "Who is the Woman of Valor? A Study of a Friday Night Tradition." There is no charge for the after-dinner talk, and walk-ins are welcome. Reservations are required for the dinner by 4 p.m. March 9. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$8 for children, 6-12. On Saturday, Schorsch will lead a second study session, "God as Midwife and Women as Saviors: The Feminization of the Exodus." There is no charge for the Shabbat afternoon learning session, and walk-ins are welcome  
**Contact:** (248) 851-6880

**Widowed Friends**

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. social, 6 p.m. dinner, Friday, March 11  
**Location:** American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy  
**Details:** Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed individuals of all ages to a family-style Lenten dinner. Cost is \$14, payable in cash at the door. Bar drinks and desserts extra. Cards, games and conversation afterward  
**Contact:** RSVP by March 9 to Mary Ann at (586) 939-5270 or Sally at (586) 575-9535

**ONGOING**

**AWANA**

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

**Classes/study**

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

**Contact:** Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to [pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org](mailto:pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org)  
**Faith Bible Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8  
**Location:** 34541 5 Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** "Four Views of the End Times" adult study  
**Also ongoing:** "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits  
**Contact:** (734) 464-7990

**Men's Bible study**

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

**New Life Community Church**

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

**Nicole's Revival**

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday  
**Location:** YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer  
**Contact:** (313) 531-1234

**Our Lady of Loretto**

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

**Ward Presbyterian**

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

**Clothing bank**

**Canton Christian Fellowship**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday  
**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty  
**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit [www.cantoncf.org](http://www.cantoncf.org) or send e-mail to [info@cantoncf.org](mailto:info@cantoncf.org)

**Food Bank**

**New Hope Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only  
**Location:** is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton  
**Contact:** Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Get creative with a spring arts class

The VAAL, (Visual Arts Association of Livonia), is accepting registration for its spring classes, which will begin March 9 and run through May. Classes include Amazing Acrylics taught by Kim Ensch; Creative Painting-All Media with Marj Chellstorp; Portraits with Lin taught by Lin Baum; The Joy of Watercolor taught by Edee Joppich; Create with Audrey taught by Audrey DiMarco-Terry; and Mono Types and Mono Prints with Laura Host. Classes are for serious beginners as well as advanced painters. Sessions are held days, evenings, and weekends. Among the workshops being offered are a two-day pastel class with Jim Markle; Flowers that Bloom in the Spring, a three-day class with Edee Joppich; a three-day Experimental Experience with Edee Joppich; Spatter Painting and Beyond a two-day workshop with Marj Chellstorp; and a two-day class, Painted Brush Lettering, with Linda McVicar. All classes are held at the VAAL classroom at the New Five Shopping Center, 37653 Five Mile at Newburgh, Livonia. To receive a free schedule of classes call (734) 838-1204 or visit [www.vaalart.org](http://www.vaalart.org).

Hazardous waste collections planned

Got unwanted chemicals? Dispose of them, along with other unwanted hazardous household wastes, March 26 at Wayne County Community College District, Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty, Belleville. Wayne County's Department of Public Services also has scheduled a collection Saturday, June 18, at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Hazardous household waste collections run from 8 a.m.-p.m. and are open to Wayne County residents only. Items that will be accepted include household paints, stains, floor-care items, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, antifreeze, fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs, old computers and television sets. Pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only) and medical sharps in puncture-proof containers will also be accepted. All waste must be from residential sources. For more information, call Wayne County's Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

GARDEN AND NATURE

Send garden information and photos to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

**LIVONIA GARDEN CLUB**

Dale Smart, is from the Organization for Bat Conservation and the Bat Zone at Cranbrook Institute of Science and will give a live bat demonstration, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at 5 Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are welcome.

**GARDEN TRIP**

Party Animal Travel is accepting registration now for the The Garden Club of Wayne County trip to the North American Flower and Garden Show, Friday, March 4 in Chicago, Ill. Cost is \$88 and includes motor-coach transportation, time for shopping and admission to the show, which will include garden displays, Master Gardeners and more than 100 informational booths. For more information call (734) 525-9777.

**FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB**

Gloria Minnebo will offer a workshop for making miniature designs. She'll have supplies, including containers, on hand at the next meeting of the

Farmington Garden Club, noon, March 7, in the Spicer House in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Guests are welcome. For more information call Joann at (248) 474-0866 or visit [www.farmingtongardenclub.com](http://www.farmingtongardenclub.com).

**AT ENGLISH GARDENS**

The store will provide everything needed, including hands-on instruction, to design a gorgeous fresh flower arrangement to take home, in a workshop at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26. Cost is \$24.99. Learn the ABC's of growing herbs at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5. The presentation is free. A Make It & Take It workshop features kitchen herbs at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5. Participants select four herbs to grow in a ceramic container. The store provides everything needed to make the garden to take home. Cost is \$19.99. Learn the hints for creating an exceptional landscape with tips from the professionals at a free presentation, "The Basics of Landscape Design," 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12. "The Grass Can Be Greener," 1 p.m. Saturday, March 19, will offer advice on keeping lawns healthy, growing and green.

Coast Guard class teaches boating safety

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will offer a boating safety and seamanship class beginning March 3 at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia. The eight-week class runs from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays in the north cafeteria. Material cost \$45 for the first fam-

ily member and \$15 for each additional member using the same book. There is a \$12 per person classroom charge. Register at Livonia Schools, 15125 Farmington Road or by calling (734) 744-2602. The class number is 7536-W10A.

For more information call Larry Dunn, Flotilla Staff Officer, at (313) 538-1604 or John Burdick at (313) 538-7227. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's mission is to support the Coast Guard and promote boating safety through education.

New address for tickets to event

Making reservations for the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast? Take note - the address for ticket purchases has changed. Organizers request that checks be sent to Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, 18858 Mayfield, Livonia, MI 48152. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, K-12. The 37th annual breakfast is May 12, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. Guest speaker, WDIV-TV meteorologist, Chuck Gaidica, will talk about "Weathering the Storms of Life."



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White Rose Ball participants are Alex Vickers (left) of Dearborn, Alexis Enyedy of Beverly Hills, Anthony Warren of Port Huron, Veronica Kontosh of Southgate, Shane Danyko of Trenton, Haley Feher of Livonia, Alex Marchelletta of Dearborn, Lillian Mihalak of Lake Orion, John Budjuso of Trenton and Nicole Kovach of Milford.

