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## Auction items

Organizers are looking for businesses or individuals interested in donating goods or services for the live and silent auctions at Wayne Memorial High School's eighth annual Zebra Safari Fundraising Dinner.

The event will be Friday, March 30, and feature dinner catered by the William D. Ford Career Technical Center culinary arts staff, entertainment, silent and live auctions and door prizes. Contact Principal Val Orr at (734) 419-2206 or by e-mail at orrvp@wwcsd.k12.us about donating.

All donations are tax deductible, and the money raised benefits students. Last year's dinner raised \$10,000. Tickets cost \$30 each or \$200 for a table of eight and are available in the main office of the high school at Fourth Street and Glenwood.

## Green Award

Westland Mayor William Wild presented U.S. Senator Carl Levin, D-Michigan, with the city's Green Leadership Award.

Levin supports many green initiatives including Cash for Clunkers — a program that replaced older vehicles with more fuel-efficient vehicles — and the Great Lakes Restoration Project. He also called for increased production of electric vehicles and expansion of the electric vehicle tax credit.

"This award was developed to inspire, educate and recognize those in the community who are taking steps to protect the environment. It was my honor to present Senator Levin this award as he continues to exemplify outstanding environmental leadership in Washington, D.C.," Wild said.

Wild presented the award to Levin during a visit to the Westland Colonial Village Apartments, the first location in metro Detroit to install an electric vehicle charging station in January 2011.

"Westland values being 'green' and the installation of this electrical vehicle charging station was just another example of our commitment to make Westland Michigan's greenest city," Wild said.

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# Park opening tops Wild's goals for 2012

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Looking ahead to 2012, one of Westland Mayor William Wild's top goals is probably shared by a lot of residents — the reopening of Central City Park.

"A goal in the spring is getting the finishing touches on Central City Park and to get it open to the public," Wild said. "The parking lot and walking path will

be open. There will be grass but probably not for soccer."

The 33-acre park, formerly leased from Wayne County, is now owned by the city. Wayne County is funding the remediation of lead and other contamination in the eastern section of the park, which has been closed since 2006.

In the next couple of months, Wild said he expects to meet with council about completing

work at Central City Park and tying it in with nearby H2O Zone spray park and Tattan Park.

"We'll tie the walking paths together, we'll add decorative fencing and other finishing touches," Wild said. "The next big thing for Central City Park is we hope to get the Farmers Market pavilion installed."

Although it's referred to as the Farmers Market pavilion, Wild said the structure could actually

be used for a variety of community events.

As part of the National Airport property remediation project settlement, Ford Motor Company and 3M Corporation are donating \$390,000 earmarked for recreational use. The city plans to use that money to build the new pavilion and do decorative work around Central City Park.

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A presenter at the Henry Ford, Anthony Lucas provided an historical perspective speaking as Martin Luther King, Jr.

## King's words come to life in Westland

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

The words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. came alive during Westland's annual MLK tribute ceremony, thanks to Anthony Lucas, a Henry Ford historical presenter.

As part of the program held Monday at the Friendship Center, Lucas re-created excerpts of well-known speeches but also provided a dramatic presentation of King's recollections of his early Civil Rights struggles in Montgomery, Ala., and the strength he found in his religious faith.

King recalled that things went well during the first year after he was called to be pastor of a small church in Montgomery. A year later, a woman named Rosa Parks decided not to give up her seat on a bus and move to the back.

The unity displayed by the African American community in

boycotting the city buses for 381 days was described by King as one of the most amazing things he had ever seen.

"After that, white people in Montgomery knew we meant business. They started doing nasty things," said Lucas as King. "There were calls to my house threatening my children. I took it strongly at first."

Late one night, King remembered receiving a telephone call threatening to blow up his home and shoot him — a call that particularly disturbed him. His first child was a newborn and concern about losing his wife and child or them losing him weighed on King.

"I was weak. I prayed over my cup of coffee. I heard a voice. It said stand up for justice. I will be with you until the end of the world," said Lucas as King. "I heard the voice of Jesus saying 'Fight on.'"

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## Police seek info on power-shoppers

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland Police are looking for a man and woman who allegedly spent more than \$6,000 in under 30 minutes using a stolen credit card.

A Livonia woman told police Dec. 30 her purse was stolen Dec. 20 from a Weight Watchers meeting in Farmington Hills. The woman had filed a theft report and came to Westland to file a second report based on the credit card use by the suspects.

On Dec. 21, purchases were made at Best Buy, 35100 Central City Parkway; Macy's, 35000 Warren Road; and Target, 35401 Warren Road. The purchases — which included an Apple laptop computer, a Dyson vacuum cleaner and fragrances — all were made from 7:32-7:56 p.m.

Two trips were made to Macy's, although the couple stopped at five different cash registers to make purchases, Westland Police Sgt. Kevin Wojcik said.

"They stole the wallet in Farmington Hills but had a spending spree in Westland," he said.



Police are looking for this couple who allegedly used a stolen credit card to make \$6,000 in purchases at three Westland stores.

Police have released photos of the suspects taken from surveillance video and are seeking information.

"We've received some tips since we released the photos. Nothing to hang my hat on but some leads to follow up," Wojcik said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Westland Police at (734) 722-9600.

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## 'He's with God'

### Family plans memorial to honor missing son

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

A week since her son, 27-year-old Kent Morton, fell into the Detroit River, Fawn Salvatore still calls him on his cellphone. It rings and goes into voicemail and she tells him, "I love you, I love you."

She knows he will never hear her words again. She has come to grips with the fact that while he survived a 150-foot fall from the Ambassador Bridge where he had been working, he succumbed to the river's chilly water and seven mph current. He was last seen near the Bob-Lo docks south of the bridge, and the search for his body continues on downriver.

"You know how they say people never survive the fall, I think I know why he survived," the Garden City resident said during an interview Tuesday. "He swam and put his hand



Kent Morton was with his daughter Makayla when she competed in a cheer competition in Macomb County earlier this month.

up. I know he did that for his daughter Makayla."

Known as Morty to his friends, Morton will be remembered at a memorial gathering Sunday afternoon at the

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"If that's not enough money, we'll partner with the Downtown Development Authority," Wild said.

Additionally, the city saved what was known as the Lions Pavilion during the remediation work.

"We will refurbish it. It will go back towards the pond. It will serve the Veterans Memorial Garden when it opens plus the soccer association," Wild said. "Because it was so old, we thought we would scrap it. The architect said it was built like Ft. Knox, so we'll use it."

• Also upcoming is the refinancing of Taylor Towers which will likely generate \$6 million to \$8 million in revenue that will be earmarked for capital improvements.

A meeting to update council on the refinancing, which will be repaid with revenue from tenant rents, is likely to be scheduled in early February, Wild said.

"We've had to work our way through some issues in what type of improvements we can do, we're ready to go to council," Wild said. "The closing will probably be in early spring."

Improvements underway at Taylor Towers are replacement of the elevator with a new roof, followed by replacing the existing windows with energy-efficient ones and entry doors for about \$2 million.

• After a report on dismal conditions at Westland City Hall, which has a long history of problems with flooding due to the high water table, council members have agreed a new building is needed.

"We're still taking a look at the city hall project. Right now, we're working with lawyers and the bonding company on how to finance the project," said Wild, adding

**Balancing budget will be big project for city**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

As has been the case in recent years, developing a balanced municipal budget will be a big project for Westland Mayor William Wild and his staff in 2012.

"I have to present a budget to council by April 1. We will try to do a two-year balanced budget again," Wild said. "The property value decline has slowed. I hope that the worst is behind us. It will be a pretty conservative estimate."

With decreased revenues, the city continues to struggle to address projected deficits through spending cuts and consolidations.

When the first two-year budget was adopted in 2010-11, city auditors projected a \$3.5 million budget deficit for that fiscal year. That shortfall was projected to \$12 million in the current fiscal year and \$23 million in 2012-13, if no changes were

made in the existing operations.

As work begins on the proposed 2012-13 budget, Wild noted the projected deficit is at \$6 million — considerably less than projected earlier, thanks to early retirements and other reductions in the current and 2010-11 budgets.

Beginning in March, Wild said there will be meetings with the council to discuss strategic planning and finances. Included topics will be a five-year plan, assessment of current buildings, water and sewer system updates, how to address needed road work and the expansion planned by the William P. Faust Public Library.

Also on the agenda, a possible renovation of the locker rooms at Mike Modano Ice Arena, which Wild said would try to be done through fund-raising.

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ing the project would be located in either the DDA or Tax Increment Financing Authority district.

• Regarding the nearly 20-acre National Airport property located southeast of the Emagine Theater on Ford, the remediation plan will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment this year.

"We hope to see remediation of that property this year as well," Wild said. "If that happens this year, it will be pretty neat. Within a couple year period we would

have remediated Central City Park, Livonia Schools Cooper School property will be remediated along with the National Airport property. That's a lot of remediation within a short time."

• The city is gearing up for a second Blues, Brews and Barbecue in September.

"It's a two-day event this year, and we will be announcing a major name headliner," Wild said.

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At Westland's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observance, the Rev. Kurt Lambart (left) of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, who gave the closing prayer, chats with Suffragan Bishop Luke McClendon of the Christ Temple Apostolic Church, who gave the invocation.

**KING**

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When he would feel discouraged, King answered the Biblical question-by saying there is balm in Gilead to heal the sick soul.

Lucas also presented excerpts from King's Aug. 28, 1963, speech during the march on Washington, D.C., and his final speech given April 3, 1968 — the night before his assassination.

"Hearing him (Lucas) brings back so many memories, he sounds just like Dr. King," said program master of ceremonies Kevin Buford, Westland's Department of Public Services director.

The presentation by Lucas reminded him of the Biblical story of Joseph and his coat of many colors, Buford said.

"Joseph was favored by his father. Joseph had a lot of brothers who hated him because he had a dream," Buford said.



Dea Mason (from left), Britney Johnson, Matthew Mason and Devon Taylor pray during Westland's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. observance at the Friendship Center.

"His brothers sold him into slavery and he was in prison. God was with him. You can kill the dreamer but you can't kill the dream."

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools again had a strong participation in the program with the Westland John Glenn Junior ROTC handling the flag ceremony. Musical

selections were performed jointly by the Glenn Singers and Vocal Dimension from Wayne Memorial High School.

Students from the district also responded to a call for creative entries about King's legacy with a variety of art work and a video program.

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**AROUND WESTLAND**

**Ethnic dinner**

St. Mary Catholic Church continues its year-long celebration of the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1862 with an Ethnic Smorgasbord Taste Fest, featuring the cuisine of 10 different countries, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22, in the parish's Activity Center at 34530 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

Single serving Taste

tickets are available for purchase for \$1 each. Some soft drinks will be available for purchase, and complimentary coffee and lemonade will be available. Ethnic cuisine from the countries of Bolivia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, the Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico and Spain will be offered by members of the parish, and attendees can vote

for their favorites. Call the parish office at (734) 721-8745 or send an e-mail to saintmary150@gmail.com for more information.

The observance of St. Mary's 150th anniversary continues through December. It features a variety of events, including special Masses, dinners, dances, school reunions and more. Full details of the year's events are on

the parish website [www.stmarywayne.org](http://www.stmarywayne.org).

**License plates**

Romanowski VFW Post 6896 will be holding a license plate meet 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the post, 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, in Westland.

License plate collectors will have a chance to buy or sell with other people. Tables to set up on are

\$5 each. Admission is \$5 a person. Children under age 12 will get in free and get a free license plate). All proceeds will go to the VFW.

For more information, contact Scott R. Olson by e-mail at [ohawkeye@yahoo.com](mailto:ohawkeye@yahoo.com) or by calling (734) 421-1599. Or visit the post's website at [www.vfw6896.com/meet.html](http://www.vfw6896.com/meet.html).

**Health-O-Rama**

Elderly residents living in Garden City, Westland and Wayne and all members and families of Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112 are invited to a free Health-O-Rama 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Wayne Masonic Temple, 37137 Palmer, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Sponsored by the Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112

and Carenet Homecare Services Inc., Health-O-Rama is a free outreach health and wellness program a physical examination, blood pressure checks, blood sugar checks, flu shots and therapy and rehabilitation exercises and information about social services, community resource information and durable medical equipment.

The Health-O-Rama program will be conducted by certified registered nurses, therapist, therapy assistance, medical social workers and in-home physicians. No appointments needed. Service will be provided on a first come basis.

**Doo Wop Dinner**

Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall is hosting a Doo Wop Dinner, featuring The WhatAbouts, Saturday, Feb. 24.

Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by the show 7:30-9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and include pizza, salad, rolls and beverage. A cash bar will be available.

For reservations, call (734) 216-9451 or Kelly at (734) 377-1745. Angelo Brothers is at 33550 Ford Road, Westland.

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# 14 compete for state's Distinguished Young Woman honor

Teens from Westland and Plymouth-Canton will be among the 14 hopefuls participating in the 54th annual Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program Saturday, Jan. 28, at Saline High School.

Fourteen contestants from around the state of Michigan will compete for more than \$10,000 in college scholarships and the chance to represent Michigan at local event throughout the state and at the national finals in Mobile, Alabama.

The scholarship program is based on academic scholastics, leadership, physical fitness and talent. Brianna Shareff and Maria Idunate of Westland and Allison Zylka of Plymouth will compete in the program which starts at 6 p.m. They were winners at their local programs and have now advanced to the state scholarship program.

At the state program, contestants will perform on stage in an opening number and compete in a performing arts talent routine, a physical fitness routine and self expression. For their talent selections, Shareff, the Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne-Westland, will perform a lyr-

ical dance to "Tonight." Idunate, the Distinguished Young Woman of Westland, will perform a jazz dance to the song "Don't Rain on my Parade." Allison Zylka, the Distinguished Young Woman of Plymouth-Canton, will perform a tap dance to "Band Play Out."

Contestants are also evaluated in based on academic scholastics and interview. This year's program theme is music from the movie *Footloose*.

Tickets to the event can be purchased at Saline High School the day of the event or by contacting the Michigan State Committee by e-mail at Michigan@distinguishedyw.org. Ticket are \$15 and all proceeds go toward scholarship awards.

The Michigan State Program is part of the Distinguished Young Women of America, which is the largest and oldest scholarship program for high school seniors in the country. Since it first began in 1958, more than \$90 million in college scholarships have been awarded.

More information on the scholarship program is available online at [www.ajm.org](http://www.ajm.org).



Competing in this weekend's Distinguished Young Woman Michigan 2012 program are Eberchi Ogbuaku, Inkster (front row, from left); Lisa Cook, Alpena; Bethany Ehardt, Milford; Payton Reilly, Howell; Ankita Nallani, Troy; Theresa Hall, Inkster; Maricia Stafford, Ypsilanti (back row, from left); Marie Idunate, Westland; Christine Houle, Saline; Emily Sioma, Grass Lake; Elesia McCray, Macomb; Brianna Shareef, Wayne-Westland; Sarah Baker, Irish Hills, and Allison Zylka Plymouth-Canton.

## MORTON

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John Santieu and Son Funeral Home in Garden City. Officiated by the Revs. Earl Duncan and Jordan Duncan of Morning Star Church, the memorial will have music, including the singing of his mother's favorite song, *I'll Fly Away*, and comments by his friends and his brother Shane.

The Salvatores wants everyone who attends the event to wear orange, Kent's favorite color and a reminder that he graduated in 2001 from Garden City High School.

"Everything with him was orange," his mother said. "I want everyone to wear orange, even if it's a dirty T-shirt, I don't care. Don't dress up, except Shane will. He'll wear a suit with an orange tie. We're even letting off 100 orange balloons."

Planning the memorial has brought some normalcy to the family, whose anguish was seen and heard in the media's coverage of the search. They spent four days at the river's edge and another day protesting in front of Cobo Hall when the Detroit Police Department switched its attention from their son to the North American International Auto Show.

On Tuesday, they sat in the family room of their Garden City home, waiting to hear if something someone saw in the shallow waters off Grosse Ile might be Morton's body. Bad weather in the morning had delayed a search by Coast Guard helicopter and boat.

### Like his dad

Mario Salvatore has

## KENT MORTON

A memorial gathering for Kent Morton will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at John Santieu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Road, south of Ford Road in Garden City.

Mr. Morton, 27, died Jan. 11. He is survived by his daughter Makayla Morton, parents Fawn and Mario Salvatore, father David Morton, siblings Shane Morton, Amber Morton (Josh), Bret Morton, Sarah Minich (Jason), fiancée Kristi Waltsogott, grandparents Robert and Sandra Zube, Juanita and Mario Salvatore and Marge and Delbert Morton and seven nieces and nephews.

Donations to the family can be sent to Morning Star Church, 29863 Dawson, Garden City, MI 48135, with a note of "Kent Morton" on the front of the envelope.

worked for Seaway Painting of Livonia for 28 years. Morton started working there when he was 17 doing "little jobs." When he was hired two years ago, Morton decided he wanted to work outside, unlike his father, who prefers interior painting.

"He loved it, he wanted to do bridges, he wanted to be outside," Mario Salvatore said. "He loved doing bridges, even though it's dangerous work."

"He admired this guy here," said Fawn Santore, patting her husband's hand. "That's why he became a painter like his dad. He wanted to do what his dad did."

Mario Salvatore was working on a job in Lansing when the president

of the company called to tell him what had happened. It was a half-hour after Morton had fallen. The workers on the bridge had "called 9-1-1, the Coast Guard and everyone else" and then his boss.

"He told me he had fallen off the bridge and hadn't been found," said Mario Salvatore, who then called his wife.

"He called and told me and I knew he was gone, we both knew he was gone," Fawn Salvatore said.

The Salvatores know very little about the circumstances of the accident. They do know the man working next to him tried to grab him and catch him.

"He feels real bad," Fawn Salvatore said. "He looked for a piece of wood or something to throw him. He was his friend."

### His hometown

Morton, like his mother, grew up in Garden City. He swam for a club team for 10 years and at the high school. As an adult, he played softball every year. He also stuck close to his hometown. When his marriage ended, he and Makayla lived with the Salvatores until he purchased a home last year that was just five blocks away.

"The reason he worked was for Makayla, the reason he took that job was to get a house for her," said Maureen Duncan, a close family friend. "Makayla was his life. He was always involved with Makayla. If Makayla was there, Kent was there."

He was with Makayla when she cheered with Young Champions at a competition in Macomb County a few weeks ago. He was suppose to be at Morning Star Church

that evening to see her receive the awards she had earned in the church's Pioneer program.

"A couple days before this happened, he painted her room because she wanted it to be hot pink. He was an awesome dad," Duncan said.

Morton also did a lot of painting for others, including at the church. He never charged for the work, he just did it.

Engaged to be married, he told his parents New Year's Eve that his fiancée was pregnant.

"He was so excited about the baby," Fawn Salvatore said. "And Makayla was so excited she was going to be a big sister."

Fawn Salvatore volunteers at Memorial Elementary 1-2 Campus and cared for Makayla after

school. She saw Morton everyday. The last time she saw him was last Tuesday night.

"He would tease me, when he'd leave, he'd joke with me," she said. "He always said, 'I love you, mom. I'd always tell him to be safe.'"

The Salvatores are amazed at the people who are helping the family. Randy Patzer, owner of the Garden City ACE store, has set up a bar code so people can make donations while checking out or buy paper slips that are hanging up around the store. Canisters, provided by the Garden City Goodfellows, are being put out in businesses like Plato's and McKay's Party store on Inkster Road.

Memorial Elementary 1-2 Campus is holding a bake sale at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 31, and the Westland Jaycees are doing a bowling fundraiser. Morning Star Church also has been accepting donations for the family.

"Many people have come to the church to make donations," Duncan said.

As the wait goes on, Fawn Salvatore said it's the family's strong faith that holds them together, although she admits she has her moments. Son Shane has "been their rock through all of this," talking to the media when she knew she couldn't.

"He's worried that I can't do this, but I can," she said. "I know where Kent is. He's with God."

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Resident foils break-in by turning on lights

### WESTLAND

#### Break-in

**1** On Jan. 16, a resident in the 7000 block of Central City Parkway told police that at around 6 p.m. someone rang his doorbell three times. He said that he looked out the window and saw that a man wearing a hoodie was along the fence north of his property. A few minutes later, he said he heard a loud crash at the window east of his front door. About 10 seconds later, he said he heard the family room window west of his front door breaking.

