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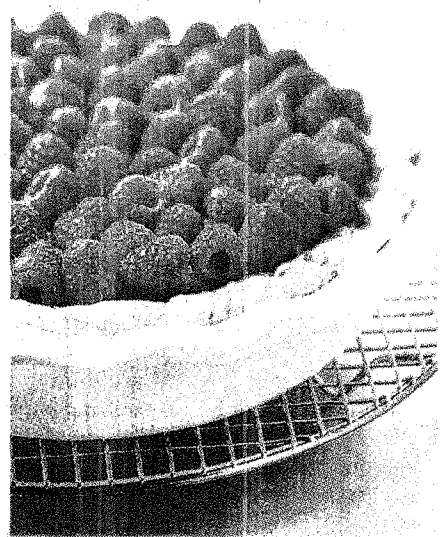
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## AROUND TOWN

### Vegas Nights

Vegas Nights are on tap from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5-6, at St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Admission is \$2 and the events will be smoke-free. Blackjack, Let It Ride, Roulette and Money Wheel and an hourly Texas Hold 'em will be featured. Food, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available. Maximum win is \$500 per person. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421.

### Spaghetti dinner

A Spaghetti Dinner at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church will be 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. Cost is \$5 per person. Kirk of Our Savior is located at 36660 Cherry Hill Road, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, in Westland.

### Family dances

Celebrate Valentine's Day with your favorite princess at Westland Parks and Recreation's annual Fairy Princess Ball Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Melvin G. Bailey Recreation Center. ThirDimension DJ Group specializes in providing all the songs girls love best. There will be traditional "top 40" tunes as well as special dances like the Hokey Pokey, the Cha Cha Slide, and the Chicken Dance. There will be snacks; a free keepsake photo from Steve Allen Studios and the chance to purchase a portrait package. If Daddy can't come, bring Grandpa, older brother, uncle or a special family friend. All ages welcome, but you must pre-register by Feb. 3.

Dance No. 1 is 3-4:30 p.m., Dance No. 2 5:30-7 p.m. Price is \$20 per couple, \$7 for each additional daughter. Corsages cost \$8 and you must order and pay for the corsage at the time of registration. There will be no extra corsages at the dance.

There will also be an annual Daddy/Daughter & Mommy/Son Western Hoedown Friday, Feb. 5, at the Melvin G. Bailey Recreation Center. Celebrate Valentine's Day learning how to square dance. The country western hoedown includes special dances just for the kids (but Mom and Dad can dance, too!) Dancers will do the Chicken Dance, the Bunny Hop and the Hokey Pokey. You will receive a souvenir photograph from Steve Allen Studios and have the chance to purchase a portrait package. If Mom and Dad can't attend, ask Grandma and Grandpa, Aunt or Uncle or special friends to join in. All ages are welcome.

Families must pre-register by Feb. 3. Time is 6:30-8 p.m. Price: \$15 per couple, includes dance, snacks, gift bag and photograph; \$7 for each additional daughter or son. For information, call (734) 722-7620.

## Norwayne neighbors glad to see 'eyesore' go



John Harman (left) talks with Mayor William Wild as the house is torn down in the background.

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Within two days of demolition beginning, all traces of the home at 33815 Casco Court were expected to be gone, leaving only a vacant lot — a sight the neighbors hope will continue.

"I want the city to keep the lot — it's such a crazy-shaped lot," neighbor Andy Bailey said. "I bagged up 40 bags of leaves over there this year. Finally, the city is taking some action."

Westland had obtained the long-vacant Casco Court home for \$1 from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development after it had been in foreclosure. It was the first house located in Norwayne that the city has demolished using federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program money.

"They're finally tearing it down. Everyone who has lived there has been useless — it's been like a downward line," said John Harman, a 45-year resident of Casco Court. "I would prefer to see the lot kept

vacant. There are a lot of other houses around here that need to be taken down, especially a lot of those duplexes."

A second floor was added to the house about 30 years ago, Harman said, but never got past the roughed in stage. The home had been vacant in recent years.

"It's an eyesore. I'm glad to see it come down," said Bob Windsor, another of the neighbors watching an excavator demolish the home.

Please see **DEMOLITION, A2**



Cathey Nenard of Outdoor Fun, Todd Taylor from Aflac and Tammi Shuhardt from Outdoor Fun visit at Albert's on the Alley Tuesday.

PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

## Glad to know you: Chambers offer meet and greet time

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tim Weise of Garden City Hospital had some pretty good company at Tuesday's 5 Star Business Group chamber mixer.

"It's a nice turnout tonight," said Weise, rehabilitation therapies director. "When you have multiple chambers, you know there's going to be good food."

Host Albert on the Alley's in Garden City provided the food, with chambers from Garden City, Westland, Wayne, Redford and

Dearborn Heights participating. "It's convenient, lots of parking," Weise said of stopping off after work. "You know there's a chance you're going to meet somebody you haven't met before."

Some 50 people took advantage of the opportunity arranged by chamber directors, said Amelia Oliverio, executive director of the Garden City Chamber of Commerce.

"We do a lot of networking," she said. "A lot of these businesses meet and mingle."

Please see **CHAMBER, A2**



Brookellen Swope is president of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, and attended Tuesday's meet and greet.

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### Loom learning

Friends Diana Noe and Mary Roll of Westland listen closely to instructor Kris Rechtzigel of Hobby Lobby. The Westland library had a loom knitting demonstration Tuesday night, with plenty of hands-on learning. For more photos and the story, please see A7.



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### AROUND WESTLAND

#### Charity walk

A Sjögren's Awareness Walkabout will be held Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Westland Shopping Center. The walk will help to raise funds to support research and education programs offered by the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation and community awareness.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:30 a.m.

Sjögren's syndrome is a chronic autoimmune disease in which the white blood cells attack the moisture producing glands. Approximately ten percent of its victims will develop lymphoma, a form of cancer. Due to lack of awareness, it takes on average 6.5 years from onset of symptoms to diagnosis. All proceeds from the "Walkabout" will go directly to the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation.

For more information, call the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation at (800) 475-6473.

#### Adopt a Soldier

Stop by Skateland West 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, for a fund-raiser to benefit the Adopt a Soldier program but leave your skates at home. Skateland West is teaming with Harold's Hoppers Moonwalks for the event. The \$5 admission brings hours of jumping. All military personnel in uniform will be admitted free.

The first 50 kids will receive a free hot dogs, bring your own camera for free precious photos and there will be other giveaways.

Enjoy a ride in a Hummer with a soldier for \$2.

Skateland West is located at 37550 Cherry Hill, Westland.

#### Vegas night

Try your luck at Black Jack, Let It Ride, Roulette, the Money Wheel and an hourly Texas Hold 'Em at Vegas Nights 6 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5-6 at St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. It is a smoke-free event with \$2 admission. There will be 50/50 drawings each hour and the maximum win is \$500 per person.

For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voice-mail #10).

#### Action for Earth

The Westland William P. Faust Public Library, along with Mission: Green, the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum and Project S.N.A.P. are coming together for an exciting new program at the library called Action for Earth. It's a family event that combines art and the environment that culminates in an Earth Day event and a mural that will include the children's art work at the library. Visit projectsnap.com to see an example. The first event is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30.

For more information, contact Andy Schuck at the library at andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org or (734) 326-6123.

#### Homebuyer Tax Credit

Westland and Century 21 Dynamic Realty is hosting a seminar on the recently extended and expanded HomeBuyer Tax Credit 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28 at the Friendship Center, Newburgh south of Ford. The credit is no longer restricted to first-time buyers.

There will be representatives from the Westland Housing Department, the Michigan State Housing Development Administration, local banks, H & R Block and Devon Title.

The seminar is free and everyone is invited. Pre-registration is requested at (734) 728-8000 or century21dynamic.com.

#### Census jobs

If you are out of work or looking for some part-time employment, the 2010 Census may be your answer. Contact their office currently located in Livonia at (734) 437-4120 to set up an appointment for a basic skills test required to apply for a Census Taker Position.

#### Game time

Seniors can stop by the Westland Friendship Center 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays to play on the Wii video game system, donated by state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland. The Wii will be set up each week in Hall B for various games.

The Friendship Center has put the Wii to good use with

numerous bowling events. The Wii is a wonderful tool for social interaction and a great way to keep active. The Friendship Center is located on Newburgh south of Ford.

For more information, call (734) 722-7628.

#### Used book sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Library of Westland will hold a used book sale Friday through Sunday, Feb. 12-14.

Friends members can shop at a preview sale 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. You can join to become a Friend at the preview sale.

The sale will run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13. Go Green with the Saturday Bag Sale — for \$6, shoppers can fill their own brown paper grocery bag or comparable-sized reusable bag with books.

From noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, there will be a \$4 bag sale — bring your own bag.

The regular sale prices are: \$1 hardcover books, DVDs, CDs; 50 cents large paperbacks; 25 cents small paperbacks, videos, cassettes, records; 10 cents magazines; and \$2 green reusable Friends bag.

Money raised help fund programs at the library for all ages. The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway.

For information, call (734) 326-6123.

#### Trivia for Tatas

Help raise money for the annual Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk and show off your smarts at Trivia for Tatas Sunday, Feb. 28, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road. The cost is \$15 if paid by Feb. 14 and \$20 at the door. Registration begins at noon with the games beginning at 1 p.m.

All ages are welcome and there will be cash prizes with bonus questions to earn more prizes. Bring your own team or come on in and join a team.

Buffalo Wild Wings will also donate 20 percent of all food and drink sales with event flyer 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. All proceeds go to benefit the Breast Cancer 3-Day.

For more information, contact Dawn Downer at (734) 502-4277 or e-mail downt@doubledexpress.net.

# Seminar focuses on affordable local homes

A seminar on homebuying opportunities through Westland's Neighborhood Stabilization Program has been scheduled for 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Dorsey Community Center.

The program provides opportunities for qualified individuals and families meeting the established income limits to purchase a newly renovated home. The income limits are determined based on the household income and the number of people in the household.

For example:

- One-person household – income must be below \$58,700. A percentage of available homes are specifically designated for those with annual incomes below

\$24,450 (\$470 weekly / \$11.75 hourly).

- Four-person household – income must be below \$83,900. A percentage of available homes are specifically designated for those with incomes below \$34,950 ((\$672 weekly / \$16.80 hourly).

Down payment and closing cost assistance are available through the program as well as credit counseling, as needed.

Under a contract with the city, Home Renewal Systems, LLC will purchase, rehabilitate and sell vacant, foreclosed houses in Westland to qualified low- to middle-income homebuyers.

The goals of the Housing and Economic Recovery

Act of 2008 are to diminish housing vacancy rates, reverse the decline of neighborhood housing values, enhance the stability of neighborhoods, and reduce blighted housing stock in neighborhoods hardest hit by abandonment.

As part of the Westland's Mission: Green, each home in the program will be evaluated for energy efficiency improvements during renovation. Where possible, homes will be raised to Energy Star standards.

To register for the seminar, call (866) 996-9754 or register on line at [www.homerenewalmi.com](http://www.homerenewalmi.com). The Dorsey Community Center is located at 32715 Dorsey, south of Palmer in Westland.



Westland Mayor William Wild takes a turn operating the excavator to begin the demolition of a dilapidated vacant home on Casco Court. It was the first home in Norwayne to be acquired and demolished through the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

## DEMOLITION

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The house hadn't been condemned, Building Director Roger Shifflett said, only because it hadn't worked through the process yet.

"In two days, the lot will be cleared and you'll never know it was here," he said. Oakwood Builders of Shelby Township was awarded a contract for NSP demolitions by Westland.

Mayor William Wild manned the excavator to ceremonially begin the demolition and took a few swipes at the home, knocking out part of

a wall.

"This is the most fun thing I get to do all day," Wild said.

The city has obtained 23 homes for the NSP — two were already demolished after being used by Westland firefighters for fire training exercises.

"All of the ones we are demolishing we'll hold for single-family development. We'll wait for the market to turn around," Community Development Director Joanne Inglis said. "Until then, the neighbors can enjoy them for greenspace. If the neighbors are interested, they could buy the land to add to their property."

As Wild noted, many of the vacant lots resulting after demolition will be nonconforming under the current building codes and city ordinances. The lot on Casco Court is long and narrow — basically the top part of the inside circle of the court.

The NSP is aimed at stabilizing neighborhoods and property values by demolishing or rehabilitating vacant or deteriorated housing. Part of the program also provides assistance for people to buy the homes for principal residences.

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## CHAMBER

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A larger chamber "Breaking the Boundaries" After-Hours Networking Event will be held 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at Burton Manor in Livonia. That involves the Western Suburban Area Council of Chambers, and also includes Canton, Dearborn, Farmington/Farmington Hills, Livonia and others.

For March 11 registration information, call (734) 422-

4448. Oliverio said that event will be set up as an expo: "It's a business showcase."

On Tuesday, Gus Barbas of Livonia was meeting some friendly folks. He's just opening Barbas Insurance Agency at Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

"My name's going to get out there quickly," said Barbas, who heard of this week's meeting from Brookellen Swope, Westland chamber president. "I just found out there was one of these meet and greets."

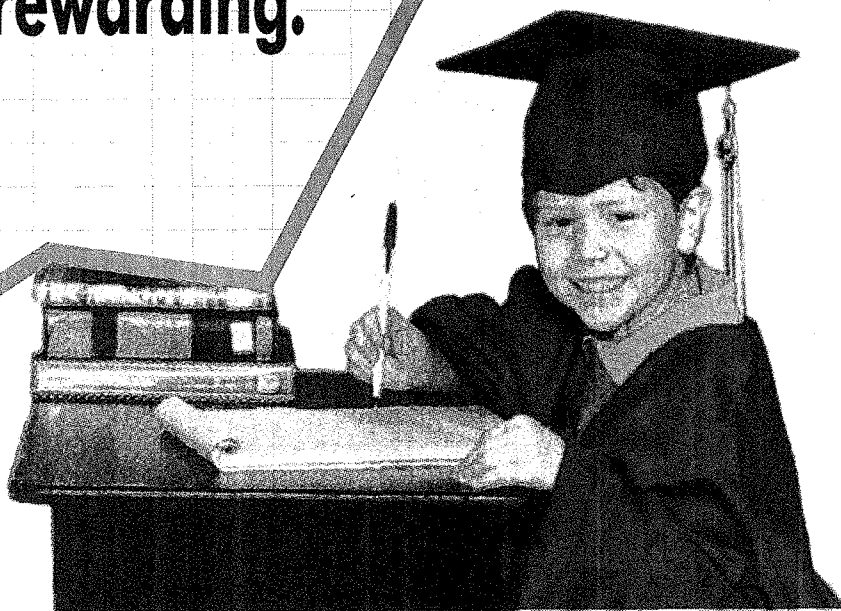
His family owned a restaur-

ant in Livonia, but Barbas didn't want to work in the food industry.

The 5 Star Business Group Luncheon will be Tuesday, March 23, at Roma Hall in Garden City. Registration will be at 11:30 a.m. The speaker will be state Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia. Cost is \$15 per person, and reservations must be made in advance to the Garden City Chamber of Commerce at (734) 422-4448.

Oliverio said registration may be completed through local chambers for the regional events.

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# GC man, 48, pleads guilty in child porn case

**BY SUE BUCK**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 48-year-old Garden City man and a former Boy Scout leader, who sexually abused and filmed two of his relatives and another young female as the subject of child pornography production, pleaded guilty in federal court Jan. 25.

U.S. Attorney Barbara L. McQuade announced the resolution of this case.

Joining in the announcement was William Callahan, special agent-in-charge of the United States Secret Service in Detroit.

Eric Dale Walls pleaded guilty to one count of production of child pornography before U.S. District Judge Stephen J. Murphy III in Detroit.

The information presented

to the court at the time of the plea established that between 2000 and 2007, the defendant engaged in a series of sexual assaults on three young girls, two of whom were his relatives.

At the time of the execution of the search warrant, law enforcement located electronic files and digital evidence cataloging a detailed photographic chronology of abuse against these three victims.

A warrant executed at Walls' home revealed a collection of commercial and homemade child pornography in excess of one million images.

Production of child pornography is punishable by a statutorily-mandated minimum sentence of 15 years, and a maximum sentence of 30 years imprisonment. The plea agree-

ment provided for a sentence of a fixed term of 30 years.

The statute carries a fine of up to \$250,000 dollars. Sentencing is scheduled for 11 a.m. April 16.

McQuade said that this prosecution is part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood initiative. Led by the U.S. Attorneys offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims.

McQuade praised the efforts of the United States Secret Service, the Garden City Police Department, and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department for their efforts in this investi-

gation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys John N. O'Brien II and Eaton Brown.

According to Wayne County prosecutors, Walls didn't abuse boys or anyone in a local Boy Scout troop.

Wayne County Prosecutor Keith Clark said recently that a number of people in the Garden City area who knew Walls as a leader called with questions and concerns.

Clark said that adults should always encourage children to inform them if any adult or person in authority makes them feel uncomfortable.

**PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD**

Project Safe Childhood is a Department of Justice initia-

tive launched in 2006 that aims to combat the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children. The threat of sexual predators soliciting children for physical sexual contact is serious, according to law enforcement officials.

The Department of Justice is committed to the safety and well-being of every child and has placed a high priority on combating sexual exploitation of minors. Through a network of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and advocacy organizations, PSC coordinates efforts to protect children by investigating and prosecuting online sexual predators.

The PSC is implemented through a partnership of U.S.

Attorneys; Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task forces; federal partners, including the FBI, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the U.S. Marshals Service; advocacy organizations such as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; and state and local law enforcement officials in each U.S. Attorney's district.

Under PSC, the number of federal child exploitation prosecutions has increased significantly, along with the number of federal, state, and local investigations and convictions, and more and more victims are being identified.

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## Imaging camera 'pivotal' in fighting fire

Garden City firefighters responded to a reported dryer fire in the 33500 block of Pierce Tuesday night.

On arrival, they found heavy smoke conditions and flames visible from the rear of the home.

"Family members had all made it out, with fire conditions rapidly worsening," said Fire Chief Bill Forbush.

Five Garden City firefighters, assisted by the chief, entered and were able to contain the fire to the laundry room and adjacent kitchen.

Lt. Gary Gallo reported that use of the department's new thermal imaging camera was "pivotal" in locating hidden fire and knocking it down quickly.

The camera was purchased last year through a federal grant. Firefighters from Westland, Inkster and Wayne arrived several minutes later, and worked side-by-side with Garden City personnel to extinguish the fire, check for extension and fill necessary support roles.

Garden City police secured

the area, redirecting traffic and keeping the scene clear of bystanders.

"Although the fire was contained, there was significant smoke and heat damage to the home," Forbush said. No one was injured in the fire, although firefighter-paramedics did assist a distraught resident, Forbush said.

A subsequent cause and origin investigation confirmed that the fire started in or near the dryer and spread to combustibles on a shelf above.

## Robbery conviction follows circuit court trial

**BY LEANNE ROGERS**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Detroit man, arrested after too much loot in the car trunk helped Westland police locate him and an accomplice, has been convicted of seven felony charges including armed robbery, felonious assault and felony firearm.

Alton Ray Ricks, 27, was convicted following a jury trial before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Bruce Morrow. Ricks was also found guilty of possessing a short barrel shotgun, being a felon in possession of a firearm and

being a third-degree habitual offender.

"Under the sentencing guidelines, he could get in the range of 15-30 years," said Westland police Sgt. Jeff Tryzbinski. "He had just gotten out of prison on a prior armed robbery — he was sentenced in 2004."

On July 29, Ricks and William Charles Wilson, 23, were arrested for robbing Game Stop, 35607 Warren Road.

The clerk told police two men wearing bandanas, one armed with a shotgun, had robbed the store of an undisclosed amount of cash, along

with Xbox, PlayStation 3 and Wii game systems and games valued at \$6,500.