## Local debutantes perform traditional Hungarian dance

Haley Feher, a Livonia Stevenson High School student, was among the teens who were introduced to Hungarian society at the 53rd annual Hungarian White Rose Debutante Ball earlier this month.

Other debutantes were Alexis Enyedy, a Beverly Hills resident who attends Groves High School in Birmingham; Veronica Kontos of Anderson High School in Southgate; Nicole Kovach from Milford High; and Lillian Mihalak from Lake Orion High School. As a part of their debut, the students and their escorts performed the Palotas, a traditional Hungarian royal court dance.

Linda Enyedy was the honorary chairperson of the ball. She was honored for her lifetime commitment to the advancement of Hungarian culture. Enyedy was one of the co-founders of Dancers Hungaria, and has taught Hungarian dance for many years. She also started the only zither group in North America. She has been instrumental in almost everything Hungarian that happens in Michigan — from cultural displays to providing Hungarian expertise and extras to the film industry.

Two college scholarships also were awarded at the ball. One went to Justin Rito, an accomplished pianist and composer from Mount Pleasant, and the other to Max Geissler, a talented cellist who attends the University of Michigan.

## Mission work in Uganda an eye-opener

BY STACY JENKINS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Paul and Nancy Berrigan didn't know that a Sunday morning Mass in July 2005 would change their lives.

A missionary spoke that morning — not an unusual occurrence at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. But, this time something was different.

The words of Monsignor John Kauta, from Uganda, seemed to be directed at the Farmington Hills couple.

"He touched us," said Nancy Berrigan, telling the story of how Kauta talked about Pagan Babies, a fund-raising effort she was involved in when she was just a little girl. "He was such a dynamic speaker."

Kauta explained how far the U.S. dollar goes in Africa and how much would be needed to do something like, say, build a school.

"We talked to him after Mass ... and before we knew it, we were building a school," said Nancy Berrigan.

Two years of sorting out the logistics and getting the contractors in place, the school for ninth grade through junior college, was built in a remote area of Uganda called Chelekura. It's not a village, but an area in the east African nation of Uganda, about four hours east of the country's capital, Kampala.

"It's just a blank space of land — no water, no electricity," said Paul Berrigan.

The first school in Chelekura was the shade from a large tree. The second school was under a hut made from tree limbs and a thatched roof, with no walls. The third location for the school was inside a crumbling old church, after a new one was built.

"The only things there are a church and a school," said Paul Berrigan.

The new school — named the John Paul School, after Paul and Nancy's fathers' first names — has become the center point of the rural community and it seems to be attracting more people to the area. Mud huts have popped up near the school, and there is some trading of goods and other signs that a community or village may be forming.

Hundreds of people attended the dedication in 2007, each bringing gifts for the Berrigans — including turkeys, goats, coins, eggs, fruit and more.

It was an overwhelming experience for the couple.

"They believe you have to give back of your time, talent or treasure. It was so humbling," said Nancy Berrigan.



Paul and Nancy Berrigan of Farmington Hills dig their shovels into the ground in Chelekura, a remote area in Uganda, where a new science and library building will be added to the campus of their John Paul School.

belong to the school, and the Berrigans encourage the students to maintain them, and rent them out to others in the community. Establishing micro-businesses in Chelekura is a goal of the Berrigans.

They are currently in the midst of building a new science and library building on the John Paul School campus. It will have a biology lab, a physics lab and a chemistry lab, a computer lab and a library. An anonymous \$5,000 donation will be used for the science lab equipment. They hope to get solar panels on the building. A Rotary club installed solar

### A SPECIAL BOND

The Berrigans didn't know the bricks and mortar would be just the beginning of an amazing and fulfilling endeavor that's reached well beyond their expectations.

They have formed a special bond with the people of Chelekura.

"We've been adopted into the Eteso Tribe," said Nancy Berrigan, noting her tribal name is Igoo and Paul's name is Odele, the names of Kauta's grandparents.

"He said we've become a part of Uganda's history," she added.

### JUST THE BEGINNING

Since the school was built, there is now a water system, toilet facilities and a girls dormitory, where the female students can live, and not have to walk five to seven miles to school. The Berrigans have also established a scholarship program for the students to be able to attend the accredited, private Catholic school. The tuition is \$100 per year or \$200 for girls who are boarding. The students go to school for as long as they can afford it, then they drop out.

The Berrigans see how much is needed in Chelekura.

"That was just the beginning," said Paul Berrigan, of building the school. "Their needs are endless."

Because no one has vehicles in Chelekura, the Berrigans bought the school staff members bicycles to make the trek to work a little easier. The bicycles

panels on the main school building.

Support is also coming from Nancy's former classmates in Kansas City, and from other friends and parishioners in Michigan.

They hope the new science and library building will be completed by the time they return to Chelekura in June. The Berrigans visit Uganda once a year — most recently in November for the science and library building groundbreaking.

They know their work is far from being finished.

"The next thing we need is staff housing," said Paul Berrigan. "They all come from miles away."

When they talk about all that's happened in the last five years, they cannot believe that they've built a school in Africa.

"You forget how far you've come," said Nancy Berrigan. "It's been a wonderful journey and we've met so many wonderful people."

Paul Berrigan is retired from Chrysler, where he was director of distribution, and Nancy is a retired registered nurse. They know that it's the right time in their lives to do this work — and they're loving it.

"It's our passion," said Nancy Berrigan. "We are connected to these people."

She said people may wonder, "Why Africa? Why not here?"

"I think everybody gets a calling," she said. "It just so happens ours was to go to Africa."

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**FOOT PAIN**

When a patient notes foot pain, the doctor often will stop the discussion at once and ask: "point to the spot where you are experiencing pain." The reason for the doctor's abrupt question is that the location of the pain often tells the doctor what is the most likely cause of the problem.

If the patient points to the back of the foot by the heel, the cause of the pain is not a "heel spur." X-rays of the foot often will show what appears to be a saber like sliver of bone slashing through the tissue around it. What the x-ray really shows is calcification of the tissue attaching to the heel. The usual cause of heel pain is injury to the bone, the calcaneus, with treatment being cushioning of the site of maximum tenderness.

If the person's pain is in the bottom front of the foot, called the forefoot, then the doctor would consider rheumatoid arthritis as a possible cause. If the patient was experiencing pain in both forefeet, then rheumatoid arthritis would be the likely diagnosis even without x-rays or laboratory studies.

If the pain begins at the base of the great toe, and the pain comes on suddenly with intensity, then the first diagnosis is gout. Another characteristic of gout pain is that it occurs at rest or on the first step after sitting for a long time at a movie or watching television.