At this point, the man said he turned on all the lights in his house. Officers found a hole in a screen and the window broken.

#### Larceny

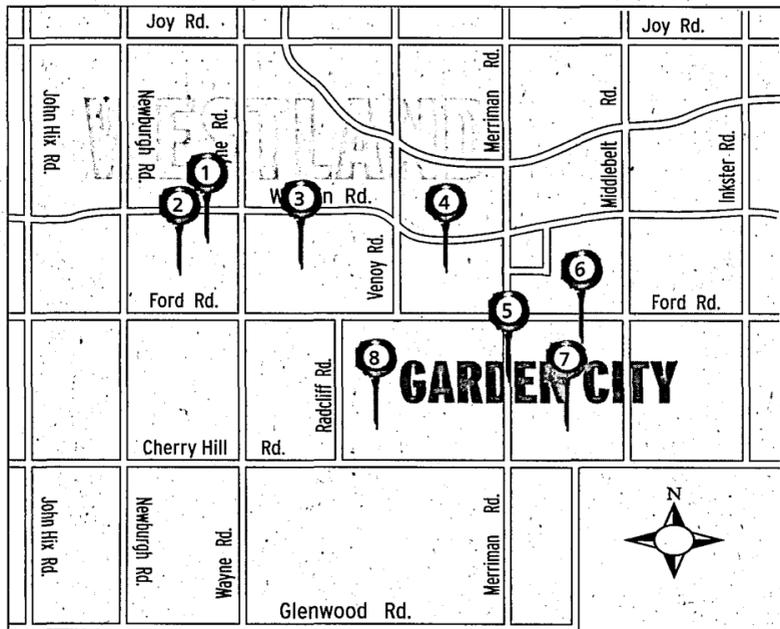
**2** The maintenance supervisor at Hunters West Apartments, 6501 Yale, told police Jan. 16 that someone dismantled the dead bolt lock to the north door of the building sometime the previous two days. The person entered the workout room, then shattered the glass window on a vending machine and stole all

the snacks inside.

#### Break-in

**3** A resident of an apartment in the 6100 block of North Wildwood told police Jan. 15 that she arrived home to find someone had broken into her apartment. The woman said she had been away since Jan. 13. Reported missing were an iPod dock, a 32-inch flat screen television and a lap top computer. The officer found no sign of forced entry except for a screen that had been removed and bent.

By LeAnne Rogers



## Duo pick wrong person to sell stolen guitars

### GARDEN CITY

#### Stolen guitars

A 21-year-old Plymouth man got more than he expected as he scoured local pawnshops Jan. 16 in an effort to locate property taken in a home invasion in Plymouth. The victim was at the shop looking at guitars on display at the Garden City Exchange, 32555 Ford Roa, hoping to spot his when he was approached by a customer who offered to sell him a guitar out in the parking lot. The suspicious victim followed the man, who was joined by a second man, out into the lot.

There, the victim reportedly discovered the two men were offering to sell him his own recently stolen guitars.

The police were contacted and the two men, one a 24-year-old Garden City resident and the other a 23-year-old Wayne man, were taken into custody, police said.

It was discovered the Wayne man also had a substance with him that field tested positive for heroin, police said. The men were lodged pending charges.

#### Larceny from vehicle

A resident in the 1800 block of Gilman discovered electronics and other items valued at about \$500 were stolen from her vehicle while it was parked in the garage Jan. 11. There were no signs of forced entry.

#### Stolen vehicle

**4** A black 2005 Ford Super Duty pickup truck, equipped to perform vehicle repossessions, was reported stolen from the 32600 block of Maplewood Jan. 11. The vehicle and accessories, valued at \$32,000, were taken from in front of the home.

#### Suspended license

A 25-year-old Inkster woman was arrested Jan. 11 near Middlebelt and Warren Road after a traf-

fic stop revealed the woman's driver's license was suspended, police said. She was taken to the Garden City Police Department, booked and released with a future court date.

#### Drunken driver

**5** An officer investigating a vehicle abandoned in the middle of the street at Donnelly and Merriman ended up arresting the registered owner for operating while intoxicated Jan. 12, police said.

The officer reportedly observed the truck appeared to have been recently abandoned in the roadway and that the vehicle showed signs of a recent collision with a tree. As officers checked the area, the registered owner of the truck was located on his front porch trying to unlock the door, police said. Officers contacted him and asked him where his truck was.

"He responded by gesturing to his empty driveway," Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery said.

Officers determined that the man had been driving and, after failing field sobriety tests, he was placed under arrest, police said. After booking and a blood test, the man was lodged at the police station until sober, police said.

#### Broken window

**6** An employee at Mr. B's Pet Salon, 27853 Ford, called police Jan. 13 after discovering someone broke out a window of her vehicle and stole her purse, containing identification and cash.

Officers were able to follow tracks in the fresh snow to a home in the 2000 block of Helen, but the occupants denied any involvement, police said.

#### Suspended license

A 44-year-old Westland man, stopped for an equipment violation at Middlebelt and Elmwood, was arrested Jan. 13 for driving while his license was suspended, police said. The man also had three outstanding warrants

from Inkster but they could not pick him up, police said.

#### Break-in

**7** Banging noises and flashing hazard lights on a parked vehicle prompted a neighbor in the 30400 block of Florence to contact the vehicle's owner Jan. 15. The owner investigated and discovered someone had broken into her 1998 Astro Van and stolen a radio valued at \$500. The dashboard was also damaged during the theft.

#### Fraud

**8** A resident in the 33600 block of Kathryn contacted police Jan. 16 after discovering unauthorized charges had been on his VISA account. The victim and his wife found more than \$400 in jewelry was charged along with some apparent attempts to make travel and lodging purchases.

The victims reported the cards in question were still in their possession and theorized the account numbers may have been copied during a legitimate business transaction.

#### Drunk driving

A 53-year-old Westland man was arrested Jan. 16 for operating while intoxicated after an officer saw him driving westbound in the eastbound boulevard lane on Maplewood at Middlebelt, police said. The officer was able to get the driver to stop at Maplewood and Elizabeth and, after observing signs of intoxication, administered field sobriety tests, police said. As a safety precaution, the officer patted the man down and discovered a cutting instrument in a pocket, police said.

When that was removed, a small baggie of marijuana which had apparently become entangled with the item fell out, police said. The man was placed under arrest for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and possession of marijuana, police said.

By Sue Buck

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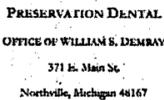
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# Rachel graduates, as family and friends cheer

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Everyone rose for the graduate.

Wearing Livonia Churchill's red graduation cap and gown, Rachel Collett stood up out of her wheelchair and walked to Steven Archibald, director of secondary programs and facilities for the Livonia Public Schools, who presented Rachel her diploma at a special graduation ceremony last Friday afternoon to a chorus of cheers and a few hoots and hollers from the crowd.

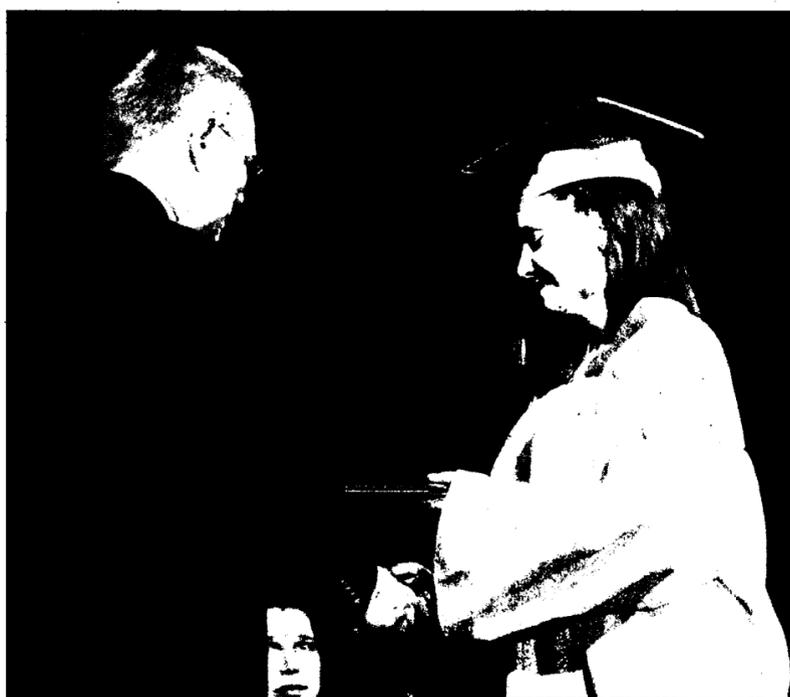
Churchill Principal Joe Anderson said it was "with great honor" to present the diploma, then choked up with emotion as he said: "Please move your tassel from right to left as a symbol of your graduation from Churchill High School."

Rachel then removed her cap and tossed it into the air as the crowd of family, friends and fellow students cheered for her.

It was a triumphant moment for Rachel, who's been battling a rare form of osteosarcoma, a bone cancer, for six years and is currently under hospice care.

### Courage, hard work

During the ceremony, Anderson spoke of Rachel's courage and perseverance in achieving one of her goals: graduating. "It's because of students like you that we appreciate what we're able to do at Churchill," Anderson said. "You've shown the phenomenal ability to rise time and time again, to face the challenges and receive your high school diploma." Janet Haas, principal at the Livonia Career Tech-



Churchill Principal Joe Anderson presents Rachel Elizabeth Collett with her high school diploma.

nical Center, spoke about Rachel's hard work in her studies and personal character of honesty and honor in receiving a Livonia Rotary vocational service award for her vocational skills and awareness. Rachel had earned some college credit through the medical assistance program at the Livonia Career Technical Center.

Mary Trotter, a medical assistance instructor, called Rachel a courageous young woman and an exemplary student in her medical assistance studies. Rachel also practiced on the school's cheerleading team and still had time to coach seventh- and eighth-grade cheerleaders, Trotter said. Rachel also assisted with a Rouge River cleanup and United Way projects.

"Her work ethic is amaz-

ing and she sets the standards for other students," Trotter said.

### Emotional ceremony

Rachel stepped forward to accept her diploma and hugged Trotter. Seated next to her were her best friends at Churchill: seniors Angela Bannoura, Renee Johnstone, Amber Prong and Lindsay Wiley, who also walked and assisted Rachel in her wheelchair as she entered, and exited the auditorium stage.

Before the ceremony, Anderson said school officials were "thrilled to be able to grant one of her wishes."

"She's been so courageous in coming to school when things have been difficult," Anderson said.

Anderson called the event "bittersweet" and

one of the most emotional for him in the 21 years he has been an administrator.

"One of the biggest things about her is she never complained about things," he said. "She has managed to work her life around the treatment, and she would tell doctors, 'We can't do this right now, I have cheerleading,' or she would have some other activity. 'For her to have that mindset is phenomenal.'"

Mary Lennox, a teacher consultant who taught Rachel while Rachel was homebound, repeated what other school officials said about her.

"I have never met a kid as hardworking as her," Lennox said. "When she was so sick, she was still doing her math. She was worried about her algebra."



Rachel Collett is now a Churchill graduate.



At a reception in the office, 11-year-old Madison Collett hugs her big sister Rachel.

### 'Thank you, everybody'

After the ceremony, Rachel was given flowers and graduation cards and greeted with applause.

"Thank you, everybody!" she said to the small crowd outside Anderson's office where a reception took place for family and friends.

Rachel's father Roy Collett held a giant bear and greeted visitors, while Audrey, Rachel's mother, sat next to Rachel as she accepted congratulations. Roy said he didn't have

words to describe the day's ceremony.

"It was great," Roy said. "The staff of all the schools have been great, at Johnson, Frost and Churchill, the teachers and staff have all been a big deal. They have helped us a lot with everything."

"We had a son graduate two years ago, but today is all the great things and great feelings with having a daughter graduate."

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# Ice fest, turning 30, helped to shape Plymouth's image

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

You can thank a 43-year-old television news magazine for inspiring a local institution, the Plymouth Ice Festival, that now also has some years — going on 30 — behind it.

Festival founder Scott Lorenz says he was inspired 30 years ago by a segment of CBS's 60 Minutes that spotlighted the Sapporo Snow Festival, a giant display of snow statues and ice sculptures in Japan's fourth-largest city.

"This was incredible, because they had these giant ice sculptures that were as big as a building," Lorenz said Monday, recalling the 60 Minutes episode.

Lorenz, then general manager of the Mayflower Hotel, which was owned by his family, envisioned staging a similar event in downtown Plymouth. He approached his father, Ralph, with the idea.

"You're crazy. It'll never work," was the response, he said. Then-City Manager Hank Graper said the same thing, according to Lorenz.

### Quick first launch

But Graper got back to him shortly with an assist: he had mentioned the idea to a few people, and suddenly had some sponsors and a budget. And Ralph Lorenz, too, offered help, suggesting his son get in touch with the chefs who taught ice-carving at Schoolcraft College. After contacting Midwest Ice, a Detroit supplier dating from the 1920s, they were in business.

"We put the first one together in 45 days," said Lorenz, who owns a public relations firm, Westwind Communications. The first show had a dozen or two sculptures, he said.

The festival grew steadily in the 1980s, and Lorenz said he tried to continually improve it, traveling to ice shows around the country to glean ideas, flying to Japan to attract top carvers, signing big sponsors such as Northwest Airlines, and adding sculptures that let

the festival branch out from Kellogg Park into a number of downtown streets.

At its peak in the late '80s, Lorenz said, there were about 200 sculptures on the streets and a few dozen in the park.

The public was drawn to it, the media loved it, and the festival put Plymouth on the map for a lot of people, Lorenz said.

"As far as publicity and exposure for the town, nothing else comes close," he said.

### 30th on tap

The 30th annual Plymouth Ice Festival is scheduled for Jan. 20-22, and producer Sam Walton said the foundation built by Lorenz and others, as well as the show's loyal following, has gotten it this far.

"It's a testament to patrons and promoters," Walton said recently of the festival's longevity. "The momentum that's been developed has just been fantastic, and that's what's gotten us 30 years down the road."

Walton, whose Signature Professional Group is producing its third festival, is billing it as a family friendly event with more ice and more activities than the last one.

"The ice is obviously a big draw, but we're trying to offer something for everybody," Walton said.

That includes a petting zoo, wintertime sports activities and equipment demonstrations, the extension of the Fire & Ice display into a second evening, a video game center from Play First Mobile Gaming, a live show by the Radio Disney cast and expanded competition opportunities for carvers at the college level. Plus, there will be more ice sculptures — 130 and counting, up from about 115 last January and about 100 in 2010, Walton said.

The festival has landed McDonald's as a major contributor, with a \$15,000 grant. The fast-food giant will be sponsoring a major sculpture, helping support (along with the Sun & Snow sports shop) the winter sports activities and giving away samples of its gourmet coffee drinks.

## Schedule of Events:

### Friday, January 20

**3:00 PM:**  
**Kellogg Park Area**  
Festival opens for the day. Food vendors open and available. Greenhills School Hot Spot opens. Street merchants and product displays open. Major ice sculptures being carved and completed throughout the day.  
**Metro PCS Ice Throne (Times TBD)**  
**3 - 5 PM:**  
McDonald's Winter Fun Zone presented by Sun and Snow Sports  
**4 - 8 PM:**  
The Salvation Army is on site to collect clothes for the needy.  
**6:30 - 8 PM:**  
Meet the Plymouth Whalers at Sun and Snow Sports  
**7:00 PM:**  
**Don Massey Cadillac Main Stage**  
(Intersection of Penniman and Union Street)  
Opening ceremonies. Presentations by board of directors. Cutting of the ice ribbon. Super Grover of Sesame Street Live! makes an appearance. The Shawn Riley Band live in concert immediately following ceremony.  
**8:00 PM:**  
**Kellogg Park Area**  
Lighting of the MGM Grand Detroit Fire & Ice Torch.  
**9:00 PM:**  
Festival closes for business for the day.

### Saturday, January 21

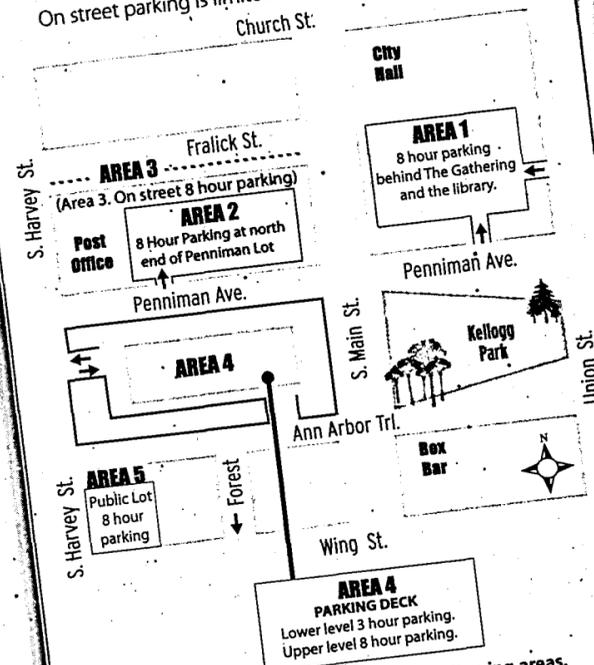
**10:00 AM**  
**Kellogg Park Area**  
Festival opens for the day. Food vendors open and available. Greenhills School Hot Spot opens. Street merchants and product displays open. Major ice sculptures being carved

and completed throughout the day.  
**Metro PCS Ice Throne (Times TBD)**  
**10 AM - 11:30 AM:**  
Meet the Plymouth Whalers' mascot, Shooter the Whale, at Sun and Snow Sports  
**10 AM - 5 PM:**  
McDonald's Winter Fun Zone presented by Sun and Snow Sports  
**10 AM - 5 PM:**  
The Renewal by Anderson Petting Farm (near the intersection of Forest Avenue and Ann Arbor Trail)  
**12 - 3 PM:**  
**Kellogg Park Area**  
Genisys Credit Union College Individual Carving Competition  
**12 - 3 PM:**  
**Don Massey Cadillac Main Stage**  
Radio Disney Live! On stage, presented by Michigan Education Trust  
**12 - 3 PM:**  
Greenhills School Hot Spot  
Home Depot "Little Builders" kit construction project  
**12 - 4 PM:**  
The Salvation Army will collect clothes for the needy.  
**3 - 4 PM:**  
**Kellogg Park Area**  
Judging and scoring for Genisys Credit Union College Individual Carving Competition  
**4:30 PM:**  
**Don Massey Cadillac Main Stage**  
Genisys Credit Union College Individual Carving Competition Ceremony  
**7 - 8 PM:**  
**Don Massey Cadillac Main Stage**  
World-Famous Genisys Credit Union Dueling Chainsaws Speed Carving Show  
**8:00 PM:**  
**Kellogg Park Area**

Lighting of the MGM Grand Detroit Fire & Ice Torch in Kellogg Park  
**9:00 PM:**  
Festival closes for the day.  
**Sunday, January 22**  
**10:00 AM:**  
**Kellogg Park Area**  
Festival opens for the day. Food vendors open and available. Greenhills School Hot Spot opens. Street merchants and product displays open. Major ice sculptures being carved and completed throughout the day.  
**Metro PCS Ice Throne (Times TBD)**  
**10 AM - 5 PM:**  
McDonald's Winter Fun Zone presented by Sun and Snow Sports  
**10 AM - 5 PM:**  
The Renewal by Anderson Petting Farm (near the intersection of Forest Avenue and Ann Arbor Trail)  
**11 AM - 3 PM:**  
**Kellogg Park Area**  
Genisys Credit Union College Team Carving Competition  
**12 - 3 PM:**  
Greenhills School Hot Spot Home Depot "Little Builders" kit construction project  
**12 - 4 PM:**  
The Salvation Army will collect clothes for the needy.  
**3 - 4 PM:**  
**Kellogg Park Area**  
Judging and scoring for Genisys Credit Union College Team Carving Competition  
**4:30 PM:**  
**Don Massey Cadillac Main Stage**  
Genisys Credit Union College Team Carving Competition Awards Ceremony  
**6:00 PM:**  
Festival closes for the weekend.