Police reported that the thieves had taken 13 games systems, and a bag of controllers had been stolen — so many items that the suspects had to stop after fleeing the store to make sure the trunk was closed. An officer spotted the suspects nearby on Lewis west of Yale.

Wilson had entered a guilty plea to plea to reduced charges of armed robbery and felony firearm. He was sentenced to four years in prison.

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Hockey day

Saturday is Michigan Hockey Day and Mike Modano Arena will be hosting its second skills competition noon to 2:20 p.m. The events will include hardest shot, fastest skater and most accurate shot.

The cost is \$10 for three

events or \$5 per event. Spots are limited, so register now.

In honor of hockey day, the arena is hosting a special Glow Skate open skating session 2:30-3:20 p.m. The cost to skate is \$2 and \$1 for skate rental.

The arena is located at 6210 N. Wildwood. For more information, call (734) 729-4560 or visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com).

**Mission: Green**

Westland's environmental program, Mission: Green now has its own facebook page. Become a fan and keep up to date on what's going on with Mission: Green.



#### Coming home

The Wayne Memorial High School Cominghome Court will be applauded today, Thursday, at an afternoon pep assembly and at Friday's basketball game. The king will be named at halftime. From left to right are: Josh Bradford, Hayden Derr, Kevante Grimes, Nick Mills and Daniel Ross.

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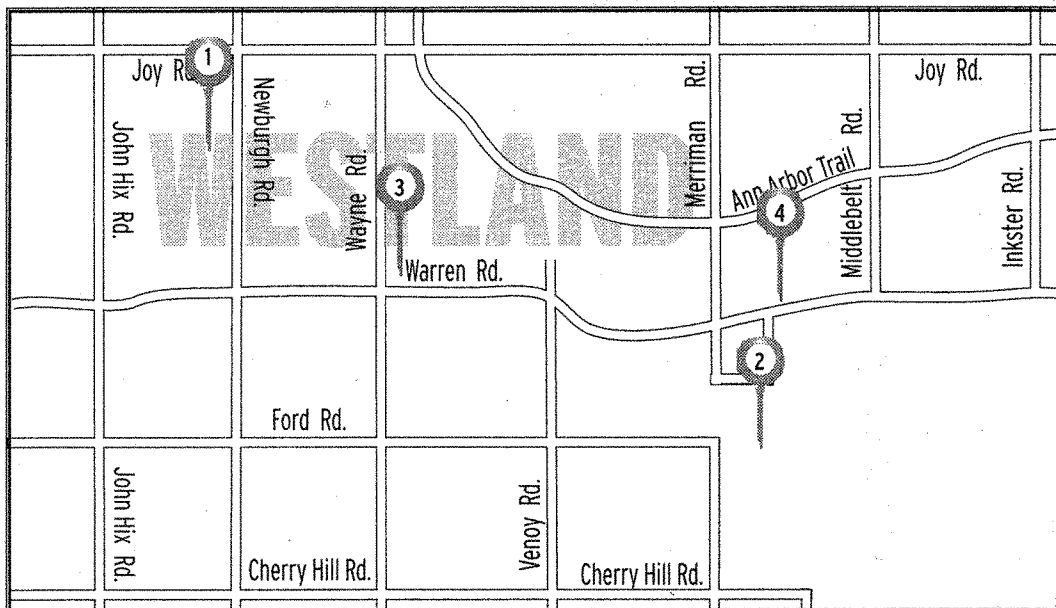
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### WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS



#### Vandalism

1 Police were called to an apartment at 36715 McKinney early Jan. 20 when a resident reported that his former girlfriend, a Detroit woman, had smashed the windows on his new girlfriend's car with a two-by-four. Livonia police stopped the suspect's vehicle and found the woman driving. She reportedly told officers that she smashed the windows because the new girlfriend interrupted her and the former boyfriend having sex two days earlier. She was arrested for vandalism. The damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$500.

#### Assault

2 On Jan. 21, a Dearborn Heights man told police that he was working at Sunoco, 31215 Warren, which he co-owns, and was assaulted by a female customer. He said the approximately 5-foot, 90-pound woman was angered when asked for identification before purchasing cigarettes. The woman used ethnic slurs, he said. When told to leave, the woman scratched his face, he said. Officers noted the man had minor injuries apparently caused by fingernails. He said the woman had been at Sunoco previously and had been disorderly.

#### Retail fraud

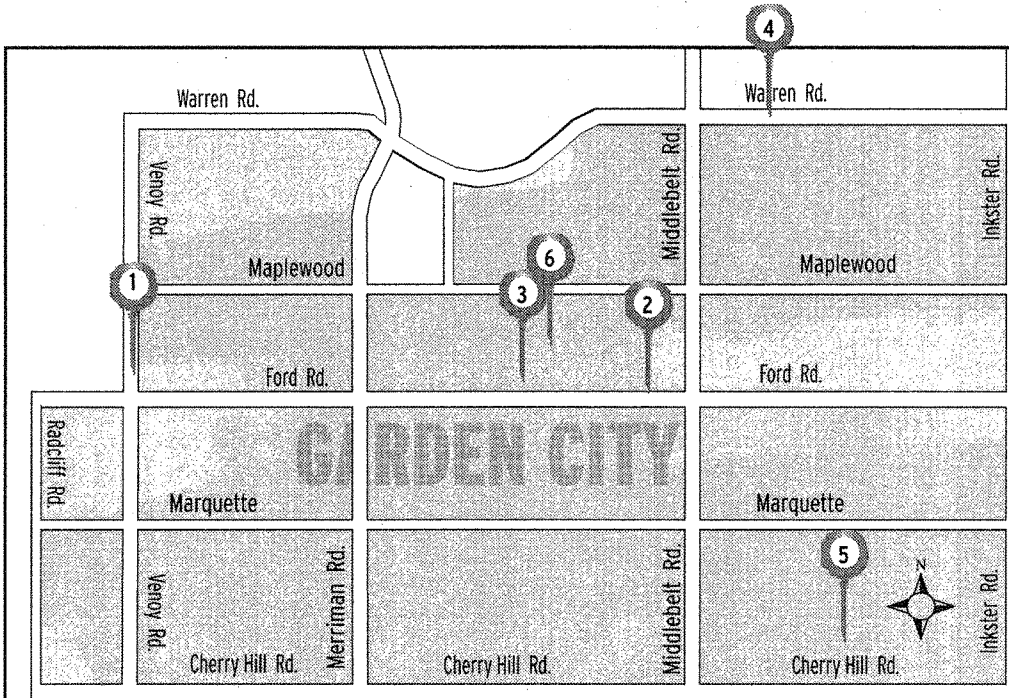
3 A Romulus woman was arrested for allegedly shoplifting a shirt valued at \$60 from Macy's, 35000 Warren, Jan. 20. A store employee told police the woman was stopped trying to leave the store with the shirt in her purse.

#### Larceny from a vehicle

4 A resident at the Riverbend Apartments, 30750 Warren, told police Jan. 18 that he left his vehicle parked while traveling abroad since Nov. 29. On his return, he said a window on the vehicle was smashed and a GPS unit valued at \$130 was stolen.

—Reports compiled by staff writer LeAnne Rogers

### GARDEN CITY POLICE BRIEFS



#### GC police investigate scrap metal theft

1 The owner of International Extrusions wants the police to prosecute thieves who stole 6,000 pounds of scrap metal valued at about \$1,000 on Jan. 17. Employees of the company located at 5600 N. Venoy in Garden City said that they saw a GMC Jimmy truck back up to the Dumpster on their property three times from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 17. Each time the truck which was pulling a trailer loaded up without permission from the company. The Dumpster held scrap metal, saws, dies and filing cabinets. An employee later saw the truck on the road and followed it to a location in Wayne. The employee obtained the truck's license plate number and gave it to the police. This isn't the first time that thefts have occurred at the company. In August, Garden City police investigated whether several people who knew each other worked together to steal aluminum cylinders and load them into a U-Haul about 4 p.m. Aug. 16. They received a report about the alleged theft in progress at International Extrusions and

subsequently arrested four Detroit men ages 18-20. One man said that they were given a key to enter the building and that they were put up to it by another man, according to a police report. Earlier that day, Highland Park police notified the company that they located one of its trucks abandoned in a field. Although there was a rip in the canvas, the truck was not otherwise damaged. The ignition was intact and the GPS unit was not stolen.

On Jan. 7, 2008, 15 billets of aluminum, valued at \$1,500, were reported stolen from International Extrusions. An employee contacted police after viewing surveillance tapes. Two men were seen just before 4:30 a.m. cutting part of the fence. Twelve hours later, three people were seen loading the billets into a pickup truck. Police were also called to International Extrusions July 8, 2007, by a witness who reported seeing a truck backed up to the

fence and two men loading aluminum billets into their truck. The witness followed the men but lost sight of them and wasn't able to provide a license plate number. A fence had been cut and the company reported 70 billets of aluminum, valued at \$11,550, had been stolen. Garden City police couldn't be reached for comment about the thefts.

#### Retail fraud

2 The police arrested a 48-year-old Garden City man at his home after he stole some items from the Kmart store, 29600

Ford Road, about 4 p.m. Jan. 19. Loss prevention officers inside the store alerted the police that a man who had stolen items from the store on other occasions, had just done so again. The man fled on foot. The police traced his whereabouts from the license plate on his car which he left parked in the Kmart lot. He had stolen two-way radios. When the police arrived at his home, he was hiding on the floor beside his bed in a locked bedroom, according to a police report. He said that he ran from the Kmart personnel and pushed one loss prevention officer away because he thought that he was trying to rob him.

#### Retail fraud

3 A 54-year-old father and his 27-year-old son, both from Canton Township, were arrested after they stole two baseball jerseys from Fanatic U, about 1:30 p.m. Jan. 20. The police said both had previous retail fraud convictions and an outstanding warrant. The store clerk called police after she became suspicious about their behavior. One would alternate talking to her while the other walked around the store. The police stopped their 2001 Monte Carlo on Ford Road when they fled from the store. When they searched their car during a traffic stop soon after, they found two jerseys valued at

more than \$100 each. **Embezzlement** 4 The manager at Garden Lanes, 29145 Warren, reported that one of his employees had spent money he gave her to buy concession items during a period from August to December 2009. When he checked the receipts closely, he found that she had spent about \$750 on items with money he had given her. He had given her about \$1,300 each month for store purchases. She used some of that money to buy candy not sold at the concession counter, grapes, baby formula and other items. The employee was fired.

#### Stolen auto

5 A 36-year-old Dearborn man reported that when he awoke to go to his 2005 Dodge Durango about 6 a.m. Jan. 18, which was parked and locked in the 460 block of Alvin, it was gone. He said that he has all the keys.

#### Stolen vehicle

6 A woman said that after she locked her 2008 Ford Explorer in the driveway of a home in the 30400 block of Dawson, it was gone at 7 a.m. Jan. 17. She said that she left a key to the vehicle in the driver's side floor board. —Reports compiled by staff writer Sue Buck.

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# 'Lives on the line'

## Grateful mom gives pizza, pop to quick-responding police

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Teresa Hernandez was surprised one day last month to see Westland police officers looking for a suspect in her back yard.

Appreciative of the efforts of the officers, Hernandez and her 5-year-old daughter, Alexis, surprised the officers by dropping off pizza, pop and candy at the police station.

"I was getting ready to leave and started my car. I saw an undercover police car, then I saw someone jump the fence," said Hernandez, who lives on Winekoff. "There were police cars up and down in the subdivision. One car pulled onto the grass at my house and the officer walked into my yard."

It turned out the officers were looking for two suspects wanted for breaking to a nearby home.

"No one was at home. A neighbor saw two guys lurking. When the officers arrived, they knocked on the door — they thought that was the caller's home," said Sgt. Kevin Wojcik. "That alerted the two guys who had broken in through a window. The officers heard a noise in the rear yard — the suspects had jumped out a second floor window. A foot chase started."

One of the suspects, a 15-year-old Wayne youth, was found hiding inside a playhouse in the back yard. A second suspect, a Westland man, 18, was arrested later. Both have been charged with home invasion. The 15-year-old was being prosecuted as a juvenile and was facing additional home invasion charges in Wayne.

"One officer had to crawl under the door of the playhouse to get inside. My daughter started crying — she got really scared," said Hernandez. "She doesn't want to be in the playhouse and wants us to make sure the doors are locked."

When Hernandez needed to file a police report on an unre-



Alexis Hernandez, 5, visited with Westland police officers while dropping off a food gift at the police station. Her family appreciated the efforts of officers who captured a fleeing suspect who had hidden in the girl's playhouse. With Alexis are Sgt. Kevin Wojcik (standing left) and Officers Jon Torolski, Mark Cholak (kneeling left) and Steve Jaworski.

lated matter, she brought food and Alexis, who talked with the officers and received a plastic police badge.

"They were very nice and took time to talk with her for a few minutes," said Hernandez. "I was really impressed. I know a lot of people feel they are doing their job but every day they really put their lives on the line. They never really know if these criminals have any weapons. I just thought they should be recognized for a job well done."

It's not often that officers have citizens expressing their thanks, especially in such a tangible way, Wojcik said.

"She was grateful. It's highly unusual — we don't usually get kudos like this," he said.

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Westland police officers located a home invasion suspect hiding in Alexis Hernandez' backyard playhouse. The 5-year-old didn't want to use her playhouse after witnessing the pursuit and arrest.

## Lawmakers: Expect more cuts to school funding

BY KAREN SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

School funding will not improve for at least the next couple of years, a panel of state legislators told Livonia parents at a meeting Monday.

"Things just have not bottomed out yet," Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, said of the state economy.

The largest source for school funding is the sales tax, not the lottery like people think, he said. Thirty-six percent of the school aid fund comes from the sales tax, compared with 5.6 percent from lottery profits.

"We're not doing anything funny with that money," LeBlanc said, adding all lottery profits go into the school aid fund.

LeBlanc, House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and state Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, spoke to parents at Stevenson High School during a Legislative Hour sponsored by Livonia Public Schools in conjunction with its District Communications Team.

Per-pupil funding is expected to be cut by at least another \$268 because of an expected \$400 million shortfall in the school aid fund, the legislators said. And school districts will be asked to contribute more to their employees' retirement.

In Livonia, per-pupil funding was unexpectedly cut by approximately \$475 in the middle of this school year, necessitating budget cuts and employee concessions to save jobs and programs.

While some people advocate reforming school funding, the state Legislature probably won't "step up to do tough things" in 2010 because it's an election year, Dillon said.

The House speaker said people have a right to be angry. "I'm angry at the dysfunction in Lansing," he said.

Walsh said there will always be philosophical differences, given the nature of our country. He said, however, 90 percent of

legislation in Lansing is bipartisan. "I've watched them overcome some problems," he said.

Walsh is part of a bipartisan group of freshman lawmakers looking at possible changes to Proposal A, which shifted the funding of schools from property tax to sales tax in 1994. He said there may be a way to allow school boards to ask voters for small tax increases.

But LeBlanc said not everyone wants to change Proposal A, which cut property taxes in half. He said he was on the Wayne-Westland school board when voters approved Proposal A, and he was against it then. "I was wrong," he said, adding everyone in the audience at Monday's meeting benefited from Proposal A.

Dillon said shifting or expanding the sales tax to services is a credible solution. Seventy percent of the state's economy was once based on goods. Now 70 percent is based on services.

LeBlanc said not everyone in the Legislature thinks state revenue needs to be increased.

Anderson said the state can renegotiate its \$15 billion in contracts, much the way automakers went to their suppliers to get them to reduce their prices. "I prefer to look internally before we look anywhere else to raise taxes," he said.

Anderson said one proposal to help schools is aligning the state's and school districts' budget cycles so school districts know how much money they'll get before the start of the school year. "I'm hopeful we'll see some action on that," he said.

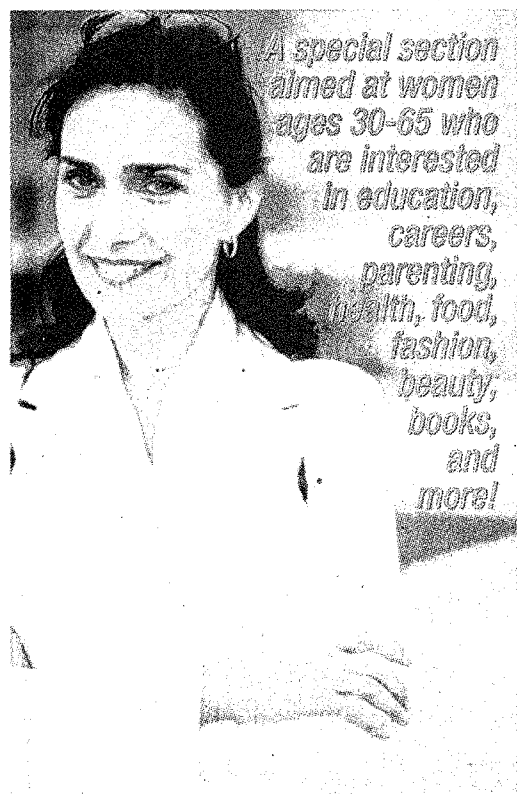
Another proposal is for a two-year budget.

The legislators encouraged parents to stay engaged. While the state cut other services even more than K-12 schools, they were the most vocal, they said. Livonia parents signed petitions and visited the state capitol to protest the funding cuts last fall.

"If you're not a squeaky wheel, you won't get the oil," Dillon said. "We need your help to help get change."

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# Westland-Garden City Strictly Business

## EmbroidMe offers team wear, much more, at new locale

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jeff Petty, owner and president of EmbroidMe in Westland, urges potential customers to stop in.

"I can guarantee they're going to be happy," he said of his new franchise business, at 35253 Warren Road, just west of Wayne Road across from Westland Shopping Center. EmbroidMe does embroidery, screen printing, promotional products and personalized gifts.

They'll do jobs of all sizes including school spirit wear, team wear and other sports apparel. "We want to be their one-stop shop," said Petty, a Livonia resident who grew up in Roseville.

"I worked for Ford for 14 years," he said. Petty was laid off in Ford downsizing in 2008 and didn't have success with a traditional job search.

He has a background in paint and sealer robotics systems. "I decided I had to try something completely different."

Petty did online research, including with Frannet, an online franchise marketing service. He met with representatives for his franchise, flew to headquarters in West Palm Beach, Fla., "and decided it was worth pursuing."

The franchise does demographic research, and identified several nearby communities as potential locations. Westland, with its proximity to the mall, had the highest business density.

"We started negotiating with the landlords," Petty said.



Jeff Petty is president and owner of EmbroidMe, a new business in Westland near Westland Shopping Center.

Location is vital, he added, as is cost of doing business.

"The city has been very good," he said of Westland officials. "The chamber, I can't say enough nice things. It's very nice to see that kind of sup-

port."

He has two employees and is looking to add a third outside salesperson. EmbroidMe is open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with Saturday hours by appoint-

ment.

The Web site is [www.embroidme-westland.com](http://www.embroidme-westland.com), the phone (734) 727-9991, and the fax (734) 727-9993, Petty's e-mail is [jpetty@embroidme-westland.com](mailto:jpetty@embroidme-westland.com).

"The quality of our embroidery and our apparel" are key, he said. "Our turnaround time has been about a week." He emphasizes quality of work and speed.

"It's hard to remember the

funny stuff when you're starting a business," he said of what can be a stressful time, when asked for a funny work story. He praised the staff and added, "I'm sure the fun stuff is going to happen shortly."

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### State of the City

Garden City Mayor Randy Walker will give his State of the City address Monday, Feb. 15, at New Peking Restaurant, 29105 Ford Road in Garden City. The program will begin at noon and cost is \$10 per person. Make reservations at the chamber office, (734) 422-4448, by Feb. 11.