In a younger person a red and swollen second or third toe is evidence of psoriatic arthritis. In an older person, the doctor would think of peripheral arterial disease. Finally, pain over the whole foot, like a stocking, is in keeping with neuropathy.

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### Gilda's Club has bereavement support

Losing a loved one to cancer is devastating. Gilda's Club Metro Detroit offers many different support groups to ensure that help is available and that a sincere, welcoming environment is attainable in someone's time of need.

"Gilda's Club is unique because our bereavement support is ongoing; it's not for only six weeks like some hospice/funeral homes might have," said Kristen Bernat, senior program manager at Gilda's Club Metro Detroit. "Members help each other grieve and cope through very difficult times."

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit has six different bereavement groups dedicated to providing support for anybody who has lost a loved one to cancer.

Spouses Bereavement group meets on the first and third Monday of every month from 7-8:30 p.m. and is for anyone who lost their spouse/partner to cancer.

The Family Bereavement group meets the second Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8 p.m. and is for anyone who has lost someone to cancer.

The LGBT and cancer group meets the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8 p.m. and is open to anyone in the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual & Transgender) Community who has been affected by cancer.

For children and teens, Gilda's Club Metro Detroit offers three separate bereavement groups.

Grief Busters for Kids (ages 5 to 9) is held on the first Monday of every month from 7-8 p.m.

Teen Grief (ages 10 to 12) is held on the second Monday of every month from 7-8 p.m.

Teen Grief (ages 13 to 18) is held on the fourth Monday of every month from 7-8 p.m.

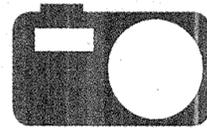
Gilda's Club Metro Detroit provides free social and emotional support for men, women and children living with cancer, their families and friends.

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit is located at 3517 Rochester Road in Royal Oak. Anyone interested in joining Gilda's Club may attend a New Member meeting on Mondays at 1 p.m. or Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. For more information on Gilda's Club and to make a donation, visit [www.gildasclubdetroit.org](http://www.gildasclubdetroit.org) or call (248) 577-0800.

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## PHOTO GALLERIES

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# Meet authors, support art classes at events in Livonia, Novi

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Linda McLean will combine two passions — art and reading — at a fundraiser Saturday, March 5, at the Art-is-in-Market stores at 12 Oaks Mall, Novi and Laurel Park Place Mall, Livonia.

The author, artist and former school media specialist will gather nearly 20 Michigan authors and illustrators to sign their books from 1-7 p.m. at the stores in celebration of Reading Month. In turn, they'll donate a portion of book sales to The Art Road, a non profit group that brings art lessons to children in Detroit who have no access to art classes.

"It's a nice fit," said McLean, a Northville resident and author of *The Heidelberg Project-A Street of Dreams*, a book that combines poetry with photos of Tyree Guyton's Detroit street art. The title is one of two books sold at Art-is-in-Market, a store that sells mostly art works made exclusively by Michigan artists.

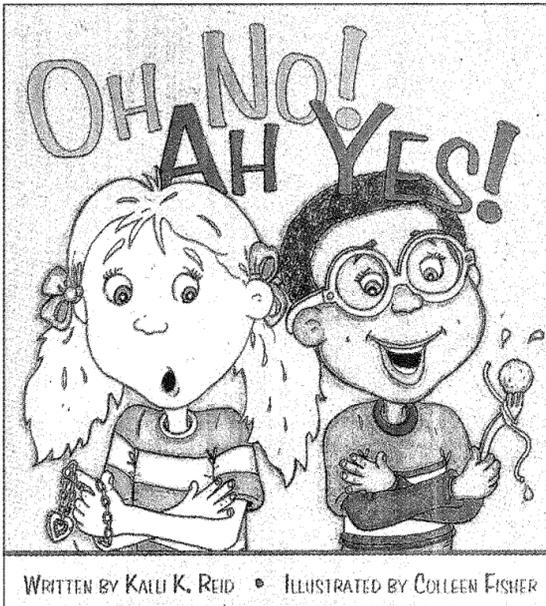
McLean, a mural painter, had coordinated an author signing and fundraiser at a store in Clawson last year and suggested a similar idea to Art-is-in-Market owner Debbie La Pratt.

"I said, I know a bunch of authors who would love to come," McLean said. "I feel people are turning back to supporting local authors and artists ... local anything Michigan."

"We're supporting children's books and we are supporting children as artists."

### CREATIVE ENGINEERING

Patty O'Brien Novak, a Livonia mom, former engineer for Ford Motor Company and author of *Engineering the*



WRITTEN BY KALLI K. REID • ILLUSTRATED BY COLLEEN FISHER

Colleen Fisher, a second-grade teacher in Livonia, illustrated this book for Kalli Reid of Canton. Both will be on hand for the booking signing event March 5 at Art-is-in-Market in Laurel Park Place.

*ABC's*, is happy to participate in the event because it will give her a chance to talk about one of her favorite topics.

"I can talk to people and show them that engineering is a creative process. I feel like whenever I have a chance to share engineering love it's a good thing," Novak said, with a laugh.

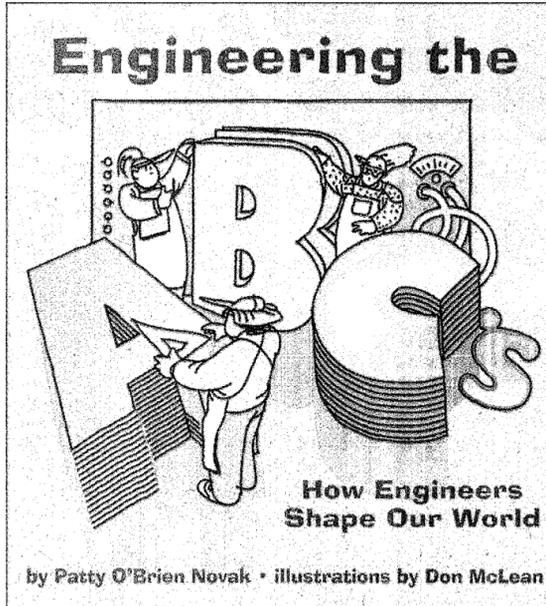
She originally wrote *Engineering the ABC's* as outreach material for a professional engineering group. But a publisher told her it would have wide appeal, especially in schools.