## 2012 Plymouth Ice Festival

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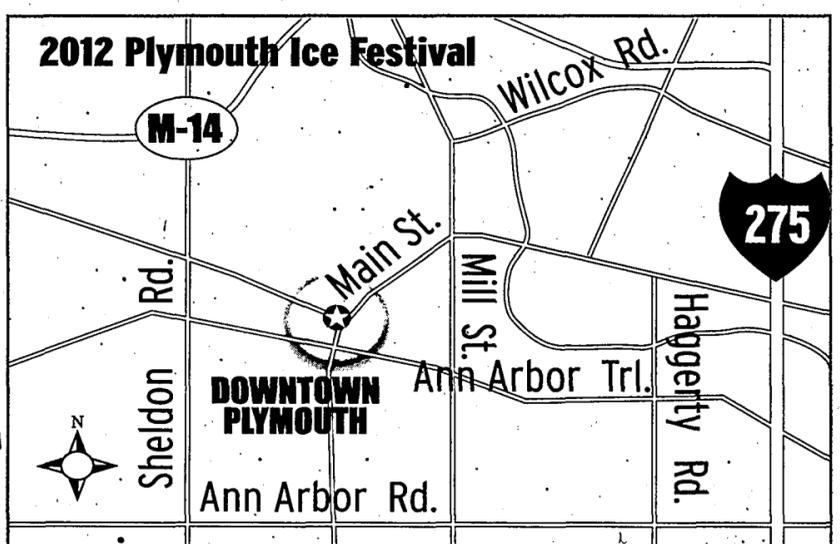


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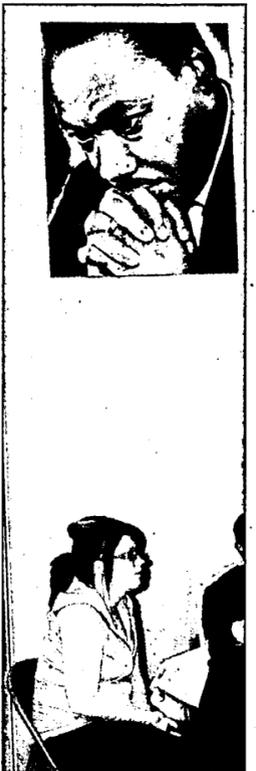
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# MLK remembered for 'peaceful message'



Listening to the Westland Martin Luther King, Jr. ceremony were Mayor William Wild (left), Garden City Mayor Randy Walker and State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland.

Westland's annual Martin Luther King Day ceremony was definitely a community affair with city, school and state officials as well residents gathering Monday morning for a program at the senior Friendship Center.

The John Glenn High School Junior ROTC presented the colors, while Richard Jackson of the Michigan Opera Theatre sang the National Anthem as well as the black national anthem, *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*.

The John Glenn Singers and Wayne Memo-

rial High School Vocal Dimensions also performed Irving Berlin's *God Bless America* and *I have a Dream* by Mary Donnelly with the arrangement by George Strid.

Westland Mayor William Wild also address the gathering, who talked about the parallel between the recently unveiled Martin Luther King Jr. memorial in Washington, D.C., and the man, Martin Luther Kin Jr.

"Monuments to honor our great leaders are not exclusively of our founding fathers," he told the audience. Great leaders and makers of



The Westland John Glenn High School Singers and Vocal Dimension from Wayne Memorial High School performed together at the Martin Luther King, Jr. ceremony.

a better society will be born and will contin-

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his place in our nation's history, in our coun-

Seated below a photograph of Martin Luther King, Jr., Morgan Pixley was among the attendees at Westland's annual MLK program.

try's capital and in our hearts and minds." "The ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King made him a beloved leader," he added. "A peaceful man with a peaceful message evoked hatred and fear from the inability to understand and embrace those ideals. For that Martin's message was silenced."

The crowd included Wayne-Westland school board members John Goci, Thomas Buckalew and Shawna Walker, State Sen. Glenn Anderson and Garden City Mayor Randy Walker.

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"Nearly every display here at NAIAS features an interactive family-oriented element," said show chairman Bill Perkins. "The more than 500 vehicles are fantastic to look at and sit in, and with today's emphasis on connectivity and advanced technology, the exhibits take the show to the extreme. I've said all along, this show will educate, astonish and entertain. And it's doing just that."

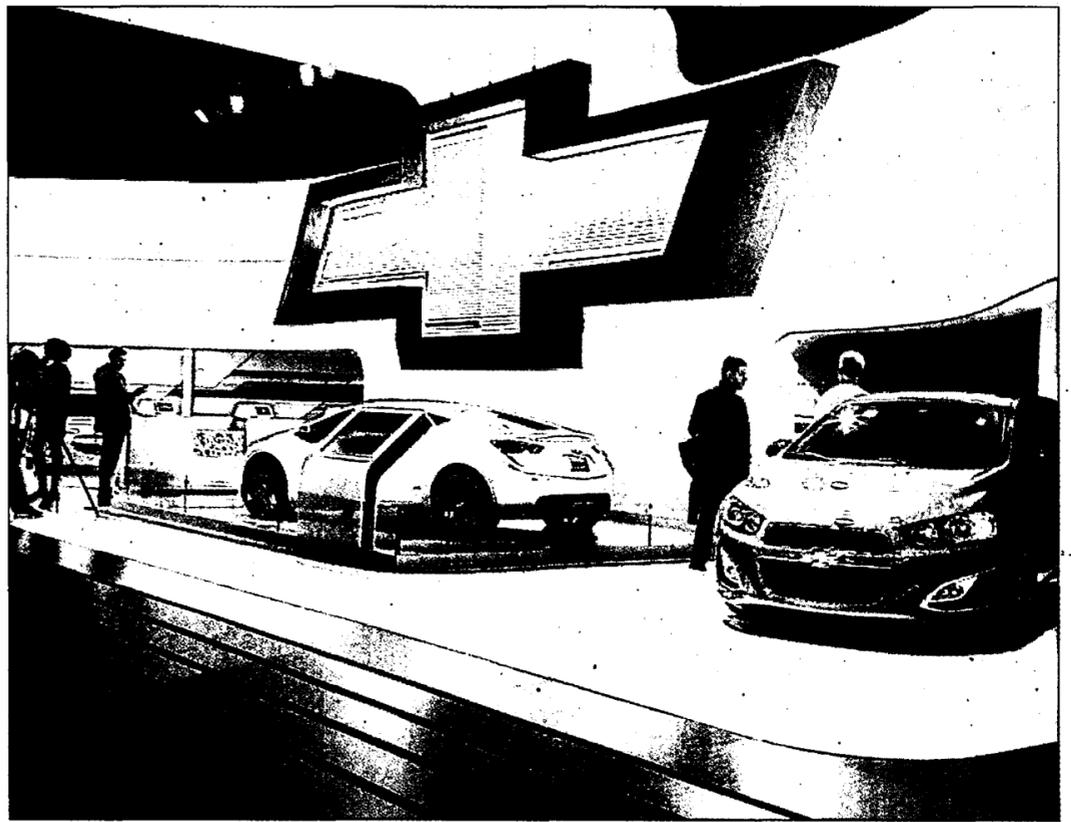
New special events have been added, including the main floor NAIAS Parade of Cars and Stars, which has been pleasing thousands of onlookers twice daily. Led around the inner loop of the show floor by police motorcycles with flashing lights and sirens, three luxury vehicles — an Aston Martin, a Bentley and a Chevrolet Corvette — drive slowly around the show as thousands of digital cameras flash. The parade will be repeated at 3:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Other activities include coloring contests in the Cobo Center Food Court; Detroit Tigers Winter Caravan; and live musical entertainment. In Michigan Hall, the Pure Michigan Ride and Drive test track remains open throughout the show, enabling visitors to take a test drive in an electric or

hybrid vehicle. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 7-12 and \$6 for senior citizens. Children under age 6 are admitted free when accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information on the show, visit [naias.com](http://naias.com).

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- Cadillac**
  - Cadillac User Experience live demonstration, tech walls, interactive display walls
- Chevrolet**
  - Time Splice Camaro experience
  - Sonic Boom Music Mixer
  - Build Your Own Button
  - Graffiti Wall
  - Favorite Concept voting
- Cobo Center coloring contest** in the Cobo Center Food Court (located at the end of the concourse toward the Detroit River)
- CODA**
  - The Commitment Wall for guests to tweet about how they plan to change the world
- Ford**
  - Ken Block Gymkhana Experience
  - Ford — Living Connected Cloud Experience Ride
- General Motors**
  - OnStar iLink
- Kia**
  - Xbox Connect
  - Kia — Close Encounter Dance with "Hamstars"
  - Kia — Eco Challenge Simulator
- Toyota**
  - Scion — sXperience Music Maker
  - Safety Simulator
  - Live Talk Show
  - The Fun V, or the smart phone on wheels



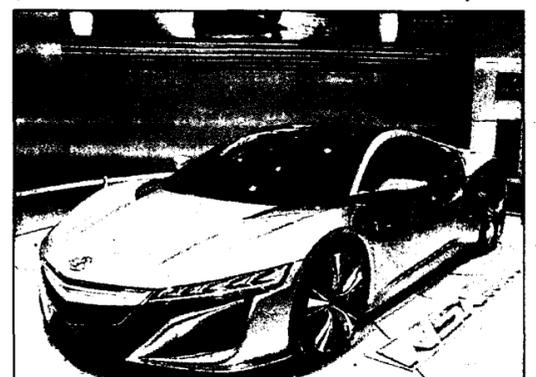
The bold Chevrolet display conveyed confidence that the brand is coming on strong.

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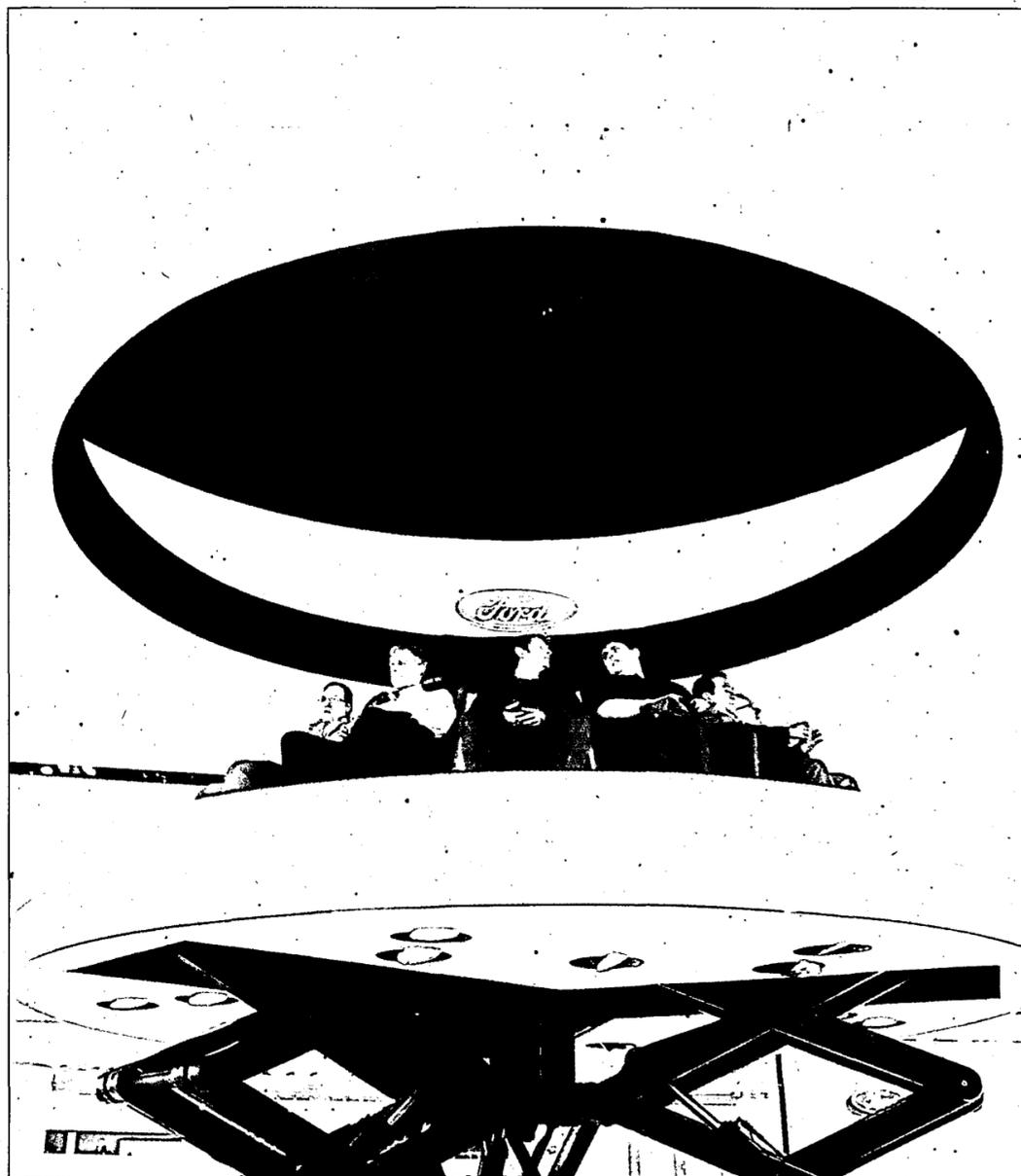
BMW's head-turning plug-in hybrid i8 concept looks like it was inspired by movie 'Tron.'

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Acura's hybrid all-wheel drive NSX concept. A 400 Hp production could be in showrooms in three years.

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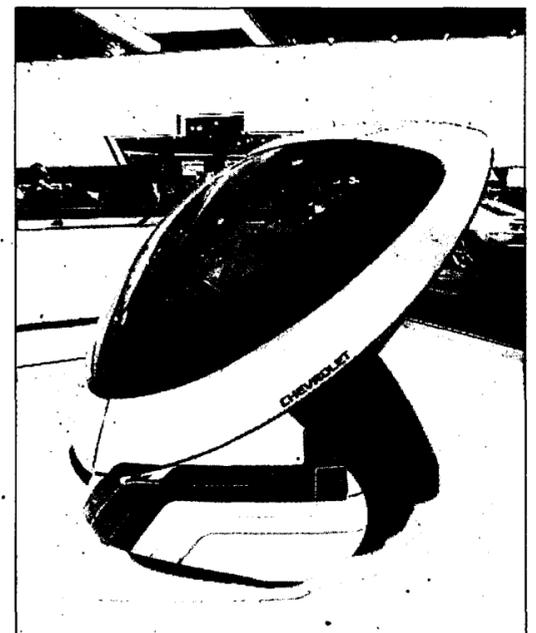
The Ford Motor Company's exhibit included a ride that took visitors forty feet into the air into a view room where they saw a two minute video on Ford's ideas of transportation in the future.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Ara Topouzian of Farmington Hills checked out the Ford display during his visit to the North American International Auto Show. Topouzian is the economic development director for the city of Novi.

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Chevy's all electric two-passenger EN-V concept vehicle is designed for intracity use to ease congestion and reduce pollution. GM has already signed up for a pilot project to use the vehicle in Tianjian, China. Will it make it to the streets of your hometown?

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Nathan Mueller and Jay Grossman cover the North American International Auto Show for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



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Lyon Township DDA Employee Michelle Aniol was down at the North American International Auto Show on Jan. 11 helping out at the Pure Michigan booth.

## Getting to know your cell phone plan

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

You can't surf the web, watch the news, or refresh your Twitter stream without hearing talk about the next round of super-phones.



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

The Apple iPhone4s, Motorola Droid Bionic and even some new Blackberry units have been making headlines recently for their 8-megapixel cameras, 1GHZ processors and 64gb on board storage.

You can read up on the newest phones and their specifications down to the screen size, phone and phone weight through a Google search.

What isn't easy is figuring out changes to your phone plan that could be necessary if you upgrade to a smartphone from a basic cell phone device.

Over the past few years, carriers have made it a requirement for smartphone users to pay for data plans or unlimited texting plans. So whether you are buying a discounted Windows phone or a Blackberry in conjunction with your two-year service agreement, your smartphone may lead to additional costs.

If you surf the web with your mobile device a lot, you will need a larger data allowance than the 200mb bottom-tier plan many carriers offer.

New customers can get a 2 gigabyte (GB) plan from AT&T for \$25 per month, or Verizon for \$30 per month. AT&T also offers a 4GB plan for \$45 and Verizon for \$50.

But what most people don't know is data overage charges aren't unreasonable — only

\$10 per GB at both AT&T and Verizon. So don't pay up for a plan, simply eat the overage charge if you use your phone too much in a given month.

Better yet, when you access the web through wi-fi, say from your wireless router at home, you won't be charged data usage. Phone companies only charge when you use data directly from their mobile network.

If you are still worried about expensive data usage, Sprint offers unlimited everything plans starting at \$79.99 per month. But don't be fooled by the small print — there's a \$10 per month surcharge for certain smartphones, like the iPhone4s. Add in phone insurance, regulatory fees and tax and you could be paying closer to \$100 — but in fairness, that's likely much cheaper than whatever Verizon is gouging these days.

If you think gouging is an unfair term to describe phone companies, consider this: In the past few years, AT&T and Verizon have removed unlimited data plan options for new customers because they say data is too expensive.

Google, Amazon, Dropbox and YouSendIt.com, meanwhile, offer multiple GBs of free storage on the web for literally any non-paying web customer. Data isn't even the worst marked-up service on your phone bill. Depending on the carrier, your text messaging plan could be marked up near 4,000 percent.

Research has shown that text messages can cost phone companies as little as one-third of a cent, yet they charge around \$20 a month for unlimited texting plans, \$30 for unlimited family texting.

Customers can go without texting plans (if the company lets you), but then they will be charged about 10 cents

per text — about double what phone companies previously charged.

Why the increase? Companies are trying to get their cash before texting goes down the path of the typewriter and becomes obsolete.

Free messaging apps like BlackBerry Messenger have been around for more than five years, but they required confusing PINs and a separate interface to contact other BlackBerry owners for free.

The new iPhone4s, however, has built-in technology that sends text messages between iPhones through a program called iMessage — and it's completely free. iMessage will cut down on cell phone bills — maybe even yours. iMessage may even mean you can cut down your individual or family texting plan.

Or you could just visit the phone store and flex your cell phone plan knowledge until the service rep budes and gets you an unadvertised plan like 1,000 text messages for \$10. A \$10 plan would still be a ripoff, but less than you are likely paying now. With any luck, texting will become much cheaper when it's time to extend or change your contract again.

Note: Did you know most cell phone providers offer deep corporate discounts on monthly recurring charges such as minutes and data? Check to see if your company offers a discount and have the discount applied to your next bill.

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## Naughty Time Novelty: Everything for couples

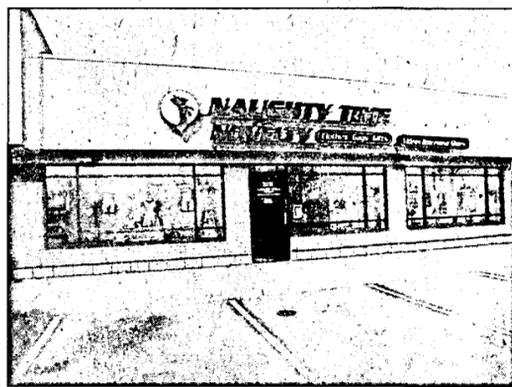
Naughty Time Novelty recently opened a location in a strip center along with America's Best Contact Lenses on the north side of Warren Road just west of the Westland Shopping Center in Westland.

Owner Jackie Stein started out by offering the merchandise through a successful home party business when her son, Chris, suggested they open a storefront. The first store in Clinton Township opened 13 years ago before their expansion into Westland.

Naughty Time Novelty has everything couples need to set the tone for a romantic evening. The adult-oriented store specializes in intimate items, including lingerie, clothing, massage oils, videos and more. The largest portion of the store is dedicated to clothing, with an extensive selection of lingerie.

It also stocks plus size clothing and intimate apparel, dance wear, evening wear, hosiery/stockings, shoes, jewelry, purses, candles, lotions, massage items, books, DVDs, incense, adult games, greeting cards, adult toys, gag gifts and more.

Stein gets a lot of satisfaction from bringing people closer together, but understands that some people may be embarrassed to ask questions about mer-



After 13 years in Clinton Township, Naughty Time Novelty, owner Jackie Stein recently opened a second location on Warren Road in Westland.