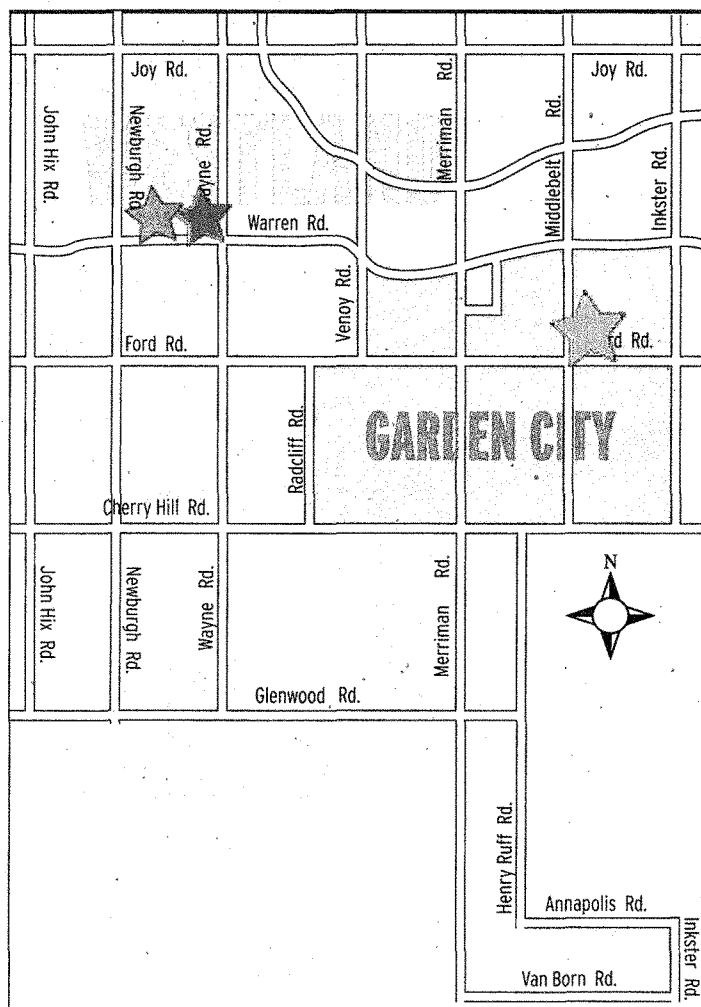
#### 'Walkabout'

The Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation along with area patients are holding an event to increase awareness of a mysterious although common chronic autoimmune disease pronounced SHOW-grins, Sjögren's syndrome. There are upwards of four million Americans affected, and 90 percent of them are women.

The first "Sjögren's Awareness Walkabout" will help to raise funds to support research and education programs offered by the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation. Community members and businesses are supporting this effort to increase awareness by sponsoring and promoting the event.

The event will be held inside at the Westland Shopping Center, East Court, Saturday, Feb. 6. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the walk steps off at 9:30 a.m. The center is at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

Sjögren's syndrome is a chronic autoimmune disease in which the white blood cells attack the moisture producing glands. Approximately 10 percent of its victims will develop lymphoma, a form of cancer. Due to lack of awareness, it takes on average 6.5 years from onset of symptoms to diagnosis. All proceeds from



the "Walkabout" will go directly to the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation, the only nonprofit health organization dedicated solely to Sjögren's syndrome.

For more information about Sjögren's syndrome and how you can participate in the Detroit Area Walkabout, call the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation at (800) 475-6473.

#### Haiti collection

Burlington Coat Factory encourages local residents to help the victims of the recent devastation in Haiti by visiting one of the following store locations: 35555 Warren Road in Westland; 9321 Telegraph

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Elizabeth and Ellen Shnerpunas of Garden City enjoy their time at the loom knitting demonstration and class Tuesday at the Westland library.

# Purls of wisdom

## Women cast off fears of loom knitting at library

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

All eyes were on instructor Kris Rechtzigel of Canton's Hobby Lobby at the Westland library Tuesday.

"Make sure you wrap very, very loose," she said during an evening library program. The women in the class, 25 or so, worked on round looms, which can be used to create flat pieces.

"Eventually, your knitted piece will start falling out of the bottom of the loom," said Rechtzigel, who's done the work for pleasure about 15 years.

"It's one of the oldest forms of knitting," said the instructor, who teaches at the Ford and Lilley store. A new Hobby Lobby is opening in Taylor.

Any stitches done with needles can be done on looms as well, she said. A number of items including hats and a poncho were on display, with only the poncho requiring any stitching. All others are one piece.

"I started teaching five years ago," she said. "It is



Hobby Lobby instructor Kris Rechtzigel of Dearborn Heights has been doing the work for please about 15 years, teaching for five.

starting to really take off." That's because it's easier to do, Rechtzigel said.

The Dearborn Heights resident demonstrated other looms during the one-hour class. Some of the women had taken the three-hour class at Hobby Lobby in which they made a hat.

"The closer these boards go, the tighter your knit will



All items except the poncho displayed at Tuesday's Westland library class were fashioned as one piece, with no stitching.

be," the instructor said in showing one rectangular loom.

Friends Diana Noe and Mary Roll of Westland came to the class together. "We knit here on Wednesday nights," Noe said of the library. "I've never used these before," she added, noting both women knit with needles.

Rechtzigel said there are some 50 varieties of knitting looms, many of which she

owns. Making a hat calls for a repetitive stitch, she said, as she showed one class member how to fashion a brim.

Rechtzigel started off with a simple e-wrap stitch, similar to a lower case cursive "e" wrapped around a peg. "You can go from hats to scarves to blankets to ponchos," she said in encouraging the class. A Tommy the Turkey hat for Thanksgiving was well-received, as were other seasonal items.

# Westland Parks and Rec offers February fun

Families can register now for these Westland Parks and Recreation events at the Melvin G. Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. Call (734) 722-7620 for more information.

**MIDWINTER BREAK FUN FEB. 15-19**

A Bowling Party at Westland Bowl will feature three games of bowling, a hot dog, and a beverage for each participant. Bring extra money for additional snacks. There will be prizes and other special activities. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children, but may not bowl on bumper lanes. Please register at the Bailey Center.

Ages are kindergarten through eighth grade. Date is Monday, Feb. 15. Pre-register by Feb. 12 at the Bailey Center. Time is 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., price \$5 per person.

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This is for grades one-eight. It will be 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, with pre-registration by Feb. 15. Price is \$15 per participant, and registration is at the Bailey Center. Location is the Bailey Center gym.

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### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 2 01/19/10

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves

15: Appr. minutes of 1/4/10.  
-Appr. Motor City H.O.G. Toy Run on 9/19/10.  
-Appr. bid for Off Newspaper to Observer; am't \$4.75 per col. in.  
-Intro. Ord. 248-A-65 to amend Ord. 248 by adding Art. IX, Sec. 9-8. 1-9:8.10 to establish FROD.  
-Intro. Ord. 248-A-66, rezoned CB-1 & CB-3, CB-4 & R-5 to FROD, north & south of Ford, west of Wayne, east of Central City.  
-Adopt. Prep. Res. recognizing Westland Chamber of Commerce as local non-profit org.  
-Adopt. Prep. Res. from MDOT to waive noise ordinance to perform road work on Ford Rd. from Wayne to Haggerty from mid April until May.  
-Adopted Prep. Res. to use NSP funds to purchase 1 property.  
16: Appr. closed Study Session 1/25/10 at 6:00 p.m.  
17: Appr. Spec. Land Use, 33100 Beechwood, PID #038-01-0004-000, n. side of Beechwood, w. of Venoy.  
18: Appr. Spec. Land Use, 38236 Abruzzi, PID #052-05-0019-000, e. side of Abruzzi, e. of Hix.  
21: Conf. re-appt. of Angelo Plakas & Assoc. as City Atty., thru 3/31/11.  
22: Conf. re-appt. of B. Thompson as Planning Dir., thru 1/31/11.  
23: Conf. re-appt. of R. Kosowski as Parks & Rec. Dir., thru 1/31/11.  
24: Conf. re-appt. of Plante Moran & Assoc. as City Auditor thru 1/31/11.  
25: Conf. re-appt. of M. Harris to Nankin Transit Comm. thru 12/31/11.  
26: Conf. re-appt. of J. Godbout to Nankin Transit Comm. thru 12/31/11.  
27: Conf. appt. of M. Weck to EDC/TIFA Bd, term to exp. 1/22/2014.  
28: Conf. appt/re-appt. of T. Bailey, D. James, Rev. T. Keeling, E. Lamp, B. Prough & M. Rawson to Parks & Rec. Advisory Council.  
29: Appr. checklist: \$2,043,060.33 & Prepaid: \$3,777,363.64.  
Mtg. adj. at 8:12 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.


James Godbout  
Council President

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk, CMC

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John Jeannotte, of Bob Jeannotte Pontiac Buick GMC, stands with a 2010 Buick LaCrosse. Jeannotte was misidentified in a photo that ran in Sunday's Observer Newspaper.



# Local business makes mark at auto show

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Detroit's Big Three were well represented at the recent North American International Auto Show with displays showcasing some of their newest technology and most popular cars. Interactive displays gave people a change of pace, but people were there to see the cars — and each automaker brought plenty.

"The mood is definitely better than last year and that is without a doubt," Lyle Otremba, vice president of sales and marketing for Novi-based Cooper-Standard Automotive, said prior to the public opening. "From the people manning the stands from the car companies to the people in the industry viewing the exhibits, you could feel it. Everything is much more positive."

Cooper-Standard, which is a leading global automotive supplier, also had its mark on several vehicles with products that will likely go unnoticed by the general public.

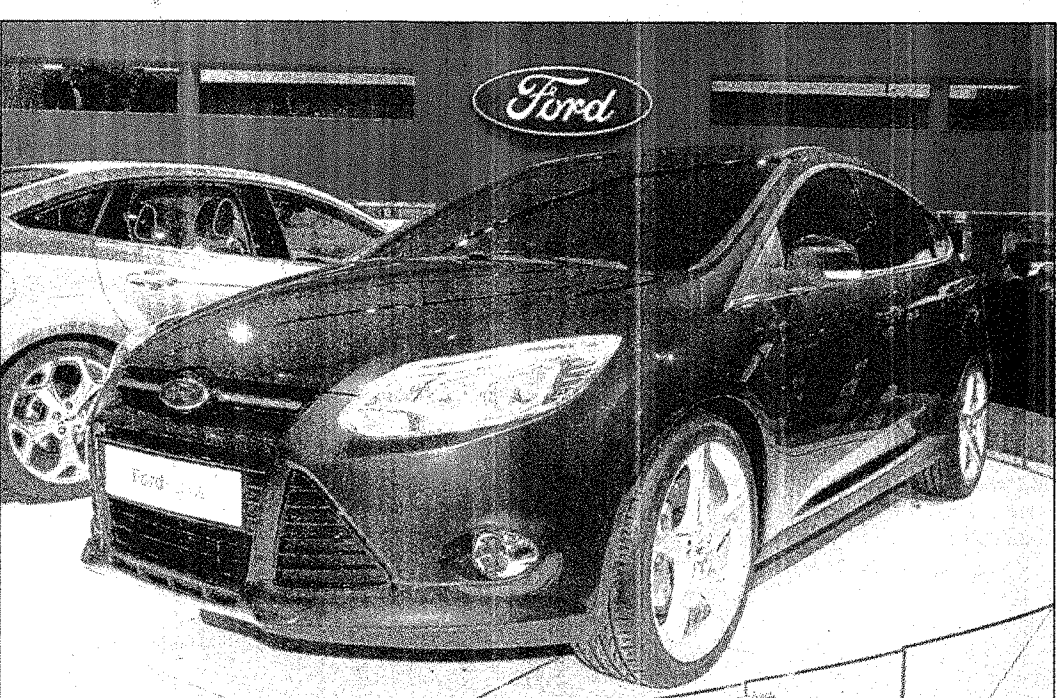
The business is a major supplier for the 2011 Cadillac CTS-V Coupe, 2012 Ford Focus, 2011 Ford Lincoln MKX crossover and 2011 Ford Mustang GT. The products on these vehicles range from door seals and heater hoses to fuel lines and various belts.

"Certainly we take a lot of pride in what we have out there," Otremba said.

He also said he hopes the public gets the same kind of positive vibe he got, and thinks attendees will notice all the new options in cars that consumers didn't have before.

The majority of the cars on display were actual vehicles available to the public. There was still a fair share of concept vehicles and electric cars of the future, but they did not dominate the scene.

"It isn't the same old Detroit, the same old industry," Otremba said. "There is a lot of technology ready now."



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Cooper-Standard Automotive in Novi was well-represented at the North American International Auto Show, with parts inside this 2012 Ford Focus.



This 2011 Ford Mustang features several products from Novi-based Cooper-Standard Automotive, including fuel lines, belts and hoses.



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# Teacher writes, illustrates children's book

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Colleen Murray Fisher grew up, in her words, as a "tomboy with a wild imagination."

Fisher said she was a little bit different from the other children, growing up in rural Marlette, Mich. She was also teased.



Fisher

Years later, Fisher wrote a story as part of her master's degree program, incorporating her own childhood experiences into the main character. Fisher, a second-grade teacher at Livonia Public School district's Hayes Elementary, has written and illustrated that story in *The One and Only Bernadette P. McMullen*. Hayes Elementary is in Westland.

The story's message is "it's OK to be different and unique. It is something to celebrate to be your own person."

Bernadette, the main character, is teased so much that she has created an imaginary

friend. "That's until a girl moves in the neighborhood," Fisher said. The girl, Sofie, named after one of Fisher's children, becomes friends with Bernadette, accepting and respecting her unique qualities.

The 32-page book is written for children ages 5-8. "I wrote the book about seven years ago," Fisher said. The publisher had her revise the ending and redraw the 24 pictures so the book could be square, rather than rectangular.

"I always wanted to write a children's book," Fisher said. Fisher was more into arts as she got older and continued drawing, but wanted to pen her story, which she did for her master's degree.

Having many wonderful teachers throughout her life, Fisher said she knew that she always wanted to work with children. She earned a master of arts in teaching and curriculum from Michigan State University and has taught elementary children for 12 years. She is a self-taught artist who enjoys using her talents in the classroom to enhance their

learning experience.

Fisher was honored in December as a winner of the Michigan Elementary & Middle School Principal's Association's children's book award competition for another book, *Miss Martin was a Martian*. That story is about a student who believes his teacher is from Mars because the instructor knows what the child is thinking and understands the child's intentions.

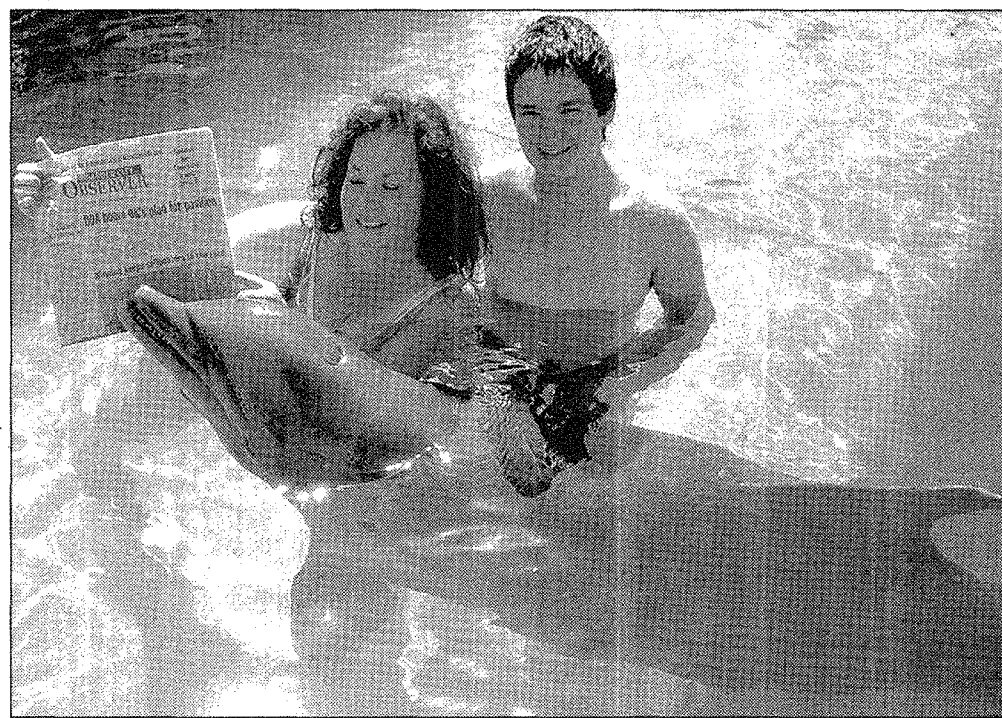
*The One and Only Bernadette P. McMullen* will be published by Mackinac Island Press. Fisher said she obtains creative ideas because her mind is constantly going. "I am constantly thinking of other things," she said. Being a parent and a teacher also gives her ideas. "Kids are really funny," Fisher said. "They do enough creative things so that you don't have to do anything."

*The One and Only Bernadette P. McMullen* will be available at Barnes and Noble shortly, Fisher said. Orders can be placed through [www.colleenmurrayfisherbooks.com](http://www.colleenmurrayfisherbooks.com) or [www.nelsonpublishingand-marketing.com](http://www.nelsonpublishingand-marketing.com)



## Wish You Were Here

Longtime residents of Garden City Michael Brown & Sandy (Heintze) Brown were married in Jamaica and brought the Observer with them to share the happy occasion. Mike and Sandy grew up together and are Garden City East and West Class of 1982 graduates. Reuniting after many years, they fell in love and got married this past June on the beach in Runaway Bay, Jamaica. Send your Wish You Were Here photos to Sue Mason, [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com), or 615 W. Lafayette-second level, Observer Newspapers, Detroit, MI 48226.



Susan and son Dylan Patterson took their Garden City Observer along during their August cruise in the Bahamas. The cruise stopped in Freeport Grand Bahama Island where they took an excursion to the Underwater Explorer's Society (UNEXSO) for a Dolphin Close Encounter during which they swam with and were kissed by a dolphin. Pictured is them sharing the latest Garden City news with one of the dolphins. Send your "Wish You Were Here" photos to Sue Mason, [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com), or Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-second level, Detroit, MI 48226.

# Some can do own tax return; heed tax pro's background

As tax information begins to show up in the mailbox, the issue everyone needs to address is how best to prepare a 2009 tax return.

In today's world there are more options than ever before. In the past, you either did it yourself or you paid someone to prepare a return. Today, with technology, there are additional options. In weighing the options, know that you are ultimately responsible for your tax return. If you file a tax return that is incorrect, you are liable to pay any additional taxes, interest and potential penalties. Because the consequences of filing an incorrect return are substantial, it is important to make an informed decision about how to prepare your 2009 tax return.

The first decision to make is whether to hire a professional. As far as I am concerned, not everyone needs a professional tax preparer. There are many situations where you can do your return on your own, particularly, these days with the help of a software program. For someone willing to take the time and follow instructions, he/she can prepare a return.

To prepare a return, pay attention to detail. If you're not the type who pays attention to detail maybe you should not prepare your return. After all, preparing your return is more than just putting numbers on a page and adding them up.

I recognize there are people

who still prepare their return by hand without the assistance of a software program. Except in a very few cases, I don't recommend this method. If nothing more, there is a greater chance of mathematical error when you complete your return by hand as opposed to using a software program.

For individuals who make less than \$57,000 a year and who want to do their return, use the IRS free file program. Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on "free file." The beauty of this program is you're not using IRS software but rather, you can choose from numerous software providers such as Turbo Tax and H&R Block. The IRS has sponsored this program for a number of years and it has proven to be successful.

If you're the type of person who either doesn't pay attention to detail or just doesn't want to complete the return, seek the assistance of a professional. Look for a professional who stays current with the changing tax laws. In addition, you want someone who will stand behind their work if there are problems with your return.