"They don't even hear the word engineering in schools. They hear science, but not engineering. And engineering



Fisher

is an incredible set of critical thinking skills that we use in our daily lives."



by Patty O'Brien Novak • illustrations by Don McLean

Patty O'Brien Novak helps children understand engineering with her book, "Engineering ABC's." She'll be at the Art-is-in-Market event on March 5.

Her book illustrates the engineering found in "every day life" by highlighting words that start with a different letter of the alphabet.

"I also want to write a princess engineer book with a pink cover, so girls know about engineering. I believe in talking to girls about engineering. That's why I do a lot of Girl Scout workshops."

### THE PROCESS

Colleen Fisher, who teaches second grade in Livonia schools, says the book signing event is the perfect time to ask authors and illustrators about their work.

"People out there say, 'Oh, I have an idea for a book.' We can tell them how we got involved

and how the process went for us," she said. "And it's for a good cause, The Art Road."

Her first book, *The One and Only Bernadette P McMullen*, which she wrote and illustrated, grew out of a graduate school writing class. She also wrote *Miss Martin is a Martian*, due out this summer. The self-taught artist illustrated two other books, including *Oh No! Ah Yes!* by Canton writer Kalli Reid.

"As a teacher I'm inspired by the kids. Without them I don't know if I would have all these ideas."

Other local authors participating at the book signing are:

• Marybeth Dillon Butler of Livonia will have her book, *Myrtle the Hurdler* and her

*Pink and Purple, Polka-Dotted Girdle* on hand at the Laurel Park store. Her book and presentations to elementary school students, promote running and healthy lifestyles

• Laura Becker grew up in Garden City and is author of the children's book, *The Wonder of a Summer Day*. She'll be at the Novi store.

• Kalli Reid, a Canton resident, wrote *Oh No! Ah Yes!*, a book illustrated by Colleen Fisher of Livonia. She'll be at the Novi store.

• Diane Dignan of Farmington Hills, is author of *Bartholomew's Gift* and *The Boys Club*. She'll be at the Novi store.

• Jennifer Greening of Plymouth will sign her book for parents, *Opening Doors - Opening Lives*, at the Novi store.

• Angie Kenrick of Canton wrote *Rugli, Wordy Bird - Adventures in Learning*, and *The Chronicles of Flannery Fiddlesticks*. She'll be at the Livonia store.

Additional authors at the 12 Oaks Store will be Wayne Brillhart, author of *Mystery At The Birdfeeder*; Karen Dabney, author of *The Magic Pencil*; Rachel Longhurst, author of *Where My Story Begins* and *The Enchanted Tree of Crooked Lake*; Raenette Palmer, author of *Eagle Rock*; Linda Sicks, author of *Nick the Wise Old Cat*; Terri Williams, author of *Girlavanti-The Girls Guide to Balance, Bliss and Fun!*; and Paul Adams, author of *Watercolor Memories*.

Also at the Laurel Park location will be Jennifer Charron Ward, author of *Running Home* and *Black of Night*; Veronica Davids, author of *Wrestling the ABC's*; and Sharon Chess, author of *Grandma's Ready*.

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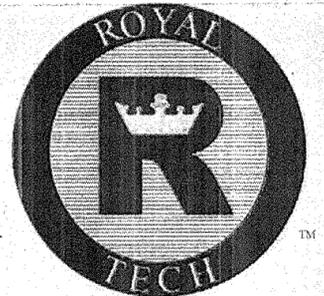


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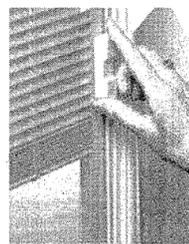
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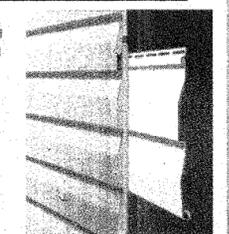


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THE WEEK AHEAD

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BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, March 1
Luth. Westland at S.H. Parkway, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at S'Field Christian, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Clawson, 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 3
Churchill at Waterford Mott, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Lakeland, 7 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Wat. Kettering, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Brighton, 7 p.m.
Old Redford at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Birm. Roeper, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
(MHSA DISTRICT TOURNAY DRAWS)
CLASS A
at LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Monday, Feb. 28: (A) Redford Thurston vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Livonia Franklin vs. (D) Livonia Ladywood, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 2: Livonia Churchill vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Garden City vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 4: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, March 8 at Warren Fitzgerald vs. Detroit Southeastern district champion.)
at ROMULUS
Monday, Feb. 28: (A) Romulus vs. (B) Westland John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.; (C)

Belleville vs. (D) Inkster, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 2: Wayne Memorial vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Taylor Truman vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 4: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, March 8 at Monroe vs. Lincoln Park district champion.)
CLASS B
at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Tuesday, March 1: (A) Detroit Central vs. (B) Detroit Old Redford Prep, 6 p.m.; (C) Livonia Clarenceville vs. (D) Detroit Community, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 3: Highland Park vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Detroit Communication & Media Arts vs. C-D winner, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 4: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, March 8 at Dearborn Divine Child
CLASS D
at WESTLAND HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN
Wednesday, March 2: Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Detroit Michigan Health Academy, 6 p.m.; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Lutheran High Westland, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 4: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, March 8 at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian vs. Birmingham Roeper district champion.)

BOYS HOCKEY
(MHSA PRE-REGIONAL DRAWS)
DIVISION 1
at ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY ARENA
Monday, Feb. 28: (A) Livonia Stevenson vs. (B) West Bloomfield, 6 p.m.; (C) Orchard Lake St. Mary vs. (D) North Farmington-Harrison, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, March 2: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 8 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional final, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 5 at Livonia's Edgar Arena vs. Northville pre-regional winner.)
at DEARBORN INDOOR SKATING CENTER
Monday, Feb. 28: (A) Livonia Churchill vs. (B) Monroe, 5:20 p.m.; (C) Taylor Truman vs. (D) Dearborn Unified, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 2: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional final, 12:30 p.m. at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube vs. Ann Arbor Huron pre-regional winner.)
DIVISION 2
at LIVONIA'S EDGAR ARENA
Monday, Feb. 28: (A) Livonia Franklin vs. (B) Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 2: Farmington vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional final, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5 at Trenton's Kennedy Arena vs. Southgate Anderson pre-regional winner.)