### SEND IT

Are you having a special event, a sale or just want to let people know where you are? Interested in being featured in our Business Q & A? It's as easy as sending your information to or requesting a Q & A form from Sue Mason at smason@hometownlife.com. You can also mail it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226.

chandise. The store is set up like customers are at a party, said Jackie.

Staff at the store are trained to put customers at ease.

"We make it comfortable for them," Stein said.

If customers want assistance, staff members are happy to help

or to give customers the space to browse on their own, she added.

Naughty Time also can accommodate special orders, including DVDs, and new merchandise arrives all the time.

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, Naughty Time is the place to go for sexy costumes for either the man or woman in their life, Stein said. It's also a great place to shop for anniversaries, bridal showers and bachelor or bachelorette parties.

"Visit us either in Clinton Township at 21354 Hall Road or in Westland at 35592 Warren Road," Stein added.

Naughty time is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call the Clinton Township store at (586) 465-4688 or (734) 762-2000.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### New board chair

Presbyterian Villages of Michigan (PVM) has announced the election of Lynda Jeffries to chairperson of the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Board of Directors.



Elected by her peers, Jeffries will lead the volunteer board of directors, providing PVM with direction, advice and help set goals and objectives for the organization to carry out its mission of serving seniors of all faiths and creating new possibilities in quality living.

Jeffries, whose term as PVM chair began Jan. 1, retired from SBC Communications as external affairs director for South Oakland County. Currently, as a senior consultant with The Leadership Group LLC, she has a passion for assisting organizations in capacity building and leadership development.

Jeffries is a doctoral candidate in education at Capella University, has a master of business administration degree in management from the University of Detroit Mercy, an

education specialist certificate from Wayne State University, and a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Lawrence Technological University.

As an adjunct professor, Jeffries has taught leadership and nonprofit management at LTU and has taught social diversity, business ethics, management principles, and speech communication at Davenport University.

A native Detroit, Jeffries is actively involved in her community and serves in leadership roles on several nonprofit and faith-based boards and committees. She is a trustee and the Christian Education director at her church, Little Rock Baptist.

### Family reunion

Family caregivers know all too well the devastating effects of Alzheimer's on the families of seniors living with this incurable disease.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, an estimated 5.1 million people 65 and older have Alzheimer's disease. They likely will lose one of their most treasured possessions: memories. The "I Will Remember for You Family Reunion Giveaway" contest recently launched by the Home

Instead Senior Care® network can help those families keep their memories alive.

Submit a story in either written or video format about your experience living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias for a chance to win a family reunion. Essays and videos need to:

- Share how Alzheimer's has impacted your life.
- Talk about the role that memories and remembering have played in your family, especially with regard to your family member who now has or had Alzheimer's.
- Share specific stories or examples of how you and your family members cope or coped with challenges of Alzheimer's disease.
- Tell why you deserve to win this family reunion.

Entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Jan. 31, 2012. Three finalists will be notified by a judge's panel by Feb. 15. Online voting to select the grand prize winner will occur from March 28 through June 30.

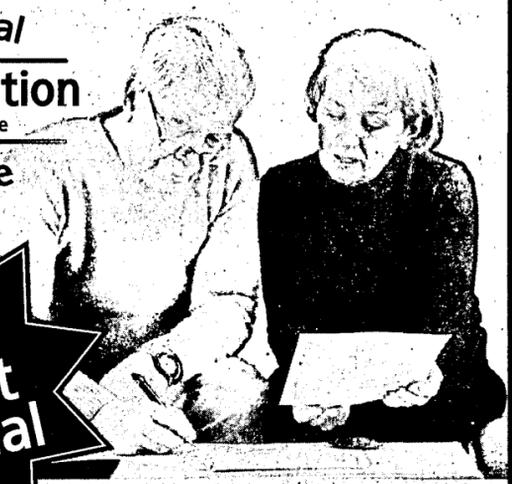
For more contest details, visit [www.rememberforalzheimers.com](http://www.rememberforalzheimers.com), and for more information about Alzheimer's disease including a blog and resources, visit [www.helpforalzheimersfamilies.com](http://www.helpforalzheimersfamilies.com).

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## OUR VIEWS

# Money, Money

## Will state's good news trickle down to city, schools?

The late Bob Hope once said that "I love to go to Washington — if only to be near my money."

The same could be said for those of us who live in Michigan. We need to go to Lansing to be near our money.

After a decade of decline, the state's climb out of the economic doldrums has started, and last week, state Treasurer Andy Dillon, state Budget Director John Nixon, Senate Fiscal Agency Director Ellen Jeffries and House Fiscal Agency Director Mary Ann Cleary made it official. They reached a consensus on economic and revenue figures for the remainder of fiscal 2012.

The Revenue Estimating Conference projected that the state general fund will bring in \$9.031 billion in revenue and the net 2012 School Aid Fund revenue will be at \$10.764 billion. According to Dillon, the higher than projected revenue is due to the state's economy experiencing job growth for the first time since 2000, a condition that's expected to continue through 2014.

He added that "the improving national economy combined with our continuing efforts to grow jobs and investment in Michigan, will help keep the state economy moving forward."

"Michigan should feel good about these numbers and the direction in which the state is now headed," Nixon said. "With a budget that is now in balance for the future and the state living within its means, we can all feel good about the fact that talks about massive budget deficits have been replaced with talks about revenue growth. We will remain committed to a balanced and stable budget that strengthens the long-term financial health of the state."

It is too bad that our cities and school districts can make similar glowing announcements. For a decade, they have struggled to maintain services in the face of a shrinking revenue stream, made tighter than a wet suit on a SCUBA diver with Gov. Rick Snyder's new fiscal policies. The state has balanced its budget on the backs of the state's cities and school districts.

Westland has laid off employees, eliminated programs and downsized as revenue has dropped, due in part to decline property values and cuts in state shared revenue. Creative management has helped the city hang on to a fund balance, but it has come at a price. There are fewer police officers and firefighters on the streets, services once handled in house are now contracted out. Residents are paying more for streetlighting and are facing a third year of double-digit increases in water and sewer rates.

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools and Livonia Public Schools also have been waging a battle to hang on the money they receive from the state. Livonia has lost millions in 20(j) money, while Wayne-Westland has waged a relentless battle to hang onto additional school aid it has received. This fiscal year, it was cut in half and the district has been told it will be completely eliminated in the next fiscal year.

Both districts have closed schools and realigned their grade configurations to cut expenses and sought concessions from their employees to survive. But there is only so much cost-cutting that can be made before it impacts the students.

Last night, the governor delivered his second State of the State address. It was expected that his game plan for his second year in office would continue and expand the sweeping changes he put in place last year to make cities and schools run better. How successful he is may well depend on how lawmakers take to his proposals. After all, this is an election year and public employees, especially teachers, and pensioners aren't happy about last year's changes.

Considering all that happened fiscally in the state last year, we need to hold on to our hats — and our pocketbooks — and keep a close eye on what's being done in Lansing this year. We need to be vigilant and be prepared at a moment's notice to let our voices be heard and tell our state officials how we really feel about their plans.

This year is shaping up to be another roller coaster ride.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Where's your favorite place to get a cup of coffee?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center.



"I'm not a coffee drinker."  
**Shannon Petrosky**  
Dearborn Heights



"I make coffee at home and buy a certain creamer."  
**Mandy Jamerson**  
Dearborn Heights



"McDonald's because McDonlad's has good coffee."  
**James Cantrell**  
Wayne



"Starbucks, it's the only one I like. I like to add cream and flavorings."  
**Becky Plowman**  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Proud of paramedics

On Christmas Day, my husband was unable to move, so I found it necessary to call 9-1-1 for help. Upon arriving to my home, our golden retriever, Casey, laid by my husband's side and wouldn't let anyone by him, including myself, as my husband has always walked the dog every day and did so much for Casey.

The paramedics said I had to get Casey to leave as he was growling, even at me. So, after thinking a bit, I decided to get Casey the cookie treats. I put one by Casey and continued to drop cookies in a path to the living room and Casey followed. Once in the living room, I got the baby gate up so Casey couldn't come back to the kitchen.

My husband refused to go in the ambulance, so I said, "After 63 years of marriage and you won't go for me, than please go for Casey." Once I gave him the option, he said, "I'll go," as he could not walk.

That's how I spent my Christmas Day in the emergency room. Then in the evening, I went to see my grandchildren.

Citizens of Westland should be very proud of our new breed of paramedics and the compassion they display in doing such a wonderful job. The paramedics are to be commended for their well-performed work at our home to transport my very ill husband. They also were very concerned for me. The paramedics also made sure I rode in the ambulance up front as they realized I was very distraught. They felt I was in no way able to drive my car.

So much compassion was shown. Once in the hospital and my husband was settled, the paramedics came to where I was waiting to see

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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if I was OK. I couldn't have asked for better service.

I'm writing of my experience because I am proud of our new breed of paramedic unit in Westland. I just can't express enough of how great they are and how I feel about the service I received. My fellow citizens of Westland should know. The paramedics should be commended.

I'm not a new resident of Westland. Our family moved to Westland when the city was only three years old.

God bless everyone,

**Marge Conners**  
Westland

### Depends on students

As a retired high school teacher, I would like to point out that you cannot compare the "business" of educating a child to corporate America. The difference is that the schools have no control over their raw materials. The schools

must educate every student entering the school.

For example, in the manufacturing industry, you can order in a high quality of steel and therefore produce a high-quality product. You have control over this. The most skilled tradesman cannot produce a high-quality product if he is not given high-quality steel. Not all students entering the school have had the same background. Some children have never even had anyone read them a story, while others have had loving parents to motivate them to learn and supply them with a stimulating learning environment during those formative years.

If you give the most skilled teacher a class of 32 students that are unmotivated to learn or to even bring their own supplies to class, you are setting that teacher up for failure. Should the teacher's salary be based on the performance of students that are not interested in learning and have never been taught the value of education? If you give that same skilled teacher a class of 32 highly-motivated students, you will see a totally different outcome.

So, if performance is the bottom line, are we talking the performance of the teacher or the performance of the students?

The teacher's teaching ability and the student's outcome can often be mutually exclusive. The teacher's performance, in most cases, will be determined by the type of students in the classroom. I would like to challenge anyone to substitute teach for a month and then express their opinion.

**Carol Maynard**  
Northville

## STAFF COLUMN

# New Year is time to look forward but don't forget the past year

Like a lot of you, I pitched my calendar in the trash last week, along with all the confetti and party favors from another New Year's celebration.

I can't say it was one of my favorite calendars. Sure, the pictures of waterfalls and forest scenes were appealing enough. But the year itself, 2011, included too many dates filled with sadness — at least for me and my family. A lot of good things happened, of course, but as I sit here



**Kurt Kuban**

writing and reflecting on the past 12 months, they seem overshadowed by the darker days.

The biggest blow for me was losing my dad to cancer back in late summer. He was just 61 years old, which, to me, seems far too young to leave this earth, though I realize many die much younger. I would have to say losing him was one of the watershed moments of my life. Anyone who has lost a parent probably knows how I feel. Losing part

of that parental bedrock shakes your foundation, and makes you embrace your own mortality a bit closer — whether you want to or not.

My parents have always been the two people I could lean on in any situation, who knew me as well as I knew myself. And perhaps even more. The thought that I will never be able to talk to my dad — to pick his brain, seek advice, or to just shoot the bull about sports — is a hard fact to accept. His death has carved a hole in me I realize will never completely heal. That's the way life is though.

You can probably imagine how things went when my family gathered for our New Year's party. We rang in 2012 with some tears and a bit of sadness, as we reminisced about my dad and remembered all he meant to us.

New Year's is one of those symbolic holidays. Most of us celebrate it as if the previous year has passed and departed, and we have a clean slate. We say we'll lose weight, accomplish new goals, or just promise to be better people. We look forward and not behind.

But the reality is everything that occurred last year is very much still with us. The year 2011 wasn't just some calendar on the wall, filled with dates and fancy pictures of waterfalls. It was filled with events, both big and small, that helped shape us. For me, 2011 included some major, life-altering moments. Perhaps for you as well. I guess my resolution for the new year is to make sure I don't forget the year that has passed, and the lessons 2011 provided me.

The eternal hope is that the new year will be better than the last. I'm hoping that is the case for my family. And I certainly hope that rings true for you and yours as well.

Let us look forward, and remember the things that really matter. I think if we all did that, the world would be a far better place.

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# Westland's Biggby Coffee gets involved with THAW

Biggby Coffee of Westland is helping Michigan residents stay warm this winter with more than just coffee.

The store, located at 37644 Ford, is a sponsor in the ninth annual WWJ 950 AM Winter Survival Radiothon, which assists The Heat and Warmth Fund to help individuals and families heat their homes during the harsh frigid winter season. WWJ 950 will broadcast live from The Henry Ford for 31 hours straight, beginning at 5 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, ending at noon on Saturday, Jan. 28.

The Radiothon is the on-site donation call center where volunteers will be taking phone pledges and auction bids. Callers who donate \$250 will receive a special gift bag, including a Biggby Coffee travel mug. During special hours, any caller



Westland Biggby Coffee's Mo Elfakir is hoping to get more Biggby stores to help sponsor in the ninth annual WWJ 950 AM Winter Survival Radiothon, which assists The Heat and Warmth Fund.

who makes a \$25 donation will receive a \$5 Biggby gift card.

"We are hoping that with Metro Detroit Biggby stores support we can make this event larger than ever before and help as many people as possible," said store owner Mo Elfakir. "This time of year, many of us take a

warm home for granted and right here in our own city people are forced to go without. Heat and lights are not a luxury, they are a necessity."

THAW was established in 1985 in order to improve the quality of life in Michigan and prevent human suffering by aiding low-income families. Last year's event raised approximately \$431,000 and helped thousands of individuals and families in Michigan stay safe and warm.

"It's important to us that we stay involved in our community," Elfakir said. "As a small business we understand the value of giving back and are looking forward to being a part of this event and helping such a great cause."

To make a donation to THAW, call 1-888-579-4950 or visit [www.thawfund.org/support/](http://www.thawfund.org/support/).

# Salvation Army collects goods at Ice Fest

Planning a trip to the 30th annual Plymouth Ice Festival this weekend? Brave the cold, see the arctic art and do some good in the process by bringing gently used goods to The Salvation Army Family and Thrift Stores' truck that will be parked on Main Street South at West Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

The charity will accept donations of new and gently used clothing and household goods 2-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22.

Collected items will be sold in The Salvation Army's 32 stores in metro Detroit, including its Gar-

den City location on Ford Road, east of Middlebelt Road.

The Salvation Army, a supporting sponsor at the Plymouth Ice Festival, strives to carry a wide variety of merchandise in its stores throughout the year. The stores are an affordable alternative for decorating and entertaining needs, children's clothing and toys, fun and funky gift items for vintage fashionistas, books and much more.

"We are grateful to the Plymouth Ice Festival organizers for hosting our truck all three days of such a well-established, well-attended event," said Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army

Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center. "I urge everyone attending to please consider bringing a few bags or boxes of those gently used items you no longer need at home, as we work to fill our stores with quality merchandise that's both attractive and affordable to everyone."

The Salvation Army also encourages organizations to host collection drives on the charity's behalf, as it works to stock its warehouses with good, quality merchandise to sell in 2012. Interested groups, such as churches or businesses, are encouraged to call Donation Specialist Stephanie Franks at (313) 999-0643 for more information.

# Organize information for 2011 income tax returns

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

The most important part of preparing tax returns is to have the necessary information. Over the next few weeks, you will start to receive that information in the mail. Whether it is a W-2 from work or a 1099 from a bank or brokerage house, the information is essential to preparing your return. I cannot stress enough how important it is to save this information for your tax preparer. Whether a professional is doing your return or you're doing it on your own, you cannot afford to misplace this information. For example, not including the information from a 1099 on your tax return is going to result in IRS scrutiny. Whether it is just a letter from the IRS or an audit, you can be sure that if you don't report the information contained in a 1099, you will be contacted. I don't know anyone who wants extra scrutiny from the IRS. That is why it is so important to retain these documents.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

ly file your tax returns. For example, if you made charitable contributions last year, make sure that you have the necessary receipts from the charity itself. Remember, the cancelled check itself is not sufficient documentation for a cash contribution of \$250 or more. You need a receipt from the organization. In today's world, you're going to need backup documentation for just about any deduction you're going to take. Now is the time to organize that information.

This is also a great time to make the decision whether you are going to prepare your returns or if you are going to hire a professional. If you are doing the return, I recommend purchasing a software package. If you hire a professional, especially if it is for the first time, make sure it is someone who has experience doing taxes and is dedicated to staying current with the changes in the law. In addition, make sure that they are going to be around. If you receive scrutiny from the IRS, it is always beneficial to have the assistance of your tax preparer.

Preparing tax returns has become more complex and more difficult. Therefore, more people probably do need the assistance of a professional. However, that is not necessarily true for everyone. Many people have relatively straightforward

returns and can potentially do their tax returns for free. For a number of years, the IRS has partnered with software companies to offer the capability for people to do their tax returns online for free. This is 100-percent legitimate and it is something that many should consider. It is relatively simple to do. Go to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on the tab for individuals, click on the tab for e-file; you will then be directed to a page where you can select from a number of different free software packages. Generally, the software is only for federal returns, but for the great majority of us, those are the more difficult returns.

It would be nice if we didn't have to file tax returns and didn't have to bother with the IRS. However, we all know that's not going to happen. Our obligation as citizens is to file fair and accurate tax returns and, thus, we ought to make it as easy as possible on ourselves. One thing that will lessen the anxiety and make it easier is to start early and take time to organize your documentation. Good luck!

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# Winter Market aims to ease winter blues

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton's Winter Market — a place to buy seasonal goods, support the area economy and beat the winter doldrums — returns for a third year as organizers and vendors prepare for what could become another attendance-shattering turnout.

An offshoot of the popular warm-weather Canton Farmers Market, the winter version has been confirmed for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for three Sundays — Feb. 12, March 18 and April 22 — inside the historic Cady-Boyer Barn, in Preservation Park on Ridge north of Cherry Hill.

Christine Laming, owner of her Canton home-based Jam by Hand business, expects to sell 15-20 flavors such as hot pepper jelly, raspberry jalapeno jam and peach berry cobbler.

"I will definitely have the Michigan apple butter," she said.

Like other vendors, Laming returns to Canton's markets because her loyal customers look forward to buying her products.

"I'm getting a lot of return business," she said.

### Hot spot

Laming is among some 20 vendors who make Winter Market a hot spot on cold days.

Market manager Tina Lloyd said the attendance spiked 50 percent from 2010 to 2011, climbing from 1,000 visitors to 1,500. Some are return patrons, and Lloyd expects a large turnout for the 2012 season as well.

"Most people leave the Winter Market with



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Bob Jastrzebski's Canton-based Bobilin Honey is a favorite at the Canton Farmer's Market, winter or summer.

something in hand," she said. "More people are finding the benefits of buying local, reducing the carbon footprint because the goods don't have to be transported, and the money they spend stays in the state — so it benefits the local economy."

According to the Michigan Farmers Market Association, the number of local markets rose from 150 to 275 dur-

ing the last five years. Lloyd said Canton's Winter Market provides a way for local folks to get out and enjoy a winter Sunday inside the heated

### Cady-Boyer barn.

Patrons can find items such as fresh spinach, honey, farm eggs, artisan cheese and bread, apples, cider, frozen blueberries, flavored butters, organic grass-fed and antibiotic-free meats, homemade sauerkraut, dried peppers, mustards, smoked fish, hand-cut jerky and non-food products such as hand-crafted soaps, dog treats and soy candles.

### Spinach special

Two vendors, Hand Sown Farm and Prochaska Farms, plan to bring spinach they are growing in their "hoop houses" — a type of green house that uses solar energy to heat the ground during winter

### months.

"We are thrilled this season to have hoop-house produce at our winter markets," Lloyd said.

Market visitors also are encouraged to bring donations of pasta for the local Open Door Ministry, a Canton-based food pantry. First-grade Daisy Troop 40726 will coordinate the collection and have boxes of pasta for sale for \$1 for those who want to help.

This year's Winter Market vendors include Jam by Hand, Zingerman's Creamery, Prochaska Farms, Hand Sown Farm, Day Dream Cafe, Kapnick Orchards, Bobilin Honey, Boyer Meat Processing, Cel-

lar Door Soap, Captain John's Smokehouse, Joe Sansonetti's Kitchen, Sunbears Just Bones, Nicky's Family Recipes, JKM Soy Candles and Farmington Soap Works.