That doesn't mean you need a certified public accountant to prepare your tax returns. However, you don't want someone preparing your return who doesn't have any qualifications.

In addition to CPAs, enrolled agents are a group of individuals with continued education requirements who are generally qualified to prepare tax returns.

I have no problem with some of the national companies that prepare tax returns because they generally do have education requirements for preparers. However, the more

complex your return, the more I would lean toward a CPA or an enrolled agent.

This time of year, a variety of lowlifes come out of the woodwork. They claim to have the inside scoop on how to avoid paying taxes, either by taking a variety of non-existent deductions or claiming certain income as not taxable. Bottom line is it is your responsibility to make sure that you do not hire these shady characters. Just as you wouldn't go to an incompetent doctor, you need to avoid incompetent tax preparers.

I know some people believe the best tax preparer is the one who is most aggressive and not afraid to push the envelope when it comes to completing your return. My definition of the best tax preparer is a little different. Yes, I want them to identify any and all deductions. However, when it comes to being aggressive, I want to make that decision, not them. In other words, I don't want the tax preparer taking an aggressive position without consulting me. After all, I am the one who is ultimately responsible for my return. I want to be involved in making all decisions.

We are at the beginning of tax season so there is plenty of time to decide how you're going to do your 2009 return. My advice, don't automatically do what you did last year. Take your time and make the right decision for this year. Good luck!

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



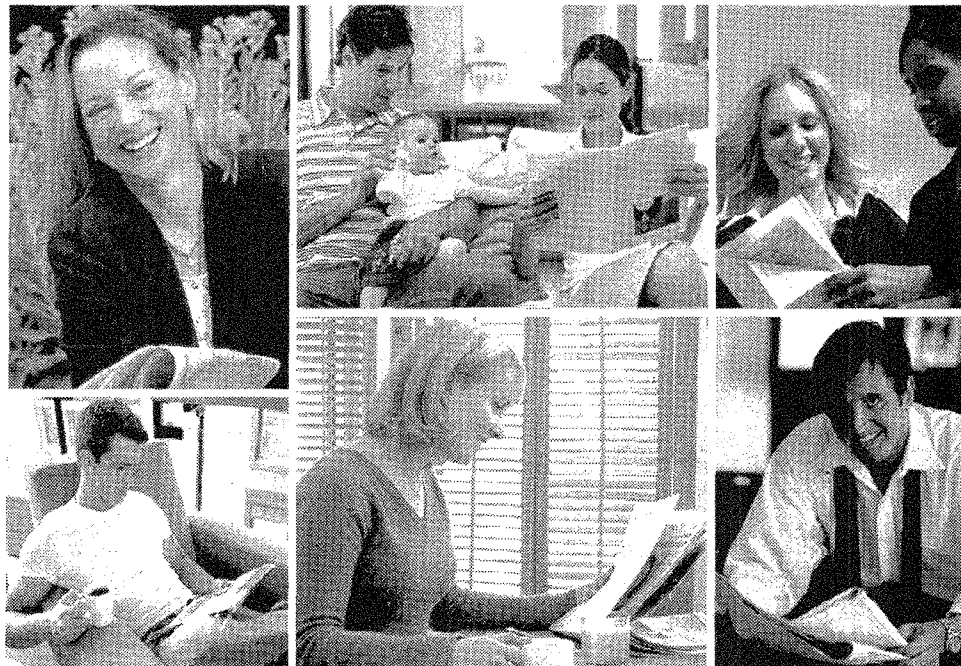
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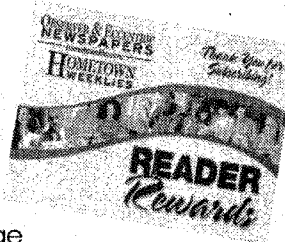


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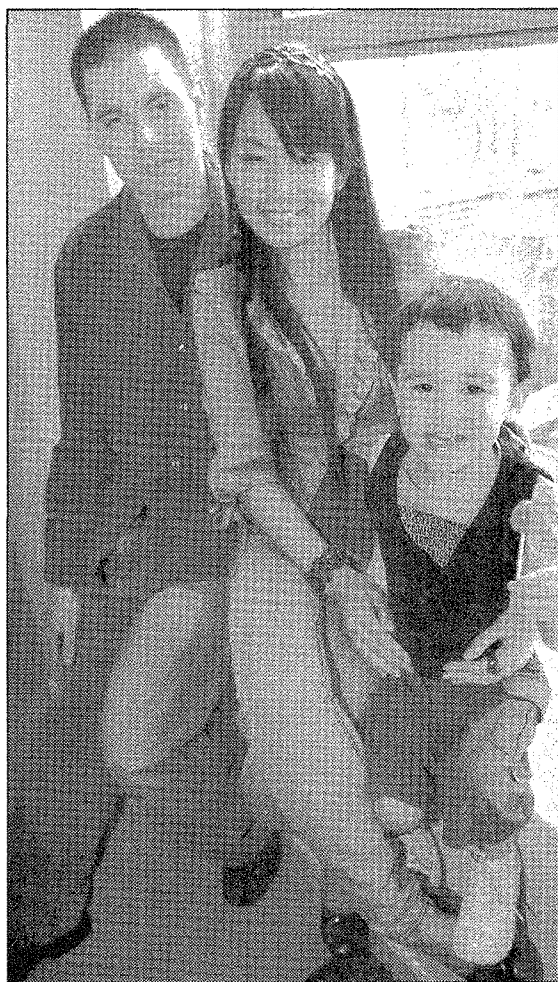
# LOCAL OPINION

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## OUR VIEWS



Westland native Michael Novack, his wife, Bobbilyn, and son Lance are enjoying the views from a 17th floor apartment at the Fort Shelby Tower Apartments, provided at no charge by the building owners.

## Serviceman's good deeds rewarded with apartment use

Air Force Staff Sgt. Michael Novack and his family are staying in some pretty fancy digs.

The 1999 Westland John Glenn High School graduate, wife Bobbilyn and 2½-year-old son Lance are housed at the Fort Shelby Tower Apartments in downtown Detroit, at no charge.

His mom, Lauren Novack, has been a bartender at the Detroit Yacht Club for 19 years. She mentioned the family's temporary housing

**Allen and his colleagues didn't have to heed Lauren Novack's concerns about her son's visit, but they did and deserve applause for their contributions in boosting morale and making life better for a hardworking serviceman and his family.**

shortage during Michael's visit home on leave, and Scott Allen, a yacht club board member and president of the Fourmidable Group (which manages the apartments), sprung into action.

Michael and his family are staying in the 17th-floor apartment, with views of the Detroit River, Ambassador Bridge

and Windsor. He's been stationed twice in Japan and twice in Korea, where he met Bobbilyn.

A mechanic who repairs equipment like generators and air conditioning, Novack also spent four months in Afghanistan and time at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. The family will be stationed in Florida after their visit wraps up Feb. 5.

They'd planned to go to the auto show during their visit, a trek made much easier by their proximity to Cobo Center. It was the first time Novack's wife and son met members of his family.

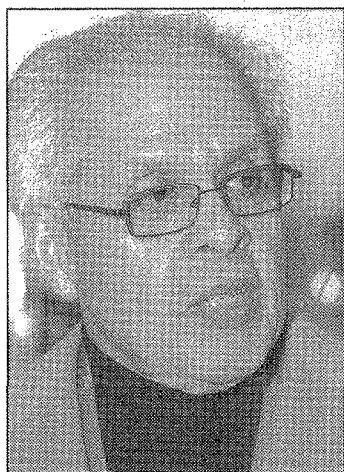
The Fourmidable Group is to be commended for making the deluxe digs, valued at \$2,500 per month, available free of charge to Novack and his family.

The serviceman noted what an upgrade it was from military housing, with room service, a fitness center, valet parking and a restaurant. Allen and his colleagues didn't have to heed Lauren Novack's concerns about her son's visit, but they did and deserve applause for their contributions in boosting morale and making life better for a hardworking serviceman and his family.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What do you think of full-body scanning at airports?

This question was asked at the Awards and Leadership Celebration at Laurel Manor in Livonia.



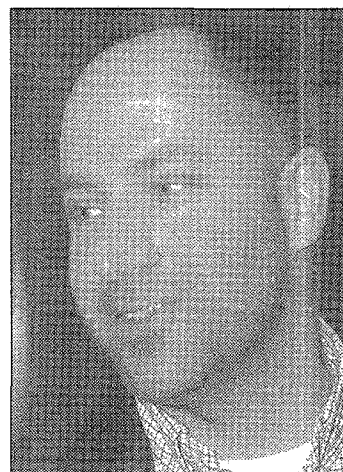
**"I must fit the profile because they usually pull me aside. I have no problem with it. I am used to it. We have to stop these maniacs from getting on planes."**

Chico Rodriguez  
Canton



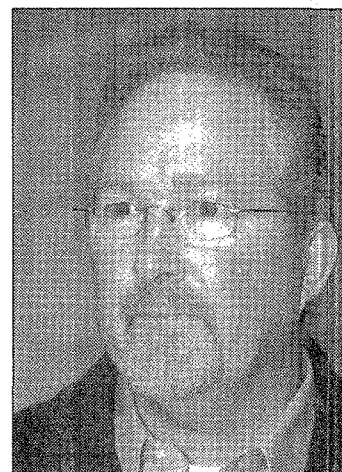
**"I don't care. If it's for better security, then I'm all for it. I'm not worried about the privacy."**

Stefan Rairigh  
Livonia



**"It sounds worse than it really is. I don't see it as an issue because we need the security."**

Rob Kennedy  
Livonia



**"I think it's great, and it will help make the airlines safe. I have no problems with it."**

John Strauch  
Livonia

## LETTERS

### Serve the people

Let us not forget that the reason Scott Brown won the Senate election in Massachusetts was because of the PEOPLE. The Republicans are talking of "their" victory. The Republicans wanted nothing to do with the tea partiers at first. They played no hand in motivating the grass-roots campaign, it was the anger of the American people fed up with Washington spending and wasting our tax dollars and destroying our freedoms.

It wasn't just Republicans; the activism was by conservatives, liberals and moderates that came together for a common cause. That cause was to slow and/or stop Washington bureaucrats from destroying our country.

Massachusetts is a Democratic state with 67 percent of the registered voters being blue. Scott received 52 percent of the vote, meaning that 15 percent of those who voted for him were Democrats and independents.

Even as Scott was moving ahead in the polls, Nancy Pelosi was again working behind closed doors to find a way to pass this massive health care plan before Scott would have a chance to vote against it.

The lies coming out of Washington contributed to the tea party movement and made sure it stayed in play when Obama promised numerous times that "health care plan negotiations would be televised on CSPAN" and Nancy promised "the most transparent administration ever."

We were let down not just by this administration, but the Bush administration as well with his lies and mistruths and his spending practices. The move by the Republican Party away from its conservative roots was a mistake. We warned them, but as usual they didn't listen, as was evident by nominating McCain in last year's election. They are listening now.

We cannot give up and let our guard down. There are far too many liberals in key positions in DC that are hell-bent on destroying our Constitution and our way of life. Obama's cabinet (czars) are full of people that have never spent a day actually working for a living as the rest of us do and have no clue on how to create a private industry job or how to "stimulate" the economy.

We need to replace these people with ones that understand what it means to "tighten the belt," to eat at a fast food place as opposed to a steak house and that government is meant to serve the people, not to impede the people.

My hat is off to Scott Allen, president of the Fourmidable Group, for giving one of our soldiers, Michael Novack, and his family a place to stay while in town. This story by LeAnne Rogers in the Sunday, Jan. 24, edition helps renew our faith in Americans.

In addition to stories like these, we also can look to the outpouring of dollars and aid being collected and sent to Haiti shows what this country is made of.

So many countries look down on us for our way of life, yet when troubled times hit, Americans are the ones that always respond generously. We are also the ones these very countries look to in times of trouble and need.

With all that is happening in our

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nation's capital, it's good to know that the good people of this nation are still the same, regardless of what pressures are put upon them.

Phil Solarz  
Westland

### Letter to Granholm

Dear Gov. Granholm:  
I'm writing you in regards to the decision to forfeit the continuance of the Michigan Promise Scholarship. As an American citizen who believes in the free market system, I would never ask or expect a fellow taxpayer to finance my higher education. However, I cannot overlook a few things that are troubling to me.

1. The irony is uncanny; it encompasses and solidifies the popular belief that words mean nothing to politicians. Actions speak louder than words and what we see is a broken promise.

2. In 2008, tax incentives were created for films to come to Michigan that cost taxpayers \$127 million per year. The scholarships cost \$100 million per year. Are you saying that it's more important for short-term jobs than an investment in knowledge for Michigan's long-term future?

3. The Michigan Promise Scholarship was initiated in 2007 on the basis as an investment in our future. I find the priorities in the budget that trump the scholarship troublesome and inexcusable.

Welfare spending in 2010 will reach \$7.9 billion. Thomas Jefferson said "the best way to help the poor is to make them uncomfortable in their poverty." All this does is perpetuate the cycle instead of solving the problem.

I'm 21 years old and I work two jobs in an effort to pay for college. Your actions are rewarding those who would rather not work than those who would. Your written apology in this matter is not acceptable or enough. I'm requesting that you reinstate the Michigan Promise Scholarship and decrease welfare spending in fiscal year 2010 by at least 10 percent so that you can renew our trust in our leaders and, truly, invest in Michigan's future.

Thank you.

David Herbeck  
Livonia

### Corporatist states

All doubt, as if any really existed, about whose corner the Republican Party stands in has now been removed. Mitch

McConnell, Senate Minority leader from Kentucky and long an opponent of the people, was unabashedly giddy, almost unable to contain his joy.

Now the downtrodden, beleaguered corporations would finally, after all these years, be able to emerge from the darkness and fully claim the final most important blessing of full citizenship in this democracy, one that they so richly deserve and have been denied: freedom of speech. John Boehner, Republican from Ohio and House Minority leader, similarly elated and obviously moved, in a cracking voice stated as tears seemingly welled up in his eyes, "It's high time, this a victory for the First Amendment."

They were acting as if some grand initiative that would really help humankind like "peace in our time" or "an end to disease and poverty" had been achieved instead of what really had happened. The Republican leadership and most of their brethren were celebrating something really monumental: the facilitating of the entire hijacking of the electoral process by big money, the corporations of America and, yes, the rest of the world. So much for "We the People" and "one man, one vote." Welcome to the Corporatist States of America!

According to Republicans, some solace for Dems should be that organized labor will also benefit from this new degree of enfranchisement, knowing full well that this will more likely be the death knell for unions. The expansion of the so-called "right to work," the subsequent in-sourcing of foreign-based auto companies and suppliers without requiring that they pay the going rate in wages and bennies, and the outsourcing of American jobs is already killing one of the few advocates for the people's interests and the interests of the middle class that still exists, big labor.

Today unions represent only 10 percent of American workers and miss the clout they once enjoyed that enabled them to boost wages, benefits and working conditions for all Americans, not just those in unions. Thanks to Republican-based facilitation, labor now lacks the resources needed to defend itself against the corporatist-funded electoral onslaught.

This is a conservative Republican gift that will keep on giving, courtesy of Reagan and the Bushes and the justices they appointed.

Mitch Smith  
Canton

### Is Kennedy's cause dead?

The late Sen. Edward (Ted) Kennedy served in the U.S. Senate for 47 years being second only to Michigan's Sen. John Dingell. Sen. Kennedy said many times that universal health care was the "cause of his life."

It's very sad that the year following Sen. Kennedy's death, any type of concrete health care reform is dead in the water. In addition, his successor, Scott Brown, is a Republican to the right of Sen. John McCain who defends water-boarding as a interrogation technique.

At least he did speak respectfully of Sen. Kennedy in his acceptance speech.

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# Program helps autistic students One Bead at a Time

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK  
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Joe De Marsh is helping students with autism “one bead at a time.”

The teacher at Berger East in Garden City started a unique entrepreneur program in which his students create beaded jewelry that they sell to the public.

The jewelry makes perfect gifts, or favors for weddings, showers and parties.

Making it offers students with severe behavior issues a valuable lesson.

“It’s teaching them a skill that they normally wouldn’t be able to get. It’s something they can do after they leave Berger. They can make the jewelry and sell it,” DeMarsh said.

DeMarsh started as a teacher at the Berger School for Students for Autism three years ago, and quickly noticed the students enjoyed stringing beads.

“A lot of the students who normally wouldn’t do the other work that was provided would sit and string beads and I think they found it

relaxing,” he said. “I thought what if we did it for a purpose? I didn’t know if they could, but I thought what if we try?”

DeMarsh went out and bought a batch of beads and jewelry findings with his own money. When he brought them into class the students were delighted. They began making necklaces, bracelets, earrings, keychains and magnetic lanyards for ID badges.

“I had a few students who could do their own designs, they could actually see shapes and patterns. It was just amazing to us to watch them. With other students we would make pattern boards and have them follow,” De Marsh said.

The craft quickly became a business.

“We came up with the name started selling to just the people in the school,” he said.

From there, the program has grown.

**BUSY BEADING**

DeMarsh’s students, ranging in age from 18-26, have provided beaded keychains as gifts for the celebrity models in the Redford Suburban League’s Annual Fall Fashion Show, which ben-

efits Berger School.

They’ve also created favors for weddings, tailoring keychains to fit each theme by using different color beads and charms ranging from snowflakes to inspirational words.

Each keychain — which can also be used on flash drives, or to decorate the zippers of backpacks or handbags — is packaged with a special card to create a meaningful gift.

“The couple writes something on the front and we have our story on the back,” he said.

DeMarsh attended two weddings where One Bead at a Time favors were offered at each place setting, and saw firsthand how appreciated they were.

“Of all the weddings that I have been to this is the first wedding favor that I have seen taken with nothing left behind,” he said.

**SHARING PROFITS**

The students also have sold their work at the Acorn Shop in Wayne, but since it recently closed they are looking for another venue. Most of their business has been word of mouth.

All the money raised through sales of the jewelry returns to the program to replenish supplies and pay students for their work.

At the end of the year each student receives their share of the profits as a gift card for Target.

DeMarsh said the best part of the program is that students can continue to make the jewelry after they leave Berger School, and sell it to earn money for their themselves.

Audrey Bantom said her daughter Kyra, 21, loves making jewelry at Berger so much they bought her a bead set for Christmas.

“It keeps her mind focused for one thing,” Bantom said. “She has a steady hand for it and she’s learned patience.”

Bantom has sold Kyra’s jewelry to family and friends as well as at the local beauty shop.

“As a matter of fact I have people asking me when they’re going to make some more,” Bantom said. “We love Berger. She’s been there since she was five and she’s come a long way.”

To find out more about One Bead at a Time, e-mail demarsj@gcity.k12.mi.us.

## MALLS & MAINSTREETS

### Spring Trends from Saks

**TROY** - The season’s runways revealed three prevailing themes for Spring 2010: Safari Accents, Feminine Frills and Purity of Design. Safari Accents is all about animal prints, military jackets and pops of bright color. Fringe detailing on long-strap bags and sandal booties round out your safari-ready gear.

Feminine Frills is all about ladylike accents like pleats, ruffles, bows, a soft muted color palette, sheer layered fabrics and floral prints on ready-to-wear and accessories. Mini-bags and lace-detailed shoes are the perfect touches to complete this look.

Purity of Design puts the emphasis on body conscious cuts. Think asymmetry, cutouts, banding, geometric shapes and the continuation of the strong shoulder. Whether you go bold in

animal prints, dainty in ruffles, or alluring in a one shoulder-baring dress, don’t forget about these must-haves for the season, all available at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in a wide range of styles from the world’s top designers.