PREP WRESTLING
MHSAA INDIVIDUAL FINALS
(at Palace of Auburn Hills)
Thursday, March 3: Round 1, 2:15 p.m.
Friday, March 4: Round 2, 8:30 a.m.; Round 3, 11 a.m.; Round 4, 2 p.m.; semifinals, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 5: Round 6, 8:30 a.m.; Round 7, 10:10 a.m.; Round 8, 11:30 a.m.; Round 9 finals, 4:45 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING
(MHSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS)
Friday-Saturday, March 4-5
Division 1 at M-66 Bowl (Battle Creek), TBA. Div. 2 at Century Lanes (Waterford), TBA. Division 3 at Airport Lanes (Jackson), TBA.
GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
(MHSAA FINALS)
at DELTA PLEX-GRAND RAPIDS)
Friday, March 4
Division 4, 2 p.m.; Division 1, 6 p.m.
Saturday, March 5
Division 2, 10 a.m.; Division 3, 6 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Tuesday, March 1
Plymouth Whalers at Saginaw, 10:45 a.m.
Friday, March 4
Saginaw vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 5
Windsor vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced

It was a total team effort Wednesday night as the Madonna University women's basketball team kept its season alive with an 89-80 overtime victory over host Indiana Tech in the opening round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs at the Schaefer Center in Fort Wayne.
Sophomore center Kaylee McGrath led the victorious Crusaders, who improved to 12-14 overall, with 24 points and 12 rebounds.
Sophomore guard Heather Pratt added a career-high 22 points, while senior forward Tabatha Wydryck contributed a double-double with 15 points, including five in OT, to go along with 10 rebounds. McGrath's layup sent the game into OT at 75-all.
Rachel Melcher, a freshman guard, added 13 points, while

sophomore Shantelle Herring posted nine points and a career-best tying eight assists.
MU has now won seven straight WHAC playoff openers dating back to the 2003-04 season.
Indiana Tech (16-15) got a game-high 25 points from Brittney Jones.
MU moves into the WHAC semifinals to face No. 1-ranked (NAIA Division II) Davenport University (31-0) beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday in Grand Rapids.
SCHOOLCRAFT 73, MOTT 57:
Sophomore center Kimberly Bee recorded her second triple-double of the season and Cameo Kendrick contributed a career-high 17 points Wednesday as MCCA Eastern Conference champion Schoolcraft College (26-3, 16-0) downed Mott Community College (4-21, 3-12).

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# REYNOLDS

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and it's a great win for the community.

"To be able to play for the conference championship Friday night in front of our own fans is very exciting, something Stevenson hasn't done in a long time."

Beating Salem (12-6) for a third time this season wasn't easy.

The Spartans didn't regain the lead for good until 4:21 remained when junior guard Jonathan Campbell, who added 15 points on the night, nailed a critical three-pointer to make it 52-50.

Reynolds, the Xavier University signee, then threw down his seventh dunk of the night to make it 54-50 and two free throws apiece by Charlie Swingle, C.J. Mwila (10 points) and Reynolds sealed the victory.

Salem made its first four shots to start the final period, but then missed its final 10 attempts. The Rocks also committed five of their 13 total turnovers during the last eight-minute stretch.

"We missed a couple of puppies," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "We had good opportunities right there, and they (Stevenson) came down on their end and converted all the sudden. Instead of us staying in the game and staying with the lead, they got the momentum and we came down and panicked a little bit and shot the ball quick."

Salem had seven players score six points or better led by 6-6 sophomore Chris Dierker, who had 10, and 6-5 junior Josh Peterson, who added eight (all coming in the second period as Salem led 32-30).

"Coach (Bob) Brodie has been around longer than any coach in this league," Allie said. "He understands the KLAAs better than anyone. And he always does a great job of scheming and preparing his kids for big games. And he did a great job tonight, too."

"Thankfully, I thought Jalen Reynolds was the X-factor tonight down the stretch - cleaning up rebounds and getting put-backs. He was playing as hard as I've seen him all season."

Reynolds collected 13 of his

game-high 27 in the opening quarter, including four dunks, along with three-pointer and two free throws.

He went scoreless in the second period, but added eight in the third and six more in the fourth.

"Basically it was defense," Reynolds said. "We had to apply pressure from getting the ball shot. We had to ball-up and go hard."

"My coach said, 'Jalen, you better play your butt off,' so I had to take over. He said, 'Look at the crowd, Jalen.' I looked. He said, 'Put on a show,' and I performed."

Salem shot 21-of-53 from the floor (39.6 percent), while Stevenson hit 23-of-55 (41.8 percent).

Stevenson's three-headed monster of Reynolds, Campbell and Mwila combined for 52 of the 62 points. Austin Bumpus, a 6-6 junior, added eight.

"We weathered the storm and just kept our composure, but that four- or five-minute segment where we couldn't convert hurt," Brodie said. "And they (Stevenson) came down and we couldn't get a stop. From a lead it went to a six- or seven-point deficit, then we started panicking a little bit. We still had some pretty good looks from the perimeter, but they (Stevenson) were knocking them down."

Allie, meanwhile, used a fourth-quarter timeout to get regrouped.

"I really just thought we needed to get a stop," he said. "We kept trading baskets and we weren't defending very well."

Stevenson will play for its first-ever Kensington Conference crown against and all-too familiar foe in Novi. The Spartans have won both meetings this season. (Game time is 7 p.m.)

"To play Novi for a third time will be a great opportunity for our kids," Allie said. "Novi will be very tough. With (Rob) Laney back they're at full-strength. For our seniors, to be home on a Friday night in a conference championship, there's no motivational speech needed. I expect them to come out and I expect us to play well. It's going to be a war Friday night."

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# STEVENSON

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"Brian Bush, Scott Kempa and Brady Sheldon all did an unbelievable job on him (Campbell)," Heitsch said. "And Zac Dottinga gave us some big-time minutes because we were able to play him on C.J. (Mwila), which I was reluctant to do early, but he did a heck of a job."

In the third quarter, Novi made 7-of-13 shots from the floor to take a 47-41 advantage.

The Wildcats then went up by nine, 53-44, on a pair of free throws by 6-8 senior Samer Ozeir, who finished with 14.

But Stevenson refused to fold and Novi made just two free throws during the final four minutes as the Spartans pulled to within two, 53-51, thanks to a basket by Reynolds, a triple by Campbell and a basket by Charlie Swingle (with 1:16 remaining).

Brian Bush (nine points) split a pair of free throws with 49.66 seconds left to put the Wildcats up by three.

The Spartans had their chances at the end as Novi committed a turnover and missed a pair of foul shots, but failed to convert on two straight offensive trips during the final 14.37 seconds.

