

## AROUND TOWN

### Special event

Wayne-Westland Special Olympics is holding a fund-raiser at Applebee's, 36475 Warren Road at Central City Parkway, Monday. Give an event flier to your server and 20 percent of your bill will be donated to Special Olympics and assist local youngsters in participating in athletic events. The fliers are available at Westland City Hall, the Bailey Recreation Center and at Applebee's.

### Appointments

The Westland City Council has confirmed the appointment of Douglas Vaughn to the Westland Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term. His term will expire on July 20, 2010.

The Planning Commission, which meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall, reviews and recommends to the City Council all applications for amendments to the zoning ordinance or zoning map, applications for special land uses, site plan approvals and planned unit developments. Vaughn is a licensed builder.

The council also confirmed the appointment of Michael Weck to the Westland Library Board to fill an unexpired term. The term is set to expire June 20, 2014. Weck also serves on the Tax Increment Finance Authority/Economic Development Corporation board.

### Coffee hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns.

LeBlanc also invites residents to join him and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt for refreshments and an informal fire-side chat 6-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at the William P. Faust Public Library. Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517)-373-2576 or send an e-mail to [richardleblanc@house.mi.gov](mailto:richardleblanc@house.mi.gov).

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold district coffee hours to meet with constituents on Monday in Westland. No appointment is necessary. Anderson will be at the William B. Faust Library in Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, 9-10 a.m. Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail: P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933; phone: (866) 262-7306; or by e-mail at [SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov).

## Council limits citizen comments to 3 minutes

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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Anyone wanting to bring an issue before the Westland council may have to be a little concise or talk faster.

Under the policies and procedures adopted by the council last week, speakers will be limited to three minutes — that's down from the current five minutes, monitored by a LED timer on the wall.

The change was adopted on a split vote by the council, but citizens who attended a study session were unanimous in opposing the shorter time at the podium. There were complaints the council was attempting to restrict First Amendment rights although the change only addressed the length of time allowed for speakers.

"I seldom get up and speak, but I don't like the three minutes. I've learned a lot from speakers. It's been a real healthy thing over the years,"

said resident John McGuire. "You don't have to clip our wings. Five minutes isn't that long. It's real good to have citizens get up and speak."

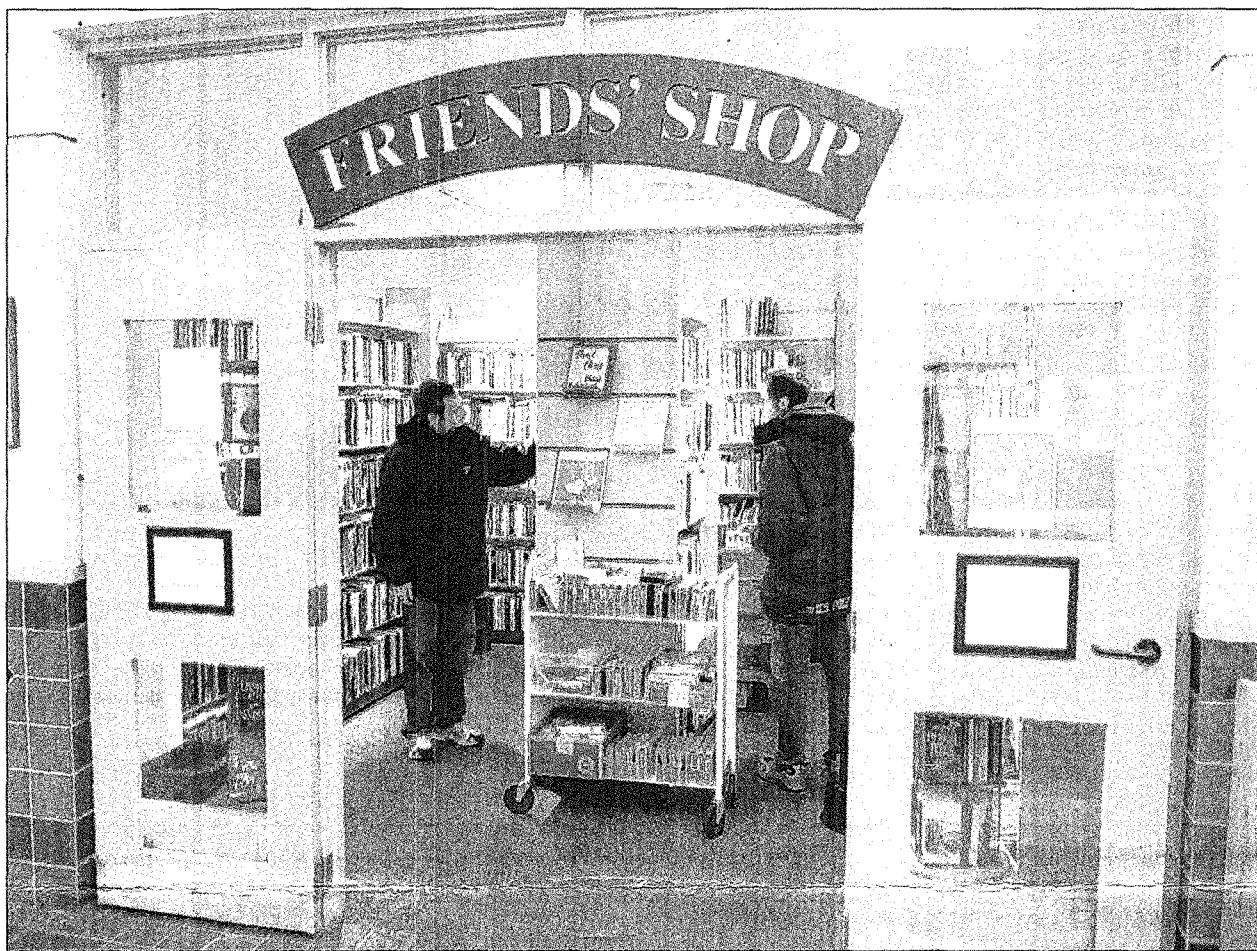
Other residents who spoke against the three-minute limit were regulars who talk at most council meetings.

"When I get up to speak, I feel I have something important to say — I could use more than five minutes," said resident Mark Rodriguez. "If you're concerned about meetings with a lot of people attending, then

have special circumstances when you can limit speaking at a busy meeting."

The council adopts its policies and procedures every two years after incoming council members take office. A council subcommittee reviewed the policies and procedures and made recommendations which were discussed at a study session prior to the council meeting. The

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Robert and Andrew Haarer of Westland shop at the bookshop operated by the Friends of the Library during library hours.

## Library leaders know they've got Friends

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Westland Library has some darned good Friends.

"Very important to the library," Diane Mehl, circulation department head and Friends of the Library liaison, said of the group. "They raise money used for all of our programming." The financial support helps in these tough times, the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland staffer added.

"So it is very important," Mehl said. You're welcome to join the Friends of the Library, with different costs for families, seniors and students. A short form to fill out is available at the library, on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford roads. "And they're in. It's that simple," Mehl said.

One major project is the bookshop, open at the library during all

regular hours. "We sell a lot of materials from the Friends shop," Mehl said. That includes donated materials as well as items "weeded" from the library collection.

"We do get a lot of donated material," Mehl said, adding there's a dropoff site near the library entrance and donations are welcome.

Library Friends go beyond financial support, with many regulars at library programs, said Marilyn Kwik, department head for adult services. "They are very supportive in making sure the library has everything it needs to function properly," Kwik said.

Friends President Meriem Kadi attended the opening of the library back in the 1990s and thought, "I'd really like to get involved." She recalls seeing Friends leader the late Ernie Johnson at a signup table.

"It's been a really great experi-

ence," said Kadi, a Realtor and Westland city councilwoman. "It's just a great way to give back. It's just a really cool thing. We'd like to get more people involved."

The Friends support the library's Summer Reading Program for youngsters, and sponsor used book sales four times a year, with one coming up soon.

The Friends 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 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13. You can 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.

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## Nursing home worker charged with embezzlement

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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A Westland woman has been charged with embezzling more than \$100,000 from a local nursing home and an additional felony charge is pending.

Michaeline Meek, 46, is charged with the 20-year felony for more than \$100,000 that was stolen from Westland Convalescent Center from March 2008 through August 2009. A not guilty plea was entered for Meek when she was arraigned in 18th District Court and she was released on \$5,000/10 percent bond. She waived her preliminary examination and Judge Sandra Cicirelli ordered her bound over to Wayne County Circuit for trial where she was arraigned Jan. 28.

Employed by Westland Convalescent Center since the 1980s, Meek worked in the business office where her duties included handling accounts payable.

"She would tell clients to pay with cash. She would take the cash from the clients and not deposit the money — she'd put it in her pocket or purse," said Westland police Sgt. Thad Nelson. "She'd give them receipts, so the clients weren't ripped off. The money was stolen from the business."

The amounts of money not deposited varied a great deal, Nelson said, from \$55 to \$1,000. The largest sum was \$20,000 missing in one month for a total \$170,000 missing in a 17-month period, he said.

A second warrant charging Meek with embezzlement under \$100,000, a 15-year felony, is expected to be issued shortly. That warrant relates to money

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## Seminar markets rehabilitated homes in city

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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Would-be homebuyers can learn about opportunities to purchase rehabilitated vacant, foreclosed homes at a Neighborhood Stabilization Program seminar Tuesday at Westland's Dorsey Community Center.

"The seminar isn't restricted to Westland residents but the houses that are being rehabilitated are in Westland," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis. "A recent seminar in Livonia drew 70 people and about half were Westland residents."

Westland has contracted with two companies — Home Renewal Systems and Guy Construction — to purchase, rehabilitate and sell vacant, foreclosed homes to qualified low to middle income buyers. Home

Renewal Systems will be participating in the seminar, which will be held 6-7:30 p.m.

Goals for the federally funded NSP are to reduce housing vacancy rates, reverse the decline of housing values, increase the stability of neighbors and reduce blighted housing in neighborhoods hardest hit with abandoned homes. NSP provides opportunities for individuals and families meeting income guidelines to purchase a newly renovated home.

For example, a one-person household must have annual income below \$58,700. A percentage of the homes are earmarked for people making \$24,450 annually or \$470 weekly (\$11.75 hourly). A four-person household must have annual income below \$83,900. A percentage of homes are specifically designated for families with an

annual income below \$34,950 or \$672 weekly (\$16.80 hourly).

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

"People can use both this program and get the homebuyers' tax credits," said Inglis.

Information available at the program requirements would be applicable in other communities. Specific homes will be available in Westland.

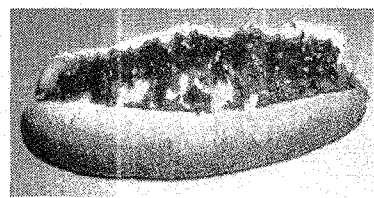
As part of the Westland Mission: Green initiative, each home in the program will be evaluated for energy efficiency and upgraded where possible.

The Dorsey Community Center is at 32715 Dorsey, Westland. To register for the seminar, call (866) 996-9754 or visit [www.homerenewalmi.com](http://www.homerenewalmi.com).

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# Officials find city, schools missing in speech

**BY LEANNE ROGERS**  
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For Westland Mayor William Wild, what was most striking about Gov. Jennifer Granholm's State of the State speech last week was what she didn't mention.

"As mayor, I didn't really hear anything in there for cities. She touched on some positives around the state but never mentioned state shared revenues," said Wild, who attended the speech with state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland.

State shared revenues, the city's second largest sources of revenue after property taxes, were down \$341,781 in 2009-10 and have been regularly cut in recent years as the state attempts to deal with financial shortfalls.

"The governor talked about creating jobs. Jobs would be in the cities. I've said before that if you want a strong state, you need strong cities," said Wild.

Among the positives in the speech, Westland Council President James Godbout said he agreed that Michigan needs to diversify its economy.

"We are starting to get more diverse businesses. A lot of companies are still auto-centric like the battery manufacturers," said Godbout. "More diversification is needed. Some of that came in, like Pfizer with their research facility in Ann Arbor, and were hurt by the economy."

In the wake of several local projects derailed when previously approved financing fell through, Godbout and Wild

agreed that efforts need to be made to free up lending.

"We need to make more money available. The government bailed out the banks but they're not making the money available," said Godbout. "The financial institutions, in my opinion, aren't doing their part to stimulate job creation."

Legislation to create jobs and jump-start the economy, rein in state spending and reform government, and help struggling Michigan families needs to be passed, said state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland.

"Despite our state's struggles, there have been some bright spots in our economic growth. A123 Systems' investment in Livonia, mentioned in the speech, represents exactly the sort of job growth that is

possible, if we work to create an environment favorable to growth," said Anderson. "We need to keep working to create a good economic environment and use the resources we have, such as our experienced workforce and manufacturing infrastructure, to create jobs and support growth in businesses like A123."

"I also believe we must begin implementing government reforms to increase transparency in Lansing and make sure taxpayer dollars are going towards solid investment in our communities," he said.

A123 Systems Inc., a manufacturer of rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, will launch their future headquarters and production facilities in Wayne

County, including their flagship site in Livonia. Incentives offered by the state and supported by Anderson helped secure the company's expansion in Michigan, including investing more than \$600 million in the project. The company's investments in various projects in Michigan are expected to create 5,000 jobs.