- **The Shirt Dress:** Wear a shirt dress and achieve the chic simplicity of a button down shirt without worrying about the bottoms. Opt for a belt if you want a more contoured silhouette.
- **Shorts:** From short shorts to slim Bermuda lengths, shorts are your staples for work days, weekends and even those evening cocktail parties.
- **The Sporty Jacket:** Trenches, parkas, anoraks, fitted zip-fronts, and military styles. A range of options to keep you stylish and prepared for those unpredictable Spring days.
- **Sandal Booties:** Power dress-

ing for your feet is no longer for the winter. Make way for this sandal/boot hybrid for spring and summer. Slip on a pair with a stacked heel or stiletto, but don’t let your feet be caught without them.

- **The Long-Strap Bag:** Pick one with a very long drop and wear it three ways: across the body, over the shoulder or with the strap tucked inside to create a clutch.
- **Global Jewelry:** Go for large, unfinished stones like coral, turquoise, and amber. Mix with layered gold tone chains to make a multicultural statement. Layer and stack for maximum impact.
- **Showpiece Belts:** For Spring, these usual accents command a wardrobe on their own. Pick bold colors with hardware details. Changing your silhouette is a cinch: wear them high and lady-like or low slung for added

attitude.

- **Crystal Clear:** Look for clear embellishments on ready to wear and accessories in the form of Lucite, PVC and crystals, from simple detailing to entirely see-through bags and shoe soles.
- **Asymmetry:** If you haven’t embraced the one shoulder, here’s your second chance. Bare the other shoulder completely or meet halfway with a thin support strap.

**Bridal showcase**

**ROYAL OAK** -- The 10-day StylelineBride 2010 Bridal Showcase ends Saturday, Jan. 30, at Lisa’s Gift Wrappers. During the free event, visitors are learning about the latest color trends (2010 is the year of turquoise) and discovering the unique touches Lisa Gleeson and her staff can put into a wedding including invitations, place

cards, escort cards, menu cards, favors, favor boxes and napkins. StylelineBride is also a resource for showers and shower gifts, attendant gifts and out-of-town guest gift baskets.

Featured this year are new professional resources including engrossed marriage certificates using a detailed stylized art form dating to the 1800s that make an

incredible keepsake for generations; custom monograms that can be incorporated into aisle runners and printed pieces; and a plethora of personalized touches like embroidered ribbons.

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## CC heavily favored at Observerland invite

### MAT EXTRAVAGANZA

**What:** 19th annual Observerland Wrestling Invitational.

**When:** Saturday, Jan. 30 (First-round action starts at 9 a.m. with the finals starting at approximately 5 p.m.)

**Where:** Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail).

**Admission (all day):** \$5 (family discounts available).

**Participating schools:** Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia

Stevenson, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, North Farmington, Garden City, Redford Union, Belleville, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

**Pats winners:** Catholic Central (1993, '96, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '09); Franklin (2005, '06, '07); Stevenson (1994, '95, '97); Canton (2001, '08); Salem (1998); Churchill and John Glenn (2004); Farmington (1992).

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you're wondering who the favorite is to win this year's Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament, you need only look to last year's results.

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, with five defending individual champions returning, appears to be a consensus pick to retain the crown.

Livonia Churchill High School will serve as host for the 19th annual event, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday. Admission

is \$5.

CC has won the tournament a record seven times since it was started in 1992, but the Shamrocks went six years without a championship until last year.

Their main competition for the team title will likely come from Canton and Westland John Glenn. In a Division 1 statewide poll by michiganrappler.com, CC is third, Canton fourth and Glenn eighth. The Rockets were runners-up last year, while the Chiefs finished fourth behind Salem.

"CC has way too much talent for any of the other Observerland schools to unseat them," Canton coach Cory Mancuso said. "They have the opportunity to recruit kids to come to their school and wrestle. The Plymouth-Canton schools do not have these same advantages. I'm not sure anyone will beat them for a very long time."

CC's returning champions are sophomores Todd Melick (119) and Alec Mooradian (125).

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## SIDELINES

### Conner sparkles

Westland native Chris Conner, called up earlier in the day from AHL affiliate Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (Pa.), scored a pair of goals, including the game-winner, in the Pittsburgh Penguins' 4-2 win Monday night over the host New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden.

The 5-foot-8, 180-pound right winger from Michigan Tech was paired up on a line with Sidney Crosby. The 26-year-old has appeared in seven games for the defending Stanley Cup champions.

He has 78 NHL appearances with nine goals and 15 assists.

With Wilkes-Barre he had seven goals and 15 assists in 24 games.

### Elks soccer champs

Kayla Martinez and Daniel Terrian, representing the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation and Elks Lodge No. 2246, captured their respective age-group divisions recently at the Elks Soccer Shoot state competition held in Midland.

Martinez won the Girls 8-9 division, while Terrian earned first in the Boys 7-and-under division.

Both advance to the Mid-Atlantic Regional, March 13, in Carlisle, Pa., and will compete against other finalists from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and Kentucky.

### Hockey Skills Day

The second Michigan Hockey Day Skills competition, featuring the hardest shot, fastest skater and most accurate shot, will be from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday at the City of Westland's Modano Ice Arena, located at 62100 N. Wildwood.

The cost is \$10 for all three events, or \$5 per individual event. Spots are limited, so register early.

The Michigan Hockey Day open (special glow) skate follows from 2:30-3:20 p.m.. The cost is \$2. Skate rentals are \$1.

For more information, call (734) 729-4560; or visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com).

### 1st Pitch Banquet

The Madonna University baseball team will stage its first pitch banquet to kick off its fund-raising effort from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Italian-American in Livonia.

Former Philadelphia Phillies pitcher and longtime University of Detroit baseball coach Bob Miller will be the speaker. Former Detroit broadcaster Ray Lane will be the master of ceremonies.

Adult tickets are \$50 each, or \$90 per couple. Youth tickets (12 and under) are \$30.

For more information, call co-chairs Paul Flavin at (248) 380-5142; or Bill Hardin at (734) 560-0820. You can also e-mail [1stpitchbanquet@gmail.com](mailto:1stpitchbanquet@gmail.com).

## Churchill eludes Stevenson in OT

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill had to guard against complacency in Tuesday's girls basketball game against crosstown rival Livonia Stevenson.

That's because Dec. 11, the Chargers rolled to a 56-22 win over the Spartans.

But the rematch certainly provided much more drama, with host Churchill needing overtime to pull out a 50-47 triumph.

"Stevenson is a much better than they were at the beginning of the season when they were under a new system and a new coach," said Churchill coach Chad Jenkins, whose team squandered a 33-21 advantage after three quarters. "That score (56-22) was not indicative of the two teams. They've obviously improved and we're a better team now, too."

Churchill upped its overall record to 7-4 overall with the victory, while

Stevenson falls to 3-8. Sophomore guard Jordan York helped orchestrate Stevenson's fourth-quarter 18-6 run by scoring 10 of her team-high 15 points. York nailed a pair of triples with 1:36 and 1:09 to go, respectively, in regulation to pull the Spartans to within two, 39-37.

After the Chargers committed a turnover and missed the front end of a one-and-one free-throw attempt with only 14.5 seconds to go, the 5-foot-6 York sent the game into OT at 39-39 when she followed up her own missed shot with a rebound basket with only 2.9 seconds remaining.

"York got real hot. She's so intense and she made things happen both offensively and defensively," Stevenson first-year coach Jen Knoph said. "They have to believe and so far this season they don't believe, but today I saw it in their

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Stevenson's Kristen Balhorn (41) battles for the rebound with Churchill's Erin Menard (34) during Tuesday's Kensington Conference crossover.

## MSU gridder White facing new charges

BY JOE REXRODE  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Two more Michigan State football players, including Livonia Stevenson High grad Myles White,

have been identified and will face charges in a Nov. 22 fight at a campus dormitory.

White, a freshman redshirt wide receiver, who was suspended for the Alamo Bowl game for a separate incident, faces one count of misdemeanor assault and one count of misdemeanor conspiracy to commit assault along with junior defensive tackle Oren Wilson, who started in the postseason game.

MSU Police Sgt. Florene McGlothian-Taylor confirmed that a judge at East Lansing 54-B District Court has authorized the charges, which means the



Myles White

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## Rockets blast off, rule at Wayne County Tournament

The Westland John Glenn boys bowling team hauled in its second tournament title trophy of the season by seizing the fifth annual Wayne County Tournament, held Saturday at Cherry Hill Lanes.

The Rockets defeated KLA Central Division rival Canton for the crown in the best two-of-three elimination finals under

### PREP BOWLING

a Baker game format of alternating shots, 215-211 and 166-146.

Glenn reached the final with a 214-145, 180-138 win over qualifying leader Woodhaven. The Rockets also scored victories over Salem, 244-216 and 247-214, and Dearborn Divine Child, 191-188, 177-177 (lost roll-off), 242-181.

Glenn placed fourth among 20 schools in the qualifying block with regular games of 968-1,030-966 and Baker sets of 426-425 for a grand total of 3,777.

Woodhaven was first with 4,139 followed by Flat Rock (3,983) and Canton

(3,857).

Glenn's top individual singles performer was senior Kyle Hamlin, who placed eighth with a 678 series on games of 214-261-203.

Sophomore teammate John Cleavenger was next in 23rd with 634 on games of 208-213-213.

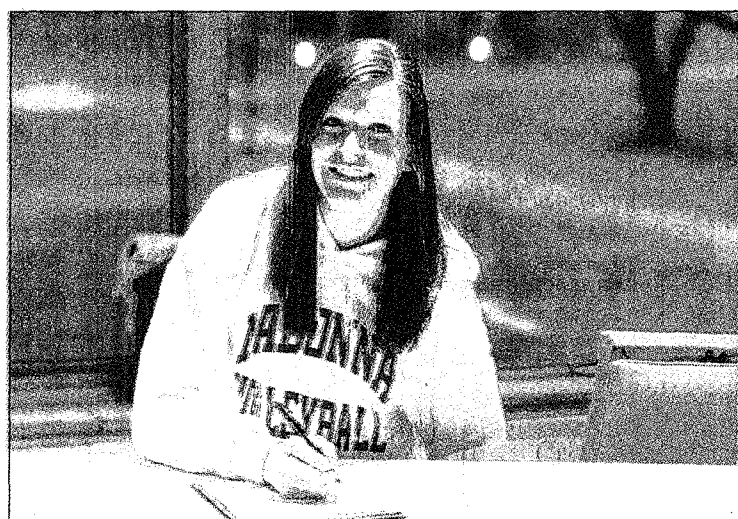
Other Glenn scorers included Chris Harper, 46th (191-190-174—555); Josh Duprie, 71st (191-185—376); Steve White, 107th (191); Jordan Hornes, 110th (187).

Meanwhile, Wayne Memorial was seventh 935-903-1,104 (regular games) and 487-400 (Bakers) for a 3,693 total. Riverview ousted the Zebras in the opening round, 214-134, 168-192, 202-184.

Wayne was led by Elliot Arnold, who was 13th overall with a 649 series on games of 200-216-233.

Mike Gabriel was next in 32nd with a 588 series on games of 183-191-214. He

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### Crusaders sign spiker

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced Tuesday the signing of 6-foot-3 middle- and outside-hitter Emilie Freeman of Lutheran High Westland. The first-team All-Observer selection had a total of 369 kills, 119 blocks, 82 digs and 63 aces while earning Michigan Independent Athletic Conference MVP honors her senior year. The second-team MIVCA All-Stater was a member of the Warriors' state Class D runner-up squad in 2008 and helped her team to a pair of district and MIAC crowns. "Once she learns to adjust to the speed of the college game, she has the ability to attack from antenna to antenna and shine as a dominant attacker and blocker," Abraham said. "Emilie can attack from both the middle and outside hitter positions and is a gutsy performer who has a very bright future at Madonna."



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# Flanery's 26 lifts Warriors

Senior guard Gage Flanery poured in 26 points as Lutheran High Westland earned a 72-63 boys basketball win Tuesday at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The 6-foot Flanery, going 11-of-16 from the floor, bagged nine of his game-high total in the decisive fourth quarter to spark a 25-13 run as the Warriors improved to 5-5 overall and 4-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division.

Marc Rosin, who chipped in 19 points to the winning total, also had nine in the fourth period. Austin Baglow was the third Warrior cager to reach double figures with 15 points.

Steve Miscovich netted 21 points to pace Northwest (4-

6, 3-5). Alex Massell followed with 14 for the Crusaders, who dropped their fifth straight.

**CRANBROOK 51, CLARENCEVILLE 45:** On Tuesday, host Livonia Clarenceville (1-10, 1-3) couldn't overcome an early deficit as Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (6-4, 3-0) held on for a Metro Conference triumph.

Brothers Sterling and Steve Morrow led the victorious Cranes with 20 and 11 points, respectively.

Levonte Brooks paced the Trojans with 13 points, while Dominic Patton added nine.

"We got behind 15-2 at the start," Clarenceville first-year coach Justin Johnson said. "The second, third and fourth quarters we played great, but unfortunately we came out flat."

Cranbrook was 17-of-27 from the foul line, while Clarenceville hit 8-of-15.

# All plugged in

## Chargers' Frezzell sparks win against Stevenson

### KLAA BOYS HOOPS

If he was playing Broadway, they'd certainly give him a Tony Award for his performance Tuesday night.

Senior guard Anthony Frezzell put on a sterling show with 23 points and 10 rebounds as Livonia Churchill earned a 56-43 boys basketball victory at Livonia Stevenson.

Frezzell also got help from his supporting cast as 6-foot-5 senior forward D'Juan Cooks added 19 points and 6-6 senior center Adam Bedell grabbed 10 rebounds as the Chargers improved to 6-4 overall with the KLAA Kensington Conference crossover win.

Senior guard Bobby Naubert paced the Spartans with 14 points. Jonathan Campbell added eight, while Kyle Bambach and Jordan El-Sabeh each contributed seven.

"I thought both Tony

(Frezzell) and Cooks really stepped up," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "It was a good team effort."

Churchill led 15-11 at half-time and took control with a 20-14 third-quarter run.

"They (Stevenson) took away and we tried to take away their guards Bobby (Naubert) and C.J. (Mwila)," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "I thought our guards did a nice job against their guards. They made Bobby work for everything he had."

"The second half we hit some big shots and we executed."

Churchill was 14-of-24 from the foul line, while Stevenson made 7-of-8.

Stevenson, which lost to the Chargers for the second time

this season, falls to 7-3 overall.

**WAYNE 58, NORTHVILLE 47:** Jamiel Strickland led three players in double figures Tuesday as Wayne Memorial (8-2) bounced back from Friday's upset overtime loss to Livonia Franklin with a Kensington Conference crossover win over the Mustangs (5-6).

Brian Gray and Daniel Hill added 14 and 13 points, respectively, for the victorious Zebras, who got off to a 11-0 lead to start the game.

"We really came out and played well," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "We made it a point to put it (the 71-66 loss to Franklin) behind its. Sometimes it happens and I take some of the blame."

Northville's Tim Hasse led all scorers with 19 points, while Andrew Baldwin added 12.

**FRANKLIN 53, S.L. EAST 46:** Senior guards Andy McCaffery and Mike Gadsby tallied 14 points apiece Tuesday, propelling Livonia Franklin (4-7) to a Kensington Conference crossover win over South Lyon East (2-9).

Franklin trailed 21-19 at halftime before outscoring the Cougars 17-10 in the third quarter and 17-14 in the decisive fourth period.

"It was a grinder early because of the defense they (East) play," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said. "They (East) had a good second quarter and it got scary, but we had a very good second half. We moved the ball well."

Blake Jones scored a game-high 16 points for East, which made only 2-of-9 free throws. Drew Mapley added 14 points.

Franklin was 10-of-17 from the foul stripe.

**SOUTH LYON 42, JOHN GLENN 24:** Guard Jordan Short scored 22 points Tuesday to lift the host Lions (5-6) to the Kensington Conference crossover triumph over Westland John Glenn (3-8).

The Rockets trailed 20-10 at half-time and couldn't recover.

Junior Antawon Humphrey led Glenn with eight points, while junior Marcus Meeks added six (on a pair of three-pointers).

# Divine Child guard sinks Blazers

### GIRLS HOOPS

Rosanna Reynolds continues to be a thorn in Livonia Ladywood's side.

The sophomore guard from Dearborn Divine Child tallied a game-high 21 points Tuesday night, including the tying- and game-winning free throws with only four seconds left, to give the visiting Falcons a 41-40 Catholic League Central Division victory.

Reynolds was coming off a 29-point performance against the Blazers in a 57-43 setback on Jan. 5.

"She's the real deal, she's a player," Ladywood coach Pat Cannon said of Reynolds.

Ladywood jumped out to a 19-7 first period advantage, but was outscored 9-2 in the second quarter as DC pulled to within five at intermission, 21-16.

The Falcons, who improved

to 10-4 overall and 3-2 in the Central, then pulled even after three quarters outscoring Ladywood 18-13.

"Two points in the second quarter obviously hurt," Cannon said. "From there it was a typical Catholic League game. It was a scrap and a fight."

Molly Gacioch led the Blazers, who slipped to 7-6 overall and 2-3 in the Central Division, with 14 points. Alyssa Anastos added 10.

After Reynolds' two made free throws, Ladywood attempted a 35-foot shot as time expired and missed.

**FRANKLIN 63, S.L. EAST 42:** Junior guard Chelsea Williams scored 17 points and senior center Senneea Scott added

10 as Livonia Franklin (8-3) rolled to a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover win Tuesday over host South Lyon East (1-10).

Kate Grunewald scored 13 points for the Cougars, who trailed 22-8 after one quarter and 38-18 at halftime. Courtney Emery added nine points.

"We had too many turnovers once again and we've still got to fight that battle," said Franklin coach Dave McCall, whose team was 12-of-24 from the foul line.

**SOUTH LYON 62, JOHN GLENN 34:** On Tuesday, Jennifer Maslany tallied 17 points and Kristin Short added 12 to propel the Lions (7-4) to the Kensington Conference crossover win over host Westland John Glenn (3-8).

South Lyon jumped out to a 19-5 first-quarter advantage and was never headed.

Senior forward Michelle Vanover led the Rockets, who shot only 7-of-18 from the foul line, with 17 points. Sophomore Abby Wright added five in

her varsity debut.

"South Lyon is very well coached," Glenn first-year coach Mark Anderson said. "They extended hard pressure and sped up the tempo. We could not handle the press."

**NORTHVILLE 69, WAYNE 31:** In a Kensington Conference crossover Tuesday, the visiting Mustangs (5-6) got 20 points from Alexandra Moynes and 10 from Katie Giacomini to beat host Wayne Memorial (1-9).

Senior Allie Coleman led the Zebras with 10 points.

**CRANBROOK 50, CLARENCEVILLE 31:** On Tuesday, Paige Weaver scored 18 points as host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood (3-8, 2-3) earned the Metro Conference triumph over Livonia Clarenceville (4-9, 3-2).

Kristen Jolly paced the Trojans with 13 points, while Jenna Burgess eight points and 13 rebounds.

The Cranes, who led 21-16 at half-time before outscoring Clarenceville 14-5 in the third period, also got 15

# Spartan matmen first at Titan Duals

Livonia Stevenson's wrestling team battled a perfect 1.000 in Saturday's Sterling Heights Stevenson Titan Team Duals.

The Spartans went 5-for-5 on the day, capturing all five matches to improve to 17-13 overall.

Stevenson earned victories over Birmingham Brother Rice (36-33), Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (78-0), Grosse Pointe South (58-15), Almont (39-333) and the host Titans (39-29).

"We are starting to get guys back, but we still have three key starters out of the lineup and one void," Stevenson coach Dan Vaughan said. "Three of the five duals came down to the final match and each time our guys

came through."

In two of the matches, 112-pounder Ash Alhaj pinned his opponents to secure the victories.

Going 5-0 on the day for the Spartans included Andrew Schramm (215), Jake Burns (171-189) and Chris Arnold (152).

Charlie Kokenakes added a 4-0 record at 140, while Nathan Keedle and Jake Range combined for a 4-1 mark at 285.