"That's not our style," Heitsch said of the late game clock management. "We haven't handled end-of-the-game situations well. We think any open shot is a great shot regardless of time. We tried to control that a little more. It may have hurt us more than it helped us because we were doing something we weren't comfortable with."

Laney's free throw with exactly one second remaining ended the suspense.

"He makes everybody better," said Heitsch, whose team plays Thursday at Pinckney for the overall KLAAs Association crown. "And that's not saying we're a very good team without him - because

I think we are. But when he's out there you can slot people out to their most successful places. And a majority of the time we'll be more successful."

"He's tough as nails. He knows how to walk the fine line and not go over the edge with his emotions. He kept his composure, which kept other kids in line. As wired or as tensed up as he is, he's calm out there. That's Ryan, that's his role and nobody else tries to be that."

Stevenson shot 20-of-52 from the floor (38.4 percent), while Novi hit 19-of-47 (40.4 percent). Each team had seven triples.

"Credit Novi," Allie said. "They played an excellent game. Generally in a game like this we're going to have to score in the 60s. We knew we'd hold them into the 50s somewhat. We just knew we'd have to come out and play better on the offensive end, and I don't think we executed very well. We were frantic the whole way."

Reynolds, the Xavier University signee, was 7-of-12 from the floor, but did not have a dunk after throwing down seven in Wednesday's conference semifinal win over Salem.

"I loved how Samer was aggressive against him," Heitsch said. "Sometimes a blocked shot is OK. And he got into his chest a couple times and won against him, and Jalen won a couple. That's what you expect from a couple of D-1 All-State kids going after each other."

For Stevenson, it's on to the KLAAs consolation game Thursday at Brighton.

"We didn't get Jalen touches in the paint," Allie said. "When he did get touches in the paint, he didn't do a good job tonight."

"So we're going to bounce back stronger than ever. This is good for us. It will humble us for the state tournament. I think it will get our kids refocused before the state tournament, which matters most."

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# Working extra time

## Simmons layup at buzzer lifts Rockets in double overtime

### KLAAs BOYS BASKETBALL

Senior forward Tino Thomas led the Patriots with 15 points.

Northville made 17-of-22 free throws, while Franklin hit 14-of-19.

**HARTLAND 60, CHURCHILL 46:** Dan Richmond's game-high 20 points powered the Eagles (9-10) to a KLAAs crossover triumph Friday at Livonia Churchill (2-17).

Kevin Hughes and Shane Felix each added eight points for Hartland, which led 33-25 at halftime and 43-35 after three periods.

Senior forward Stephen Foster led the Chargers with 13 points, while Julius Franklin added nine.

Hartland made 17-of-24 foul shots, while Churchill hit just 3-of-6.

**GRAND BLANC 60, WAYNE 57:** Bart Williams and Nathan Sauvola tallied 16 and 15 points, respectively, leading the Bobcats (8-9) to a KLAAs crossover victory Friday over host Wayne Memorial (3-17).

Three Zebras scored in double figures - Michael Cooper (12), Thomas White (10) and Colin Covin (10).

Wayne led 32-27 at halftime before Grand Blanc regained the lead, 42-37 after three quarters. The Bobcats made 18-of-30

free throws, while Wayne connected on just 3-of-10.

**CHURCHILL 58, S. LYON EAST 40:** Stephen Foster's career-high 25 points carried Livonia Churchill (2-16) to a victory Wednesday night over South Lyon East (0-18).

Foster, a senior forward, also got help from Jaylin Freeman and Austin McDermott, who each added eight points. Senior point-guard Dean Bokumiewicz contributed five assists, five steals and four rebounds for the Chargers.

"We pressured them (East) into 22 turnovers and we executed our game plan," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "Our kids have been playing hard lately and it's nice to see all the work paying off."

Senior center Colin Wedesky led the Cougars with 10 points. Churchill was 9-of-15 from the foul line, while East made 8-of-12.

**W.L. CENTRAL 54, FRANKLIN 44:** Adam Coric and Hayden Coe scored 13 and 10 points, respectively, leading Walled Lake Central (14-4) to a KLAAs crossover triumph over Livonia Franklin (5-13).

Central made 24-of-31 free throws on the night, including 15-of-16 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Senior transfer Tino Thomas had a double-double for the

Patriots with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Junior Deion Grubbs added 11 points, while sophomore Jacob Erme added eight points, nine assists, five rebounds and four steals.

Franklin was only 5-of-16 from the foul line, including 0-for-5 in the final period.

"Our team is improving and they're learning how to play harder," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said. "But our free throw percentage, free goal percentage and turnovers continue to hurt us."

**HOWELL 55, JOHN GLENN 52:** On Wednesday, freshman Tyler Johnson scored 17 points and Pete Cender added 13 to lead the Highlanders (8-10) past visiting Westland John Glenn (10-8) in a KLAAs crossover.

Sophomore point-guard Nick Daniels paced the Rockets, who led 29-26 at halftime, with 16 points. He made four 3-pointers.

Aveon Simmons and Christian Covile each added eight points.

Glenn made 14-of-19 free throws, while Howell hit 8-of-10.

**SOUTH LYON 48, WAYNE 34:** Senior Tom Berry's 18 points spurred the Lions (8-10) to a KLAAs crossover victory Wednesday at home over Wayne Memorial (3-15).

Michael Cooper paced the Zebras with 10 points.

It took two overtimes, but the Westland John Glenn boys basketball prevailed Friday night with a thrilling 55-54 Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover victory over visiting White Lake Lakeland.

Junior guard Aveon Simmons, who led the Rockets with 14 points, scored on a reverse drive move to the basket as time expired in the second OT to give his team the victory.

Glenn is now 11-8 overall on the season, while Lakeland falls to 9-10.

Sophomore guard Nick Daniels contributed 11 points, while Brett Hudry and Chris Jones chipped in with eight and six, respectively, for the Rockets.

Ryan Zukowski paced the Eagles with 15 points.

Chuck Sanders and Joey Rossi added 12 and 11, respectively.

It was 46-all at the end of regulation and 50-50 after the first four-minute overtime.

Lakeland made only 10-of-29 free throws on the night, while Glenn was 9-of-18.

**NORTHVILLE 55, FRANKLIN 37:** Adam Baldwin scored 15 points to lift the Mustangs (10-9) to a KLAAs crossover victory Friday at Livonia Franklin (5-14).

Nick Raad added 10 points for Northville, which led 30-23 at halftime and 45-30 after three quarters.