Vendors come from Canton and communities as far away as Bad Axe and Tecumseh.

For more Winter Market updates, find the market on Facebook, subscribe to an e-newsletter at [www.canton-fun.org](http://www.canton-fun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

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Clarenceville's Sam Brown (22) jumps over Garden City defenders Tyler Steele (left) and Brad King (right) during Tuesday's game.

## Quick start lifts Trojans

### Brown's 20 sinks Cougars

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

It was only a coincidence that while the auto show was going on that two area boys basketball teams — 2-7 Livonia Clarenceville and 1-6 Garden City — were ready to turn the page and unveil some new models.

And it was 6-foot senior Sam Brown who hit the floor running Tuesday night as he scored eight of his game-high 20 points during a hot first quarter which enabled host Clarenceville to earn a 53-49 victory over the Cougars.

Clarenceville jumped out to a 22-9 first-period advantage by hitting 9-of-16 shots from the field, including four 3-pointers.

But despite the rave early reviews, the Trojans went sour during the second quarter making only 1-of-20 shots as Garden City pulled within three at intermission, 24-21.

"It was night and day," Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson said. "It didn't help that Sam Brown got into foul trouble, got his second foul and we kind of had our continuity out.

"It just seemed nothing would fall. Everything was falling first quarter. 'Threes' that don't normally fall were falling. And we were taking most of the same shots, but we just weren't finishing."

Despite the shooting woes, Johnson said their was no panic at halftime.

"I thought we played good defense enough to make up for it," he said. "I think it was a testament of to how hard they were playing. They didn't let it bother them that they scored two points. We scored 24 points in the half and it didn't matter when we got them. We have a three-point lead and they were fine with that. They didn't dwell on it and they went out there the second half and finished the job."

Clarenceville outscored the Cougars slightly in the third quarter, 11-10, to take a 35-31 lead heading into the fourth.

And with 5:44 left in the game, GC's Tyler Gonzalez converted a hoop to make it 38-37.

But the Trojans

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## Harbar rolls a rare 300

Detroit's Angela Harbar became the first woman ever to roll a 300 game in league play Jan. 5 at Westland's Oak Lanes.

Harbar's perfect game came in the Thursday night Suburbanites League. She finished with a 714 series, including games of 255 and 159.

## Stewart out

Montana State University men's basketball coach Brad Huse said recently that former All-Observer player Jamie Stewart (Livonia Clarenceville) is no longer with the team.

Stewart, who spent two years at Henry Ford Community College, started seven of 12 games this season for the Bobcats.

The 6-foot-4 guard-forward averaged nine points, three rebounds, two assists and a steal, but hasn't played or practiced since Dec. 28.

Stewart told the Bozeman (Mont.) Chronicle he is facing the consequences of some poor decisions and hopes to re-join the team during the spring practice.

## 1st pitch for MU baseball

Terry Foster of WXYT-FM (97.1) and The Detroit News will be the featured speaker as the Madonna University baseball team will stage its annual 1st Pitch banquet at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Italian American Club in Livonia.

Tickets, which are tax-deductible, are \$60 each or \$110 per pair. Youth tickets are \$30 (12 and under).

Table sponsorships are also available and reservations must be received by Jan. 20.

Raffle items are also needed as donations. For more information, call Bill Hardin at (734) 560-0820 or e-mail bjhwholves@aol.com.

## CHS athletic fundraiser

The Livonia Churchill High Athletic Patrons will stage its annual dinner fundraiser 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at The Coaches Corner, located at Seven Mile and Farmington roads.

The event features food and fun, with all proceeds benefitting Churchill athletics.

Hourly 50-50 drawings will be held. For more information, call (734) 744-2650, ext. 46117.

## WYAA hoops

Registration continues for Westland Youth Athletic Association basketball 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Age groups offered include: Right Start (7-8), Freshman (9-10), Junior Varsity (11-12) and Varsity (13-16).

Right Start games will be played at Upper Elementary School, while Freshman, JV and Varsity will be at the Bailey Recreation Center.

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

## Mercy's night

### Marlins topple rival Ladywood, 61-56

By Dan O'Meara  
Observer Staff Writer

It didn't look good for Farmington Hills Mercy when it spotted Livonia Ladywood a 12-3 lead and lost point guard Candice Leatherwood to an ankle injury in the first quarter Tuesday.

But the other Marlins rallied and survived a late Ladywood comeback for a 61-56 victory in a Catholic League Central Division girls basketball game at Mercy.

"We needed to settle down and relax," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "Once we realized we were going to have to play without Candice, a couple players had to step up in terms of our ball-handling. I was really proud of our kids, because we had a lot going against us early, being without Candice and also being behind."

Mercy forged a 23-23 tie at halftime with an 18-point second quarter and 10 first-half points by sophomore guard Allie Gorcyca.

The Marlins (8-2, 2-1)

continued to bring pressure in the third quarter and made an 11-0 run for a 43-32 lead.

Ladywood scored the last five of that quarter, but Mercy had a solid, 10-point advantage nearing the midway point of the fourth, 52-42.

Baskets by Briana Combs and Sara Even started a rally by the Blazers (5-6, 1-2), who were able to apply a full-court press and do what Mercy had done earlier after the made baskets.

Four free throws by Andi Anastos and back-to-back triples by Combs put Ladywood within two, 58-56, with less than half a minute to play.

"I'm just proud of our kids' effort," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said. "We had a long third quarter, but I'm very proud of the way our kids fought back. We just couldn't get over the hump. I'm frustrated with the result but eager to see us play our next game."

"At the beginning of the third quarter, (the Marlins) hustled and found a way to make their breaks. It seemed

every ball that bounced off the rim bounced to them and they found a way to hit a layup or a three. But they played hard and they capitalized on our mistakes."

Mercy's Gorcyca, Sierra LaGrande and Sarah Benson combined for six straight free throws to keep the Marlins on top, 60-56. The Blazers committed a turnover and fouled Gorcyca, who added one more point to the Mercy tally.

Gorcyca, who had one triple in each quarter, finished with 21 points, as did junior forward Kiley Gorski for the Blazers.

"That's going to help her confidence a lot," Morris said of Gorcyca. "She's a very good shooter and she showed that tonight. She made six threes (Friday) against Marian. Fortunately for us, she picked up right where she left off the other night."

"She struggled a little bit early in the season as kids do, transitioning from JV to varsity. I thought she started

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## Warriors succumb in triple OT, 95-86

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division boys basketball foes Taylor Baptist Park and Lutheran High Westland proved they could go the distance — and then some — Tuesday night.

**BOYS HOOPS** Noah

Bruck's last-second 3-pointer off the glass at the end of regulation forced the game into overtime and the host Wildcats went on to post a 95-86 triple OT victory over the Warriors.

Taylor Baptist Park improves to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the MIAC Red, while the loss drops Lutheran Westland to 4-4 and 3-2.

It was 67-67 after four quarters, thanks to Bruck's clutch hoop.

"Our kids played hard, but they (Baptist Park) were big and I think they wore us down," said Lutheran Westland coach Doug Haller, whose team was outscored 15-6 in the third OT. "They got more second chances and we made a few mistakes. We played well enough to win, but things didn't go our way. It was a tough one, but we'll learn from this."

Bruck and Josh Garcia each finished with 18 points, while Kirk Thomas and Blake Speck added 15 apiece for Baptist Park.

Anthony Kaminski also chipped in with 10 for the Wildcats, who were tied at 73-73 after the first four-minute extra session.

A.J. Seltz paced the Warriors with 17 points, including a triple to send the game into a second OT with 12 seconds left to knot the count at 80-80.

Also scoring in double figures for the Warriors were Dawson Davenport (15), Ernie Babon (13) and Taurrek Fikes (12).

Taylor Baptist Park connected on 25-of-46 from the foul line, while Lutheran Westland made 13-of-27.

**LUTH. SOUTH 53, HVL 43:** Eight-of-27 free-throw shooting cost Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-5, 1-3) dearly in an MIAC Red Division setback Tuesday at home against Newport Lutheran South (4-3, 2-2).

Sophomore Ryan Schaffer scored 20 points in a losing cause for the Hawks, who trailed by only three after three quarters, 34-31.

Jacob Hand paced the Saints with 13 points, while Jesse Smrcka and Jacob Hines added 11 and 10, respectively.

Wayne Memorial's Elliot Arnold was individual boys champion at Saturday's Plymouth-Canton-Salem Tournament held at Super Bowl Lanes.



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

## Zebras rule PCS Tourney

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne Memorial boys bowling team received a 667 high series from Elliot Arnold to unseat defending champion Westland John Glenn in the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Tournament held Saturday at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

Arnold, a senior, posted a high game of 247 as the Zebras captured the 16-team boys team title with a pinfall total of 3,602.

The MHSAA tournament format consisted of

three match games and four Baker sets under Kegel Middle Road Pattern lane conditions.

Wayne recorded a high match game of 1,006 and two Baker games of 201 and 216.

Rounding out the top 10 teams were: Salem (3,520), John Glenn (3,514), South Lyon East (3,501), Canton (3,450), Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (3,415), Berkley (3,384), Flat Rock (3,376) and New Boston Huron (3,325).

Wayne's Shane Rambaldo was third high series

with a 648, highlighted by games of 229 and 227.

Other Wayne scorers included Matt Mikulec, 33rd (528 series); Kody Wojewski, 44th (491 series); Darrick Craig, 72nd (173 high game); and Austin St. Peter (201 high game).

Glenn, missing individual state singles champion Jordan Hornes, is ranked No. 2 in the Michigan High School Interscholastic Bowling Coaches Association poll. The Rockets post-

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# Wayne outlasts Wildcats in double-OT win

It took two overtimes, but Wayne Memorial emerged the victor Tuesday night with a 65-61 KLAAs South Division boys basketball win over host Plymouth.

Sean Moore paced the victorious Zebras in scoring with 15 points, while Dezmon Burleigh chipped in with 13, including a key layup and

free throw to seal the victory in the second OT as Wayne outscored the Wildcats, 7-3.

It was 48-all at the end of regulation and 58-58 after the first OT.

"We had the last shot twice," Wayne coach Mike Schuette said. "We scratched out a win on the road."

Brendan Swanson and Sid Acharya scored 19

and 12, respectively, for Plymouth.

Wayne made only 8-of-20 free throws, while Plymouth was 9-of-18.

Both teams are 5-4 overall and 2-2 in the KLAAs South.

**JOHN GLENN 50, FRANKLIN 33:** On Tuesday, junior guard Nick Daniels' game-high 17 points carried KLAAs South Division leader Westland John Glenn (7-2, 4-0) past visiting Livonia Franklin (2-7, 1-3). Isaac Everette and Eric Covile

chipped in with 13 and nine, respectively, for the Rockets, who pulled away in the second half by outscoring Franklin 10-3 in the third period and 20-13 in the fourth.

Tommy Smith and Jake Barham scored eight and seven, respectively, for Franklin.

Glenn was 17-of-32 from the field (53 percent) and 14-of-19 from the foul stripe (73.6 percent).

Franklin made just 3-of-11 free throws (27.2 percent) and 13-of-35 shots from the floor (37.1 percent).

**CANTON 48, CHURCHILL**

**43:** Senior center Paul Baumgart scored 16 points and freshman Greg Williams added 10 to lead the Chiefs (7-2, 3-1) to a KLAAs South victory Tuesday at Livonia Churchill (2-7, 0-4).

Duane Scott and Robert Foster scored 11 and eight, respectively, for the Chargers, who made it close with an 18-14 fourth-quarter run.

Churchill hit 15-of-21 free throws, while Canton connected on 5-of-10.

**STEVENSON 49, S.L. EAST 37:** On Tuesday, seniors

Austin Bumpus and Jonathan Campbell scored 12 and 10 points, respectively, as Livonia Stevenson (6-2, 2-2) pulled away in the fourth quarter for a KLAAs Central Division triumph over South Lyon East (1-7, 0-4).

The Spartans led by only two, 34-32, after three quarters before going on a 15-5 fourth-quarter run.

Jack Leckner and Lucas Macroncin each tallied nine points for the Cougars, who went 7-of-12 from the foul line.

Stevenson made 5-of-11 free throws.

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answered again thanks to a pair of baskets by Brown, another hoop from Nick Covin and a key three-pointer from Michael Demmons with only 2:12 remaining to cap an 8-1 run and provide a 46-39 cushion.

Tyler Steele's steal and layup with 4.3 seconds to go pulled the Cougars to within two, 51-49, but Brown responded with two foul shots to close out the victory.

Gonzales, C.J. Hill and Kevin Brown-Bayko each scored 11 for the Cougars, who shot only 34 percent from the floor (17-of-50) and 38 percent from the free throw stripe (8-of-21).

"I think that was one of the two differences," Garden City coach Greg Williamson said. "Our defensive rebounds and the lack of it, and the free throw shooting on our part. We were below 50 percent."

"Second and third opportunities, and a lot of 50-50 balls that we should have had and got yanked out of our hands. Those kind of things."

And the red-hot start by the Trojans also threw Garden City off-guard.

"It was different guys so ... we really didn't know much about them," Williamson said. "If we could contain them in the half court, then we'd be alright. They had those 'threes' at the start, but we shut them down pretty good the second quarter and after that."

Steele added eight points in the loss, while Matt Stark contributed 14 rebounds.

"We didn't make a play when it really counted except there right at the very end when we stole the ball," Williamson said. "You have to do those kind of things to win a game."

Austin Douglass was Clarenceville's top rebounder with 12, while Damien Quarles and Demmons each added seven points for the Trojans,



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Garden City's Cameron Shaw (32) goes up high for the left-handed shot over Clarenceville's Damien Quarles during Tuesday's non-league game.

who shot 75 percent from the foul line (9-of-12), but just 30.6 percent from the field (19-of-62).

Brown, however, was 6-of-11 from the floor and 4-of-6 from the line.

"Sam shot the lights out today," Johnson said. "It was a good day for him. He's been taking smarter shots, better shots and it's really been showing. It's more about under control shots. At the beginning of the year he was out of control — throwing it up and hoping it would go in. His jump shot is getting better and his three-pointers is coming around."

After an 0-4 start in December, Clarenceville is now 3-3 in January.

"We did need this one," Johnson said. "We had a rough week last week (two losses). The problem of it last week was effort-based. We had some issues off the court — other things — not that big of a deal that hurt us. Kids were bickering and blaming each other. It was time to grow up and I heard it today. I didn't hear a lot of complaining or blaming others when people came out of the game. When we talked them, they said, 'I get it, I get it.' They went out and fixed it rather than blaming somebody else for the problems."

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# Lights out: SC women blister nets in victory

Shooting a 60 percent from the floor, the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team snapped its modest two-game losing skid with a 96-47 win Saturday at Henry Ford Community College.

The Lady Ocelots, who improved to 12-4 overall and 3-2 in the conference, connected on 41-of-68 shots from the floor. It was the second best shooting performance in program history dating back to a 93-54 win in 2009 over Oakland CC when Schoolcraft made 65 percent

of its field goal attempts (36-of-55).

Dominique Jones finished with 21 points, seven rebounds and five assists for the Lady Ocelots, who led 52-28 at halftime.

Diamond Tolliver added 19 points, while Shawnicka Thomas and Infiniti Maxwell contributed 13 and 10, respectively.

Maxwell and Thomas also combined for 17 rebounds.

Henry Ford (4-9, 0-5) got 19 points and 11 rebounds from Dejanique Reddix and 11

points from Katrina Anderson.

**MADONNA 61, N'WESTERN OHIO 54:** Heather Pratt's 16 points lifted Madonna University (6-11, 4-4) to a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Saturday at home over Northwestern Ohio (10-9, 4-4).

Michelle Lindsey also contributed a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds, while center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) had 11 points and nine boards.

Erin Bentley also added 10 points for MU, which outscored the Racers 28-22 in the second half.

Amanda Francis paced Northwestern Ohio with a game-high 20 points.

# Crusaders get by Racers, 75-69

Livonia Stevenson grad Bobby Naubert scored a team-best 18 points as four players scored in double figures leading

**COLLEGE HOOPS** Madonna University to a 75-69 men's basketball triumph Saturday at home over Northwestern Ohio.

Naubert connected on 8-of-13 shots from the field as the Crusaders snapped a four-game losing skid to improve to 11-9 overall and 5-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Teammate Travis Schuba, going 4-of-9 from three-point range, added 16 points, while Tyler Coker and Matt Jenkins chipped in with 10 points apiece.

MU overcame a 34-

33 halftime deficit by shooting 15-of-25 from the floor (60 percent) in the second half.

Eoghann Stephens and Naubert each grabbed eight rebounds.

Naubert, who also dished out six assists, hit a pair of free throws with 24 seconds left to seal the win after Stephens' jumper put MU ahead to stay, 71-69, with 1:42 remaining.

Jake Bolyard tallied a game-high 25 points for the Racers (5-13, 1-7), while Johnny Elliott contributed 14 points. Dustin Guthrie also had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

**HENRY FORD 84, SCHOOLCRAFT 75 (OT):** In an MCCA Eastern

Conference game Saturday, host Henry Ford Community College (11-5, 3-2) pulled out a victory in overtime against Schoolcraft College (10-5, 3-2).

Schoolcraft couldn't close out the game after committing three costly turnovers, including a pair of traveling calls. It was 70-all at the end of regulation as Schoolcraft's Mohamed Elhaj made a pair of free throws to send the game into OT.

Karl Moore led the Ocelots with 23 points and 15 rebounds, while LenDerrick Witcher chipped in with 19 points and 10 boards.

Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) contributed 11 points and six rebounds.

"We kind of shot ourselves in the foot," said Schoolcraft coach Randy Henry, whose team committed 24 turnovers and missed the back end of three one-and-ones.

The Ocelots made 16-of-21 free throws.

# Knoph keys Spartan win

It was Molly by Golly that proved to be the difference Tuesday night in Livonia Stevenson's 44-30 girls basketball triumph over host South Lyon East.

Senior guard Molly Knoph scored a game-high 19 points to go along with 10 steals and eight rebounds as the Spartans improved to 7-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAAs Central Division.

Senior guard Jordan York chipped in with eight points as Stevenson outscored East (6-4, 1-3) by a 20-14 margin in the second half.

Gabi Bird scored 13 points for the Cougars, who stayed in it by making 16-of-18 free throws.

"East does a good job of creating organized chaos," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "They got to the basket, but we did a job of maintaining our focus."

**JOHN GLENN 72, FRANKLIN 18:** ShaKeya Graves and Erica Covile scored 22 points apiece Tuesday, leading host Westland John Glenn (7-2, 4-0) to the lopsided KLAAs South Division victory over Livonia Franklin (1-9, 0-4).

Glenn led 32-8 at halftime and 51-18 after three quarters.

Joslyn Massey chipped in with 13 points and 13 rebounds, while freshman Micah Mecks added 10 points.

John Glenn made 9-of-10 free throws, while Franklin was 2-of-6.

**CANTON 48, CHURCHILL 19:** Robyn Mack's 15 points powered the Chiefs (8-2, 3-1) to a KLAAs South Division win Tuesday at home over Livonia Churchill (3-7, 1-3).

Paige Aresco and Kiara Schneider added nine and eight points, respectively, for the victorious Chiefs, who led 27-9 at halftime and 41-13 after three quarters.

Senior center Erin Menard tallied 12 points for Churchill.

"We started well, but fell apart," Churchill coach Matt McCowan said. "We got down and couldn't fight our way back. They (Canton) played well defensively and they're a good team."

**PLYMOUTH 45, WAYNE 33:** Sophomore Ashley Bland scored a game-high 21 points, but it wasn't enough as host Wayne Memorial (2-8, 1-3) fell to the Wildcats (7-3, 3-1).

Shelby Cheston led Plymouth with 19 points, 17 rebounds and seven blocks.

Jada Woody and Kylie Robb added 12 and 10 points, respectively, as the Wildcats pulled away in the second half by outscoring Wayne 22-14 after leading 23-19 at intermission.

Plymouth was 13-of-21 from the foul line, while Wayne made 15-of-20.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 58, BAPTIST PARK 35:** Double-doubles by Amanda Terranella and Aldreanna Fikes carried Lutheran

High Westland (6-4, 3-2) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division triumph Tuesday at home over Taylor Baptist Park (0-6, 0-4).