Jake Mailloux finished 3-1 at 145, while Robert Schramm (125) and Kody Rody (135) both went 3-2. The duo of Chris Rohl and Trevor Drengk also combined for a record of 3-2 at 160.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Winter baseball training

The US Baseball Academy will offer sessions for grades 1-12 from noon to 5 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 31; and Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28, at Westland John High School, located at 36105 Marquette.

Glenn coach Tom Wakefield will offer hitting, pitching and catching at the camp.

To register online, visit [www.usbaseballacademy.com](http://www.usbaseballacademy.com).

#### MU softball camp

Madonna University will stage a winter softball camp at the MU Activities Center featuring specialized individual instruction covering all phases of the game for girls ages 7-18.

The Fundamental No. 2 camp will be from noon to 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 (cost \$150).

For more information, call MU head coach Al White at (734) 432-5783; or Steve Gentilia at (734) 776-1716. You can also e-mail [awhite@madonna.edu](mailto:awhite@madonna.edu).

#### Prep football combine

Nike Combine training for high school football players to prepare for the 2010 season and for SPARQ and NATS testing protocols will be held Sunday nights beginning Jan. 31 at the Auburn Hills Sports Dome.

Players will be instructed on drills and techniques used to prepare college seniors for the NFL Combine.

To register, visit [www.coachjackson-speed.com](http://www.coachjackson-speed.com).

For more information, call Jaime Jackson at (248) 535-7404.

# Stevenson icers treat alumni to 4-1 triumph

State-ranked Livonia Stevenson improved its boys hockey record to 13-1-1 overall with a 4-1 non-league win Saturday night over visiting Grosse Pointe North at Edgar Arena.

"It was a great atmosphere to have a high school hockey game on a Saturday night in Livonia," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We also held

the alumni (game) beforehand, so it was nice to see many of former players come back for that."

It was 1-1 after one period as John Strauch tied it for the Spartans on a power-play goal. Each team had eight shots on goal during the period.

In the second period, Stevenson outshot the Norsemen, 16-7, and went up 3-1 on goals by Tim Pruchnik (his 13th of the year) and Justin Shureb (on a nice feed) from Strauch.

Cole Rochowiak's third-period goal rounded out the scoring.

Jake Vert and Strauch each had two assists on the night, while Stevenson netminder Danny Sager made 20 saves to record his 12th victory of the season.

"It was a good effort by our guys," Mitchell said. "Again, we seemed to get stronger as the game went on. Any time you can get a win against a team as well-coached and with the track record that

Grosse Pointe North has, it is a quality win for sure."

The Norsemen, who were outshot 32-21, fell to 5-9 overall.

**FRANKLIN 4, W.L. WESTERN 4:** Livonia Franklin (1-13-1, 0-5-1) rallied from a 3-0 first-period deficit Saturday to tie host Walled Lake Western (6-7-1, 3-3-2) in a KLAA Kensington Conference match-up Saturday at the Lakeland Ice Arena.

Western enjoyed a three-goal cushion on a pair of goals from Kyle Shreve and one from Chad Schram. Assists went to A.J. Patrick (two), Jarrod Rougeau and Hunter Sarah.

Franklin cut the deficit to 3-2 on goals by Adam Michael (from Tyler Dewhirst) and Jacob Wirtgau (from Danny Donahue).

In the third period, Michael notched his second goal of the night from Dewhirst to event he count at 3-3.

Western went back up 4-3 on Schram's power-play goal from Sarah and Jarrod Wysong with only 3:47 left.

After Franklin killed off a five-on-three Western power play with 3:06 remaining, Dewhirst tallied the game-tying goal with only 1:19 to go on assists from Aaron Hoffmeyer and Brian Roulier.

Western goaltender Trevor Whitehead stopped 27-of-31 shots.

Franklin used two goalies with starter Anthony Crechiolo (nine saves) pulled with 3:51 left in the opening period in favor of Travis Ferrier (18 saves).

"One of the parents was heard to say that 'there's a lot of character building this year,'" Franklin coach Scott Wirtgau said. "But coach Wirtgau said that: 'We don't build character here, but we help define it.'"

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# MU men earn 1st WHAC triumph

## WRESTLING

Westland's Bryant Slaughter scored a career-high 23 points Saturday as the Madonna University men's basketball team lead wire-to-wire to earn its first Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win of the season against host University of Michigan-Dearborn, 70-62.

Slaughter, a junior guard from Cherry Hill Academy, got support from teammates Kevin Henry (15 points, 10 assists) and Josh Gay (13 points).

Henry, a 6-foot-4 freshman guard from Toledo, Ohio, was named WHAC Player of the Week after averaging 21 points, four rebounds and 5.5 assists per game while shooting 50 percent from the field.

For the season, Henry averages 13.8 points, four rebounds and 3.7 assists per game.

"I really thought we took a step forward today in terms of overall team effort and attitude," said MU coach Noel Emehiser, whose team is 4-17 overall and 1-5 in the WHAC. "From the time we arrived at the gym through out the entire game, the team was focused on one goal and that was getting the win."

"And while we had some guys do well in statistical categories, it was really a selfless effort all the way around and I'm proud of them for that."

Slaughter's triple gave MU a 39-27 halftime advantage and the Wolves (4-16, 1-5) never got closer than five the

rest of the way.

UM-Dearborn got 19 points from Myke White and a double-double from Matt Ponik (12 points, 10 rebounds).

**MACOMB CC 80, SCHOOLCRAFT 73:** Brandon McKenney's 39 points and 10 rebounds carried Macomb Community College (12-10, 4-6) to a MCCA Eastern Conference triumph Saturday over Schoolcraft College (3-16, 1-8).

Alan Hardy Jr. added 25 points for the Monarchs, who enjoyed a 36-31 halftime lead.

Freshman center Aaron Felsner topped the Ocelots with 23 points and nine rebounds. Ron Pummill (Garden City) added 16 points and four assists, while Adam Creech had 12 points and four assists. Cameron Mitchell (Redford Thurston) contributed 10 points and nine rebounds.

senior Charlie Joseph (130), junior Justin Melick (135) and senior Mike Kinville (215). All won at lower weights last year.

Including those five, the Shamrocks have four others who are ranked among the top 10 at their weights in the state. They are freshman Kenny Bade, the No. 1 wrestler at 103, sophomore TJ Fagan (103), senior Doug Eldridge (140) and senior David Knuth (285). Mooradian also is ranked No. 1.

"In my opinion, the team that is the healthiest among the top teams will win," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "CC is obviously the team to beat, but we're up for the challenge."

Mancuso believes the Chiefs, who are 22-5 in dual meets, have their best team in the history of the program. The

Rockets, who are 25-6 overall, are 3-0 in the KLAA South Division and the Chiefs 2-1. Glenn has beaten Canton twice in three dual meets.

"We're in good shape as a team right now," Mancuso said. "We are definitely a better team than we were a year ago."

"We're consistently changing lineups," Polk said of the Rockets, "but we're steady and should be ready to battle with the best by the end of the season if all falls into place."

There will be two other returning champions on the mats Saturday. Both are from Canton — Donnie Watkins and Brent Winekoff, who was the MVP of the upper weights last year when he won at 145.

Winekoff is ranked No. 2 in the state at 152 this year. Watkins won the 135-pound title and is fourth in the state at that weight, right behind CC's Justin Melick.

Other area wrestlers who

have state rankings are Glenn's Steve Wakeford (112), Josh Austin (119), Anthony Pavlich (130) and Dustin Gajowski (285); Canton's Keith Zech (171) and Josh Abro (189); Plymouth's Alec Breckenridge (112); Salem's Nick Kim (112); Churchill's Curtis Castleberry (171); Farmington Harrison's Andre Sanders (119) and Kevin Beazley (160); and Lutheran Westland's Justin Palka (130).

As a group, Farmington's three schools are having their best season collectively in nearly a quarter century.

North Farmington has a 19-1 dual record, leads the Oakland Activities Association White Division and won the Farmington city meet Friday. Competing with the aforementioned Division 1 powers Saturday will be a tall order for the Raiders, however.

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# Lady Ocelots notch 20th victory

Five players scored in double figures Saturday as the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team rolled to its 20th straight victory without a loss in a 90-30 romp at Macomb Community College.

It was the Lady Ocelots' seventh straight 20-win season and their 37th consecutive MCCA Eastern Conference victory.

Schoolcraft has now won 69 of its last 71 conference games.

Angela Burrell and Kimberly Bee each tallied 15 points for Schoolcraft, which is now 10-0 in the conference and ranked No. 1 in the latest NJCAA Division II national poll.

The Lady Ocelots, who shot 54 percent from the field (34-of-63), also got 13 points from Antania Shepherd.

Emelda Chew and Amber

Avery chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively.

Avery also had a team-high 13 rebounds to go along with six assists and six steals. Bee also pulled down nine rebounds.

Macomb (8-10, 4-6), which was outrebounded 58-33 and committed 26 turnovers, got nine points from Chanequa Hills.

**MADONNA 75, UM-DEARBORN 74:** The first career triple-double from junior Tabatha Wydryck along with a clutch free throw from junior Katie Mount was just enough Saturday as visiting Madonna University (7-11, 3-3) held off a pesky University of Michigan-Dearborn (1-19, 0-6) for a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference triumph.

Wydryck scored 19 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and handed out a career-high 10 assists in producing the first triple-double by a MU player in over five seasons.

"Honestly I had no idea I had it until you guys told me after the game," said Wydryck, a 6-foot guard from Wyandotte (Riverview Gabriel Richard) who notched just the third triple-double this season in NAIA Division II. "As a team we did not play up to our potential. A game like this is not a success for us, we should have done better. Even though the numbers show a good game, it could have been a lot better."

(For her efforts, Wydryck was named WHAC Player of the Week after averaging 17.5 points, 10.5 rebounds five assists and two steals in two Crusader wins.)

Sophomore Heather Goodwin added 15 points while a pair of freshmen, Shantelle Herring and Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) contributed 15 and 13 points, respectively.

Kim Lackowski posted a double-double of her own in the loss for the Wolves with 18 points and 15 rebounds.

Megan Robinets added 16 points, while Katie Gulliver and Candace Cobb added 13 and 12, respectively.

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players must turn themselves in to be arraigned.

McGlothian-Taylor also said MSU Police continue to investigate the incident.

Ingham County Prosecutor Stuart Dunnings III said he would not comment on specific individuals until arraignment, but he did say: "MSU Police has wonderful investigators and to me, it was never a question of if these two individuals were going to be identified, just a question of when."

MSU coach Mark Dantonio could not be reached for comment, but he said Wilson and White have been "suspended indefinitely from all football-related activities" in a statement through Associate Athletic Director John Lewandowski.

"As with the previously suspended players, their status with the team will be re-evalu-

ated on a case-by-case basis as their legal issues are resolved," Dantonio said in the statement.

The latest revelation brings the total of current or former MSU players involved in the fight to 15.

Police say the 15 football players attacked members of a fraternity after a potluck dinner at Rather Hall, an on-campus dormitory. The incident took place shortly after the football team's annual awards banquet, across the street on Harrison Road at the Kellogg Center.

Eleven have been charged with misdemeanor assault and conspiracy to commit assault, while four were not charged but were suspended by MSU for being present.

White was cited for urinating in public the night before the fight at the Small Planet nightclub in Bath, where his teammate at that time, Glenn Winston, reportedly got into a brief altercation with members of a fraternity — the alleged targets of the Rather Hall

fight.

White was welcomed back to the team with the other players after the bowl game, only to be suspended again. White earned a letter this season, playing in six games, but did not catch a pass.

Myles White's twin brother Mitchell, a redshirt defensive back and walk-on at MSU, pleaded guilty in February 2009 to a misdemeanor charge of assault and battery in connection with an Oct. 19, 2008, fight off-campus that briefly hospitalized Michigan State hockey player A.J. Sturges.

Mitchell White, who was sentenced and served jail time, was reinstated to the MSU squad this fall. He appeared in four games and played in the Alamo Bowl loss to Texas Tech.

Wilson, meanwhile, has started at nose tackle the past two seasons, collecting 33 tackles, including one in the Alamo Bowl.

Joe Rexrode is a sports writer for the Lansing State Journal.

# Clarenceville bowlers sweep 2

Both the Livonia Clarenceville boys and girls bowling teams found themselves engaged in competition last weekend at the Oakland County Championships held at Fairlane Bowl in Madison Heights.

Clarenceville's boys contingent finished 20th overall as Chris Diaz led the way with a 226 high game and a 642

series.

Cody Kissandi rolled a 212 and 613 series, while Tyler Fox chalked up a game-high 215.

On the girls side, the Trojans placed 17th in the team standings behind strong efforts from Bridget Moricz, who rolled a 225 as part of her 633 series.

Amber Cummins chipped in with a strong 182 game.

On Tuesday, Clarenceville's boys squad defeated Canton, 20-10, as Diaz led the way with games of 214 and 201.

The Trojans girls contingent was just as impressive, registering a 22-8 victory led by Moricz's 254.

Cummins added games of 219 and 210, while Kaycee Chappell shot a 208.

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faces they we could."

Churchill outscored Stevenson 11-8 in the four-minute extra session, getting a key triple from Rachel Zukowski and a short baseline turnaround shot with only 35.8 seconds left from 5-11 sophomore center Erin Menard.

"Our time management was not good at the end of the fourth quarter, but it was better in the overtime," Jenkins said. "We have to recognize and do a better job of when to pull it out and when to attack."

Menard, who has become more of a scoring threat in the post midway through the season, tied senior guard Taylor Kerr for team-high scoring honors with 12 points apiece. Senior forward Darcy DeRoo added 11.

"Erin (Menard) is doing a better job sealing people off and getting position in the paint," Jenkins said. "And she's also doing a better job of going to the basket without hesitation. But the big thing with her is positioning."

Stevenson led 15-10 after one quarter, but then it a long dry spell, going without a field goal for 10:37.

York's field goal with 2:20

remaining in the third quarter broke the drought.

"They (Churchill) switched their defense to a 1-2-2 (zone) and what was working at the beginning wasn't working and we started to force the issue and it slowed the game down," Knoph said. "When we started to go full-court (press), it seemed to change our offensive intensity, too."

Junior center Kristen Balhorn and Emily Hollandsworth each scored four points during the final period to help key the comeback.

Balhorn finished with eight points, while Hollandsworth had seven.

"It was a lot different game than the first game in December when we scored only 22 points," Knoph said. "Our starting point guard

Molly (Knoph) was home with the flu. It's been going around our whole family. But I thought both (Sarah) Smith and (Shelbie) Wilson stepped up to run the point and did a pretty good job even though it's not their usual roles."

Churchill shot better from the field — 20-of-36 for 55.5 percent — than it did from the foul line — 9-of-18 for 50 percent.

The Chargers, however, committed 21 turnovers to Stevenson's 16.

"Overall it's been an issue as far as taking care of the ball," Jenkins said. "We made some unforced turnovers and York was knocking down shots, but we also did not take advantage of our opportunities on the other end."

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# BOWLING

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was followed by teammates Zack Huffman, 85th (183-172—355); Jeremy Brown, 89th (175-171—346); Scott Franklin, 101st (227); and Kellen Collison, 102nd (217).

Salem's Ryan Clark and Flat Rock's Brandon Zurawski tied for high game honors with 279 each. Woodhaven's Kurt Domke rolled a high series of 727.

**Wayne County girls**

Taylor Kennedy captured the girls championship by defeating Southgate Anderson in the finals, 197-171 and 216-

148.

The Eagles ousted Wayne Memorial in the semifinals, 180-158 and 179-155. The Zebras, sixth in the qualifying block with a 3,113 total, defeated Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 155-201, 156-153 and 183-162, and Flat Rock, 186-170 and 193-192.

Wayne's Tiffany Markham was ninth in singles with a 567 series on games of 186-177-204. Teammate Brianna Evert was 31st with a 492 series.

Southgate ousted the Glenn in the quarterfinals, 156-153 and 188-170.

The Rockets, runner-up in the qualifying block with a total of 3,229, downed Riverview Gabriel Richard

their opening match, 169-141 and 171-148.

Glenn senior Natalie Brown placed sixth overall in singles and had the tournament high game (258) in a 587 series.

Junior Khiry Sparks 155-188-214 for a 557 series (13th overall) and Senior Alysson Kassab 156-181-187 for a 524 series (23rd overall).

Livonia Ladywood, ninth in the qualifying block with a 2,949, got a 231 game and a 560 series from Kerry LaValley, who was 10th in singles.

Teammate Jessica Stamper had a high game of 210 and a 506 series (27th overall).

Northville's Jessie Sammut posted the high series with 621.

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## JAN. 28-FEB. 3

### All Saints Catholic School

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31

**Location:** On Warren between Beck and Ridge Roads in Canton

**Details:** Open house; registering now for the 2010-2011 school year

**Contact:** (734) 459-2490, www.all-saints.org, or asc9@hotmail.com

### Christ Our Savior Lutheran

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 31

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

**Details:** Concert Choir and Honors Choir from Lutheran High School Westland will sing for the worship services

**On radio:** Listen to the church's pastor, Rev. Anthony Creeden, offer a message titled "Gifted" on "The Lutheran Hour," Sunday, Jan. 31. The show is broadcast weekly on more than 800 radio stations including WDFN (1130 AM) at 6:30 a.m.; WRDT (560 AM) at noon; WPOS (102.3 FM) at 7 a.m. and on XM Satellite Radio dial 170 at 1 p.m.

**Contact:** (734) 522-6830

### Congregation Beth Ahm

**Time/Date:** Kids' service starts at 6

p.m. and adult service begins at 6:15 p.m.

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Friday night Shabbat services will mark Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish New Year of the Trees. Services will be followed by a kosher catered Shabbat dinner and Tu B'Shevat Seder. The Tu B'Shevat Seder explores traditional and contemporary themes of protecting the environment and repairing the world – ideas with roots in Biblical teachings about respect for the natural world, medieval Jewish mysticism, and 21st century environmentalism. Prepaid reservations are a must for dinner. Cost for dinner is \$20 for adults, and \$12 for ages 4 thru 10. RSVP for the dinner by Wednesday, Jan. 27

**Contact:** Reserve by phone at (248) 851-6880 or e-mail director@cbahm.org. Assistance is available to help cover the cost of dinner. For more information call Rabbi Steven Rubenstein at (248) 851-6880 ext. 17 or e-mail ravsteven@cbahm.org

### First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31

**Location:** 26165 Farmington Road at 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** The deacons at the church offer a wellness seminar in response to the poor economy that is creating anxiety, depression, stress and desperation in many people. Paul Melrose, executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan, will discuss how to work through this difficult time and relieve stress. The focus will be on ways to understand emotional and physical responses and to explore coping skills, including faith.

**Contact:** (248) 474-6170



Blackthorn will perform Jan. 29 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

### Our Lady of Good Counsel

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 29

**Location:** 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

**Details:** Blackthorn Irish band performs at a World Youth Day fund-raiser. Light hors d'oeuvres also will be served. Tickets are \$150 for a table of 10 reserved in advance or \$20 per person at the door.

**Contact:** Buy tickets through the church's Office of Youth Ministry at (734) 453-0326, ext. 243

### Holy Trinity Lutheran

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30

**Location:** 39020 Five Mile, west of Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Musical evening of family entertainment features local senior entertainer Jack Bailey. Sing and dance to music. Admission is free. Refreshments provided. A free will offering will be taken for Haiti Disaster Relief.

**Contact:** (734) 464-0211

### Power Centre Church International

**Time/Date:** Noon-midnight, Saturday, Jan. 30

**Location:** 16650 Sumpter Road in Belleville

**Details:** Artists united in prayer, poetry,

dance and song will perform at Hope for Haiti, a 12 hour marathon. The public may watch the various musical groups, dance troupes, and poets in concert. Admission is free; donations will be collected with all profits going to Haitian relief.