"We recognize the successes that we have had over the last year and we know what needs to be done to continue fostering Michigan's economic revitalization," said Anderson. "I am committed to doing what needs to be done."

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy, who found little about public education in the governor's speech, is anxious to see the

details when the governor rolls out her proposed budget on Feb. 11.

"We'll have a better idea of which way she's going then, we have to see the line items that are attached to her concepts," he said.

Baracy is keeping his fingers crossed. Last year, Granholm lined out close to \$7 million in enhanced school aid the district receives, but thanks to the efforts of LeBlanc and Anderson, the language was put back in the school aid budget.

"We're trying to be optimistic about the whole situation," he said. "We hope the governor and both sides of the aisle will come together on this budget."

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## AROUND WESTLAND

### Pancake breakfast

The City of Westland Senior Resource Department will host its monthly all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast for only \$4 8:30-11:00 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. Stop by the Friendship Center at 1119 N. Newburgh Road to enjoy a hearty breakfast.

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

### Classes starting

New sessions start this week for gymnastics, yoga and Studio K dance classes at the Bailey Recreation Center. Parents can bring their kids in to learn gymnastics or put on their dancing shoes to learn multiple styles of dance including ballet, tap and hip hop. Also, ages 13 and up can learn the art of yoga and improve flexibility, strength and relaxation.

Call for more information at (734) 722-7620 or visit <http://ci.westland.mi.us/>.

For information on dance classes, call Kristi at (734) 604-2580.

### Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

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

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

### 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.

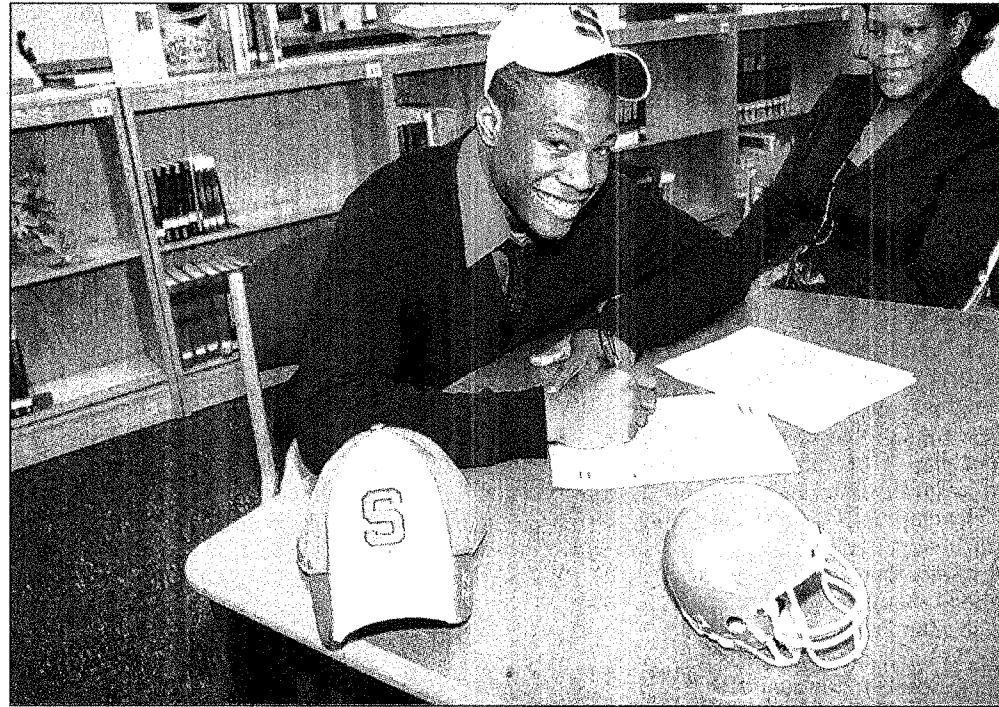
### Trivia for Tatas

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@doublexpress.net](mailto:downt@doublexpress.net).



### Future Spartan

Westland John Glenn's Jeremy Langford, along with his mother Shamene, is all smiles after signing a National Letter-of-Intent on Wednesday at the school library to play football at Michigan State University. The 6-foot-1, 190-pound running back and defensive back was a Dream Team All-Stater and first-team All-Observer pick after rushing for 1,934 yards and scoring 25 touchdowns for the 8-2 Rockets.

## CHARGED

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missing from Westland Convalescent Center over a period dating back to 2005.

"She (Meeks) was in charge of billing and accounts, they trusted her. There were no checks and balances," said Nelson.

The embezzlement came to light after a client died and a family member tried to contact Meek about paying

any outstanding balances at Westland Convalescent Center. When Meek failed to return calls, Nelson said the family member sent an e-mail to the center's chief financial officer, triggering an investigation.

"Obviously this is in court,

so I can't go into detail. At no time was patient care affected and that's most important," said Judy Caroselli, Westland Convalescent Center administrator for 39 years. "I worked 30 years with this person, so you can imagine the devasta-

tion. It's so heart-wrenching for myself and my co-workers. We were friends and did things socially as a group."

For patients and their families, Caroselli said she wanted to emphasize the problem was limited to the business office.

"We are still who we are and we are still here. We are known and have had a reputation in the community as being an excellent facility," Caroselli said.

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## FRIENDS

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

library has joined the city in "Go Green" efforts boosting reusable bags.

The regular sale prices are: \$1 hardcover books, DVDs, CDs; 50 cents large paperbacks; 25 cents small paperbacks, videos, cassettes, records; 10 cents maga-

zines; and \$2 green reusable Friends bag.

For information, call (734) 326-6123.

"We're always looking for volunteers," Mehl said, noting some Friends members are regulars. Volunteers stock the shop. For the quarterly sales,

they sort and box donations. "That alone is a huge job," Mehl said.

Some volunteers with pickup trucks help with hauling donated books, she said, as do city volunteers from the parks and recreation department. The library offers a home-

bound delivery program that also relies on volunteers.

Kadi is glad she worked her way on up through committee posts and such. "The library touches so many different entities, people of all ages," she said. "We get a lot of compliments on the services,

the location." That's true of those coming from beyond Westland as well as residents.

"I'm so thankful that we are able to have the money," especially now, Kadi said. "It keeps the library alive with all the different things we're able to offer."

## COMMENTS

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three-minute public comments was based on survey of neighboring communities, many of which had a similar time restriction.

"We're here to voice our opinions and take part in the proceedings. If we can't speak here, where can we speak?"

said resident Elenor Swistak. "I can't speak in Lansing or Washington, D.C. This is where you come, you get to know us."

Noting that she received 1,000 votes in an unsuccessful run for mayor, Swistak said that she didn't just speak for herself at the council meetings.

Charles Pickering, a former mayor and most recently a council member, said that he preferred that the five-minute

restriction be maintained. Under the current agenda format, citizens can speak on agenda items early in the meeting and again on non-agenda items once council business is completed.

"There hasn't been a problem with long meetings. The meetings have been short the last few years. We've had short agendas and few citizens who speak," said Pickering. "Those who don't come

regularly might struggle to tell their story in five minutes."

The only explanation for the change offered by council members was that keeping individual comments shorter would allow more citizens to speak at the council meetings.

"If this is an All-American City, then let people speak. It's been five minutes, keep it at five minutes," said resident Judy McKinney, who had a heated exchange with Council

President James Godbout during the study session.

The revised policies and procedures were adopted without opposition initially. Councilwoman Christine Cicirelli Bryant had expressed opposition to reducing the time allowed for an individual citizen's comment.

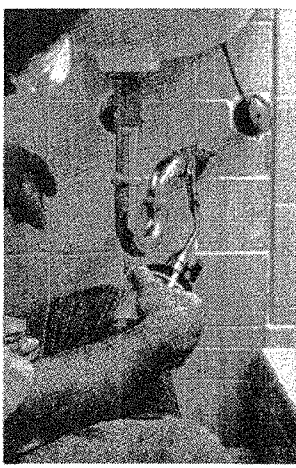
When Godbout asked if there was opposition to the motion adopting the policies and procedures, Bryant didn't

speak. Godbout was moving on to the next agenda item when Bryant indicated she wanted to vote no.


On Bryant's motion, the council agreed to reconsider the vote. When a second vote was taken, Bryant voted against the adoption along with Councilwoman Meriem Kadi, who also had changed her vote.

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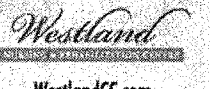
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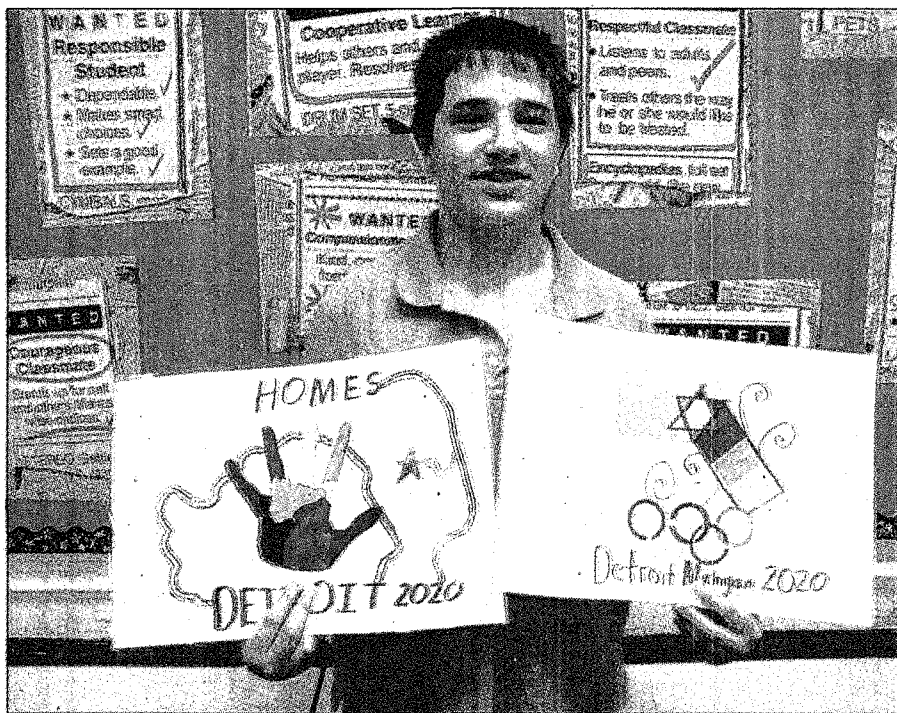
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Robert Young shows off drawings he did in support of the Detroit/Windsor area hosting the 2020 Olympics.



## Teen's drawing promotes Detroit as Olympics host

BY SUE BUCK  
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Robert Young, 13, a seventh-grader at Burger School for Autism in Garden City, has a simple message.

As a supporter of the Olympics, he wants to let everyone know the future will be bright for Windsor and Detroit, said his teacher Ted Raynush.

It's also to send a clear message to the Olympic committee that the Detroit/Windsor area can host the Olympic games successfully, even though both cities are going through a

rough time right now.

Both teacher and student believe that it would be "a fantastic international event in 2020."

Young created a colored hand drawing which represents Michigan in 2020. The blue star represents Windsor, HOMES represents the great lakes, the blue lines represent the Detroit River and the multicolored ribbon is the Olympic ribbon.

On the Olympic ring drawing, the orange and yellow represent Windsor and Detroit, the blue lines represent the Detroit River, the star in

the middle represent all the Olympic colors, except for purple and orange which again represent Windsor and Detroit in a different way.

The blue, red and yellow squares represent the continents of North America, South America and Europe.

The Olympic flag he created to help the effort of the Detroit/Windsor 2020 Summer Olympic bid.

Raynush is a long-time substitute at Burger who is replacing Young's permanent teacher, Catherine Amatucci.

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## Dealers see some foot traffic after Toyota recalls

BY SUE BUCK  
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Whether Toyota recalls will have an upside for American auto dealers is an open question.

At North Bros. Ford in Westland, president Doug North said his dealership hasn't seen any fallout from problems at Toyota. But he said the dealership did have a good sales week.

"I think that we will see some Toyota customers, but it might take another 30 or 60 days," North said. "I think that right now they have some consternation about Toyota."

Perhaps more important long term, North said he believes that the recalls will dispel the notion that somehow the foreign car is superior to a domestic one.

"Disappointed and disheartened" — that's how Susan Ianni, general manager of Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City, described

Toyota customers who are coming in in the aftermath of the recalls.

"We have had some come in," she said.

And the dealership sold a Chevrolet to one customer — his Toyota was leased, she said.

The problem for the dealership is that they don't want the Toyotas either, if someone is trading in.

"What are we going to do with them?" Ianni said. "We don't want them. We don't feel safe selling them to anyone."

The trade-in question presents a real quandary for dealerships, Ianni said.

Most of the Toyota customers that she has spoken to feel betrayed, Ianni said.

Those in the car industry picked up on the safety issue early.

"We have known about this for a long time," Ianni said.

At Victory Toyota of Canton, employees are working longer hours to repair

eight models recalled for gas pedal-related problems, and dealership officials said they remain confident they will keep their customers despite a global public relations nightmare.

"We are here for you today, tomorrow and years to come," Victory Toyota General Manager Rick Hodges said, seeking to reassure customers of Victory Toyota's service by promising that "we're more committed today than ever before."

Toyota dealerships everywhere have been besieged by customers who became scared of their own cars amid a recall of more than 8 million vehicles for issues including gas pedals that could potentially get stuck in floor mats or fail to return to position even when no pressure is applied.