Terranella, a 6-foot-1 senior center, finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds, while Fikes, a 5-10 junior forward, added 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Senior guard Taylor Wiemer also contributed 12 points for the Warriors, who pulled away in the final period with a 19-3 run.

"We played a decent first half, but had to make some adjustments," said Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade, whose team led by only two at intermission, 26-24. "We adjusted and took control the second half. We played well as a team and look forward to our next game on Friday (versus rival Westland Huron Valley Lutheran)."

The Wildcats' Marissa Thompson led all scorers with 18 points, while Kaylie Williams added 12.

The Warriors nailed 16-of-21 free throws, while Baptist Park hit only 2-of-12.

**GARDEN CITY 39, C'VILLE 27:** On Tuesday, Justice Dean's 19 points gave the host Cougars (6-3) a non-conference victory over Livonia Clarenceville (1-9). Hillarie Werda and Aleiah Smith added eight and six points, respectively, for Garden City.

Ayanna Buckley scored seven and Jodi Ankiel added six for the Trojans, who made only 10-of-27 free throws (37 percent).

Garden City, which led by only four at halftime, 17-13, connected on 15-of-25 free throws.

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to get it going a little bit against Notre Dame Prep two games ago; obviously, the games she had against Marian and Ladywood helped us a lot."

Morris also gave credit to Samantha Bauer and LaGrande for the jobs they did in handling the ball and running the offense in Leatherwood's absence.

"It really put a burden on some of our kids,"

Morris said. "They hadn't been in that position before. I thought they did a great job in a tough situation. That's two sophomores who stepped up and did a very nice job."

Benson finished with 17 points and Bauer 13.

Gorski sparked the Blazers early with 12 first-half points and was on the receiving end of numerous assists by Anastos, who posted 19 points. Combs added 11.

"(Gorski) was a beast," Coratti said. "With kids like that, you know we're going to find a way to

start getting some W's because, with kids like that, you can't lose. They work hard each and every day."

"(Gorski played well) and Anastos was just relentless attacking the basket, so they presented some challenges for us," Morris said. "But we were able to hold on. I thought we had clutch free-throw shooting down the stretch."

Mercy made 7-of-10 free throws in the fourth quarter and was 12-of-18 overall at the foul line; Ladywood was 8-of-14.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Friday, Jan. 20**  
Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Edsel Ford at C'ville, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at HVL, 7 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Friday, Jan. 20**  
Luth. W'sld at HVL, 5:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Glenn at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.  
Marian at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.

### PREP HOCKEY

**Friday, Jan. 20**  
Ladywood vs. Northville at Arctic Pond, 3 p.m.  
Franklin vs. Grand Blanc

at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
Churchill vs. Grandville at East Kentwood, 8 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 21**  
Churchill at East Kent, 2 p.m.  
Franklin vs. W.L. Central Lakeland Ice Arena, 6:20 p.m.  
Ladywood vs. Country Day at Arctic Pond, 7:30 p.m.

### PREP WRESTLING

**Saturday, Jan. 21**  
Franklin Tournament, 9 a.m.  
Chippewa Valley Inv., 9 a.m.  
UM-Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.  
Lincoln Park Tourney, TBA.

### BOYS SWIMMING

**Thursday, Jan. 19**  
Plymouth at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.  
Glenn at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.  
Wayne at Canton, 6:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m.

### GIRLS GYMNASTICS

**Saturday, Jan. 21**  
Farmington Inv., 10 a.m.

### PREP BOWLING

**Thursday, Jan. 19**  
Ladywood vs. Regina at Westland Bowl, 3:45 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 21**  
Wayne County Champ., TBA.

### GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

**Saturday, Jan. 21**  
Grosse Ile Invitational, 10 a.m.  
Bedford Invitational, TBA.

### MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

**Saturday, Jan. 21**  
Indiana Tech at MU, 3 p.m.  
S'craft at Macomb, 3 p.m.

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

**Saturday, Jan. 21**  
MU at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.  
S'craft at Macomb, 1 p.m.

# Stevenson splits on road trip, 5-1

Livonia Stevenson gained a split on the back end of its two-day excursion last weekend to Traverse City with a 5-1 boys

**PREP HOCKEY** hockey win Saturday afternoon over Traverse City West at Howe Arena.

The Spartans, who improved to 10-4 overall, led 2-0 after one period and 4-0 after two as J.D. Byrne tallied a natural hat trick.

"We played a complete hockey game and it showed in the result, very nice effort to bounce back from last game," said Stevenson coach David Mitchell, whose team lost 4-1 Friday at Howe Arena to host Traverse City Central, ranked No. 5 in Division 2.

Mario Tomei opened the scoring with 7:35 left in

the first period on a goal from Thomas Ross and Nate Sink.

Byrne followed with the first of three with 3:50 remaining in the same period on a power play goal from Chris McDonald and Tomei.

Byrne scored from Tomei and Dominic Lutz with 11:43 left in the second make on another power play goal to make it 3-0 and with three minutes to go in the same period he scored again from Eric Willets.

Tyler Thirby's goal from Alex Grizzel with 9:49 remaining ruined Stevenson goaltender Mike Kanitra's shutout bid.

Kanitra made 17-of-18 saves on the night.

Lutz's goal from Sink and Cam Tetrault closed out the scoring with 37 seconds to play.

Carter Edmondson made 23 saves for the Titans, who slipped to 5-8-1 overall.

Meanwhile, Mitchell was appreciative of the scheduling opportunity.

**LADYWOOD 5, WALLED LAKE 1:** Ran Freij's hat trick catapulted Livonia Ladywood (5-7, 5-7) to a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League win Saturday night over visiting Walled Lake (3-7, 2-6) at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

It was 1-1 after one period as Freij opened the scoring from Abby Pelon and Erin Cronyn, while Meryll Miller countered for the Wild from Emma Crone.

Ladywood opened up a 4-1 lead after two periods on goals by Freij (from Brittany Galvin); Hannah Pereira (from Galvin); and Freij (from Erin Doyle).

Galvin closed out the scoring in the final period from Virginia Matherly and Pelon. Ladywood goalie Sarah Koch stopped 11-of-12 shots, while Sam Carrier made 21 saves for Walled Lake.

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

**TRI-MEET RESULTS**  
Jan. 17 at Churchill H.S.  
**TEAM SCORES:** 1. Livonia Red, 135.95; 2. Walled Lake Central-Western, 102.95; 3. Walled Lake Northern-Western, 96.95.

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**  
**Vault:** 1. Jackie Dziurgot (Red), 8.85; 2. Sammi Randlett (WLN-WLW), 8.65; 3. (tie) Sydney Grenier (Red), Mallory Dorton (Red) and Tailor Duncan (WLC-WLW), 8.45 each; 4. Sarah Gosdzinski (Red), 8.4; 5. (tie) Julia Twigg (Red) and Sammi Pulgini (WLC-WLW), 8.35.

**Uneven bars:** 1. Shannon Diaz (Red), 8.85; 2. Dorton (Red), 8.15; 3. Gosdzinski (Red), 7.55; 4. Grenier (Red), 7.5; 5. Randlett (WLN-WLW), 7.4.  
**Balance beam:** 1. Rose Prebala (Red), 9.4; 2. Diaz (Red),

9.1; 3. Grenier (Red), 8.5; 4. Randlett (WLN-WLW), 8.3; 6. Pulgini (WLC-WLW), 8.15.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Dorton (Red), 9.05; 2. Grenier (Red), 8.9; 3. Randlett (WLN-WLW), 8.8; 4. Pulgini (WLC-WLW), 8.6; 5. Twigg (Red), 8.45.

**All-around:** 1. Grenier (Red), 33.35; 2. Randlett (WLN-WLW), 33.15; 3. Dziurgot (Red), 32.40; 4. Pulgini (WLC-WLW), 29.90; 5. Duncan (WLC-WLW), 29.15.  
**Livonia Red's dual meet record:** 3-4 overall.

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**LIVONIA BLUE 136.65**  
**NORTHVILLE 129.325**

Jan. 16 at Churchill H.S.  
**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**  
**Vault:** 1. Haley Olson (Blue), 8.95; 2. Alex Kitz (Blue), 8.9; 3. (tie) Morgan Price (N), Taylor Dempsey (N) and Victoria Clay

(N), 8.45 each.

**Uneven bars:** 1. Dempsey (N), 8.85; 2. Kitz (Blue), 8.65; 3. Olson (Blue), 8.20; 4. Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 7.95; 5. Nicole Sokolowski (Blue), 7.6.

**Balance beam:** 1. (tie) Olson (Blue) and Kitz (Blue), 9.15 each; 3. Dempsey (N), 8.75; 4. (tie) Zafarana (Blue) and Price (N), 8.4 each.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Kitz (Blue), 9.25; 2. Dempsey (N), 8.575; 3. (tie) Sarah Hogan (Blue) and Andrea Irvine (Blue), 8.5 each; 5. (tie) Clay (N) and Zafarana (Blue), 8.35 each.

**All-around:** 1. Kitz (Blue), 35.95; 2. Dempsey (N), 34.625; 3. Olson (Blue), 34.10; 4. Zafarana (Blue), 33.10; 5. Caite McDougall (Blue), 31.65.  
**Livonia Blue's dual meet record:** 5-0 overall.

## PREP BOWLING RESULTS

**BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS**

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 25 WAYNE MEMORIAL 5**  
Jan. 17 at Novi Bowl

**John Glenn scorers:** Jordan Hornes, 210-246-456; Thomas Brusseau, 199-209-428; Mark Kassab, 219-200-399; Mitch Dean, 213; Daniel Ammons, 192; Tommy Ruark, 178; Steven White, 170. **Team totals:** 990-1,046-2,036 (15 points); **Baker games:** 215-262-477 (10 points).

**Wayne scorers:** Shane Rambaldo, 246-197-443; Elliot Arnold, 216-215-431; Zach Huffman, 208-220-428; Austin St. Peter, 179-174-353; Kody Wojewski, 128. **Team totals:** 977-961-1,938 (5 points); **Baker games:** 182-237-419 (0 points).

**Dual match records:** John Glenn, 8-0 overall, 5-0 KLAAs Central Division; Wayne, 6-2 overall, 3-2 KLAAs Central.

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 25 WATERFORD MOTT 5**  
Jan. 12 at Grand Blanc

**John Glenn scorers:** Jordan Hornes, 198-225-423; Tommy Ruark, 201-213-414; Daniel Ammons, 173-172-345; Thomas Brusseau, 198; Steven White, 173; Mitch Dean, 167; split score 183. **Team totals:** 943-960-1,903 (15 points); **Baker games:** 224-199-423 (10 points).

**Mott scorers:** Ryan Bailey, 210-189-399; Grant Boufford, 180-189-369; R.J. Wood, 155-184-339; Rick Smith, 166-170-336; Austin Mace, 123-179-302. **Team totals:** 834-911-1,745 (5 points); **Baker games:** 150-165-315 (0 points).  
**John Glenn's dual match record:** 7-0 overall, 4-0 KLAAs

Central Division.

**WAYNE MEMORIAL 23 WHITE LAKE LAKELAND 7**  
Jan. 12 at Grand Blanc

**Wayne scorers:** Elliot Arnold, 236-233-469; Shane Rambaldo, 210-225-435; Austin St. Peter, 194-145-339; Derrick Craig, 203; Ken McKay, 192; Mark Mikulec, 147; Kody Wojewski, 136. **Team totals:** 923-998-1,921 (17 points); **Baker games:** 165-234-399 (6 points).

**Lakeland scorers:** Tyler Hait, 196-183-379; Brandon Abernathy, 182-167-349; Nick Hubbard, 168-167-335; Justin Holmyard, 146-162-308; Ben Osvath, 194; split score, 112. **Team totals:** 864-813-1,677 (3 points); **Baker games:** 166-208-374 (4 points).

**Wayne's dual match record:** 6-1 overall, 3-1 KLAAs Central.

**GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS**

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 21 WAYNE MEMORIAL 9**  
Jan. 17 at Novi Bowl

**John Glenn scorers:** Caitly Lenard, 198-214-412; Jessica Pate, 192-169-361; Olivia Cabildo, 170-147-317; Montana Graszak, 157; Bre Riblett, 151; Yvette Ayers, 141; split score, 130. **Team totals:** 841-828-1,669 (15 points); **Baker games:** 163-150-313 (6 points).

**Wayne scorers:** Lorissa Willet, 209-186-395; Tiffany Markham, 214-172-386; Kira Leach, 155-168-323; Tiffany Ozog, 163-97-260; Sarah Shurgo, 99-112-211. **Team totals:** 840-735-1,75 (5 points); **Baker games:** 169-136-305 (4 points).

**Dual match records:** John Glenn, 6-2 overall, 5-0 KLAAs Central Division; Wayne, 1-7

overall, 1-4 KLAAs Central.

**WATERFORD MOTT 20 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 10**  
Jan. 12 at Grand Blanc

**Mott scorers:** Talia Harden, 195-176-371; Krissy Smith, 204-160-364; Marissa Land, 199-151-350; Derrick Hofflich, 143-171-334; Amber Neville, 154-149-303. **Team totals:** 895-827-1,722 (16 points); **Baker games:** 142-183-325 (4 points).

**John Glenn scorers:** Caitly Lenard, 198-165-363; Olivia Cabildo, 169-192-361; Sara Aulidge, 159-170-329; Jessica Pate, 181-141-322; Montana Graszak, 148; split score, 114. **Team totals:** 821-816-1,637 (4 points); **Baker games:** 155-172-327 (6 points).

**John Glenn's dual match record:** 5-2 overall, 4-0 KLAAs Central.

**WHITE LAKE LAKELAND 28 WAYNE MEMORIAL 2**  
Jan. 12 at Grand Blanc

**Lakeland scorers:** Jessica McNabb, 160-17-330; Alycia Holmyard, 155-169-324; Sam McCallum, 133-179-312; Shayla Sibert, 157-142-299; Jennifer Newton, 204; Kourtney Tscairart, 145. **Team totals:** 750-864-1,614 (18 points); **Baker games:** 180-187-347 (10 points).

**Wayne scorers:** Tiffany Markham, 168-141-309; Lorissa Willet, 157-142-299; Tiffany Ozog, 150-115-265; Kira Leach, 145-116-261; Sarah Shurgo, 105-109-214. **Team totals:** 725-623-1,348 (2 points); **Baker games:** 149-139-288 (0 points).

**Wayne's dual match record:** 1-6 overall, 1-3 KLAAs Central.



## Orient experience

Nick Joseph (right), an eighth-grader at St. Genevieve School in Livonia, finished with an 8-3-1 record for the U.S. team in the two-day Sanix International Junior High Judo Championships held Dec. 21-29 in Fukuoka, Japan. An international training camp was held prior to the tournament, which featured teams from 70 Japanese junior high schools along with nine teams from overseas. The U.S. team was eliminated during the second round. Nick is holding a Livonia Observer along with his father Rick Joseph (left).

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Pitching clinic

Detroit Tigers pitching coach Jeff Jones will be the featured instructor at the pitching clinic hosted Sunday, Jan. 22, by the Livonia Stevenson High baseball program.

Jones will be joined by former pro pitcher Dave Marcon, owner and scout of Indy Pro Showcase, along with the Stevenson coaching staff.

Session I (ages 9-12) will be from 10 a.m. until noon followed by Session II (ages 13-18) 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Stevenson fieldhouse.

The cost is \$40 (checks should be made payable to the Stevenson High School Baseball).

For more information, call Stevenson baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623; or e-mail Berry3724@aol.com.

### Baseball camp

The sixth annual Future Stars baseball camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session 2) on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

Session 1 consists of hitting, base running skills, and infield work, along with taking the extra base, hitting for average, and proper infield approach.

Session 2 consists of pitching and defense, pitch location, catching drills, and outfield approach.

Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (bring your own).

The cost is \$30 per session or \$50 for both (includes T-shirt). Registration forms are available at [www.franklinpatriotsbaseball.com](http://www.franklinpatriotsbaseball.com).

For more information, e-mail Franklin coach Matt Fournier at [mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org); or call (734) 968-0499.

### Youth baseball

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage mail-in registration for its 2012 co-ed instructional T-ball (ages 5-6) and coach-pitch (ages 7-8) baseball through Feb. 10, along with walk-in and fax-in registration through Feb. 17.

Registration is open only to those residing in the Livonia or Clarenceville public school districts. Enrollment is limited to the first 640 participants in each division. Forms are available at area schools or can be picked up at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

The season runs from May through July with T-ball scrimmages Monday evenings and coach-pitch on Thursday evenings.

Late registration will be from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 31 at the LCRC (for Livonia and Clarenceville Public School district residents only).

Non-resident registration will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, April 1 at the LCRC's Parks and Recreation office and will run through April 30 on a first-come, first-serve basis (or until teams are filled).

Open registration fees are \$40 (residents) and \$50 (non-residents). Late registration fees are \$50 (residents) and \$60 (non-residents).

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

### Softball camps

Coach Al White of Madonna University will stage a winter softball camp (session II) for ages 7-18 from noon to 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 (cost \$150).

For more information, visit [www.MadonnaCrusaders.com](http://www.MadonnaCrusaders.com); or e-mail White at [awhite@madonna.edu](mailto:awhite@madonna.edu).

You can also call the MU softball office at (734) 432-5783 or Steve Gentilia at (734) 776-1716.

# Scrappy Whalers win

## OHL West leader drops Spitfires, 5-1

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers played on Martin Luther King Jr. Day but their was nothing peaceful about their afternoon game against Windsor. Sparks and fists were flying all over Compuware Arena Monday in the OHL matinee, won by the Whalers 5-1 before nearly 3,000 fans.

In fact, Whalers forward Tom Wilson recorded the "Gordie Howe Hat Trick," with a goal, assist and fight.

"I think it was," said Wilson, asked if that was his first-ever Gordie Howe Hat Trick. "I try for those every night, but they're hard to come by, especially the goals and assists. But I was happy to get that."

Wilson, who graduated from Plymouth High School, decidedly won his scrap with Windsor wing-third (3,012); White Lake Lakeland, fourth (3,008); Novi, fifth (2,858); Farmington Hills Mercy, sixth (2,853); South Lyon, seventh (2,826); Salem, eighth (2,800); Canton, ninth (2,740) and Wayne, 10th (2,671).

just threw a couple rights and landed on top of him. I mean, fights are to get the boys going, and that's what happened there."

### Fired up

That fight sent a jolt through the team and energized the fans, and the Whalers scored just 13 seconds later to go up 2-0 when forward Jamie Devane banged in the rebound of a shot by forward Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills) with 10:58 to go in the middle stanza.

"I thought it did," said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci, about whether the Wilson fight helped ignite the Whalers after a sluggish start to the second.

Plymouth had given up a flurry of six shots in the first two minutes but wound up outshooting Windsor 22-3 for the rest of the frame.

"He (Wilson) had a real good game, that's how he's got to play to be successful," Vellucci continued.

The Whalers (30-10-2-1, first in the West Division) kept firing shots and fists (their were seven fights in the game)

and went up 3-0 with 1:51 to go in the second on Stefan Noesen's power-play goal — assisted by Wilson.

The 6-4, 200-pounder then scored at 10:52 of the third period, completing his big day and the game's scoring. Line-mate Andy Bathgate's blast was stopped by Spitfires netminder Jaroslav Pavelka — who faced 54 shots — but Wilson jumped into the slot to chip in the rebound for his sixth goal of the season.

"I was pretty happy to see that one pop out on the doorstep and bury it," Wilson said. "No regrets tonight, I think the boys worked really hard."

Other Plymouth goals were scored by forward Michael Payne (at 2:49 of the first) and defenseman Austin Levi (Canton, formerly of Farmington Hills) in the first minute of the third period.

Levi sent a rising wrist from inside the blue line that zipped past Pavelka on the short side. The goalie was screened on the shot.

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## BOWLING

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ed match games of 999 and 993 to go along with a high Baker of 209.

Senior Tommy Ruark posted the fourth high series (629), including a high game of 246. Junior Daniel Ammons was right behind in fifth place with a 613, highlighted by a 236 game.

Other notable games for the Rockets were turned in by Steven White (205), Mitch Dean (200) and Thomas Brusseau (181).