**Contact:** (734) 697-7421

### St. Aidan Church

**Time/Date:** 1-7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31

**Location:** 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Pasta dinner fund-raiser to benefit the earthquake victims in Haiti. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Relief Services. \$10 for adults; \$5 for children, 3-12; under 3 is free. Menu includes three kinds of pasta dishes, beverages, salad and rolls and desserts.

**Contact:** www.myclassiccatering.com

### St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10

**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia

**Details:** WXYZ-TV reporter, weekend anchor, and former host of "Sunday Sports Update", Vic Faust, is the guest speaker at "Why Be Catholic," a new program series. Faust was joined the evangelistic fundamentalism movement during his teen years. He shares the story of his return to the church, along with his wife and three young children, and the new insights he has found for living a Christian life in a secular world. No admission charge

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, ext. 207

### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m., Jan. 29

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, at Haggerty, Northville

**Details:** John Tesh will perform at a celebration of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan's 75th anniversary. Tickets are \$35 for general admission and \$75 for the VIP reception, starting at 6 p.m., that includes food and drink, valet parking, preferred concert seating and a silent auction.

**Contact:** Order tickets online at www.lssm.org or by phone at (313) 823-7983, or mail orders with checks, payable to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, to 8131 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214, Attention Development

## FEB. 4-10

### Christ Our Savior Lutheran

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County will hold an organizational meeting for its 2010 Apostles Build program. The program brings together any interested religious organizations in the community to sponsor and help build a Habitat for Humanity home. Clergy, outreach directors and other lay leaders interested in involving their congregation in this local outreach program may attend.

**Contact:** Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205 or e-mail to bfichtenberg@hotmail.com

### Congregation Beth Ahm

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., Feb. 28

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** 78th Annual Inter-Congregational Men's Club Dinner with guest speaker Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard. Cost is \$54 per person and will include kosher dinner catered by Paul Wertz of Kosher Too Catering. Advance reservations are required.

**Contact:** Members of local synagogues and temples may contact their Men's Club or Brotherhood by Feb. 1 to make reservations and advance payment. Others may make reservations through Beth Ahm by calling Ron Jedwab by phone at (248) 788-3068 or by e-mailing him at dannysdad@comcast.net or by mailing a check in the amount of \$54 per person (payable to Cong. Beth Ahm Men's Club) to: Beth Ahm (ATTN: Ron Jedwab / Men's Club), 5075 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield MI 48322

### First United Methodist Church of Wayne

**Time/Date:** 4-7 p.m., Feb. 5

**Location:** 3 Town Square, Wayne

**Details:** A dinner fund-raiser for Haiti will include mostaccioli, salad, garlic bread, beverages and dessert, for a free will offering. The money raised at the dinner will go to United Methodist Committee On Relief, which works with many denominations to help the Haitian people. Everything – from paper plates to pasta – for the dinner fund-raiser is donated by the church and all proceeds will benefit Haiti. Helping Haiti comes naturally to the church. It sends school supply kits, hygiene kits, blankets and other items to the island nation every year.

**Contact:** (734) 721-4801

## FEB. 11-17

### First United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** 4-7 p.m., Friday, beginning Feb. 12 and running through March 26

**Location:** 3 Town Square, across the street from the Wayne post office, in Wayne

**Details:** 4th Annual Fish Fry offers choice of baked or fried fish, french fries or baked potato, Cole slaw, roll and beverages, for \$8. A child's portion will be available. Fresh pie will be offered by the women's group for \$1 per slice. The money raised goes to help needy family's during the holiday season

**Contact:** (734) 891-2523

### Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 5:30-8 p.m. Feb. 12

**Location:** 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner includes a salad and ice cream bar. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for youth ages 4-10 and under 4 free. Prince of Peace also will collect health kits for Haiti. Items include: soap, washcloth, towel, toothbrush and toothpaste, nail clippers and a comb.

**Contact:** (248) 553-3380

## FEB 18-24

### Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 5:30 p.m. meal and Bible study; worship service at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia

**Details:** The Lutheran Choraliers will sing at the Lenten midweek service; a free will offering will be accepted for the meal

**Contact:** (734) 522-6830

## ONGOING

### AWANA

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

**Contact:** (248) 426-0096

## BREAKFAST

### St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-noon, third Sunday each month, October through May

**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia

**Details:** The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455

## CLASSES/STUDY

### Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday

**Location:** 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

**Details:** Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5

**Contact:** (248) 348-7600

### Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun

**Contact:** Judy Cook at Emmanuel,

(248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

### Livonia Unity

**Time/Date:** Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine – a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

**Contact:** (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

### Men's Bible study

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

**Contact:** John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

### Merriman Road Baptist Church

**Details:** Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening.

**Contact:** (734) 421-0472; leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you

### New Life Community Church

**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville

**Contact:** (734) 846-4615

### Our Lady of Loretto

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** (313) 534-9000

### St. Andrew's Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday

**Location:** 26701 Joy

**Details:** Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey

**Contact:** (313) 274-3820

### St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month

**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia

**Details:** Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455

### Seeds of Mercy Mission Home

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., every Friday

**Location:** 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Bible study

**Contact:** Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

### Ward Presbyterian

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

**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Learner's Bible study

**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

## CLOTHING BANK

### Canton Christian Fellowship

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

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**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

## FELLOWSHIP DINNER

### St. James Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month

**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Details:** Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals

**Contact:** (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

## FOOD BANK

### New Hope Church

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

**Location:** is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton

**Contact:** Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528

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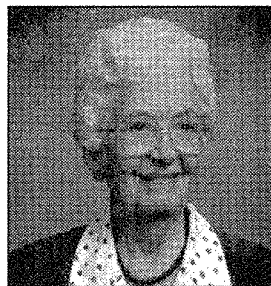
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### DR. RICHARD ALLEN CHASE

Age 68, of South Lyon, passed away on January 25, 2010 at his home, surrounded by family. He was born on August 18, 1941, in Dearborn, to the late John and Jenelle (Lewis) Chase. Dr. Chase was a Chiropractor in the Plymouth community for 30 years. He is survived by his beloved wife Alice (Comport) Chase; children: Rick (Katie) Chase and Candi (Joe) Chodacki; grandchildren: Rebecca, Abigail, John, Lane, and Tristan; and his sister Charlene Nippa. A memorial gathering will be held on Jan. 30, Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St. (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneralhome.com](http://www.phillipsfuneralhome.com).

### Rosemary Bannon Finn

Age 74, Jan. 20, 2010. Funeral was Jan. 23 at St. Colette Church, Livonia. Donations can be made to Food For The Poor (Haiti Relief), 6401 Lyons Rd., Coconut Creek, FL 33073. Online condolences at [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)



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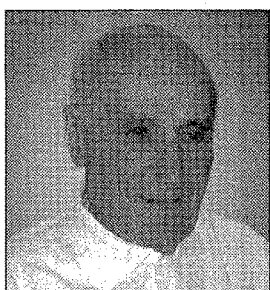
Age 97, January 24, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Rowland. Dear mother of William F. (Diane) and Richard A. (Carolyn). Sister of Roger Kiper of Bloomington, IL. Also survived by eight grandchildren. Funeral Service at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday 11 AM. Visitation Thursday, 1-8pm. Memorial Contributions may be directed to Covenant Baptist Church, 5800 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, MI 48322. Share a memory of Bessie at: [www.rghfharris.com](http://www.rghfharris.com)

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### STEPHEN THOMPSON

January 25, 2010, age 94, of Birmingham,



# Farmington Hills native helps bring Emerald City to Detroit's Fisher Theatre

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Stephen Simkowski plays five characters in his first national tour with a major musical production.

But theater-goers who see the Farmington Hills native in *The Wizard of Oz* during its two-week run at Detroit's Fisher Theatre, may not recognize all of them.

"This is the 70th anniversary of the *Wizard of Oz* and that has been so cool for us. There has been so much celebration over the original film. The play does a nice job of staying faithful to the story that people know and love while at the same time adding fresh inspiration, such as the jitterbugs and crows.

"The jitterbugs are creatures that come out and dance with Dorothy and her friends until they're wiped out, so the flying monkeys can collect them. The jitterbugs were part of the film, but at that time swing dancing was too risqué and they were cut out."

As a member of the ensemble, Simkowski also portrays a poppy, a crow, a citizen of the Emerald City and a member of the witch's guard, called a "winkie."

"In this production the poppy field is dancers and we portray flowers. The most fun is doing the crows because we're there to sing and dance back-up for the Scarecrow. The most challenging thing about the show is because we do so many roles during the production, it's nonstop."

Simkowski has gotten accustomed to the fast-paced action, the quick costume changes and endurance-testing physical movements since joining the tour in September 2009. Fresh out of college with a bachelor of fine arts degree in musical theater from Syracuse



Stephen Simowski (left) of Farmington Hills with fellow ensemble members Mark Chandler and Beau Hutchings holding Adam Jepsen, the Scarecrow, in "The Wizard of Oz."

University, Simkowski, 22, auditioned for the musical in March 2009 and was called back for a final audition in July 2009.

By that point his performing credits included *Fiddler on the Roof* and *A Christmas Carol* at the Syracuse Stage, a venue associated with the university, and summer stock at the Merry-Go-Round playhouse in upstate New York.

He spent his last semester of college in New York City, auditioning and learning the ropes from other working actors.

## SEEING THE COUNTRY

The tour has taken him to stages in Canada, and to small towns and big cities in the United States. During his nine-month contract he'll perform in more than 70 locations.

"I've been to places that I didn't know how much I'd enjoy. We were in Knoxville, Tennessee and it was fun, beautiful, with great food and great people."

Simkowski's excited to be back in Michigan and working at the Fisher Theatre Jan. 29-Feb. 15.

The North Farmington High School grad started taking dance lessons when he was 8 and studied at several dance studios. He performed in Farmington community musicals, attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp and got involved in acting and singing in high school. Frequent trips to the Fisher Theatre also left an impression.

"We used to have season tickets. My parents would take me downtown. I remember seeing tons of stuff at the Fisher Theatre, which is incredible because we'll be performing there."

Tickets for "The Wizard of Oz" are on sale at the Fisher Theatre box office, all Ticketmaster locations, by phone at (800) 982-2787, and online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.broadway-indetroit.com](http://www.broadway-indetroit.com). The Fisher Theatre is located at 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit.

## CALENDAR

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### MOMS

#### Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers.

Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

**Contact:** Angie at (248) 427-1020

#### Dunning Park Bible Chapel

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

**Location:** 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

**Contact:** Amy at (313) 937-3084 or

Kristen at (734) 542-0767

### PRAYER

#### Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday

**Location:** 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

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# FILTER

## Local post-grunge rockers release CD

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER



Fifth Way is Adam Trahan (left), guitar; Dave Reingardt, drums; Tim Gossman, vocals; and Zak Stelmaszek, guitar. The band will release its new CD, "No Boundaries," Jan. 30 at The Magic Bag Theater in Ferndale.

Zak Stelmaszek of Canton wants to sell a thousand CDs next month.

"If we can do that, I think there will be some notice by an Indie label or bigger label," said Stelmaszek, 32, who plays guitar and pens original songs for Fifth Way, a "post grunge" band that's set to release its first CD, *No Boundaries*.

The CD release party and performance is set for 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Magic Bag Theatre, 22920 Woodward, in Ferndale. Tickets are \$8 and available in advance from the Magic Bag box office or online at Ticketmaster.com. Local bands The Wall Clocks, Forest Wade and Core Effect will open the show, which is open to ages 18 and over.

"We should have some people from the industry at the show," Stelmaszek said. "I know some scouts from different labels should be there. We're keeping our fingers crossed."

The group recorded *No Boundaries* at Rustbelt Studios in Royal Oak over the past two years. Collectively, that's almost as long as Stelmaszek, Tim Gossman, 32, of Waterford, Adam Trahan, 32, of Rochester Hills, Dave Reingardt, 37, of Fenton and Nicholas Cole-Klaes, 18, of Garden City have played together as Fifth Way. Separately, they have logged years on the local music scene.

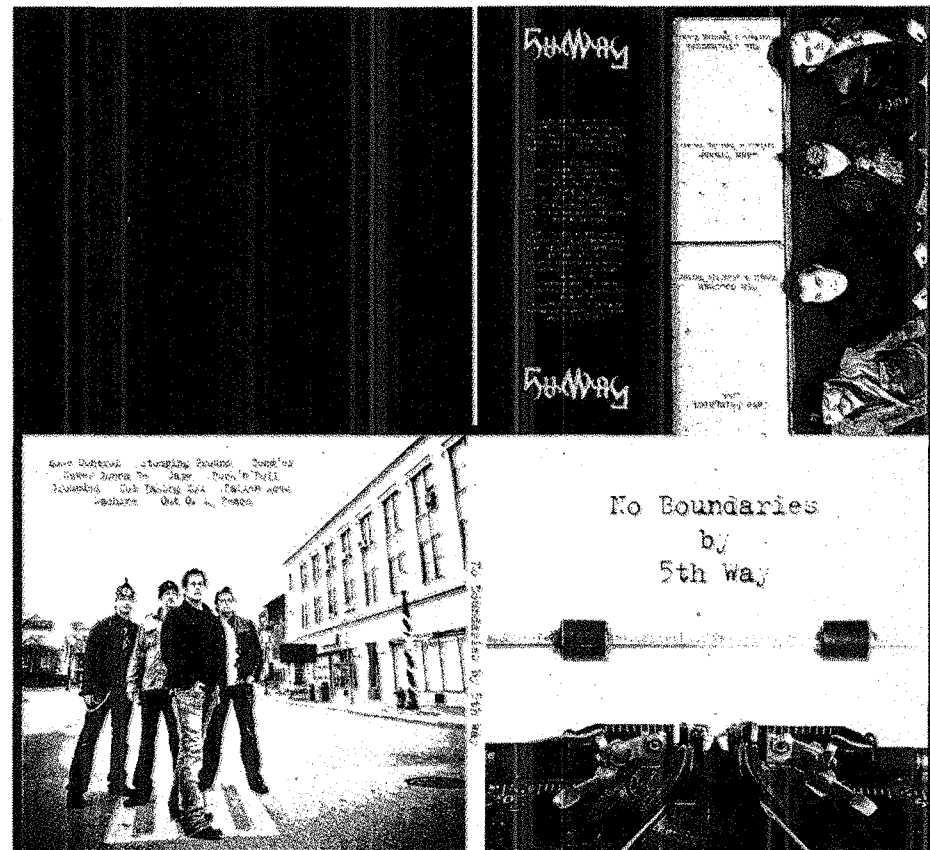
"I played with Tim in a band called Courtesy Stitch five years ago," said Stelmaszek, an electrical engineer who works for ESG Automotive Inc. in Southfield. Stelmaszek, an upper peninsula native, learned to play guitar at age 11 when his uncle handed him the instrument and some music books. He has played in bands ever since.

"Courtesy had already released a CD independently. We had some good shows. But I started writing new songs and things weren't clicking for that band and it was a long commute, to Ortonville."

### RECORDING TOGETHER

Stelmaszek continued to play in cover bands and still plays a few weekends a month with Cruzin' Jupiter. He met up with Gossman and Trahan professionally again a little over two years ago at Rustbelt Studios.

"I didn't know where it would go, if it would be a full-blown band and have pro-



Fifth Way's new CD, "No Boundaries"

fessional records. I wrote and Adam wrote. We didn't have a bass player or drummer. We had studio musicians fill in for that."

Trahan discovered Cole-Klaes through a Web site. He joined the group and re-recorded all the bass tracks for the CD. He's studying bass in college and commutes from Chicago, Ill., to gigs in southeastern Michigan.

They auditioned a half dozen drummers and liked Reingardt, but weren't sure about his electronic drum set.

"We weren't too keen on electronic. We're trying to stay with true analog music style — not over processed. He proved to use he could play. He found a different drum set and brought it in."

### INFLUENCES

Stelmaszek describes the band's sound as "a little heavier than Pearl Jam" influenced by Nirvana, Alice in Chains, Soundgarden and Pearl Jam.

"Our writing technique is crafted from a guitar riff that Adam or I come up with.

Then we try to create a verse and chorus and we take it to Tim who has been successful in writing lyrics on top of it."

The group plays mostly in southeastern Michigan and has performed at the Magic Bag several times. They've also played at Machine Shop in Fling, Harpo's, the Crowfoot in Pontiac among other venues.

"If we were a travelling band we could get out and play more," said Stelmaszek, who is married and has a teenaged stepdaughter, as well as three daughters, ages 10, 8 and 3. "I'd like to try and expand in Michigan and out of state. Maybe set up shows in Traverse City and towards the northern region, and expand south."

No Boundaries is available from the Fifth Way Web site at [www.fifth-way.com](http://www.fifth-way.com). The group also is submitting one of its songs to the Fox Rocks contest, hoping to win a chance to open for Bon Jovi in March at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Fans can vote at Fox2's Web site, [myfoxdetroit.com](http://myfoxdetroit.com). For information about the CD release concert, call the Magic Bag at (248) 544-3030.

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Contact: (248) 473-1856

##### Lotus Arts Gallery

Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

Details: Ronnie Wood is the artist of the month

Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734)453-5400

##### Northville Art House

Time/Dates: "Made of Wood: Multiple Perspectives" through Jan. 30

Location: 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville

Contact: (248) 344-0497, or visit [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org)

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Time/Date: Through Jan. 30

Location: 167 Union, Plymouth

Details: "Undomesticated" show includes contemporary sculpture, painting, drawing, installations

Contact: (734) 834-3827

#### AUDITIONS

##### Costick Center

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 7

Location: 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Farmington Hills Youth Theatre auditions youth in grades 3-12, with or without previous experience, for the spring production of "Disney's Cinderella." Grades 3-4 audition 12:30 - 2 p.m., grades 5-7 audition 2-3:30 p.m., and grades 8-12 audition 3:30 - 5 p.m. Auditioning students should bring a recent school photo, otherwise photos taken at auditions will cost \$2. All other materials are supplied and nothing needs to be prepared in advance. Actors cast in the play will need to register and pay a program fee of \$135/residents or \$145/non-residents at the parent meeting 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17. The fee

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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

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# Eat heart healthy with Go Red for women campaign

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Joy Blumenau Bebry guarantees that no one will be hungry after attending the Go Red Girlfriends Cooking Class at Henry Ford Hospital's West Bloomfield campus.

"Don't eat before you come," advises Blumenau Bebry, supervisor of the hospital's demonstration kitchen. "We're gearing up for this wonderful class. It's a demonstration with generous tastings."

The class at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 5, is among many events that make up this year's Go Red For Women campaign, which launches next week and runs through February.

The American Heart Association program aims to raise awareness — during American Heart Month — of the ways women can battle heart disease. The campaign gives women tips and information on healthy eating, exercise and reducing risk factors through smoking cessation, weight maintenance, blood pressure control and blood cholesterol management. More American women die of heart disease than any other illness, according to the American Heart Association.

"This is the first time we're partnering in the demonstration kitchen with Go Red," said Blumenau Bebry. "The Henry Ford Health System has been involved with the American Heart Association for many years. Henry Ford is a huge supporter of the heart walk."

She said the hospital will partner with the American Heart Association on another cooking demonstration before the walk in May.

"One thing we do in the demonstration kitchen is focus on fresh. We always focus on fresh from local farmers. When you do that you don't have to worry about cholesterol and sodium."

Chef Frank Turner will prepare heart healthy foods during the upcoming class in the 86-seat kitchen. Participants will receive a recipe book, a full meal and samplings from the Great Lakes Tea & Spice Kiosk.

Cost is \$39 per person. Register by calling (248) 325-3890 or e-mail to [www.ck@hfhs.org](mailto:www.ck@hfhs.org).