Staff writer Darrell Clem contributed to this story.


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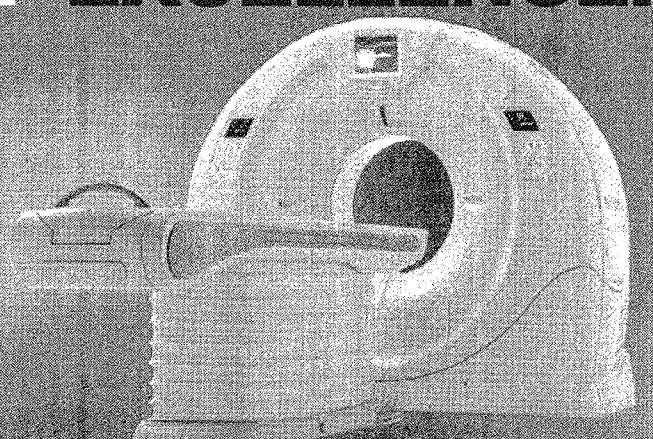
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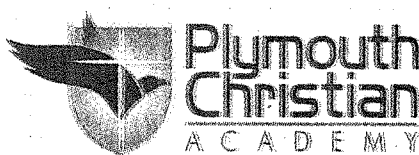


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# EDUCATION

## Career-tech center open house highlights emerging fields

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ginny Kowalski's looking forward to showing off the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center at a Tuesday, Feb. 9, open house. "Typically we will see around 400 people," the center principal said of the annual open house, to be held 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the center, 36455 Marquette, between Newburgh and Wayne roads in Westland.

Traditional career-technical programs like HVAC and welding will be highlighted, but there will be newcomers like vehicle design technology and game design and programming as well. The alternative energies technology program includes wind, solar, biofuels and more.

The open house is held in conjunction with National Career and Technical Education Month. It's done on a drop-in basis with reservations not needed, and will include food and highlights of the 22 programs.

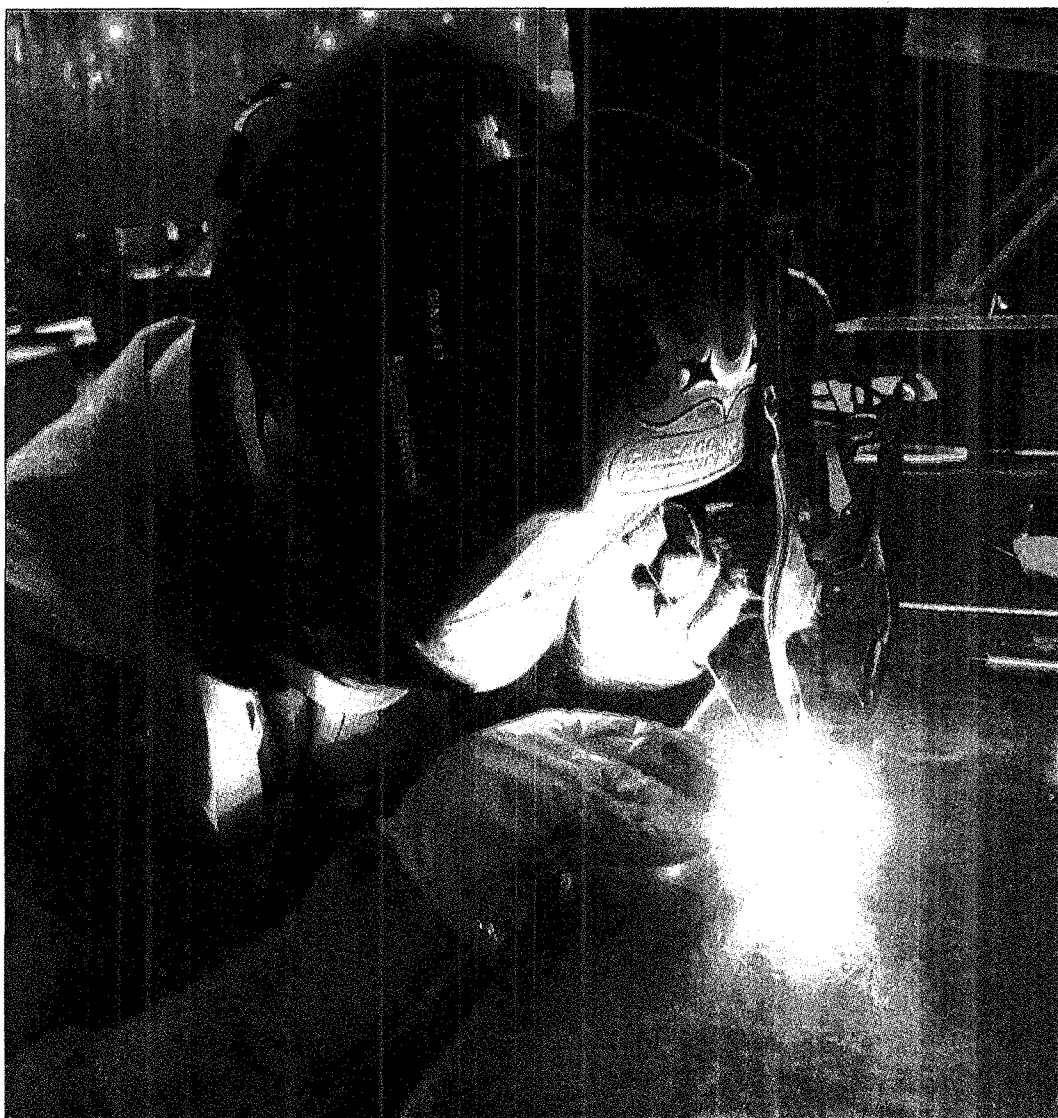
"We like to feature our programs," Kowalski said. In addition to high school students, the programs are open to community adults who then register in July and start coursework in the fall.

"It gives them an opportunity to see things," she said. "Right now, we're in a huge transition. They are telling us green jobs are coming."

For vehicle design technology, the focus is on electric vehicles and hybrids. Two students will design a vehicle on the computer, do clay modeling and paint it from the auto body shop.

"By the end of the year it will be fully functional," she said of the smaller vehicle each student team will build. "That's pretty cool."

That came out of the



Students can learn such skills as welding in programs offered at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland.

Innovative Vehicle Design program after school, for which students often had transportation problems. It was moved to daytime as a credit offering.

On Tuesday, the National Technical Honor Society will hold its induction ceremony. "We will have cooking demonstra-

tions," she said of the culinary arts program.

Instructors will be available to answer questions as parents and students walk through career-technical center labs.

One newer area is digital media, preparing students for the film work being done in

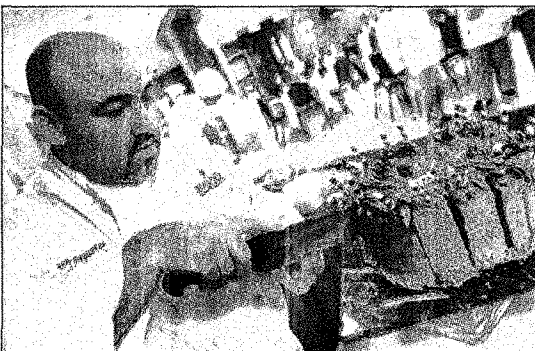
Michigan. Kowalski, completing her eighth year as principal, is proud of the center and its staff and students.

"Administration supports this building so much," she said. "Our administration is, I think, very forward-thinking in allowing us to create these new programs."

Career-technical programs require expensive equipment, she said, and some districts have cut those and absorbed students into regular high schools.



Videographer Lee Higginbottom explains how a Glidecam can be used to students in a digital media class at the center.



Chef Tony Paquette is the culinary arts instructor who works with students in preparing food served at the center's Café Marquette.

The Wayne-Westland center is in transition, now offering Algebra II and the senior-year math requirement. Wind turbines incorporate a lot of electronics, Kowalski said, noting electronics has declined in student popularity.

The Ford center received a \$100,000 government grant for alternative energy, one of 15 such schools in Michigan. Staffers have partnered with Solar Way Forward, a California company, on alternative energy teaching in the curriculum.

"The career-technical center is one of the most exciting educational institutions in Michigan," said Greg Baracy, school superintendent. It enhances the district's academic performance, he said.

"It certainly gives our students an edge out in the real world when they're competing for jobs," Baracy said. "These are the types of skills people need to be employable." He described the Ford center as "state of the art" and encouraged residents, including students, to attend Feb. 9.

He noted the growth of "green" jobs as well as those in gaming and medical fields. "It deals with some of the most sophisticated automotive technology," Baracy said, agreeing the education offered has changed in the last generation or so.

For information on the open house or the career-technical center, call (734) 419-2100.

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# Save documentation of charitable donations

**Q:** Dear Rick: I'm preparing my 2009 tax return. The instructions state in order to deduct charitable contributions you must make the contribution in that calendar year. I thought I read something that said you were allowed to deduct charitable contributions on your 2009 return as long as a contribution was made before February 2010. Is this correct?

**A:** Like most things when it comes to tax law, there are always exceptions to the rules. Last week Congress passed, and the president signed, new legislation that dealt with the Haiti relief effort. In order to encourage Americans to contribute to Haiti, Congress passed legislation that does allow you to deduct contributions for the Haiti relief effort on your 2009 tax returns as long as they are made by the end of February. This exception applies *only* to charitable contributions for the Haiti relief effort.

One last note regarding charitable contributions. In general, it is important to save documentation. It is no longer sufficient to just save the cancelled checks. You also need to save receipts received from the charitable organization. As I've always said, the best way to beat the IRS if you're audited is to have the proper

The way our inheritance tax laws work is when you inherit money that was not in some sort of tax qualified retirement account, you inherit the money income tax free. On the other hand, if you inherit an IRA, 401(k) Plan or an annuity there are income tax consequences to you.

documentation. Good luck!

**Q:** Dear Rick: Last year I inherited \$250,000 from a friend's estate. It was a CD outside of his IRA. How should I report this for tax purposes? I'm not sure it's important but I do my tax return using a software package. I know I have to report the money, I just can't figure out where it goes. Can you help?

**A:** Based upon the fact that you inherited non-retirement money I have good news for you. The \$250,000 you inherited is not subject to income taxes and does not have to be reported on your tax return. All that money is yours and you do not have to report it to the Internal Revenue Service.

The way our inheritance tax laws work is when you inherit money that was not in some sort of tax qualified retirement account, you inherit the money income tax free.

On the other hand, if you inherit an IRA, 401(k) Plan or an annuity there are income tax consequences to you. The exception is a Roth IRA. When you inherit a Roth IRA, since it is a tax-free account, there are no income tax consequences upon death.

Good estate planning takes that into consideration — not

only estate taxes but also income taxes. For example, you would want someone in a lower income tax bracket to inherit retirement accounts and someone in a higher tax bracket to inherit non-retirement accounts. By doing it this way, you can reduce income tax consequences to the beneficiaries.

Sometimes, there is confusion between estate taxes and income taxes. One really has nothing to do with the other. Estate tax deals with how the estate itself is taxed while, generally, the income tax deals with how the individual beneficiary is taxed. Obviously, one of the goals of good estate planning is to reduce and eliminate both estate and income taxes.

Keep in mind that there are

differences between inherited money and money gifted to you. Gift taxes, if any, are the responsibility of the person giving the gift not the person receiving the gift. However, there are different income tax consequences involving gifting money and inheriting it, particularly when it comes to determining your basis in the property.

I am frequently asked is it better to gift to someone or leave them an inheritance. There is no one right answer. It all depends on a variety of factors. However, something you should always consider is that when you leave an inheritance you never get to see how that inheritance affects someone's life. On the other hand, when you gift money during your lifetime you get to see how that money is used. Good luck!

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

# Nominations sought for ATHENA Award

Since 1982 the ATHENA Award has been presented to more than 5,000 deserving women and men all over the United States. The organization's mission is "supporting, developing and honoring women leaders," "inspiring women to achieve their full potential" and "creating balance in leadership worldwide."

On March 6, a new recipient will be awarded for their outstanding achievements at the sixth annual Women of Westland ATHENA Award Chocolate Fantasy Ball.

In order to be eligible for the award, the candidate must exhibit excellence, creativity and initiative in their line of work. They must put forth time and effort to better their communities and be active in assisting women realize the leadership potential that they have.

Both men and women can

be nominated for the award.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Feb. 12. They can be sent to the Mary Denning Cake Shoppe, President, Women of Westland, 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-1110.

The winning recipient will receive the traditional ATHENA Award sculpture and will be recognized by state and local dignitaries.

The Chocolate Fantasy Ball is being hosted by the office of Mayor William R. Wild, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the Women of Westland.

For more information about the ATHENA Award and the organization, visit [www.athenafoundation.org](http://www.athenafoundation.org).