### Glenn girls second

In the PCS Tournament for girls, Corunna took top team honors with a total of 3,174, highlighted by a high match game of 965 and Bakers of 181 and 182.

Runner-up John Glenn was just 34 pins behind

with a 3,140 total, highlighted by an 841 match game and a 192 Baker.

Corunna's Katie Arendt took individual honors with a 579 series, including a 223 game.

Glenn's Jessica Pate placed sixth overall with 547 three-game set led with a 199.

Other Glenn scorers included: Olivia Cabildo, 12th (530 series, 196 high game); Caitly Lenard, 13th (525 series, 198 high game); Sara Aulidge (171 high game); Bre Riblett (161 high game); and Montana Graszak (150 high game).

Wayne and Livonia Ladywood finished 10th and 14th in the team standings with totals of 2,671 and 2,542, respectively.

Wayne's Tiffany Markham was seventh overall with a 545 series, including a tournament high game of 232.

Other Wayne scorers

included: Kira Leach, 25th (472 series, 161 high game); Tiffany Ozog, 46th (385 series, 140 high game); Lorissa Willet, 50th (365 series, 132 high game); Alyssa Roberts, 58th (319 series, 111 high game).

Ladywood's top scorer was Amy Lewandowski, who placed 24th with a 478 series, including a 183 high game.

Other finishers for the Blazers included Veronica Estigoy, 33rd (427 series, 157 high game); Shelby Fielding, 36th (423 series, 148 high game); Sarah Knapp, 74th (134 high game); Victoria Aina (165 high game).

Rounding out the top 10 teams were Plymouth, third (3,012); White Lake Lakeland, fourth (3,008); Novi, fifth (2,858); Farmington Hills Mercy, sixth (2,853); South Lyon, seventh (2,826); Salem, eighth (2,800); Canton, ninth (2,740) and Wayne, 10th (2,671).

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### ALTENBERNT, ANNA I. Beaverton, Michigan

Mrs. Altenbernt 92 passed away peacefully Monday January 16, 2012 at Tender Care of Midland following a lingering illness. She was born in Delray, Michigan on January 6, 1920 to the late Frank & Anna (Giba) Dely. She married Nelson Altenbernt on June 27, 1942 in Plymouth, Michigan. He survives her. They moved to Beaverton in 1982 and have enjoyed their home here with the family an especially the grandchildren. She is survived by a son David & Connie Altenbernt of Romeo and a daughter Nancy & Gary Singleton of South Lyons; 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren; a brother Edward Dely of Plymouth; 3 sisters Barbara & Fred Warren of Gaylord, Betty Liddle of Surprise, AZ and Irene & Robert Phillips of Wayne; a half brother Fred Dely and a half sister Erma Vezinaw. She was predeceased by 2 brothers Steven & Louis Dely and 2 sisters Helen Dely and Mary Clark. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date with cremation taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory. Arrangements were entrusted to Sisson Funeral Home.



**GREENLEE, ROBERT E.**

Age 89, of Lafayette, IN formerly of Livonia, MI died Sunday January 8, 2012 at Indiana University Health, Lafayette, IN. He was born August 13, 1922, in Michigan to the late Leonard and Esther Froelich Greenlee. Bob served in the United States Navy in WWII and on March 23, 1946 he married Viola Gumas in Detroit, MI and she survives. Mr. Greenlee worked for the City of Livonia Department of Public Works for 30 years and at the time of his retirement was Foreman of Roads. He was a member of the American Legion in Redford, MI and enjoyed golfing. Surviving along with his wife is a daughter Gail M. Zmenda husband William of Lafayette, IN and grandchildren Billy Zmenda wife Reagan, Christi Wetter husband John and great grandchildren Logan, Mia and Aydan. Also surviving is a brother Leonard Greenlee of Wyandotte, MI and a sister Elaine Glumm of Taylor, MI. He was preceded in death by a brother Ralph Greenlee. Those wishing may contribute to Diamond Blackfan Anemia Association.

### HOSKINS, JACK

January 17, 2012, age 81. Loving husband of 56 years of Dorothy. Dear father of Paul Chris Hoskins and Allen J. (Lori) Hoskins. Dear grandfather of Ally and Ashley Hoskins. Also leaves 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Visitation Friday 5-8pm with services following on Saturday at 11am from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



**LINTON, CHRIS**  
6/15/59 ~ 1/4/12

Age 52, Port Orange, FL Passed away peacefully, January 4, 2012. Born in Wayne, Michigan on June 15, 1959, he grew up in a family with proud parents, Duane and Arlene, and three sisters Karen, Brenda and Sandy. Chris graduated from John Glenn High School in 1977. Chris was a skilled machinist working at Jack Roush Performance Engineering in the early 1980's and ending with a career that encompassed most of the Space Shuttle Program. Honor, love of family, friends, and country were all very important to Chris. He met his wife, Kathleen on New Years Eve 1982, on a trip to Florida. Together, they raised daughter, Jennifer, and were blessed to have 24 years together. Survivors include his wife Kathleen Linton, daughter Jennifer Lafland (Alan), granddaughters Annisley and Ashlynn, his parents, Duane and Arlene, his sisters, Karen Linton (Glen), Brenda Czubaj (Ray), Sandy Yetter (Shawn) as well as countless nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral Services were held in Port Orange, FL on Monday January 9th, 2012. A memorial service is being held in his honor on February 4th, 2012 at the Wayne Moose Lodge: 38050 Michigan Ave Wayne, MI 48184. Between 2:00p.m. and 7:00p.m. All friends and family are welcome.

### MCMARTIN, CHRISTINA "TINA"

Called home to her Lord on January 15, 2012. Beloved wife of Hugh. Loving mom of Erika (Kenny) Ingle, and Bradley (Paula). Proud grandmother of Cameron Ingle, Donovan Ingle, and the late Luca Ingle. Dear sister of Lisa Minto. The family will gather with friends Thursday from 3 PM until the 5 PM memorial service at Living Word Church, 46500 North Territorial Rd (west of Sheldon) Plymouth MI 48170. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

### MICHIE, MARTHA (nee TORIKKA)

Age 97, January 15, 2012. Wife of the late George. Survived by nieces and nephews. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Saturday from 11 a.m. until Funeral Service at 12 p.m. Please share a memory at: www.rggharris.com



**TOVEY, BETTY MARIE  
NEE PLUNKETT**

Age 88, January 17, 2012. Beloved wife of the late David J. Loving mother of Mary Louise (Derek) Kroes, David C. (Patricia), Kathie (Bill) Hellstein, Patricia (Nandu) Srinivasan, Joan (David) Boronic, and James L. (Lisa). Cherished grandmother of 17 and great-grandmother of ten. Visitation Thursday 5-8 and Friday 5-8 with Rosary 7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., in Livonia. In state Saturday 10 am until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 am at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27101 West Chicago, in Redford. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.



**STEFANKO, KENNETH R.**

January 13, 2012, age 70. Beloved husband of Martha (48 years). Loving father of Christopher Kenneth Stefanko and Scott Fitzpatrick Stefanko. Dear brother of Gerald (Eiko) Stefanko, James Stefanko, Mary Miner and Robert Stefanko. Uncle to many. Kenneth retired from General Motors after 48 years. He was internationally recognized as a Metal Finishing expert. He continued working as a consultant with several companies up until his death. There was a visitation held on Monday, January 16, 2012 with a Prayer Service and Eulogies at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia Chapel. The Funeral Mass was Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at St. Maurice Catholic Church, Livonia, MI. Memorial Donations may be made in Kenneth's name to either Angela Hospice Care Center or International Mesothelioma Program www.brigmand womens.org/mesothelioma Please leave the family a message of condolence or share a treasured memory by going to www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

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## Hear gypsy tunes at church concert

Mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Mitchell and pianist Lydia Qiu will perform gypsy music Sunday, Feb. 5 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, in Plymouth. "Songs of the Gypsy" will start at 4:30 p.m. and is a part of the church's Resounding Art in a Sacred Space concert series.

The program will include music by Brahms, Verdi, Bizet, and Dvorak. Mitchell, a Utah native, received a bachelor of music degree from the University of Utah and a master of music degree from the University of Michigan. Her repertoire ranges from opera to cabaret to art song and she can be heard on the Ohio Light Opera's recording of *The Firefly*. In her last appearance at St. John's in 2010, she performed the role of Fiordiligi in a production of Mozart's opera *Così fan tutte*.

Qiu has taught private lessons and master classes at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing, China, as well as several other renowned schools. She works for the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance as a vocal coach, staff accompanist, and coordinator of accompanying services. Qiu holds degrees from Capital University, the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, and the University of Michigan.

Admission is a donation of \$10 for individuals and \$25 for families. For more information on the program, the concert series, or the church, call (734) 453-0190, ext. 16, or visit the church Web site at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

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## Trade winter blahs for friendly barks at dog show

By Sharon Dargay  
 O&E Staff Writer

More than 7,000 wet noses and wagging tails will converge for the third annual Michigan Winter Dog Classic this weekend at the Suburban Collection in Novi.

Dogs will go head to head in conformation, judging, obedience tests and rally trials.

But Alan Dorfman, show chairman and a Farmington Hills resident, says the event isn't just about competitive canines.

"We've made it educational and fun for families. We're making it a family affair," said Dorfman, president of the Oakland County Kennel Club, co-sponsor of the show with the Livonia Kennel Club.

"We're bringing in the Rock-N-Roll K-9's so families can watch dogs perform. We're bringing in Border Collies for duck herding. When we do weight pull with Alaskan Malamutes, instead of using weights on the cart, we use kids.

"I teamed with the Detroit Zoo this year and I have four Zoo mascots coming. We were the first ones last year to do a 4- to 6-month-old puppy show. We sent in the 4- and 5-year-olds (handlers) with them. The crowd loves it. Those are the kinds of things we do that other shows don't."

### Canine Good Citizen

The four-day event consists of four shows, two presented by the Livonia Kennel Club

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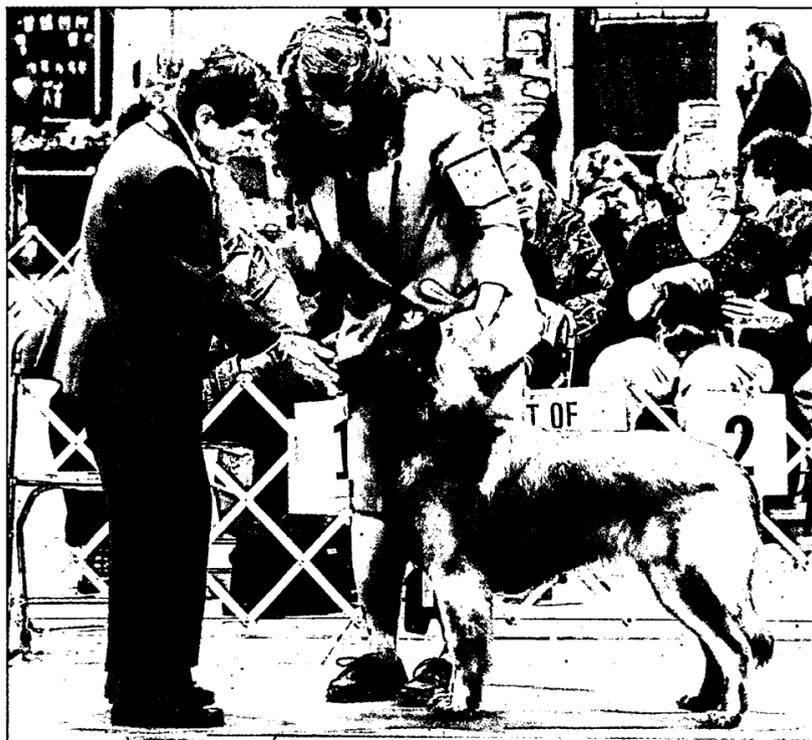
**What:** See more than 7,000 dogs compete in conformation, obedience and rally events

**When:** Noon-6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday-Sunday, Jan. 20-22

**Where:** The Suburban Collection, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi

**Details:** The Livonia Kennel Club and Oakland County Kennel Club offer four days of judging in conformation, obedience and rally competition; a puppy judging event; Rock-N-Roll K-9's show; duck herding with Border Collies, Weight Pull; Frisbee demonstration by Crash, a dog that has performed on the "Late Show with David Letterman;" Canine Good Citizen Testing; police canine demonstration; animal rescue organizations, vendors. Admission is \$35 for families (two adults and three children), \$10 for adults, \$8 for kids, 7-12, and senior citizens, free for children 6 and under

**Contact:** www.themichiganwinterdogclassic.com; (248) 348-5600



Dog, handler and judge meet in the ring at a previous Michigan Winter Dog Show Classic. Conformation — judging dogs against a breed standard — will continue all four days of the show, presented by the Livonia Kennel Club and Oakland County Kennel Club, in Novi.

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## DOG SHOW

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and two by the Oakland Kennel Club, with conformation judging and other competitive events held each day. Demonstrations, performing dogs, and educational programs round out the schedule. Pet goods vendors and animal rescue groups with adoptable animals will be on hand each day.

Breeders can register their dogs for a variety of health tests on Friday and Saturday and the Canine Good Citizen testing noon-3 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday is open to both mixed breeds and pure-bred dogs. Dorfman said dog owners can register on the spot for the tests, which challenge dogs to exhibit 10 skills including sitting and staying on command, coming when called and behaving nicely with other dogs. Visitors who test their dogs can't bring them into the show area, although Dorfman said they may bring crates to contain their dogs while they attend the Michigan Winter Dog Classic after testing.

Bobbie Green of Redford, test coordinator, welcomes show visitors to watch the Canine Good Citizenship tests.

"I'm always happy to talk with the public on why we do it and how the dogs are being evaluated. I can evaluate a dog almost anywhere. I try to make it as comfortable as possible for the handler and their dog," she said.

### Showing dogs

Green, who also grooms and breeds dogs, learned about handling and conformation when she was 18 years old. It was the late 1960s and her sister had begun to take Great Danes into the judging ring.



The Michigan Winter Dog Classic gives beginning handlers a chance to show off their puppies in the judging ring.

"My sister got me involved in showing dogs. She had Great Danes at the time and got involved in the shows and got me involved."

Now Green shows terriers. The president of the Terrier Club of Michigan, Green will show two 14-month-old Cairn Terriers in conformation each day of the Michigan Winter Dog Classic.

"They are doing quite well and they are a ball to work with. They are quite fun," she said. "They've been shown since they were 6 months old. They are sisters."

Their mom, "Mistywys Silver Skye" is an American, Canadian and UKC Champion who has twice played "Toto" in the *Wizard of Oz* on stage

in youth and high school productions.

Green said it was "great fun" watching her "four-legged" child on stage and she suspects sisters, "Ellie" and "Star" could possibly follow in their mom's paw prints one day.

"We have a lot of fun with our dogs. We enjoy sharing them with the public and talking with people about the different things they can do with their dogs. You can have fun with your animal doing lots of different things ... obedience, rally, therapy dog work."

Breed and Best in Show judging at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic will be streamed live Saturday and Sunday on the event's Web site. Watch the action at [www.themichiganwinterdogclassic.com](http://www.themichiganwinterdogclassic.com).

## Concert honors life of arts philanthropist

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings will celebrate the life of the late Edgar Hagopian at its next "Nightnotes" concert, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at Hagopian World of Rugs in Birmingham.

Hagopian's love of traditional Armenian music will be reflected in the evening's repertoire. It will include traditional Armenian folk songs, famous opera arias, and pieces for piano and violin. Pianist Robert Conway, violinist Henrik Karapetian and singer Rubik Mailian, Komitas Choir Director at St. John Armenian Church of

Greater Detroit, will be the featured musicians.

Hagopian was known throughout the community for his kind nature, love of the arts and strong desire to give back to the community. He supported the arts and worked to make them accessible to all. In addition to making financial donations to the arts, he also donated his rug showrooms as venues for concerts, lectures, fundraisers and art shows.

The Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings has performed its "Nightnotes" concerts at Hagopian World of Rugs in Bir-

mingham since 1993.

Discounted advance tickets for A Celebration of Life are \$22 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets are available online at [detroit-chamberwinds.org](http://detroit-chamberwinds.org) or by calling (248) 559-2095. Admission at the door is \$27 for adults and \$15 for students.

A reception will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings draws its musicians primarily from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Michigan Opera Theatre. Visit its Web site at [detroitchamberwinds.org](http://detroitchamberwinds.org).

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**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

#### FARMINGTON HILLS CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Feb. 24

**Location:** Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** The work of Patrice Erickson, all original oils, is on exhibit. Erickson is inspired by nature and strives for landscapes that are rich in color

**Contact:** (248) 473-1856

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Through Jan. 28

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** "Etch, Sketch and Stilettoes," is an exhibit of the work of Topher Crowder. The artist is inspired by animated Saturday morning cartoons, vintage postcards, and 1960s/1970s comic books

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#### VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday through Feb. 24

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

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### Comedy

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**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

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**Details:** Norm Stultz, through Jan. 21; Paul Hooper, Jan. 25-28; Andy Hendrickson, Feb. 1-4; Basile, Feb. 8-11; Mikey Mason, Feb. 15-16; Rich Guzzi, Feb. 17-19; Coco, Feb. 22-25; Glen Wool, Feb. 29-March 3

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### Dance

#### DANCE MONTH

**Time/Date:** Jan. 26-Feb. 18

**Location:** Berman Center for the Performing Arts, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Dorfman Legacy Project, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26 and 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 27; Dorfman Repertory program, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28;



"Evening Peace" by Patrice Erickson is among the oil paintings by the artist on exhibit through Feb. 24 in Farmington Hills.



Mattie Moss Clark is among the gospel music singers featured in an exhibit at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

"Michigan Five: University Showcase," 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4; Allure Dance Company, dance for children, 3-12, 1-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5; Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11; Ballet Folklorico de Antioquia, 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18. Ticket prices are \$15 for Jewish Community Center (JCC) members and \$20 for non-members for the Michigan Five showcase; \$20 for JCC members and \$25 for non-members for the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble; and \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members for all other programs. Call the box office for student and workshop prices **Contact:** (248) 661-1900; [www.theberman.org](http://www.theberman.org).

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**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

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**Contact:** Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

### Film

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 20-21, 4:20 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26

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

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**Coming up:** "The Muppets," 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27 and Thursday, Feb. 2, and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 28-29

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**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Jan. 20 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 21

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

**Details:** "Forbidden Planet," tickets \$4

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Slow-Cooked Pork Tortas

### Slow-Cooked Pork Tortas

Yield: 8 servings

2 ½-pound boneless pork sirloin roast

1 ½ teaspoons chili powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
¼ cup water  
8 crusty rolls, split lengthwise  
2 7-ounce packages (about 1 ½ cups) prepared guacamole  
3 tomatoes, cored and cut into 16 slices

Rub pork roast all over with chili powder and salt. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add pork and cook, turning occasionally, until browned, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a 3 ½- to 5-quart slow cooker. Add water and cover. Cook on low until the pork is fork-tender, 5 ½ to 6 hours. Transfer pork to a cutting board and let stand 10 minutes. Discard liquid in crockery insert. Slice pork crosswise into 16 thin slices, discarding string.

For each serving, place 2 pork slices in a roll. Top with about 3 tablespoons guacamole and 2 tomato slices. Cut in half crosswise and serve warm.

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2 pounds pork loin, cut into 1-inch cubes, trimmed  
1 yellow onion, chopped  
1 red bell pepper, chopped  
1 cup long, thin beans (or string beans), cut into 1-inch lengths  
1 cup Sweet Thai chile sauce (like Mae Ploy or Thai Kitchen)  
½ cup canned reduced-sodium chicken broth  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ cup water

1 tablespoon fresh basil leaves, torn  
1 tablespoon fresh mint leaves, torn  
1 tablespoon fresh cilantro leaves, torn  
Combine all ingredients except fresh herbs and cook at low for 4 to 5 hours (or on high for 2 to 2 ½ hours).

Just before serving, add fresh herbs and check seasoning. Transfer pork and sauce to a serving bowl. Serve over rice or Asian noodles.