Here's a sampling of Heart healthy recipes from the American Heart Association:

## RED AND GREEN BELL PEPPER BOATS

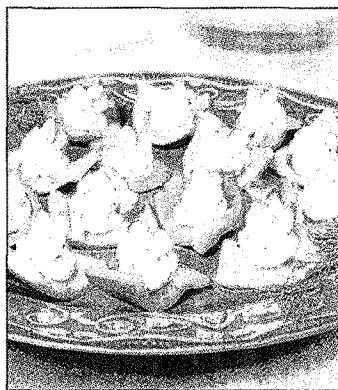
*Serves 8; 3 pieces per serving*  
*Flavorful toasted almonds and zesty lemon-pepper contrast nicely with crisp bell pepper pieces in this festive appetizer.*

1 medium green bell pepper  
1 medium red bell pepper  
¼ cup sliced almonds  
4 ounces low-fat cream cheese, softened  
1 teaspoon salt-free lemon pepper seasoning blend  
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

Cut each bell pepper in half lengthwise; discard the stems, ribs, and seeds. Cut each half into six pieces. Arrange the pieces with the skin side down on a decorative serving platter. Set aside.

In a medium skillet, dry-roast the almonds over medium heat for 3 to 4 minutes, or until golden brown, stirring occasionally. Transfer 1 tablespoon of the almonds to a small plate and reserve for garnishing. Process the remaining almonds in a food processor or blender for 15 to 20 seconds, or until finely ground.

In a medium mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese, lemon pepper seasoning blend, and lemon juice with an electric mixer for 1 to 2 minutes, or until creamy. Add the ground almonds and beat for 10 seconds, or until combined. Spoon the mixture into a piping bag fitted with a wide star or round tip. Or snip the corner off



Pepper Boats

a resealable plastic bag (a plastic freezer bag works well) and spoon in the mixture. Pipe about 1 teaspoon of the mixture onto each bell pepper piece. Garnish with the sliced almonds.

Nutritional analysis per serving: calories 57, cholesterol 8 mg, total fat 4.0 g, sodium 43 mg, saturated fat 1.5 g, carbohydrates 3 g, trans fat 0.0 g, fiber 1 g, polyunsaturated fat 0.5 g, sugars 1 g, monounsaturated fat 1.5 g, protein 2 g; dietary exchanges — 1 fat.

## BERRY-TOPPED PUDDING PIE IN MERINGUE-NUT CRUST

*Recipe courtesy Alton Brown.*

*Serves 8; 1 slice per serving*

Canola or corn oil for pie pan.  
2 large egg whites  
½ teaspoon vanilla extract  
½ teaspoon cream of tartar  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ cup sugar  
¾ cup walnuts or pecans, finely chopped  
1 small package fat-free, sugar-free instant lemon or vanilla pudding mix, prepared with 2 cups cold fat-free milk  
12 ounces fresh berries or other fruit, sliced if needed  
½ cup fat-free frozen whipped topping, thawed (optional)

Preheat the oven to 300°F. Pour a small amount of oil onto a paper towel and lightly wipe the bottom and side of an 8- or 9-inch pie pan.

In a large mixing bowl, using an electric mixer, beat the egg whites, vanilla, cream of tartar, and salt on medium speed until foamy. With the mixer still running, gradually add the sugar in a slow steady stream, until stiff peaks form. The peaks shouldn't fold over when the

beater is lifted. Very gently fold in ½ cup of the nuts.

Using a flexible spatula or rubber scraper, spread the meringue over the bottom and up the side of the pie pan and onto the lip of the pan, but not over the edge of the pan. Sprinkle the bottom of the pan with the remaining nuts. Bake for 50 minutes, or until the meringue is firm and lightly browned. Transfer to a cooling rack and let cool completely, at least 2 hours.

Using the package directions, prepare the pudding. Spread over the cooled crust. Arrange the fruit decoratively over the pudding. Top with the whipped topping. In warm weather, meringues will get gummy after a few days, so it's best to serve this dessert within 24 hours.

Nutrition analysis per serving: Calories 169, total fat 6.5 g, saturated fat, 0.5 g, polyunsaturated fat 4.5 g, monounsaturated fat 1.0 g, trans fat 0.0 g, cholesterol 1 mg, sodium 223 mg, carbohydrates 25 g, sugar 18 g, fiber 3 g, protein 5 g; dietary exchanges — ½ fruit, 1 other carbohydrate, 1½ fat

## SALMON WITH CILANTRO PESTO

*Serves 4; 3 ounces fish and 1 tablespoon pesto per serving*  
*Vibrant orange salmon fillets get a double dose of crunchy almonds, one in the pesto and one in the topping.*

4 salmon fillets (about 4 ounces each), rinsed and patted dry  
¼ cup sliced almonds (for topping)  
½ cup loosely packed fresh cilantro  
3 tablespoons fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth  
2 tablespoons sliced almonds (for pesto)  
2 tablespoons shredded or grated Parmesan cheese  
1 teaspoon salt-free garlic-herb seasoning blend

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil or lightly spray with cooking spray. In a food processor or blender, process the cilantro, broth, 2 tablespoons sliced almonds, Parmesan cheese and seasoning to make pesto. Process ingredients for 15 to 20 seconds, or until slightly chunky.

Place the fillets about 2 inches apart on the baking sheet. Spread the pesto evenly over the top of the fillets. Sprinkle with ¼ cup almonds. If you prefer a fancier presentation, after spreading the pesto over the salmon, slightly overlap the almonds on the fillets to resemble fish scales, then bake as directed. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until the fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories 206, cholesterol 66 mg, total fat 9.5 g, sodium 129 mg, saturated fat 1.5 g, carbohydrates 2 g, trans fat 0.0 g, fiber 1 g, polyunsaturated fat 3.0 g, sugars 0 g, monounsaturated fat 4.0 g, protein 28 g; dietary exchanges — 3½ lean meat.



Salmon with Cilantro Pesto

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# Red Cross offers winter home safety tips

The American Red Cross wants everyone to be prepared and safe when Ole Man Winter comes knocking on the door.

"Heating the home is expensive and one of the leading causes of home fires," said Scott Conner, Red Cross senior vice president for Preparedness and Health and Safety Services. "We have steps people can follow to cut their risk of starting a fire in their home, and to cut down on their heating bills."

## USE ALTERNATIVE HEATERS SAFELY

First, never use your stove or oven to heat your home.

Never leave alternative heaters unattended — turn off space heaters or extinguish the fireplace before going to bed or leaving home.

Keep all flammable materials and potential fuel sources — including but not limited to newspapers, matches, bedding, clothing, carpets and rugs — at least three feet away from heat sources such as space heaters, fireplaces and stoves.

Place your space heater on a hard, level, nonflammable surface. Do not put space heaters on rugs or carpets, near bedding or drapes, and keep children and pets away. Look for a space heater model that shuts off automatically if the heater falls over.

Keep the fire in your fireplace by using a glass or metal screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs. Never leave fireplaces unattended. Be sure to have wood and coal stoves, fireplaces, chimneys and furnaces professionally inspected once a year.

## BE PREPARED

Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home. Check them once a month by pressing the test button, and replace batteries as necessary.

Make sure both your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are working properly, and practice your home fire escape plan so every member of your family, including young children and elderly, can get out quickly and safely. Your escape plan should include at least two routes out for every room in the home, and a meeting place outside your home.

## REDUCE YOUR HEATING BILLS

Some experts are predicting that most of the country will see temperatures below normal this winter. The Red Cross offers these suggestions on how to get your home ready for the cold weather.

Simple solutions —

• Turn down the thermostat and put on a sweater. You'll be surprised at the savings on your heating bill.

• Close off any rooms you aren't using and close heat vents or turn off radiators in those rooms.

• Make sure heat vents aren't blocked by furniture.

• If you can, buy heavy curtains to help keep cold air out of your home, even in the kitchen. Open them during the day to let the sun help warm your house, and close them at night. Use "fabric snakes,"



or old rugs in front of windows and doors to help eliminate drafts.

• If you have a wood burning fireplace, use it to cut down on your heating bill. Make sure you close the damper when not in use or heat will escape through it. If you can seal off the fireplace when not in use, do so.

• Turn off vent fans in the kitchen and bathroom as soon as the job is done.

• Set your ceiling fans to blow air down.

Insulate —

Drafts mean cold air is leaking into your home. Use either insulating tape or caulking strips to surround your windows and door moldings. You can also cover windows with plastic sheeting. If you have storm windows or storm doors, get them up to keep the cold out.

Cold air can even seep into the house through outlets, so insulate your light switch and outlet plates with foam pads.

Additional insulation tips:

• Cover your hot water heater with insulating material. You'll use less energy to heat the water.

Prevent frozen pipes — when the weather is very cold outside, open cabinet doors to let warm air cir-

culate around water pipes. Let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe — even at a trickle — helps prevent pipes from freezing because the temperature of the water running through it is above freezing. Keep the thermostat set to a consistent temperature.

• If your home sits above ground and some of your pipes are exposed, wrap them to save on energy and prevent freezing.

• Turn off any outside faucets, drain your hose, and cover the faucets. Use caulking or weather stripping around all pipes where they enter the house — yet another way to eliminate drafts.

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# Talk to pros on New York market

**Q: I know that the economic slowdown has affected New York City, but I am interested in buying a condominium unit in the upper east side area of New York and am wondering what you would suggest that I do.**

**A:** As you may know, initially most of the high-rise living units were co-ops in New York but that has changed dramatically.

Indeed, many co-ops have been converted to condominiums, and I note that there is new construction of condominiums in the upper east side, near

the East River and not far from the bridge that goes to Queens and LaGuardia Airport. The prices have slipped somewhat and there are possibilities for negotiations. Another area that is hot in terms of development is the Soho area depending upon where you want to live in New York City. You are best advised to consult with two or three different Realtors initially to find one who best suits your interests. It is also important that you retain an attorney as you well have to have one at your closing should you purchase real estate. An attorney may also be able to give you some insight into the operation of the condominium association and/or the developer, so, you are best advised to retain a condominium-wise attorney, not just a real estate attorney.

**Q: We are thinking about moving to suburban New York City and are wondering what you can tell us about areas in Connecticut.**

**A:** Obviously Connecticut has been a suburban playground for New York workers for many years. A number of lovely cities intersect the Merritt Parkway and Route 15 to cities like Stamford, Norwalk and West Port, all of which are near Long Island Sound and are within a one hour to one and one-half hours of driving to Manhattan. These communities are also serviced by rail commuter services and while the prices are steep, relatively speaking, they have evened out and, in some instances, bargains are obtainable. Again, you are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable real estate expert.

**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. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-associates.com](http://bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

## HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of October 12-16, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Auburn Hills</b>		
899 Chase Way Blvd	\$150,000	
3937 Forester Blvd	\$92,000	
<b>Beverly Hills</b>		
32660 Bellvine Trl	\$175,000	
15621 Buckingham Ave	\$230,000	
20040 Old Coach Rd	\$170,000	
<b>Bingham Farms</b>		
31990 Bingham Rd	\$240,000	
<b>Birmingham</b>		
2120 Avon Ln	\$285,000	
2400 Devon Ln	\$345,000	
1968 E Melton Rd	\$173,000	
950 Shirley Rd	\$600,000	
1843 Stanley Blvd	\$485,000	
575 Vinewood Ave	\$320,000	
<b>Bloomfield Township</b>		
5411 Lane Lake Rd	\$284,000	
522 Newburne Pointe	\$129,000	
3255 Pebble Ln	\$165,000	
2673 Plum Brook Dr	\$215,000	
276 S Williamsbury Rd	\$199,000	
<b>Clarkston</b>		
6680 Deer Ridge Dr	\$185,000	
3835 Klais Dr	\$250,000	
5083 Maybee Rd	\$135,000	
5256 Ridge Trl N	\$290,000	
<b>Commerce Township</b>		
2188 Briar Ct	\$253,000	
8216 Dickert St	\$114,000	
4256 Driftwood Dr	\$215,000	
5004 Greenview Dr	\$215,000	
<b>Davisburg</b>		
6861 Tamcyn Dr	\$225,000	
<b>Farmington</b>		
23509 Stonehouse Ct	\$250,000	
<b>Farmington Hills</b>		
36911 Kenmore Dr	\$295,000	
31134 Sturbridge St	\$210,000	
<b>Lake Orion</b>		
2327 Hammerslea Rd	\$103,000	

1357 Marina Pointe Blvd	\$340,000
3743 Rolling Hills Rd	\$235,000
<b>Novi</b>	
23547 Highmeadow Dr	\$275,000
25731 Mulberry Ln	\$265,000
45334 Roundview Dr	\$245,000
23267 Willowbrook	\$165,000
<b>Oakland Township</b>	
4246 Bold Mdw	\$249,000
5360 Old Mill Rd	\$555,000
<b>Oxford</b>	
1181 Fox Ct	\$169,000
1792 High Pointe Dr	\$159,000
206 Oxford Lake Dr	\$153,000
2911 Seymour Lake Rd Unit 6	\$20,000
<b>Rochester</b>	
519 E University Dr	\$53,000
1388 Pebble Ridge Dr	\$450,000
<b>Rochester Hills</b>	
655 Fieldstone Dr	\$145,000
3332 Fulham Dr	\$225,000
1790 Jason Cir	\$218,000
2362 Lassiter Dr	\$182,000
3140 Longview Ave	\$97,000
1665 Northumberland Dr	\$186,000

323 Torrent Ct	\$172,000
979 Wexford Way	\$130,000
712 Whitney Dr	\$186,000
1852 Willowood Rd	\$128,000
146 Wimpole Dr	\$160,000
<b>South Lyon</b>	
1147 Fountain View Cir	\$80,000
26301 Great Plains Dr	\$45,000
26335 Great Plains Dr	\$45,000
24179 Martindale Rd	\$215,000
<b>Southfield</b>	
19442 Dorset St	\$70,000
28219 E Larkmoor Dr	\$115,000
15970 Harden Cir	\$87,000
29235 Rock Creek Dr	\$39,000
25465 Saint James	\$93,000
<b>Troy</b>	
3449 Balfour Dr	\$490,000
3750 Beach Rd	\$190,000
3923 Boulder Dr	\$226,000
3793 Gatwick Dr	\$307,000
2104 Lancer Dr	\$340,000
2728 Lovington Dr	\$60,000
2680 Roundtree Dr	\$45,000
3406 Upton Dr	\$170,000

301 W Big Beaver Rd	\$325,000
<b>Waterford</b>	
3465 Alisa Ln	\$105,000
3039 Dixie Hwy	\$151,000
4574 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$128,000
1382 Fieldcrest Dr	\$65,000
4358 Heatherstone Dr	\$159,000
3557 Lakewood Dr	\$355,000
4710 Meigs Ave	\$45,000
1429 Parkcrest Dr	\$26,000
4836 Rossiter Ave	\$56,000
121 S Avery Rd	\$64,000
194 S Avery Rd	\$87,000
<b>West Bloomfield</b>	
3221 Bloomfield Shore Dr	\$345,000
1536 Cardinal Ridge Ct	\$180,000
7214 Hidden Creek Ct	\$490,000
<b>White Lake</b>	
8815 Cove Ct	\$160,000
9100 Mandon St	\$16,000
9499 Portage Trl	\$80,000
9493 Shelby Dr	\$160,000
<b>Wolverine Lake</b>	
1650 Killarney Ct	\$77,000

## HOMES SOLD - WAYNE

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<b>Canton</b>	
43587 Abbey Cir	\$246,000
4444 Hunters Cir E	\$70,000
1945 Knollwood Dr	\$92,000
7005 Poppleton Rd	\$250,000
47625 Torrington Dr	\$5319,000
<b>Garden City</b>	
28651 Barton St	\$66,000
32990 Barton St	\$86,000
28438 Block St	\$50,000
33511 Bock St	\$66,000

31960 Bridge St	\$53,000
32665 Dover St	\$115,000
7089 Helen St	\$100,000
<b>Livonia</b>	
37317 Bennett St	\$177,000
14640 Bredin Ct	\$113,000
18586 Comstock St	\$5200,000
15316 Fairfield St	\$85,000
19239 Laurel Dr	\$230,000
29571 Lori St	\$129,000
15468 Mayfield St	\$85,000

14040 Merriman Rd	\$80,000
35558 Orangelawn St	\$118,000
16142 Penn Dr	\$200,000
16012 Riverside St	\$175,000
18216 Whitby St	\$100,000
<b>Northville</b>	
383 First St	\$103,000
46353 Pinehurst Dr	\$430,000
17803 Wildflower Dr	\$640,000
<b>Plymouth</b>	
41139 Greystone Blvd	\$256,000

120 Hartsough St	\$133,000
500 Provincetown Ln	\$147,000
<b>Redford</b>	
11432 Columbia	\$60,000
9949 Farley	\$75,000
16850 Inkster Rd	\$60,000
16030 Meadowbrook Rd	\$100,000
10039 Mercedes	\$89,000
9655 Nathaline	\$21,000
18515 Olympia	\$59,000

9127 San Jose	\$67,000
9376 Tecumseh	\$55,000
<b>Westland</b>	
1938 Ackley Ave	\$24,000
6781 Emily Ct	\$112,000
8307 N Henry Ruff Rd	\$73,000
38655 Palmer Rd	\$150,000
34731 Sansburn St	\$94,000
34202 Sheridan St	\$78,000

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Investors

Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County will meet Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate (exit 37 from I-75). Matt Bezanson, of Sherlock Homes Inspection Ltd., will speak on home inspections.

There will be a free Investor Educational Forum at 6 p.m. or dinner in the dining room with other members and investors. Registration is 7 p.m., member presentation 7:15 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. For information, visit [reaiwaynecounty.org](http://reaiwaynecounty.org).

### Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will host a free 59-minute Career Seminar at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. Questions regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered. The office is at 36642 Five

Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

### Plymouth Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will host a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth.

Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service industries, account management, retail sales, small business operations, marketing or event planning. Candidates should have: good people/communication skills, some computer knowledge, a strong work ethic, and an optimistic "can do" attitude.

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### Rental Property

A Beginners' Workshop for Rental Property Investors will be held three consecutive Saturdays, Feb. 20, 27 and March 6, four hours per day in Royal Oak. This event will provide a basic foundation that gives the beginning investor with the knowledge and confidence to make their initial investment and enhance their financial success.

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### Real Estate Sales and Appraising

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### BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present its economic forecast luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 3, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke Avenue in Sterling Heights.

Featured guest speaker is David Crowe, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. He will address the economic issues facing the home building industry during 2010. In conjunction with this event,

industry awards will be given to BIA's 2009 President Darshan S. Grewal of Singh Development LLC and the other award honorees. Registration fees are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members with advance reservations made by Jan. 22; \$60 for members after Jan. 22, and \$75 for guests. Registration fees include entry to BIA's Builders & Remodelers Trade Show at the same location from 10:00 a.m. to noon. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

### Seminar on Tuesdays

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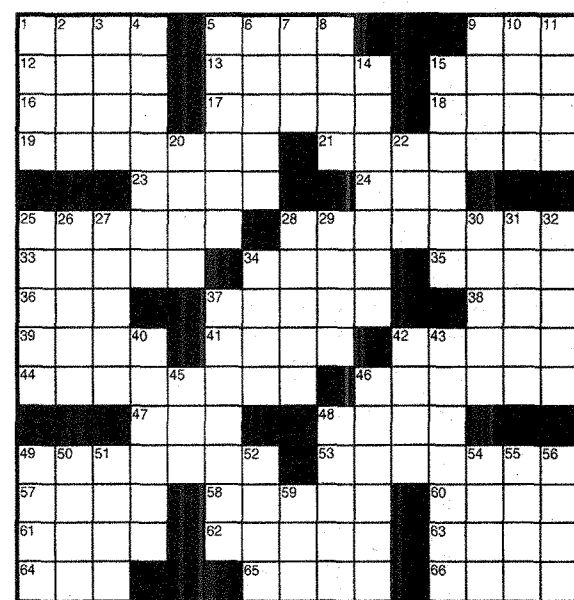
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