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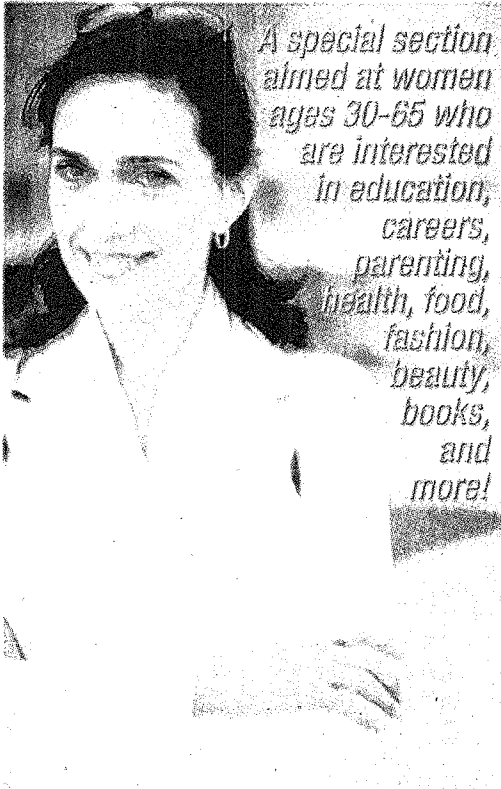


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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Toastmasters

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

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

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

### Trainorama Extra 2010

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday, March 21

**Location:** Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Sponsored by the Redford Model Railroad Club. A special flea market for train buffs of all ages featuring scale model railroad equipment and supplies (new and used), toy trains (new and antique), plus a wide variety of railroad oriented antiques and collectibles (lanterns, dining car china and silverware, signs, paintings, station clocks, locomotive builder's plates, old train schedules, old railroad stock certificates, etc.) Admission \$5; children under 12 free with paid adult admission.

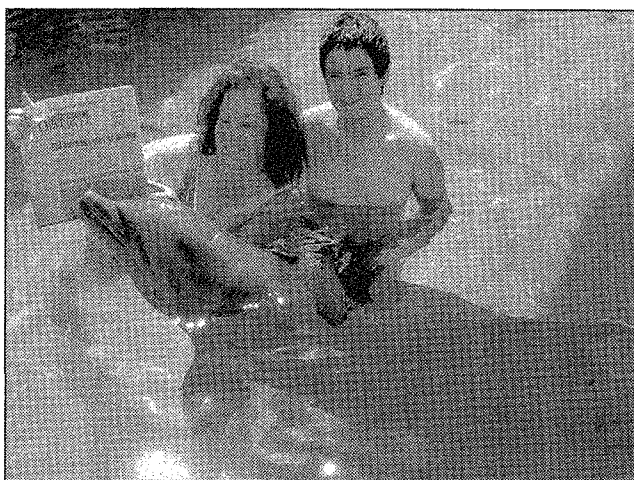
**Contact:** (313) 565-1027 or (734) 953-2546

### 3 Day Kickoff

**Time/Date:** Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure Getting Started Meetings will be held 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 13, and 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 27.

**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S Main Street, Plymouth.

**Details:** Whether you are new to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure or an old pro, your journey begins here. A Get Started Meeting will provide you with the informa-



## Wish You Were Here

Susan Patterson and her son Dylan 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. They're pictured sharing the latest Garden City news with one of the dolphins. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226 or by e-mail at [smaison@hometownlife.com](mailto:smaison@hometownlife.com). Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

tion and inspiration you are looking for. At the meeting, you can get your questions answered and meet other Komen 3-Day for the Cure walkers. Register at the meeting and you will receive your registration kit (including legacy pin and milestone tracker) on the spot. If you are already registered, this meeting is for you, too. We will talk about training and fundraising, and get you the information you need to prepare for an amazing experience.

**Contact:** (800) 996-3Day

### Fish Dial-A-Ride

**Location:** Garden City, Livonia and Westland

**Details:** Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive.

**Contact:** Call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

### LifeCare

**Time/Date:** 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 570 S. Main St., Plymouth

**Details:** LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.

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

### Earth Angels

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

**Contact:** [www.earthangelsontour.org](http://www.earthangelsontour.org) or by e-mail to [eangel1986@comcast.net](mailto:eangel1986@comcast.net)

### TOPS 869 meetings

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

**Location:** Adams Senior Village,

2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.

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

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

### American Legion Post 251

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

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

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

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

### Higher Rock Cafe

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

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

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

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

## ORGANIZATIONS

### Friends of Eloise

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

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

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

### Writing Group

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month

**Location:** Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

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

optional. Participation in the group is free.

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

### TOPS M128

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

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

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

### TOPS 869

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

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

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

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

### Garden City Democratic Club

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

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

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

### Citizens for Peace

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

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

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1985	Chrysler	New Yorker/4 Dr	Blue	1C3BT56E9FC251949
1997	Ford	Taurus/4 Dr	Black	1FALP62U1VG271014
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# Awrey's still fires up ovens after 100 years

"I can make good homemade bread and we will sell it to our neighbors and perhaps get something started."  
— Elizabeth Awrey

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Awrey and her husband Fletcher got something started, all right.

With the spartan beginnings of fresh breads baked on a coal-fired range in a house in Detroit in 1910 to a 235,000-square-foot plant on Farmington Road in Livonia housing more than 400 employees, Awrey's Bakeries continues to bake Danishes, croissants, cakes and biscuits for everyone from corporate customers to local residents who shop at the thrift store next to the plant.

On Tuesday, the company celebrates its 100th year in business.

The Awrey family no longer owns the company. The company was sold in 2005 to Hilco Equity of Chicago and Monomoy Capital to help the company emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

The company is looking forward and ahead with business beyond its 100th birthday.

"(Hilco and Monomoy) are very pleased with the performance of the company and very proud to build on the Awrey legacy," said Bob Wallace, president and CEO of Awrey Bakeries.

The company has evolved and is expanding its base of national customers, according to Wallace, a Novi resident. At one time the business sold 100 percent of its products in Michigan; today it's only 10 percent, Wallace said.

Wallace is tight-lipped on the identity of some of the company's national clients as the company maintains confidentiality agreements with them. Wallace doesn't hesitate to promote the Michigan companies doing business with Awrey's.

Locally, Awrey's sells to



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Phil Sanchez of Westland loads margarine on the conveyor, one of the ingredients in cinnamon rolls.

Busch's and Hiller's markets, Sysco Food Service, Gordon Food Service and Lipari.

Hiller's and Busch's do a great job promoting Michigan products, Wallace said. "If everybody spent \$10 a week on Michigan products, it would inject \$36 million into the Michigan economy," Wallace said. "People would be buying more groceries, supporting their local communities by spending more money and there would be more money (in the community) for people to buy other items, like cars. We really like that campaign."

Other customers include the military, airlines, hotels, grocery chains and national food service chains, including Sam's Club.

In June 2009, Awrey's purchased Athens Elegant Dessert in Noblesville, Ind., which specializes in the company's cheesecake and high-end desserts.

Awrey's employs 400 people. Gross sales total \$90 million. The facility mixes batters and bakes croissants, biscuits, brownies, muffins, cake layers for the high-end cheesecakes made in Indiana and sheet cakes, producing 26 million pounds of food products using 7.5 million pounds of flour and 6.3 million pounds of sugar annually.

"Most of what we produce has a 12-month shelf life because it is frozen," Wallace said. The company also has eliminated trans fats from all of its products, he said.

John Awrey, who is the stepson of former bakery vice president Betty Jean Awrey and is sales and marketing manager, said that the fact that the business bearing the family's name is continuing after 100 years is awesome. "A company that can continue to be doing business in a time of economic challenges says a lot about the family and the new management," Awrey said. "It's excellent that it's 100 years old."

Kurt Eddy, who is the nephew of Betty Jean Awrey, said Awrey's is much more than just the "Awrey" family. "It is the entire family of people that walk through our doors every day to make our fine baked goods," Eddy said. "Three and even four generations of families have called Awrey's their home away from home."

"This place gets in your blood, and you feel emotionally invested in its success, the success of the company, and for each other. We all look out for each other and the company. Awrey's is family, if it is directly or indirectly."

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# HOMETOWN LIFE



## BOYS HOOPS

### Chargers' big surge trips Pats

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The alarm clock didn't go off for the Livonia Churchill boys basketball team until well into the third quarter Friday night.

The host Chargers found themselves down 29-23 against Livonia Franklin with 5:40 to go when coach Jim Solak called for a timeout.

"I reminded the guys it's now or never," said the Churchill coach, who put on a full-court press. "We strayed away from the game plan. We forgot how we wanted to play tonight. The bottom line is that we woke up."

Churchill scored 50 points over the final 13:40 and went on to a lopsided 73-46 win over the Patriots.

Senior guard Tony Frezzell scored 22 of his career-high 28 points in the second half to spark the surge.

"When Tony uses his head and realizes he's a great athlete, he can do those type of things," Solak said. "He didn't settle for the jump shot or the bad shot. When he does that — he's really good."

Senior center Adam Bedell chipped in with 16 points, while Stephen Foster and Raynord Allen added nine each as the Chargers improved to

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Stevenson's Justin Shureb (left) tries to elude the grasp of a Novi player during Wednesday's KLAA Central Division clash at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Tie that binds

### Spartan icers deadlock Novi, 1-1, in driver's seat

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson has a vice grip now on the KLAA Central Division boys hockey race.

All that was required was a tie, and the Spartans got it Wednesday night when they played second-place Novi to a hard-fought 1-1 draw Wednesday night at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Both state-ranked teams are 14-2-2 overall, but Stevenson leads the Central with two games remaining at 7-0-1.

Novi, meanwhile, is 5-1-1 in the division.

In a Dec. 9 non-division game, Stevenson and Novi battled to a 4-4 deadlock.

"This game turned out to be the game that counted," Stevenson head coach David Mitchell said. "(Livonia) Churchill

helped us out when they beat Novi. The tie helps, but we still have to play Franklin (Friday) and Canton (Feb. 10)."

Novi dressed only 14 skaters, but more than held its own throughout the 51-minute battle.

The Wildcats appeared to have a 1-0 lead just 1:52 into the opening period, when Ryan McCullough knocked home

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## GAME WRAPS

### Krug saluted

Michigan State University freshman defenseman Torey Krug (Livonia) has been named the Central Collegiate Hockey Association Rookie of the Week.

It is the first CCHA weekly award for the Krug, though he did earn CCHA and HCA National Rookie of the Month honors in December.

Krug had a three-assist weekend and was plus-1 in a split with Michigan.

On Jan. 30, Krug assisted on MSU's second and third goals as the Spartans fought back from a 3-0 deficit in an eventual 5-4 loss. He also drew an assist Jan. 29 in MSU's 3-2 win over the Wolverines.

On the season, MSU has turned in a 3-1 record against its arch-rival.

Krug is the CCHA's top-scoring freshman defenseman with three goals and 13 assists for 16 points, and he is tied for second nationally in scoring by rookie blue-liners.

The second-placed Spartans (17-9-4, 12-6-4 CCHA) traveled over the weekend to Fairbanks, Alaska, to take on the Nanooks in an important CCHA battle.

### Crusader men lose

The Madonna University men's basketball team let a 32-29 halftime lead slip away Wednesday night as visiting Aquinas College stormed back for a 75-63 triumph.

John Lierman, who led all scorers with 22 points, sparked a 16-0 second-half run for the Saints, who improved to 15-10 overall and 5-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Lierman tallied 11 of those points during the surge, including three 3-pointers.

Matt Weiss added 13 points for the Saints, while Ty Motley and Zach Eddy each contributed 11.

Freshman guard Kevin Henry paced the Crusaders (4-20, 1-8) with 17 points. Junior guard Bryant Slaughter (Westland) chipped in with 13, while senior center Leroy Allen had nine points and six rebounds.

### MU women fall

A dismal shooting performance was the downfall for the Madonna University women's basketball team in a 49-45 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference setback Wednesday night to visiting Aquinas College.

The Crusaders, who fell to 8-13 overall and 4-5 in the WHAC, connected on just 25.9 percent for the game (15-of-58), including just 7-of-25 from 3-point range.

Erin Bentley was the only MU scorer in double figures with 10 points.

Junior guard Tabatha Wydryck added nine points and 14 rebounds, while senior center Kim Olech (Plymouth) added eight points and 10 rebounds.

Taylor Sanders and Kaitlyn Lang each tallied 11 points for the Saints (17-7, 7-2), who shot only 27.3 percent (18-of-66). Lang also grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds, while Joslyn Narber snared nine boards.



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Livonia Red freshman Katie Kretzchmer, competing on the balance beam, won the all-around title in Wednesday's dual meet against Livonia Blue with a score of 36.30. She also took the uneven bars (8.95).

## Livonia Red gymnasts beaming

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wednesday's Flip For A Cure gymnastics meet between rivals Livonia Red and Livonia Blue brought out plenty of pink attire in the fight against breast cancer.

And when the final team score was announced, it was the squad with Red colors beaming with joy following a season-best 141.40-138.70 victory at Churchill High School.

A clean sweep on the balance beam and a strong showing on the uneven bars carried Livonia Red, which held team scoring margins of 36.05-32.70 and 34.25-33.95, respectively.

Individually, freshman Katie Kretzchmer captured the bars (8.95) and the beam (9.0), as well as all-around honors with 36.30 in the four events to pace Livonia Red. Senior Katie St. Pierre also added a first on the balance beam (9.4).

"It was definitely one of her (Kretzchmer's) bests of the season

— actually all the girls," Livonia Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "We just had an 'on' meet. The girls were motivated being it was a fund-raiser and Blue being a rival. I told them, 'No matter what, do your best and stick the beam.' And if we did that, I'd be very satisfied. We finished strong on beam, and on floor, we had a high score."

Livonia Red improved to 7-2 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA's Kensington Conference with the dual meet triumph.