## Trojans rebound for 57-48 victory

One day after a tough overtime defeat, Livonia Clarenceville bounced back Friday night with a 57-48 boys basketball victory over visiting Ferndale University High School.

The Trojans, now 8-10 overall, got a team-high 13 points from Sam Brown.

Kassius Kelly and Adrian Myers added 11 and 10, respectively.

Clarenceville led 32-24 at halftime and stretched its lead to 46-34 after three quarters.

The Trojans made 18-of-30 free throws on the night, while University High hit 6-of-16.

Jalen Johnson led the Driving Eagles and all scorers with 20 points. Teammate Anthony Martin chipped in with 13.

**HURON VALLEY 50, CALVARY 37:** The Schaffer brothers, Ryan and Shawn, teamed up to lead Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (6-11, 4-8) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win Friday over visiting Ypsilanti Calvary Christian Academy (0-18, 0-12).

Ryan Schaffer, a freshman, led the way with 16 points, while Shawn, a senior, added 11 for the Hawks.

Austin Mickelson led the Cougars, who trailed 25-20 at halftime, with 14 points.

Huron Valley went 9-of-13 from the foul stripe, while Calvary hit 2-of-3.

**LIGGETT 64, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 42:** On Friday, first place Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (7-1, 12-1) got off to a 21-11 first-quarter lead en route to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division victory over host Lutheran High Westland (3-15, 1-12).

Dominic Jamett led a balanced Knights scoring attack with 12 points. KeVaughn Jackson and Eric Ewing each added 11.

Marc Rosin and Micah Reum paced the Warriors with nine points apiece.

Liggett made 11-of-22 free throws, while Lutheran Westland canned 6-of-10.

**EDSEL FORD 78, CLARENCEVILLE 70 (OT):** Hassan Ayoub poured in a game-high 27 points Thursday as host Dearborn Edsel Ford (9-9) defeated Livonia Clarenceville (7-10) in overtime.

Charles Melekian added 18 points for the victorious Thunderbirds, who outscored the Trojans 12-4 during the extra four-minute session.

Damien Quarles, Sam Brown and Adrian Myers tallied 14 points apiece, while Kassius Kelly chipped in with 10 for Clarenceville.

Brown's two free throws with 11 seconds left knotted the score at 66-all at the end of regulation.

Free throw shooting also proved to be pivotal as Edsel Ford knocked down 23-of-34 on the night, while Clarenceville was only 11-of-23.

**INTER-CITY 57, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 41:** Ben Draper's 13 points propelled Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (12-6, 8-5) to a MIAC Blue Division victory Thursday over host Lutheran High Westland (3-14, 1-12).

Marc Rosin led the Warriors with 12 points, while Micah Reum added 10.

The Warriors trailed 33-22 at halftime and 47-31 after three quarters.

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 50, FRANKEL 47:** Marc Rosin and Micah Reum each tallied 13 points Wednesday as host Lutheran High Westland (3-13) earned a non-league victory over West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy.



## Knights rule district

On Feb. 12, the '96 Livonia Knights captured the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District 4 championship. The Bantam AA Knights have compiled a 29-1-1 record while outscoring their opponents 185-41 in district play during the past four years under coach Ray Chartier and will advance to the MAHA state finals, March 11-13, at Livonia's Edgar Arena. The state champ will earn a spot in the USA Hockey Tier 2 Bantam Under-14 Nationals this April in Amherst, N.Y. Playing members of the Knights include: Ray Chartier, Cole Christie, Jake Emerson, Ryan Frazer, Matt Hudie, Tyler Irvine, Devin Kelly, Zach Marabeas, Todd Maynard, Luke Otto, Jacob Ponder, Drew Puihes, Evan Rochowiak, Dante Seychel, Mickey Sinclair, Colin Tracey and Kyle Witherspoon. Chartier's coaching staff includes Brady Otto, Bret Tracey, Doug Witherspoon and Mike Sinclair, the latter whom also serves as manager. The trainer and webmaster is Pete Marabeas.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Girls slow-pitch signup

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage open registration for 2011 girls 10- and 13-and-under slow-pitch softball - through Feb. 25 (mail-in) and through March 4 (walk-in or fax-in) - or until enrollment reaches 160 participants in each division for those living in the Livonia or Clarenceville public school districts. Registration forms are

available at local schools or be picked up at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Late registration for school district residents is from 9 a.m. until noon beginning Saturday, April 9, at the Rec Center. Non-resident signup starts at 9 a.m. Monday, April 11 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Open registration fees are \$40 (resident) and \$50 (non-resident), while late registra-

tion fees are \$50 (resident) and \$60 (non-resident).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410 (option No. 2).

### 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.

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**Way Back Wednesday - Madonna Night**  
2 tickets and 2 Pistons Retro giveaways for only \$19!

Thunderstix to first 5,000 fans sponsored by **meijer**

**NEXT SUN, 3/6 • 6:00 PM**

**Sunday Family Day**  
4 tickets, 4 hot dogs and 4 Coke products. PLUS a postgame meet and greet\* with Tayshaun Prince and Ben Wallace for \$65! \*Limited to the first 200 packages sold.

It's Hooper's Birthday, join other NBA mascots Clutch, The Gorilla, Stuff and Rocky as we celebrate!

Ben Wallace Poster to first 5,000 fans sponsored by **Livonia**

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# ATTENTION!

If your business or organization serves seniors, you'll want to be part of this exciting event!

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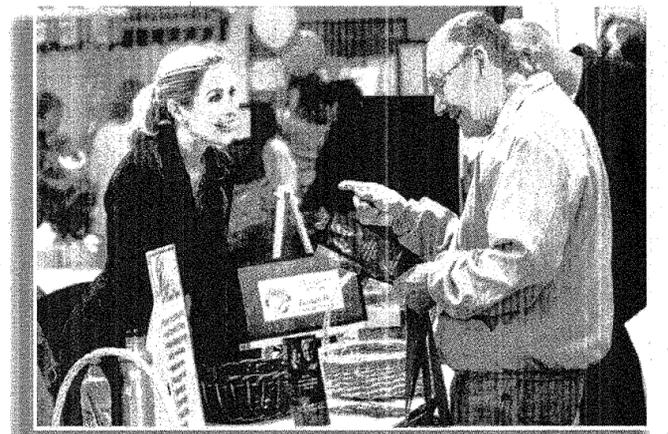
## 8th Annual Spring Senior Expo

Tuesday, May 17, 2011  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Schoolcraft College Livonia Campus  
in the VisTaTech Center

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- **Print Advertising**
- **Web Presence**
- **Exhibitor Listings**
- **Expo table**

For more information about this event and to reserve your space, please contact:

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**ACT FAST!**  
For a limited time only!