Nutritional information per serving: 220 calories, 2.5 grams fat, 75 mg cholesterol, 480 mg sodium, 19 grams carbohydrates, 25 grams protein, 1 gram fiber

### Candace's Carnitas Tacos

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: About 6 hours  
6 servings

2 pounds boneless pork shoulder roast (Boston butt), trimmed  
1 carrot, diced  
½ onion, diced  
¼ cup dry red wine or chicken broth  
2 tablespoons chili powder  
4 cups thinly shredded red cabbage  
3 tablespoons mayonnaise  
Salt and pepper  
12 7- to 8-inch corn tortillas, warmed  
1 avocado, pitted, peeled and thinly sliced  
Combine carrot, onion and wine in slow cooker.

Sprinkle roast on all sides with chili powder, rubbing it into meat. Season on all sides with salt and add to slow cooker. Cover and cook on low until roast is falling-apart tender, about 6 hours.

Use tongs or a slotted spoon to transfer meat to a large bowl. Use two forks to shred meat into bite-sized pieces. Moisten/season with cooking juices to taste. Cover to keep warm and set aside.

### Iron Range Pot Roast

Serves 6-8

3-pound boneless pork shoulder roast, (Boston Butt)  
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning  
1 teaspoon fennel seed, crushed  
1 teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon celery seed  
½ teaspoon ground black pepper  
2 large potatoes, peeled and cut into ¾-inch slices  
4 cloves garlic, peeled and sliced  
¾ cup beef broth, (or water)

Mix together seasonings and rub over all surfaces of pork roast. Brown roast in a little oil in large skillet over medium-high heat, turning often to brown evenly. Place



In a medium bowl, combine cabbage and mayonnaise. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Arrange 2 tortillas on each serving plate. Fill tortillas with pork, cabbage mixture, and avocado and serve. (Alternately, arrange pork, cabbage mixture and avocado on a platter and let everyone make their own tacos.)

Cooking tip: For even more flavorful carnitas, brown roast on all sides in a lightly oiled skillet before sprinkling with chili powder.

Nutritional information per serving: 590 calories, 26 grams fat, 6 grams saturated fat, 95 mg cholesterol, 940 mg sodium, 47 grams carbohydrates, 36 grams protein, 7 grams fiber

## Almonds add flavor and crunch to winter dishes

Winter foods typically mean one thing — comfort. Regardless of climate or geographic location, we crave the root vegetables and braised meats that complement the season and keep us full and warm. Luckily, almonds in all their forms guarantee these dishes taste as indulgent and delicious as the very foods we crave.

Chef Anthony Rose of the Drake Hotel in Toronto, is a pro at using seasonal foods and almonds to create comforting, delicious and unexpected dishes. Rose's wintry creations take the best of what the season has to offer and adds the distinct crunch and flavor of almonds.

"I love the rich, buttery flavor and crunch of toasted almonds. They make the perfect addition to any dish, whether a starter, main course or even in desserts and cocktails," Rose says. "Braised dishes and winter salads always benefit from the unrivaled crunch almonds can provide."

Chef Rose's winter recipes, such as roasted beets in a tangy mustard-almond vinaigrette and braised pork shoulder with an apple-almond compote, create an entire menu that balances seasonal ingredients with zesty flavors and the crunch of almonds. But it's his Almond-Crusted Pumpkin Fritters that lend a colorful, festive and crunchy start to any cozy gathering.

Visit [www.AlmondBoard.com](http://www.AlmondBoard.com) for more recipes by Chef Anthony Rose and the Almond Innovator team, Jenny McCoy, pastry chef of Craft in New York City, and Matthew Biancaniello, mixologist of the Library Bar in Los Angeles.

### Almond-crusted pumpkin fritters



### Almond Crusted Pumpkin Fritters

1 pound cooked Kabocha squash (1 small raw)  
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
1 tablespoon crushed chili flakes  
½ pound cooked russet potato (1 large raw)  
1 cup salt  
3 tablespoons chopped sage  
1 ounce grated parmesan  
1 ounce grated cheddar  
1 egg yolk  
Zest of half a lemon  
4 eggs  
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour  
1 ½ cups toasted crushed almonds  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
1 bag micro greens

Preheat oven to 350°F. Split squash width wise; scrape out seeds. Drizzle each half with olive oil. Sprinkle with chili flakes, a pinch of salt and pepper. Let sit for 20 minutes.

Stab each potato four times around with fork. Line sheet pan with salt; place potatoes on top. Place squash face-down on another parchment-lined sheet pan. Bake squash and potatoes in oven for 1 hour or until soft. Remove from

oven. Carefully split open potatoes lengthwise to steam; allow all to cool completely. Discard salt.

When cool, scoop out squash and potato into bowl. Add sage, parmesan, cheddar, egg and lemon zest. Season with salt and pepper. Combine thoroughly; a chunky texture is fine.

Set up three bowls and one parchment-lined sheet tray. In one bowl, whisk together eggs; place almonds and flour separately in two remaining bowls.

With large spoon or scoop, take about 2 tablespoons of squash mixture and form an oval; dredge in flour, dip in egg and roll in almonds before placing onto sheet pan. Repeat with remaining squash. Refrigerate until ready to fry.

In deep, heavy bottomed pan, heat oil to 300°F. Carefully pan fry fritters until golden brown, approximately 2-½ minutes each side. Remove from oil. Drain on paper towel; sprinkle with pinch of salt. Serve hot on small bed of microgreens with or without sauce.

— Courtesy Family Features

## CITY BITES

### Apple recipes

STATEWIDE — The Michigan Apple Committee is searching for some of the best recipes highlighting apple varieties grown in Michigan and will accept entries through Jan. 31. Along with receiving a KitchenAid stand mixer, the top three highest-scoring recipe winners may also be featured on recipe cards distributed by the Michigan Apple Committee at select retailers and farm markets in the Midwest. Recipes will be judged on taste, originality, preparation, and apple significance. Visit [www.MichiganApples.com/contests](http://www.MichiganApples.com/contests) for mail and e-mail entry instructions.

### Wine fundraiser

SOUTHFIELD — The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, will present its eighth annual auction, food, and wine event 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at the St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway.

The event features wines from around the world, along with complementary foods and music. Tickets are \$65 per person and are available by calling (313) 579-2100, ext. 153.

Proceeds of the event benefit the Solanus Casey Center, a spiritual center dedicated to the holiness of Venerable Solanus Casey. For more information, visit [www.solanuscenter.org](http://www.solanuscenter.org)

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## Energy efficiency vital for winter months

With winter in full swing, many people are looking for ways to save money through energy efficiency. Better Business Bureau is offering a checklist for homeowners to safely prepare their homes for the cold winter months, and perhaps save a few dollars in the process.

According to the Energy Information Administration, home heating costs this winter are expected to rise by 10.2 percent for homeowners who rely on heating oil. Luckily, homeowners can fend off some of the rising energy costs by winterizing their home before the harshest weather takes hold.

"With the unpredictability of Mother Nature, now is the time to prepare for the winter months ahead," said Patrick Bennett, BBB Director of Community Relations. "Taking the time to winterize your home gives you the peace of mind that you will not only save money, but be energy-efficient as well."

The following is a BBB home winterizing checklist for consumers to consult when preparing for the cold months ahead:

•Furnace. Furnaces older than 15 years might be due for a replacement. For new-



er furnaces, BBB recommends making sure the furnace filter is clean, the thermostat is working properly and the pilot light is functioning. Homeowners can also hire an inspector to do the job and make sure the furnace is in safe working order.

•Chimney. Before lighting up the fireplace, homeowners should have

the chimney inspected for animals, debris and leaves that may have fallen in. BBB also recommends installing a screen over the chimney opening.

•Gutters and ridge vents. Gutters should be cleaned to prevent any clogs that would cause rainwater to back up and freeze, making the gutters expand and crack.

The ridge vents need to be cleaned as well in order to allow the house to "breathe" correctly. Otherwise, air will stagnate and create an unhealthy environment.

•Smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detectors. BBB recommends testing smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and installing fresh batteries. Homeowners

should consider replacing smoke alarms older than 10 years.

•Caulking and weather stripping. To prevent leaks, homeowners should inspect the caulking around windows and doors and check for cracking and peeling. In addition, BBB recommends ensuring that doors and windows shut tightly and no cold air is coming in due to worn weather stripping.

•Seasonal equipment. Homeowners won't need their spring and summer equipment for a few months, so BBB recommends draining the water from garden hoses and air conditioner pipes, and the gasoline from the lawnmower and other garden tools. It's also time to pull out the snow shovels and plows and ensure they are in good repair.

•Emergency kit. When a winter storm strikes, an emergency kit should have all essential materials in one handy place. An emergency kit should include flashlights, candles and matches, a first aid kit, bottled water, nonperishable food and a battery-powered radio. BBB recommends creating the same emergency kit for the car as well, including a couple blankets.

For more consumer tips, visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

## Lawyer: Fee policy a negative

Q: Do you have any information concerning announced plans by FHA to begin disqualifying condominiums from FHA financing if an association charges a deed based transfer fee at the time of sale?

A: Yes, I understand that this



Robert Meisner

is the case which, of course, puts FHA at odds with the

Federal Housing Finance Agency which earlier in 2011 determined that such fees benefit community associations that do not impact on the sale of community association properties. This is yet another unilateral action by FHA without public notice or input that will have a detrimental effect on the condominium market where transfer fees are utilized.

Q: Our landlord removed and has stored some of our personal property after we were evicted. I think by taking away our property they may have converted it. What do you think?

A: The Supreme Court of Michigan has held that placing a former tenant's property in storage does not constitute conversion. In addition, your landlord's removal of an evicted tenant's personal property is not wrongful if the landlord undertook the removal pursuant to an eviction order. Obviously, removal of personal property pursuant to an eviction order can constitute conversion if the manner of removal was unnecessary to the eviction. Of course, if the landlord willfully or carelessly destroys the personal property, the removal was wrongful. Obviously each case is fact intensive and you should consult with an attorney.

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

### HOMES SOLD/ REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 3-7, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### CANTON

42519 Addison Ave	\$134,000
244 Constitution St	\$98,000
540 Delaford Dr	\$239,000
1390 Delancy Cir	\$355,000
39426 Dorchester Cir	\$228,000
45680 Drexel Rd	\$193,000
550 Fairfield Ct	\$289,000
6915 Foxcreek Ct	\$206,000
50063 Grant St	\$249,000
42601 Joy Rd	\$500,000
41629 Larimore Ln	\$120,000
45930 Maben Rd	\$126,000
46671 Mornington Rd	\$260,000
1537 N Beck Rd	\$124,000
6406 Pickwick Dr	\$137,000
43736 Proctor Rd	\$150,000
1715 Ranier Blvd	\$150,000
48155 Roundstone Ct	\$410,000
42271 Saratoga Cir	\$119,000
44123 Sheridan St	\$280,000
47837 Stratford Ct	\$320,000
591 Terrace Ct	\$400,000
417 Torrington Dr W	\$322,000
2131 Vine Way Dr	\$59,000
43629 W Arbor Way Dr	\$49,000
41083 Westfield Cir	\$175,000

41632 Wild Turkey Ln	\$110,000
2762 Woodmont Dr W	\$149,000
GARDEN CITY	
30833 Beechwood St	\$39,000
30511 Brown St	\$95,000
31568 Hennepin St	\$51,000
30237 Leona St	\$40,000
LIVONIA	
38194 Ann Arbor Trl	\$36,000
20215 Antago St	\$7,000
35450 Bristol St	\$173,000
33338 Broadmoor Ct	\$265,000
29740 Curtis Rd	\$84,000
35328 Curtis Rd	\$265,000
11043 Denne St	\$124,000
16866 Farmington Rd	\$102,000
28422 Gita St	\$119,000
17347 Golfview St	\$160,000
36246 Hammer Ln	\$240,000
20300 Hubbard St	\$112,000
9308 Idaho St	\$80,000
29509 Jacquelyn Dr	\$115,000
17660 Loveland St	\$169,000
14453 Lyons St	\$72,000
20058 Myron Dr	\$229,000
33483 Nancy St	\$95,000
29550 Oakley St	\$109,000
15641 Oporto St	\$108,000
15026 Pere St	\$153,000
20379 Pollyanna Dr	\$273,000
19933 Rensellor St	\$56,000
30162 W Chicago St	\$86,000

29779 Westfield St	\$126,000
NORTHVILLE	
48226 Binghamton Ct	\$401,000
16056 Brook Trout Ln	\$134,000
16540 Cottonwood Ct	\$300,000
39661 Dun Rovin Dr	\$166,000
16097 Johnson Creek Dr	\$132,000
19324 Meadowbrook Rd	\$395,000
45546 Pebble Beach Ct	\$610,000
15727 Penderbrook Ln	\$362,000
15733 Penderbrook Ln	\$398,000
15390 Prestwick Cir N	\$710,000
210 S Rogers St	\$475,000
42675 Savoy Ct	\$72,000
45989 Tournament Dr	\$650,000
39577 Village Run Dr	\$229,000
PLYMOUTH	
11914 Amherst Ct	\$430,000
11073 Chestnut Dr	\$162,000
48129 Colony Farms Cir	\$100,000
13932 Eaton Dr	\$280,000
555 Lindsay Av	\$160,000
9428 Mayflower Ct	\$183,000
40726 Newport Dr	\$65,000
10698 Pinehurst Rd	\$214,000
48986 Plum Tree Ct	\$280,000
11704 Russell Ave	\$78,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$30,000
14701 Thornridge Dr	\$200,000
REDFORD	
14041 Arnold	\$92,000
9984 Berwyn	\$64,000

14189 Breakfast Dr	\$112,000
25912 Cathedral	\$60,000
15558 Centralia	\$20,000
15534 Fox	\$44,000
18617 Glenmore	\$22,000
15988 Indian	\$40,000
25357 Ivanhoe	\$32,000
9924 Leverne	\$64,000
16191 Lexington	\$65,000
25650 Plymouth Rd	\$65,000
8876 Virgil	\$68,000
12802 Wormer	\$26,000
WESTLAND	
31425 Ann Arbor Trl	\$500,000
32652 Birchwood St	\$63,000
370 Brookfield Dr	\$68,000
38524 Chestnut Ln	\$65,000
37539 Colonial Dr	\$55,000
8033 Coventry St	\$24,000
31140 Gladys Ave	\$65,000
7442 Hartel St	\$50,000
6134 Huff St	\$155,000
5795 Newberry Estates Dr	\$169,000
39245 Nottingham St	\$50,000
8325 Opal Dr	\$30,000
8485 Rickie Ln	\$88,000
37110 Riviera Dr	\$193,000
1438 Shoemaker Dr	\$35,000
7462 Woodview St	\$25,000
33055 Woodworth Ct	\$35,000
33740 Yuma St	\$799,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 26-30, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### BEVERLY HILLS

31099 E Rutland St	\$187,000
18575 Hillcrest St	\$276,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1989 Bowers St	\$330,000
2010 Bradford Rd	\$145,000
768 Davis Ave	\$114,000
759 Hazelwood St	\$485,000
1141 Lake Park Dr	\$605,000
840 Pierce St	\$465,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1916 Pine Ridge Ln	\$140,000
1916 Pine Ridge Ln	\$140,000
1048 Home Ln	\$265,000
5755 Monterey Ct	\$205,000
2945 S Woodward Ave #2	\$55,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1571 Ashover Dr	\$233,000
4528 Broughton Dr	\$460,000

1851 Crosswick Rd	\$400,000
7443 Old Mill Rd	\$330,000
4516 Ranch Ln	\$360,000
935 Rockaway Rd	\$125,000
4524 Stoneleigh Rd	\$1,290,000
5175 Wing Lake Rd	\$199,000
2224 Yarmouth Rd	\$1,375,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2613 Collendale	\$390,000
3220 Creekview Ln	\$375,000
1871 Four Oaks	\$220,000
3778 Hearthstone Dr	\$245,000
3269 Ledgewood Ct E	\$279,000
4625 Racewood Dr	\$372,000
5910 Strawberry Cir	\$329,000
5922 Strawberry Cir	\$302,000
FARMINGTON	
23995 Colchester Dr	\$110,000
23235 Farmington Rd	\$70,000
23337 Liberty St	\$116,000
23203 Violet St	\$43,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29893 Beacontree St	\$119,000
24811 De Phillipe Dr	\$135,000
30659 Huntsman Dr W	\$300,000
27780 Independence St	\$27,000
29508 Juneau Ln	\$110,000
29644 Middlebelt Rd Unit 250	\$52,000

36053 Parklane Cir	\$170,000
29329 Regents Pointe	\$127,000
31925 Regency Crst	\$161,000
27991 Rollcrest Rd	\$27,000
22667 Vacri Ln	\$165,000
FRANKLIN	
32715 Redfern St	\$315,000
Lathrup Village	
27650 Bloomfield Dr	\$135,000
27265 Lathrup Blvd	\$113,000
18210 W 11 Mile Rd	\$68,000
MILFORD	
691 E Dawson Rd	\$234,000
1045 W Dawson Rd	\$182,000
NOVI	
22251 Antler Dr	\$350,000
27354 Benjamins Way	\$224,000
51183 Brompton	\$240,000
41827 Cherry Hill Rd	\$184,000
31240 Columbia Dr	\$128,000
45346 Courtview Trl	\$280,000
47470 Edinborough Ln	\$560,000
30860 Golden Rdg	\$172,000
27125 Maxwell Ct	\$208,000
42755 Morgan Creek Ct	\$326,000
41149 Park Forest Ct	\$150,000
23145 Sarnia Dr	\$528,000
1251 West Lake Dr	\$150,000

29428 Weston Dr	\$168,000
SOUTH LYON	
54893 Grenelefe Cir W	\$375,000
204 Maplewood Ct	\$33,000
61603 Rambling Way	\$130,000
SOUTHFIELD	
18634 Addison Dr	\$104,000
29385 Chatham Ct	\$114,000
4 Fairfax Towne St	\$30,000
29408 Guy St	\$88,000
21679 Hidden Rivers Dr N	\$27,000
27320 Marshall St	\$70,000
19409 Melrose Ave	\$60,000
23612 Plumbrooke Dr	\$76,000
25720 Southfield Rd #A204	\$45,000
29281 Stellamar Dr	\$118,000
28214 Sutherland St	\$32,000
29090 Wellington Rd W	\$74,000
WHITE LAKE	
10150 Curtis Ln	\$190,000
348 Dakota Ln	\$213,000
8895 Eastway Dr	\$270,000
450 Hilltop Dr	\$50,000
450 Hilltop Dr	\$150,000
970 Moldovia Dr	\$285,000
8992 Sussex St	\$160,000

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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- 6 Fish-like
- 11 Swampy place
- 12 Century plants
- 14 Microscopic building block
- 15 Hone a razor
- 17 Gold Rush st.
- 18 "Bien" oppo-site
- 19 Above, to a bard
- 20 Youth org.
- 21 Talk big
- 23 Water lily leaf
- 24 Marshall Dillon
- 25 Red-faced
- 27 Kid or rib
- 28 Pea's soup
- 29 Daisy — Yokum
- 30 Pub order
- 33 Business deal
- 37 Russo or Magritte
- 38 Untold centuries

**DOWN**

- 39 EPA concern
- 40 John, in Aberdeen
- 41 Diner order
- 42 Ring combatant
- 43 Not C.O.D.
- 44 Slid off course
- 46 Very small serving
- 47 Grilled a steak
- 49 Really went for
- 51 Type of electron tube
- 52 Horse clam

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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- 9 CA neighbor
- 10 Dough raisers
- 11 Dance originating in Brazil
- 13 Aquarium denizen
- 16 Little hopper
- 20 Cote sound
- 22 Faux pas
- 23 Cribbage board accessory
- 24 Bumps into
- 26 Witty remark
- 27 Catch some rays
- 29 Many adults
- 30 Faucet problems
- 31 Harvested
- 32 — Margret
- 33 Show of hands
- 34 Strike caller
- 35 Carpenter's tool
- 36 Incited, with "on"
- 38 Shake off
- 41 Ran in the wash
- 44 Old marquee letters
- 45 He preceded U
- 46 Move jauntily
- 48 Three-toed sloth
- 50 Nyet's opposite

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### Word Search — Month of January

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C	S	C	I	R	E	N	I	M	R	N	Y	T	Y	H
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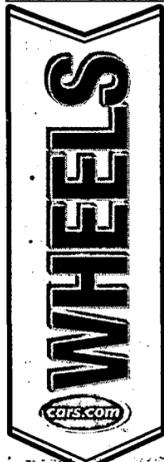
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