"We're still a work in progress, and even though we're past the halfway point of the season, we have a long way to go," Grodzicki said. "We have the Canton Invitational (Saturday), Northville next Tuesday (Feb. 9) and Canton here (Feb. 16) on Senior Night."

Livonia Blue, which slipped to 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the conference, got an all-around runner-up finish from senior Emily Quint, who scored 36.10 overall. Quint won the vault (9.6) and floor exercise (9.45).

"It's the way the cards fall, but I'm not disappointed," Livonia Blue

coach Lisa Fierk said of the setback. "We're pushing through injuries and we're extremely tired."

"Katie Bridges had a good meet and her sister Sara as well. And (Alex) Kitz did, too. And of course there's Emily Quint. The beam was low for us. Normally our team score is around 140, but they (Red) were 'on' tonight."

### DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA RED 141.40 LIVONIA BLUE 138.70 Feb. 3 at Churchill H.S.

**Vault:** 1. Emily Quint (Blue), 9.6; 2. Alex Kitz (Blue), 9.1; 3. Katie Kretzchmer (Red), 9.0; 4. Haley Olsen (Blue), 8.9; 5. Sidnee Mattison (Red), 8.85.

**Uneven bars:** 1. Kretzchmer (Red), 8.95; 2. Kitz (Blue), 8.9; 3. Katina St. Pierre (Red), 8.8; 4. Quint (Blue), 8.7; 5. Lauren Patia (Red), 8.55.

**Balance beam:** 1. St. Pierre (Red), 9.4; 2. Kretzchmer (Red), 9.0; 3. Sally Osentoski (Red), 8.85; 4. Brittany Swazey (Red), 8.8; 5. Dayna Esper (Red), 8.7.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Quint (Blue), 9.45; 2. Kretzchmer (Red), 9.35; 3. St. Pierre (Red), 9.05; 4. Katie Bridges (Blue), 8.8; 5. (tie) Meghan Lark (Red) and Kitz (Blue), 8.75 each.

**All-around:** 1. Kretzchmer (Red), 36.30; 2. Quint (Blue), 36.10; 3. St. Pierre (Red), 35.95; 4. Kitz (Blue), 34.70; 5. K. Bridges (Blue), 33.95; 6. Sara Bridges (Blue), 33.45; 7. Swazey (Red), 33.60; 8. Lark (Red), 33.45; 9. Mallory Dorton (Red), 30.70.

**Dual meet records:** Livonia Red, 7-2 overall, 3-0 KLAA Kensington Conference; Livonia Blue, 3-3 overall, 1-2 KLAA Kensington Conference.

## New U-D coach Deren taps into area talent

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

New University of Detroit Mercy men's soccer coach Nick Deren considers his hometown of Livonia to be fertile recruiting ground.

Deren, a U-D Mercy grad who played high school soccer at Livonia Stevenson, took over the Titans' team during midseason season and guided them to a 4-4 record after longtime coach Morris Lupenec stepped down. U-D's final record was 5-12-1



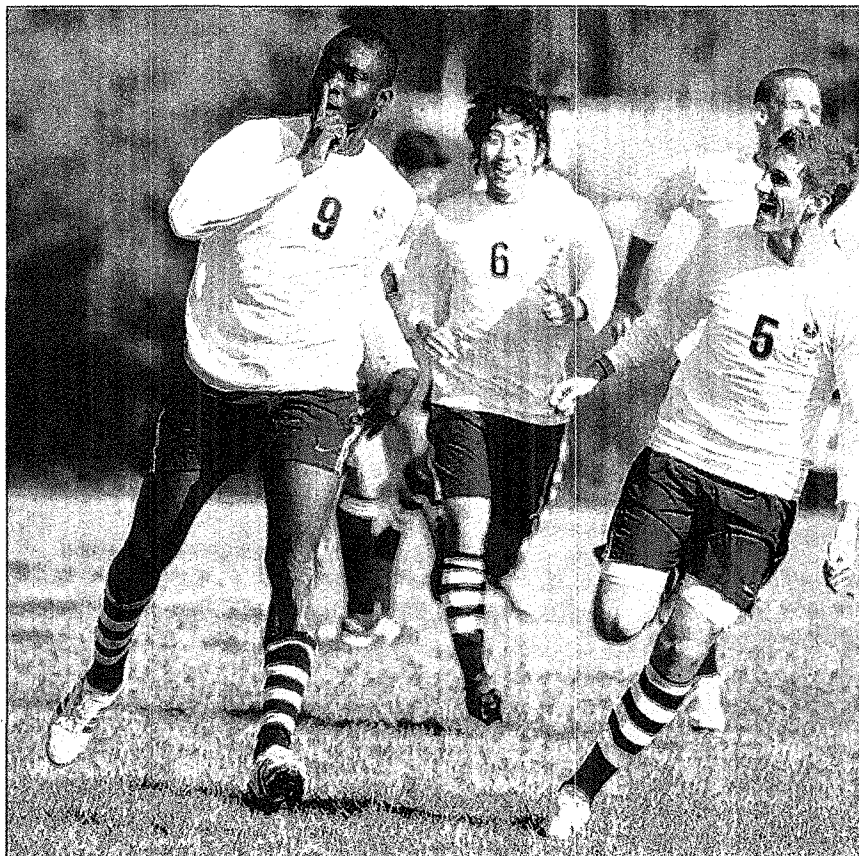
Adam Bedell Churchill

and 2-6 in the Horizon League.

His inaugural class will include Livonia Churchill's Adam Bedell, a 6-foot-6 defender who signed an NCAA Letter-of-Intent on Wednesday, and Schoolcraft College All-America forward YaYa Toure, who has made a commitment and will sign a letter later this month.

Bedell earned Division 1 All-State honors after scoring 11 goals and adding 10 assists for the 19-1-1 Chargers, who captured a district title and took the overall Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship. "Adam should be an immediate impact in the Titan lineup for 2010," Deren

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RENA LAVERTY

YaYa Toure (9) celebrates after scoring the lone goal in Schoolcraft's NJCAA Division I District D championship win last November over Illinois Central. Along for the ride are teammates James Cho (6) and Ognen Stemenkovic (5).



## RIVALS

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8-5 overall and 4-4 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Churchill outscored the Patriots 17-5 during the final 2:33 of the third to take a 46-37 advantage. The Chargers then put it out of reach with a 27-9 fourth-quarter run.

Churchill shot a blistering 76.6 percent from the field (23-of-30) during the second half.

"It seemed they got every roll, every turnover and everything went their way," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said. "When things rolled their way, it became like a steamroller. They got to the rim."

Franklin, playing without leading scorer Andy McCaffery, who Rheault said was out because of a "school-related suspension," went scoreless for the first 5:11 of the final quarter.

"We felt we were playing well," Rheault said. "We had good looks in the fourth quarter and got to the free-throw line."

Churchill, meanwhile, played without starting 6-foot-4 senior forward D'Juan Cooks, who sprained his ankle in practice Wednesday. Cooks is the team's second leading scorer and rebounder.

Somebody else had to pick up the slack and Solak singled out his upperclassmen.

"Especially our trio of seniors — Adam (Bedell), Tony (Frezzell) and Raynord (Allen)," the Churchill coach said. "The seniors stepped up and took over the game. And Dean Bokuniewicz (junior guard) was big off the bench."

The Patriots, who slipped to 4-10 overall and 1-7 in the KLAA South, got a team-high 17 points from senior guard Mike Gadsby, who had three triples. Senior forward Jack Chinavare added 11.

Franklin committed eight turnovers in the opening quarter and fell behind 13-6, but fought back in the second to even the score at 21-21 as Ryan Parkin came up with a steal and layup right before the halftime buzzer sounded.

Franklin led 34-31 with 2:33 left in the third on basket by Chinavare, but then got outscored 15-3 over the remainder of the quarter.

The Patriots had a total of 25 turnovers to Churchill's 13 and shot 16-of-39 from the floor (41 percent).

"It's disappointing," Rheault said. "We've had major problems in the third quarter. It's been that way for us all season."

## Wayne rallies by Glenn again; Mwila's 36 sinks Salem Rocks

The Wayne Memorial boys basketball team apparently likes reruns.

For the second time this season, the Zebras stormed back again during the final quarter with a 16-0 run Friday night to stun rival Westland John Glenn — this time on the Rockets' home court, 60-54.

Senior center Daniel Hill's game-high 19 points paced the Zebras, who improved to 10-3 overall and 6-2 in the KLAA's South Division.

Wayne is now tied for first in the South Division with

Canton after the first-place Chiefs were upended on Friday, 54-50.

Three other players scored in double figures for the Zebras including Jamiel Strickland (13), Brian Gray (12) and Derric Horton (10).

Wayne led 27-21 at intermission, but was outscored 24-12 in the third quarter as Glenn freshman guard Nick Daniels ignited by scoring 13 of his team-high 17 points.

The Rockets led 52-41 with 4:39 to go before Wayne rallied again in a repeat of their 58-52 triumph on Jan. 15.

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Gray's three-pointer with 2:24 remaining put the Zebras ahead for keeps, 53-52.

"We got them with the press and got the momentum," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "Before that we were dead in the water. Our shoulders were shrugged. The difference was our seniors."

Junior guard Marcus Mecks added nine points for the Rockets, who fell to 4-9

overall and 3-5 in the KLAA South.

Both teams shot poorly from the foul line — Glenn was only 5-of-13, while Wayne made 4-of-10.

**STEVENSON 68, SALEM 53:** Junior guard C.J. Mwila did it again Friday night, scoring a game-high 36 points as KLAA Central Division co-leader Livonia Stevenson (10-3, 7-1) downed the host Rocks (6-8, 2-6).

Mwila, a 5-foot-11 transfer from Orchard Lake St. Mary's, made nine triples on the night including five straight during the third quarter to spark a 26-11 run after the Spartans trailed 34-29 at halftime.

He had 25 in his season debut Jan. 15 in an overtime win over Salem.

"C.J. put on a performance at Stevenson that will be remembered for years to come," Spartan coach Mike Allie said. "I proud of the whole team and that we're able to contend for a (Central) division title."

Senior guards Bobby Naubert and Kyle Bambach added 14 and eight points, respectively, for the Spartans, who will face Novi (12-2, 7-1) in a KLAA Central showdown 7 p.m. Tuesday at Stevenson.

Jake Peterson and Devonta Riley tallied 16 and 14 points, respectively, for Salem.

## Patriot girls remain in chase; Rockets' tandem sinks Wayne

Livonia Franklin stayed in the KLAA South Division girls basketball race Friday night with a 42-38 triumph over rival Livonia Churchill.

Junior point-guard Chelsea Williams scored a team-high 13 points for the host Patriots, who improved to 11-3 overall and 7-1 in the division.

Senior center Senneca Scott added nine points and 10 rebounds, while senior guard Nicole Emery added nine points and five steals.

Franklin travels Tuesday to face KLAA South leader Canton. The state-ranked Chiefs, who won an earlier meeting 50-35, are 13-1

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overall and 8-0 in the division.

Franklin led 21-18 at halftime and 31-25 after three quarters.

"It was Senior Night, we were a little too loose giggly," Franklin coach Dave McCall said. "And it showed in our play. We did not play well, but Churchill played well defensively and they've been a much-improved team throughout the season. We won, but it was an ugly one."

Sophomore center Erin Menard led the Chargers with 14 points, while Meghan Catalano added

seven.

Churchill was 14-of-24 from the foul line, while Franklin was 4-of-7.

**JOHN GLENN 63, WAYNE 45:** E'Alisha Guster scored 19 points and Samantha Fox added 17 to propel Westland John Glenn (5-9, 4-4) to a KLAA South Division win Friday over rival Wayne Memorial (1-12, 0-8).

The Rockets, who also got 11 rebounds from Michelle Vanover, led 29-19 at halftime and never looked back.

Jaylyn Hammac and Allie Coleman paced the Zebras with 11 and eight points, respectively.

Glenn made 17-of-27 free throws, while Wayne hit 14-of-22.

**SALEM 53, STEVENSON 42:** Brett deBear tallied 17 points and Sara Stone added 14 to

power the Rocks (10-3, 7-1) to a KLAA Central Division victory Friday at home against Livonia Stevenson (4-10, 3-5).

Stevenson led 11-10 after one quarter, but got outscored 23-7 in the second and never recovered.

"I thought we had a pretty good game plan," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "Sara Stone had 25 the last time. We wanted to keep her from killing us, but they (Salem) have great shooters from the outside."

"We had a scoring drought in the second period and it did us in."

Senior Emily Hollandsworth scored a team-high 13 points for the Spartans, who shot 8-of-16 from the foul line.

Junior center Kristen Balhorn and sophomore guard Jorden York added nine each.

## Clarenceville boys stave off Cosmos, 59-56

Three players scored in double figures Friday night as Livonia Clarenceville earned a 59-56 Metro Conference boys basketball victory at Hamtramck.

Sophomore guard Damien Quarles paced the victorious Trojans with 15 points.

Senior guards Levonte Brooks and Dominic Patton added 14 and 13, respectively, for the Trojans, who stand 2-11 overall and 1-5 in the Metro.

"They (Hamtramck) killed us the first time," said first-year Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson, referring to a 63-34 home loss on Jan. 19. "This time we outrebounded them. We had the most assists and it was our best team game of the year. Hopefully this will

be a staging game for the year of the year."