## HEALTH

Sunday, February 27, 2011

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## Heart healthy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital staff show their support of American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign earlier this month by wearing red. During February, the hospital raises awareness of American Heart Month by offering healthy breakfast and lunch options in the cafeteria, "heart smart" seminars and free blood pressure screenings for staff. Although the American Heart Association's annual Go Red for Women campaign wraps up Monday, Feb. 28, the hospital's Heart & Vascular Center's screening programs continue. They include "StayFit," which consists of bone density, blood pressure, cholesterol, Body Mass Index (BMI), and risk assessment for \$49; ForeverFit, with electrocardiogram (EKG), blood pressure, cholesterol, and cardiovascular risk assessment for \$49; VascularFit, including Carotid artery ultrasound, Ankle-Brachial Index, abdominal ultrasound, and cardiovascular risk assessment for \$49; and HeartFit, with blood pressure, cholesterol, peripheral vascular screening, electrocardiogram (EKG), and cardiovascular risk assessment for \$79. 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.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

## FEBRUARY

## Having a baby

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a childbirth education class called, "Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby." This is a five-week program, 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 28-April 4, in classrooms 1 and 2. The class is based on the "Lamaze Method" and includes exercise, relaxation, breathing techniques and comfort measures to assist expectant moms through the different stages of labor. Classes also include information on anesthesia options, medication, nutrition, family adjustment and the importance of the support person's role. It enhances confidence and joy of the birthing experience. The class is open to expectant parents, not just those delivering at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is a fee of \$75 per couple, and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162 for more information, or to register.

## MARCH

## Bariatric surgery

The Michigan Bariatric Institute presents educational seminars from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays, March 3 and April 7 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, and Dr. Jacob Roberts, a bariatric surgeon, will make presentations. For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) WHY WEIGHT.

## St. Mary Mercy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers these programs in March:

- "Getting to Know Your Newborn and Caring for the Sick Infant" from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, March 3, in Classroom 1 at the hospital. This one-day class will teach new parents the basic characteristics and needs of a newborn, including diapering, bathing, feeding, growth and development patterns. In addition to baby basics the class also will include how to recognize when a baby is sick. Car seat and home safety will also be covered. Fee is \$55. To register, call (734) 655-1162 or visit stmarymercy.org.
- Annual Prostate Screening and Men's Health Fair runs 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5, for men ages 40-70. The Men's Health Fair consists of a prostate exam by a physician; total cholesterol and HDL check; blood pressure screening; and optional skin cancer checks by a dermatologist; hearing, eye and food exams; and information related to healthy living. Participants can meet the robot used to perform minimally invasive urological, thoracic, and colorectal surgeries. This event and screenings are free, but registration is required; call (734) 655-8940.
- The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a Sibling Tour, 10-11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 19. Good sibling preparation can minimize a child's feelings of anxiety and jealousy with the coming of a new baby. Aimed at children, 1-13. There is a \$10 fee per family. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162.
- A prenatal breastfeeding class runs 7-9 p.m. March 24 in Classrooms 1 and 2 at

the hospital. The class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. The class will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother, and family. Cost is \$25 per couple. Call (734) 655-1162 or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

• A class in CPR runs 6-9 p.m. March 29 in the Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10. The class is being offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association. Instructors will train participants using the American Heart Association's "Family & Friends CPR" course. They'll learn CPR and choking techniques for infants, children, and adults. There is a fee. Call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950 to register.

The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

## Diabetes Caregiver Class

Grandparents, school personnel, baby sitters, stepparents, and others interested in learning about how to care for a child with diabetes will learn about insulin pens, syringes, calculating insulin doses, nutrition, exercise and other topics in this class, 1:30-4:30 p.m. March 21, at the University of Michigan Medical Center Auditorium, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor. The class will be an interactive and educational session with plenty of time to practice and time to ask questions. The cost is \$18 per person and covers the handouts that will be given at class, the cost of parking, and light refreshments. Register by calling (734) 764-5175.

## Arthritis Foundation: Time to move! Exercise classes ease joint pain

The Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter is offering an exercise and self-management program at 200 locations throughout Michigan.

Classes include:

• The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program that uses gentle activities to increase joint flexibility, range of motion and maintain muscle strength. The program can be done standing or seated.

• The Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program offers warm-water exercise that helps improve joint flexibility and reduce pain and stiffness while being supported by the water's buoyancy and resistance.

• The Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi Program uses Sun-style tai chi that is particularly supportive of joint health because it includes agile steps, high stances, gentle movements, and relaxed

breathing. The program can be done standing or seated.

• The PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) workshop is a six-week series that provides participants with the keys to successful pain and self-management techniques.

Classes offered by the Arthritis Foundation have helped individuals with joint pain decrease stiffness and

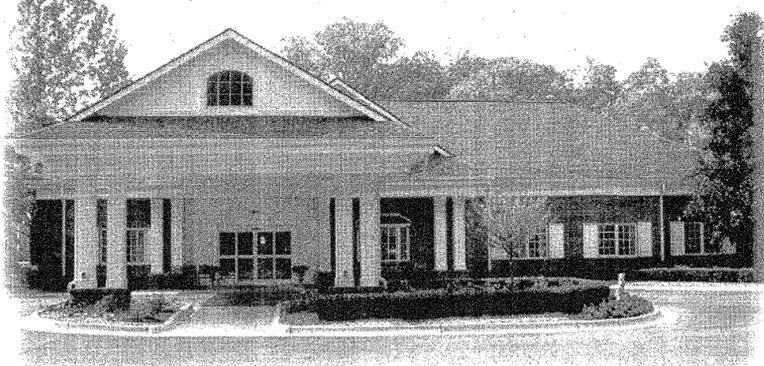
soreness, reduce stress and depression, improve energy and stamina, and increase feelings of self worth.

Programs are suitable for people of all ages with arthritis and related joint pain or stiffness. The exercise programs offer an option to individuals who are new to exercise, recovering from injury, or are interested in a joint-friendly exercise program.

Sites that offer the Arthritis Foundation programs are partners that promote good health through joint-friendly physical activity. All programs are led by instructors who are specially trained and certified by the Arthritis Foundation.

For times, dates and locations of winter/spring classes, call (800) 968-3030 or visit [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org).

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