Despite making only 13-of-29 free throws on the night, Clarenceville outscored the Cosmos 22-19 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Elven Paric and Jausntac Hines scored 16 and 12, respectively, for Hamtramck (2-10, 1-5).

**PARKWAY 67, LUTHERAN, WESTLAND 66:** A valiant attempt to pull

out a win came up agonizingly short Friday night as Lutheran High Westland (6-7,

6-6) fell at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (7-7, 6-6) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division encounter.

Trailing 50-35 entering the fourth quarter, the Warriors staged a furious rally behind the sharp-shooting of Jeff Greening, who torched the nets for 22 points during the period with 21 of them coming on three-point baskets.

The Warriors, who canned nine triples during the final period alone, got a game-high 25 points from Marc Rosin, while Gage Flanery added 13.

Josh Schick and Larry Yelder tallied 15 and 14 points, respectively, for the Eagles.

**HURON VALLEY 58, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 32:** On Friday, host

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (8-4, 6-2) had little trouble with Warren Macomb Christian (1-11, 0-6) as Tyler Wagaman led the way with 15 points in a MIAC Red Division encounter.

Bryan Gruenewald added 13 points for the victorious Hawks, who led 17-5 after one quarter and 31-7 at intermission.

Jamel Clark topped the Crusaders with 19 points.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
REGARDING A PROPOSED CORRECTIVE  
MEASURES DECISION  
UNDER THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION  
AND RECOVERY ACT  
ISSUED BY  
THE UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
TO  
DETROIT DIESEL CORPORATION  
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**NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF PROPOSED CORRECTIVE MEASURES DECISION** is hereby given that on February 7, 2010, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) proposes to issue a *Corrective Measures Decision under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)* to Detroit Diesel Corporation (DDC), for its facility located at 13400 West Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan, (U.S. EPA Identification Number MID 005 356 803) and that the U.S. EPA will be accepting comments on the proposed decision.

A RCRA Facility Investigation, along with previous environmental investigations and interim measures were performed by DDC to address areas of contamination in soil and groundwater at the facility. DDC was also awarded the U.S. EPA's 2008 Region 5 Phoenix Award and 2008 National Grand Prize for their Brownfields redevelopment efforts. Based on those efforts, the U.S. EPA has determined that DDC needs to perform further corrective measures to address remaining contaminants in groundwater at its facility, including removal and treatment of Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL) and monitoring of groundwater and LNAPL.

A public notice will appear in the Redford Observer Newspaper on February 7, 2010. The U.S. EPA is soliciting input from the community on the proposed Corrective Measures Decision for the DDC facility. The U.S. EPA has scheduled a public comment period starting on February 8, 2010, in order to encourage public participation in the Corrective Measures Decision process. During the comment period, the U.S. EPA will accept written comments on the proposed determination.

Any person interested in submitting comments on the proposed decision must do so by March 11, 2010. All comments should be submitted in writing to:

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Remediation and Reuse Branch (LU-9J)  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
Attention: Gregory Rudloff  
Email: mail to: [Rudloff.Gregory@epa.gov](mailto:Rudloff.Gregory@epa.gov)  
Phone: 312-886-0455

Copies of relevant documents, including the Statement of Basis, are available for public inspection and copying from February 8, 2010, to March 11, 2010, during normal business hours at:

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These materials, and other supporting documents which make up the administrative record, are available for viewing at the U.S. EPA, Region 5 office identified above from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. To view the Administrative Record, or for information regarding technical aspects of the proposed decision, contact Gregory Rudloff at (312) 886-0455 or by email at [Rudloff.Gregory@epa.gov](mailto:Rudloff.Gregory@epa.gov).

Following the public comment period, the U.S. EPA will select the final Corrective Measures and provide notification of its decision and rationale in a "Final Decision and Response to Comments" ("Final Decision").

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said. "His size and athleticism is complemented with great technique and tactical awareness of the game. Adam will be hard for opponents to deal with in their penalty area on set pieces. Adam's a great addition to the Titan program in a very exciting recruiting class."

Bedell currently plays club soccer for coach Dave Hicklin at the Michigan Wolves Academy.

"Everything just seemed to fit into place when they (U-D) offered me the scholarship," Bedell said. "I'm not 100 percent what I'll study, but I'd like to go into the medical field, maybe as a physician's assistant."

"It's also close to home. Coach Deren is a great guy and the guys on the team are cool. I feel I'll get along well with them."

Bedell also excels in the classroom with a 3.85 grade-point average, and also on the basketball court where he averages a double-double in both points and rebounds.

"Soccer is my first choice, that's where all the (college) contacts came from," Bedell said. "But I'm thinking about basketball (at U-D). It's an option. We'll see how it goes."

Toure, meanwhile, scored 12 goals and added four assists en route to first-team NJCAA All-Region 12 and second-team NSCAA JC Division I All-America honors. He helped the Ocelots to an 18-2-2 overall record and a third-place finish in the NJCAA Division I National Tournament.

The 6-2, 185-pound forward is a native of Conakry, Guinea where he migrated from the West Coast of Africa to Arcadia, Calif. at age 4 before relocating to Ypsilanti at age 10.

He graduated from Willow

Run High School, which did not have varsity boys soccer team. Toure played basketball as well and stayed sharp on the soccer field with the under-16 Ann Arbor United club team.

Before making a two-year stop at Schoolcraft, Toure originally had his sights set on attending U-D Mercy.

Toure also attracted interest from such schools as Bowling Green, Pitt, New York Tech, Saginaw Valley State and Dominican (N.Y.).

"I just like school, I've met with him (coach Deren) and I've known the assistant coach (Ablaye Camara) since I was very young," said Toure, who lives with his brother Djiva in Ypsilanti.

Toure, who plans to major in Business, said he needs to complete four classes and 15 credit hours to earn an Associate's Degree at Schoolcraft to become eligible at the NCAA Division I level.

Toure's story is intriguing because it appears the mobility in his right leg is limited on the soccer field. That is a result of an injury he suffered in Guinea as a youth when he wore a cast for eight months.

Toure, despite his impressive acceleration, ball-handling skills and deft touch, drags his right leg around the pitch as if he needs the immediate attention from a trainer.

"I hurt some knee ligaments, maybe more than that, but actually it's nothing," Toure said. "There's no pain. It healed properly, I can bend it when I run. It's like a habit. I've got to work on it."

Toure said he gets his inspiration from and patterns his game after former Ghana soccer great Abedi Pele, along with current Brazilian stalwart Ronaldo.

"I remember Pele, he is so good, he's my idol," Toure said.

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the rebound off a shot from teammate Nolan Valleau, but the goal was disallowed following a call for a Stevenson penalty. "The ref said he prematurely blew the whistle and made a mistake," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "Regardless, it was a fantastic game played with a lot of guts and determination. The officials were excellent. They let us play. "Stevenson will move on and win the division. I wish them the best and they've done an excellent job. Stevenson is an excellent hockey team and I'm proud of the way we played, too." Special teams played a big factor in the outcome. Stevenson couldn't capitalize on a five-on-three advantage midway through the opening period, while Novi failed to convert on a four-minute double-minor during the second period. "I think both teams were disappointed with their power plays," Krygier said. "It's disappointing for us because we've done a pretty good job with it this season. Tonight we were a little lackadaisical, but it was a great hockey game and we had some great opportunities. Both teams had opportunities." Those opportunities finally came to fruition during the final period as Evan Dixon lit the lamp for the Wildcats with 11:32 left on a rebound off assists from Zach Mohr and Andrew Cmoluch. But Stevenson's Justin Shureb answered with only 8:22 left when he blocked a Novi clearing pass and scored unassisted, his 15th of the year. The goalies did the rest as Stevenson's Danny Sager stopped 28 of 29 shots on the night, while Novi counterpart Michael Pesendorfer had 26 saves.

"Danny's been solid all year and he's such a good kid on and off the ice," Stevenson head coach David Mitchell said. "He's grown tremendously this year. He's a solid number one goaltender for us and the reason why we have our record." The Spartans, meanwhile, fought off six penalties. "We did a nice job killing penalties, the four-minute kill was huge," Stevenson assistant coach Gerry Vento said. "It was a matter of our guys deciding to work hard and get the job done. On our power play they (Novi) shut us down, but we had lot of chances, a lot of traffic. Their goalie did their job and our goalie did our job. Those are the best penalty killers." Krygier, meanwhile, was pleased with his team's showing despite being shorthanded. "We had six guys out, but it was not a concern," the Novi coach said. "It was a coaching decision. The team actually played better than they've been playing. We put the guys on the ice we felt could get the job done." In the first meeting between the two teams, Novi jumped out to a 3-0 advantage before Stevenson rallied to get four of the next five goals and earn the tie. "I think we were a little more prepared for it," Vento said. "They (Novi) caught us off-guard that first game when they jumped out to the big lead (3-0). I thought we matched their intensity from the get-go, and that was the biggest difference. In that respect, it was a much more intense game from start-to-finish."

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Titan honoree

Former Livonia Stevenson High standout distance runner Ken Dubois was recently inducted into the University of Detroit Mercy Athletics Hall of Fame during homecoming festivities Jan. 23 at Calihan Hall. Dubois competed for the Titans from 1984-1988 and was a three-time All-Midwestern Collegiate Conference selection in cross country and set the school record as a senior at 5,000 meters. Dubois, holding his Hall of Fame plaque, is standing with (from left) UDM President Rev. Gerard L. Stockhausen, his son, and UDM Athletics Director Keri Gaither.

Spartans gain share of KLAA Central title

Hat tricks by Andrew Palushaj and Cole Rochowiak propelled Livonia Stevenson to a 9-0 mercy-rule boys hockey victory Friday night over Livonia Franklin at Edgar Arena. And with the victory, the Spartans clinched a least a share of the KLAA Central Division title. The Spartans, now 15-2-2 overall and 8-0-1 in the KLAA Central, can win the division outright with a victory Wednesday against Canton. (Game time is 6 p.m. at Edgar Arena). Stevenson led 4-0 after one period and added five more goals during the second. Rochowiak notched his 12th, 13th and 14th goals of the year, while Palushaj raised his season total to six. Other Stevenson goal scorers included Evan Malick (his sixth), Steve Sudek (his third) and Adam Kleven (first-ever varsity goal). Jake Poynter, John Strauch and Trevor Baruzzini each collected two assists in the win. Stevenson freshman goaltender

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Mike Kanitra, who made six saves, posted the shutout. He also had an assist. The loss drops Franklin to 1-18-1 overall and 0-9-1 in the KLAA's South Division. On Thursday, South Lyon Unified skated to a 9-1 mercy rule victory over the Patriots at the Kensington Ice House. South Lyon improved to 7-10-1 overall and 2-6-1 in the KLAA Central. ANN ARBOR 3, LADYWOOD 1: First-period goals by Rachel Freeman and Emmy Guttman carried the Pioneers (12-3, 11-2) to a Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League victory Wednesday over visiting Livonia Ladywood (4-12, 3-12) at Veterans Arena. After a scoreless second period, Ladywood's Hannah Periera tallied a goal off an assist from Jenny Rohn to cut the deficit to 2-1. But Ann Arbor's Julia Franceschi put it away on a goal from Guttman and Freeman. Ladywood netminder Jessica Pavela made 27 saves, while the Pioneers' Sydney Supica stopped 16-of-17 shots on goal.

Madonna names Jeff Hodgson new women's soccer coach

After an extensive search, Madonna University Athletics Director Bryan Rizzo announced Wednesday that Jeff Hodgson has accepted an offer to become the new head women's soccer coach at Madonna University. Hodgson replaces former MU All-American goalkeeper Jen Barker (Livonia Stevenson), who resigned after going 6-13 in her inaugural season. "Getting someone with his knowledge of the game, experience and work ethic will only benefit our program moving forward," Rizzo said. "We feel he will be an outstanding addition to Madonna Athletics." Following his prep days at Windsor's Riverside High School, Hodgson moved on to Western Michigan University where he was a three-year captain for the Broncos and was an All-Mid American Conference selection in 1993. That same season Hodgson picked up his second of back-to-back team MVP awards. "I'm excited about this but also realistic of what I'm getting myself into," Hodgson said. "I want to make sure that I can provide the best soccer education to the players going forward. The opportunity to coach collegiate athletes is very intriguing to me. The team lost a lot of scoring from last year and we need to find players in the program or bring in new blood to help replace that loss and make the program stronger." Following his graduation Hodgson moved onto the professional ranks, first in 1995 with the Tucson Amigos of the USISL before moving to the Arizona Sandsharks of the CISL (1996-97). In 1998, Hodgson returned to the midwest and started a four-year run with the Detroit Rockers of the NPSL. Hodgson joined the coaching ranks during his pro career, first as an assistant coach with the men's program at WMU (1994-95) before taking over the WMU women's club program for the 1995 season. In 1999, Hodgson founded the Michigan Gators Football Club (Gators FC). Hodgson ventured into the professional ownership ranks in 2003 when he founded the Windsor/Detroit Border Stars. Hodgson has also been a coach for the Michigan Olympic Development Program since 2002. MU returns 14 letterwinners from the 2009 squad and will kick off the 2010 season in late August.



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**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Tuesday, Feb. 9  
Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Luth. North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
A.P. Inter-City at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 10  
Ladywood at Mercy, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 11  
Huron Valley at Lutheran South, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 12  
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at S.H. Parkway, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Tuesday, Feb. 9  
S'field Christian at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.  
Macomb Christian at Huron Valley, 6 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Luth. North, 7 p.m.  
Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 11  
Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 12  
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.  
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Huron Valley at A.P. Inter-City, 7:30 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
Wednesday, Feb. 10  
Stevenson vs. Canton  
at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
Franklin vs. W.L. Central  
at Lakeland Ice Arena, 7:20 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 11  
(Trenton Showcase at Kennedy Arena)  
Churchill vs. Grosse Ile, 8 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 12  
(Trenton Showcase at Kennedy Arena)  
Churchill vs. Musk. Mona Shores, 12:20 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 13  
Ladywood vs. Plymouth  
at Arctic Pond, 6:30 p.m.  
(Trenton Showcase at Kennedy Arena)  
Churchill vs. Musk. Mona Shores, 12:20 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. U-D Jesuit, 6:40 p.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
Wednesday, Feb. 10  
(Team District Tournaments)  
Division 1 at Garden City, 5 p.m.  
Division 1 at John Glenn, 5 p.m.  
Division 3 at Clawson, 5 p.m.  
Division 4 at Harper Woods, 5 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 13  
(Individual District Tournaments)  
Division 1 at John Glenn, 9 a.m.

Division 3 at Dundee, 9:30 a.m.  
Division 1 at Plymouth, 10 a.m.  
Division 4 at Blissfield, 10 a.m.  
**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
Tuesday, Feb. 9  
Churchill at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 11  
Churchill at Pinckney, 6:30 p.m.  
Franklin at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at Hartland, 6:30 p.m.  
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.  
Wayne at Waterford Kettering, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 13  
MISCA Meet at EMU's Jones Pool, noon.  
**GIRLS GYMNASICS**  
Tuesday, Feb. 9  
Livonia Red vs. Northville  
at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.  
Livonia Blue vs. Canton  
at Plymouth H.S., 6:30 p.m.  
**PREP BOWLING**  
Monday, Feb. 8  
Ladywood vs. Divine Child  
at Royal Lanes, 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 9  
Ladywood vs. Marian  
at Thunderbird Lanes, 3:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 10  
Clarenceville vs. Northville,  
John Glenn vs. Salem,  
Wayne vs. Canton  
at Westland Bowl, 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 11  
Clarenceville vs. Plymouth,  
John Glenn vs. Northville,  
Wayne vs. Salem  
at Super Bowl (Canton), 3:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Feb. 14  
Utica-Eisenhower Doubles Tourney  
at Sterling Lanes, 8 a.m.  
**PREP SKIING**  
Monday, Feb. 8  
Catholic League Championships  
at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 11  
Division 3 Regional  
at Cannonsburg, 10 a.m.  
**GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER**  
Saturday, Feb. 13  
KLA Association meet at Novi, 10 a.m.  
Saline Invitational, 10 a.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Wednesday, Feb. 10  
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7:30 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 13  
Madonna at Cornerstone, 3 p.m.  
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Wednesday, Feb. 10  
Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 5:30 p.m.  
Indiana Tech at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 13  
Cornerstone at Madonna, 1 p.m.  
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 27**  
CANTON 3  
Feb. 4 at Super Bowl (Canton)  
John Glenn scorers: Kyle Hamlin, 201-247-448; Thomas Brusseau, 203-185-388; Chris Harper, 193-174-367; Derrick Ammons, 218; Tommy Ruark, 200; Jordan Hornes, 190; split scorers, 157. Team totals: 944-1,014-1,958 (17 points); Baker games: 188-196-394 (10 points).  
Canton scorers: Trevor Cummins, 188-217-405; Ross Terrasi, 201-200-401; Andrew Klein, 184-182-366; Casey Bindas, 176-149-325; Billy Keppen, 167; David Blythe, 148. Team totals: 916-896-1,812 (3 points); Baker games: 154-175-329 (0 points).  
Dual match records: John Glenn, 11-2 overall, 9-1 KLA Central Division; Canton, 6-6 overall, 4-5 KLA Central.  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 24**  
PLYMOUTH 6  
Feb. 1 at Town 'N Country Lanes  
John Glenn scorers: Kyle Hamlin, 268-217-485; Josh Duprie, 201-263-464; Thomas Brusseau, 258-204-462; Jordan Hornes, 230-216-446; Chris Harper, 256; split scorers, 196. Team totals: 1,213-1,096-2,309 (18 points); Baker games: 256-235-491 (6 points).  
Plymouth scorers: Brandon Congdon, 244-245-489; Andrew Fraser, 216-213-429; Rob Kostjens, 224-193-417; Justin Thompson, 191-166-357; Evan Grimme, 200; Kyle Webb, 187. Team totals: 1,062-1,017-2,079 (2 points); Baker games: 213-244-457.  
Dual match records: John Glenn, 10-2 overall, 8-2 KLA Central Division; Plymouth, 5-6 overall, 4-4 KLA Central.

SALEM 17

**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 13**  
Feb. 1 at Town 'N Country Lanes  
Salem scorers: Ryan Clark, 235-227-462; Shaun Schmidt, 258-173-431; David Nikkila, 204-160-364; Evan Ross, 207; Elliot Stout, 186; Kyle Newcomb, 158. Team totals: 1,041-938-1,979 (11 points); Baker games: 258-179-437 (6 points).  
Clarenceville scorers: Cody Kissandi, 228-245-473; Tyler Fox, 182-181-363; Jason Bertera, 155-195-350; Sean Diaz, 192-158-350; Chris Diaz, 211; Corey Coughlin, 151. Team totals: 908-990-1,898 (9 points); Baker games: 204-190-394 (4 points).  
**GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 16.5**  
CANTON 13.5  
Feb. 4 at Super Bowl (Canton)  
John Glenn scorers: Alysson Kassab, 266-156-422; Julianne Ayers, 147-118-265; Karlyon Rhynes, 168; Jennifer Horgas, 152; Natalie Brown, 147; Alyssa Bradke and Megan Redmond, 145 each; Khiry Sparks, 136. Team totals: 850-730-1,580 (12.5 points); Baker games: 130-154-284 (4 points).  
Canton scorers: Jackie Polaski, 168-126-394; Lauren Obradovich, 147-196-343; Ashley Cade, 160-166-326; Kelsey Joseph, 148; Allison Fries, 116; split scorers, 118-127-245. Team totals: 720-752-1,472 (7.5 points); Baker games: 183-122-305 (6 points).  
Dual match records: John Glenn, 8-3 overall, 7-1 KLA Central Division; Canton, 4-8 overall, 3-6 KLA Central.  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 26**  
PLYMOUTH 4  
Feb. 1 at Town 'N Country Lanes  
John Glenn scorers: Alysson Kassab, 196-210-406; Natalie Brown, 188-200-388;

PREP BOWLING RESULTS

Julianne Ayers, 168-127-295; Alyssa Bradke, 166; Jennifer Horgas, 156; Karlyon Rhynes, 130; Khiry Sparks, 114. Team totals: 832-823-2,309 (16 points); Baker games: 184-192-376 (10 points).  
Plymouth scorers: McKenzie Carlson, 165-237-402; Alysson Gibbs, 132-162-294; Kristyn Sturtz, 130-124-254; Serena Oliver, 154; Tiffani Patterson, 143; Alyssa Conrad, 136; Amanda Martin, 101. Team totals: 664-820-1,484; Baker games: 116-130-246 (10 points).  
Dual match records: John Glenn, 8-3 overall, 7-1 KLA Central Division; Plymouth, 2-7 overall, 2-4 KLA Central.  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 17**  
SALEM 13  
Feb. 1 at Town 'N Country Lanes  
Clarenceville scorers: Bridget Noricz, 262-234-496; Kaycee Chappell, 181-137-318; Amber Cummins, 167-144-311; Ashley Bishop, 135-134-269; Natalie Kay, 119-109-228. Team totals: 864-758-1,622 (11 points). Baker games: 162-126-288 (6 points).  
Salem scorers: Ashley Kretschmer, 144-212-356; Kristin Larkins, 148-190-338; Emily Simmons, 182-140-322; Kristin Peitz, 190-130-320. Team totals: 784-831-1,615 (9 points); Baker games: 108-157-265 (4 points).  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE OPEN**  
DOUBLES TOURNAMENT  
Jan. 30 at Country Lanes  
BOYS RESULTS  
Championship final: Jeremy Brown-Elliott Arnold (Wayne Memorial) defeated Kyle Hamlin-Chris Harper (Westland John Glenn), 432-400.  
Semifinals: Brown-Arnold def. Travis Sutherland-Dean Tobias (Grand Blanc), 446-416; Hamlin-Harper def. Chris Diaz-Cody Kissandi (Clarenceville), 429-389.

**Quarterfinals:** Brown-Arnold def. Thomas Brusseau-Jordan Hornes (John Glenn), 456-307; Hamlin-Harper def. Tyler Vance-Davis Vandercook (Farmington Hills Harrison), 435-348; Sutherland-Tobias def. Billy Keppen-Andrew Klein (Canton), 430-383; Diaz-Kissandi def. Steve White-Tommy Ruark (John Glenn), 449-441.  
**Qualifying block winners:** White-Ruark (John Glenn), 465-442-389 (regular games); 233-215 (Baker games), 1,744 (total).  
**Top individual:** Keppen (Canton), 238-245-214-697 (series).  
**High game:** Brandon Palmer (Harrison), 264.

GIRLS RESULTS

**Championship final:** Kristin Peitz-Ashley Kretschmer (Salem) defeated Bridget Moricz-Amber Cummins (Clarenceville), 340-337.  
**Semifinals:** Peitz-Kretschmer def. Stephani O'Harris-Chelsey Preiss (Wayne), 351-315; Moricz-Cummins def. Bryanna Mater-Chelsea Ellis (Sandusky), 406-352.  
**Quarterfinals:** Peitz-Kretschmer (Salem) def. Alysson Kassab-Natalie Brown (John Glenn), 448-298; Moricz-Cummins def. Janeen Hughes-Deanna Wittkowski (Sandusky), 406-352; O'Harris-Preiss def. Lillie Miller-Stephanie Sleda (Sandusky), 331-313; Mater-Ellis def. Samantha Maxwell-Karla Ziembra (Harrison), 361-307.  
**Qualifying block winners:** Moricz-Cummins (Clarenceville), 415-370-429 (regular games); 182-181 (Baker games); 1,577 (total).  
**Top individual:** Moricz (Clarenceville), 243-215-257-715 (series).  
**High game:** Moricz (Clarenceville), 257.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

QUAD MEET RESULTS

Feb. 3 at Livonia Clarenceville  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 39**  
HAMTRAC 36  
**135 pounds:** Aaron Bibik (C'ville) dec. Saddiq Aezah, no score available; **140:** Coy Sillanpaa (C'ville) pinned Derick Smith, 0:43; **145:** Ali Almaisari (H) p. Christopher Edwards (C'ville), 0:25; **152:** Brendan Groves (C'ville) p. Sana Gardner, 1:09; **160:** O'Dale Dillard (H) won by void; **171:** Kenyati Keglal (H) p. Matt Arnaud, 1:30; **189:** Akeem Anderson (H) won by void; **215:** Travis Edwards (C'ville) p. John Smith (H), 1:32; **285:** Anthony Giordano (C'ville) won by void; **103:** Mikey Weiss (C'ville) p. Mahmood Mohammed, 0:53; **112:** Ahmed Fahdel (H) p. Shane Martin, 2:35; **119:** Bradley Martin (C'ville) p. Nouraldean Afkassaimi, 0:56; **125:** double void, **130:** Kenny Askew (H) won by void.  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 39**  
ANN ARBOR SKYLINE 12  
**140 pounds:** Anthony Hill (AAS) pinned Christopher Edwards, 2:33; **145:** Coy Sillanpaa (C'ville) p. Eric Goldberg, 5:02; **152:** double void, **160:** Brendan Groves (C'ville) p. Mason Sharp, 1:26; **171:** double void, **189:** Ben Brinkerhoff (AAS) p. Matt Arnaud, 5:58; **215:** Jeremy Smith (C'ville) p. Kyle McCoy, 0:38; **285:** Anthony Giordano (C'ville) p. Walker Upchurch, 1:08; **103:** double void, **112:** Mikey Weiss (C'ville) decisioned John Crowley, 7-5 (overtime); **119:** Shane Martin (C'ville) won by void; **125:** double void, **130:** double void, **135:** Aaron Bibik (C'ville) p. Abdulah Basir, 1:35.  
Clarenceville's dual match record: 6-17 overall, 2-1 in the Metro Conference

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Jouney (P), 1:10.72; 2. Castle (P), 1:10.98; 3. Yurgil (LC), 1:15.29; 4. Strobel (P), 1:17.48; 5. Anderson (LC), 1:19.93.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (C. Wilson, Christenson, Liakos, Jouney), 3:42.34; 2. Plymouth (Koch, Earls, Wang, A. Wilson), 3:56.64; 3. Churchill (Atzinger, Lance Kortesoja, Kenny Denstaedt, Yurgil), 4:11.44.  
Dual meet records: Plymouth, 4-2 overall, 3-1 KLA South.  
**WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 131**  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 54**  
Feb. 2 at Churchill  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Churchill (Jacob Rimatzki, David Vincenzini, Brad Johns, Mark Freyberg), 1:56.73; 3. Churchill (Derik Atzinger, Lance Kortesoja, Kenny Denstaedt, Christopher Sharp), 2:13.11.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Coley Riley (WLN), 1:48.19.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Alex Chow (WLN), 2:13.19.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Evan Darbyshire (WLN), 25.13; 3. Brian Sharp (LC), 26.82.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Austin Fricks (WLN), 148.45 points; 2. Alan Robinson (LC), 124.70.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Riley (WLN), 53.15.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Chow (WLN), 52.71.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Matthew Vailiencourt (WLN), 5:25.55; 3. B. Sharp (LC), 5:59.37.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Northern (Jakob Barnard, Chow, Evan Gerber, Riley), 1:36.5; 3. Churchill (Atzinger, Zack Anderson, C. Sharp, B. Sharp), 1:51.98.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Alex Gaucher (WLN), 1:02.52; 2. Rimatzki (LC), 1:02.91.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Vincenzini (LC), 1:07.84.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Northern Vailiencourt, Barnard, Gaucher, Riley), 3:38.32; 3. Churchill (Freyberg, Rimatzki, B. Sharp, Vincenzini), 3:53.38.  
Churchill's dual meet record: 4-6 overall.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH 130**  
CHURCHILL 55  
Feb. 4 at Churchill  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Plymouth (Ethan Weiner, Tim Castle, Chris Wilson, Alex Jouney), 1:50.98; 2. Churchill (Brad Johns, David Vincenzini, Jacob Rimatzki, Mark Freyberg), 1:51.28; 3. Plymouth (Scott Wang, Matt Eudy, Peter Burns, Alex Wilson), 2:00.45.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Ethan Christenson (P), 2:02.56; 2. Cameron Earls (P), 2:02.64; 3. Adam Liakos (P), 2:05.23; 4. Derik Atzinger (LC), 2:06.61; 5. Freyberg (LC), 2:10.73.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. C. Wilson (P), 2:11.95; 2. Vincenzini (LC), 2:11.99; 3. Scott Wang (P), 2:22.09; 4. Rimatzki (LC), 2:22.38; 5. Tod Maslyk (P), 2:32.46.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Weiner (P), 25.51; 2. Burns (P), 26.20; 3. Brian Sharp (LC), 26.41; 4. Linus Ziembra (LC), 26.95; 5. Eudy (P), 27.83.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Ian Smith (P), 159.00 points; 2. Alan Robinson (LC), 143.50; 3. Connor McManus (P), 132.25; 4. Christopher Sharp (LC), 127.30.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Jouney (P), 1:01.43; 2. Vincenzini (LC), 1:01.86; 3. Wang (P), 1:04.52; 4. Zach Koch (P), 1:06.68; 5. Johns (LC), 1:13.36.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Castle (P), 53.95; 2. Burns (P), 57.25; 3. Sharp (LC), 58.21; 4. Zack Anderson (LC), 58.43; 5. Ziembra (LC), 1:00.43.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Earls (P), 5:29.62; 2. Atzinger (LC), 5:35.66; 3. Liakos (P), 5:48.27; 4. Christenson (P), 5:49.40; 5. John Yurgil (LC), 6:12.34.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Castle, Burns, Weiner, Liakos), 1:39.67; 2. Churchill (Freyberg, Anderson, Rimatzki, Vincenzini), 1:39.88; 3. Plymouth (Maslyk, Kyle Strobel, Christenson, Earls), 1:46.03.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. C. Wilson (P), 1:04.23; 2. Rimatzki (LC), 1:07.08; 3. Nick Weber (P), 1:14.32; 4. Maslyk (P), 1:15.15; 5. Aaron Flynn (LC), 1:22.18.

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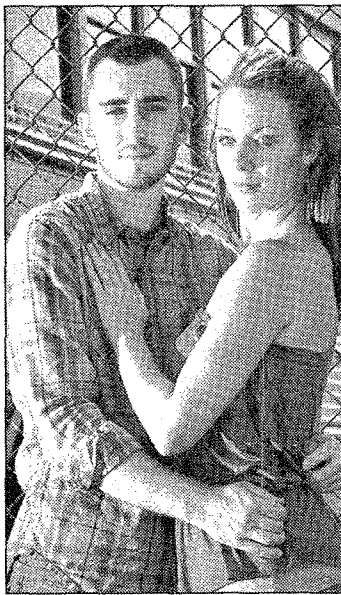
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## TOMPKINS-RIDDELL



Hilary Tompkins and Bridge Riddell announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Gary Tompkins of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Karen Tompkins of Temperance, graduated from Bedford Senior High School in 2006. She plans to graduate from Spring Arbor University in May 2010.

Her fiancé, son of Mark and Cindy Riddell of Canton, graduated in 2004 from Plymouth Christian Academy and in 2008 from Spring Arbor University. He is employed at McCann Erickson in Birmingham.

The couple plans to wed in August 2010, in Toledo, Ohio.

## TYLER-SAAITIO

Melissa Lynn Saatio and Bennett William Tyler were married July 10, 2009 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton. The Rev. Dr. Jerry Yarnell officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Ellen and David Saatio of Livonia. The groom's parents are Marian and Bill Tyler of Livonia.

Ellen Saatio, mother of the bride, served as the Matron of Honor. The bridesmaids were

Alison Fuerstnau and Carolyn Stoddard, cousins of the bride; Sarah Horka and Tessa Stokfisz, friends of the bride; Shannon Karbousky, cousin of the groom; and Christine Saatio and Rachael Saatio, sisters of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Madelyn Stoddard, cousin of the bride. Jacquelyn Stoddard, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl.

Best Man was Alan Tyler, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Christopher Clemens, Jason Clemens and Alex Fuerstnau, all cousins of the bride; Robbie Hamill and Brian Zeni, friends of the groom; and James Tyler, brother of the groom. Ushers were Daryl Pettrica, friend of the groom and Evan Stokfisz, friend of the bride. Ryan Beningo, cousin of the bride, served as ring bearer.

Scripture readers were Nicole Cooper, friend of the bride, and Kathleen Karbousky, the groom's aunt. Sarah Grodek, friend of the bride, and Christine Saatio, sister of the bride, sang a duet. John Stoddard, the bride's uncle, was a soloist and Bill Tyler, the groom's father, played guitar. Sue Lukasik was the organist.



A wedding reception was held at the St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. The couple took a Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon.

The bride and groom met when they were students at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The bride teaches kindergarten and the groom teaches fourth grade. Both are employed by West Bloomfield School District. They live in Novi.

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## SEPTEMBER WEDDING PLANNED

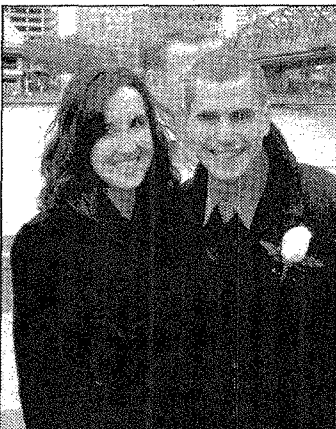
Cheryl Gniewek and Nicholas Schian announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of James and Lynn Gniewek of Canton, graduated from University of Phoenix with a BS in business management. She is employed by Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Her fiancé, son of James Schian and Mrs. Karen Sobieray, both of Davison, attended Michigan Technological University. He is employed as a project engineer at Graycor Industrial Constructors. A September 2010 wedding is planned in Dexter.

## JANUARY WEDDING



Gras-Braunreiter

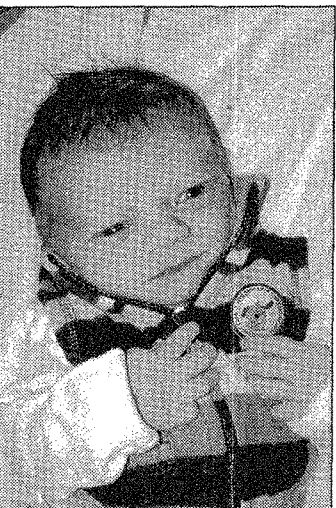
Amber Rose Gras and James Paul Braunreiter were married Jan. 9, 2010 in Jacksonville, Fla.

The bride, daughter of Greg and Laura Grass of Wichita, Kan., is employed by State Farm Insurance.

The groom, son of Jim and Julie Braunreiter of Livonia, is in the U.S. Navy.

The couple resides in Jacksonville, Fla.

## DYLAN CHRISTOPHER KUNA



Dylan Christopher Kuna was born Dec. 27, 2009 at Botsford Hospital, in Farmington Hills.

Proud parents are Debby and Randall Kuna of Farmington Hills.

Grandparents are Barbara Schultz of Birmingham, Larry and Ronna Schultz of Commerce Township, Ken and Kathy Kuna of Brighton, and Mary Lynn Snow of Santa Barbara, Calif.

Great-grandparents are Mary Tierney of Oak Park and Helen Snow of Chicago, Ill.

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

## Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965

45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at [patkopczyk@aol.com](mailto:patkopczyk@aol.com).

## Detroit Cooley High School Class of 1960

50th Reunion May 1 at Crown Plaza-Metro Airport. Call (248) 625-4598 or (734) 464-1692 for more information.

## Detroit Pershing Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

## Farmington High School Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington

## REUNION CALENDAR

High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at [dblehn@aol.com](mailto:dblehn@aol.com).

## Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to [GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com](mailto:GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com).

## Garden City West Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included

for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

## Oak Park High School Class of 1980

30th reunion, July 2-4; for information e-mail to [ophighschool1980@yahoo.com](mailto:ophighschool1980@yahoo.com).

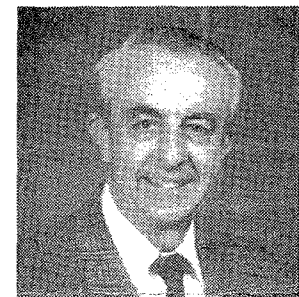
## Redford Union Class of 1960

50-year reunion, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more information contact Mike and Carol (Geroge) Pontius (248) 446-9948 or e-mail to [mikecaro191500@att.net](mailto:mikecaro191500@att.net). Or call Tena (Fear) Keith at (248) 437-6827.



## JEAN "JUNE" ASH

Age 87 of Plymouth, February 3, 2010. Beloved wife of the late "Stine". Dear aunt of Don (Judy) Denhoff, Bob (Laurie) Failing, Rich (Donna) Failing, Janet (Bill) Gerhardt, Tom (Maudie) Ryan, Michael (Brenda) Ryan, Carol (Dewitt) Wolverton, and Jennifer Ash; and sister-in-law Blanch Ash; and also many great and great-great nephews and nieces. Visitation Sunday 2-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Funeral Monday 11 AM. Interment Oakland Hills Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, or the Juvenile Diabetes Association. To share memories please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com).



## WILLIAM G. CAREY

Suddenly, January 30, 2010, age 80. Beloved Husband of Dolores (Dee). Dearest Father of Debora (Jim) Clements, and the late Laura. Loving Grandfather of Lyndee and David. Dear Brother-in-law of Marianne (Jack) Rusin. Dear Uncle of nieces and nephews. Mr. Carey was a retired national sales manager in the computer industry. Visitation The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday at St. Fabian Church, Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334 [www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)



## MILDRED "MILLIE" COSNER

Feb 3, 2010 Age 79. Beloved wife of John for 58 years. Loving mother of Karen (Michael) Stearnes, Janette (Larry) Cunningham and Deanna (Brian) Molnar. Dear grandma of Michael (Megan DeWolf) Stearnes, Kathryn (Chad Osos) Stearnes, Zachary (Sarah) Stearnes, Sarah (Russell) Long, Jessica (Matthew) Marcinski, Brian Shea Molnar, Alexander Molnar and Noah Molnar. Dearest great-grandma of Steven Long, Jacob Long and William Dufour. Visitation: Sat, Feb 6, 3-9pm and Sun, Feb 7, 12-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. Funeral: Mon, Feb 8, 2010 In-State 9:00am, Service 10:00am at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church 9600 Levee, Redford, MI 48239. Memorial donations may be made in Millie's name to Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church. Please leave the family a message at: [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

## EDNA E. GILROY

Age 84, February 2, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Percy. Dear father of Percilla (John) Gabany, Clara, Mary Solano and the late Sue Roland. Mother-in-law of Tim Roland. Grandmother of DeAnn, Angela, Leonard, Brandon, Derek and Danielle. Great-grandmother of Brittany, Ryan, Jordan, Matthew, Makenzie, Michael Jr., Parker, Isabella and Griffin. Sister of Mable Mulder, and survived and loved by many nieces, nephew and friends. Visitation Sunday 2-9pm at the John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill). In state Monday 9:30am until the 10am Funeral Service at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt (just south of Ford Rd.). Memorials suggested to Hospice of Michigan or Garden City Presbyterian Church.



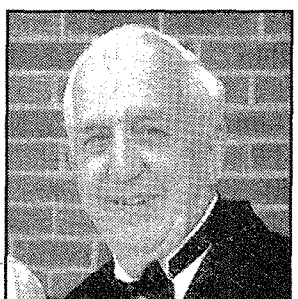
## PETER DAWSON

Age 77. Married to Julie Whitney Dawson in 1966. Died January 28, 2010. Born in Cleveland, moved to Birmingham in 1952, automotive engineer: Chrysler, Ford, and Car Skates. Interests included cars, auto-racing, motor scooters, world travel, theatre. Earned degrees from DePauw University, Case Institute, and Chrysler Institute. In addition to Julie, family members include parents Clare and Ruth Dawson (deceased); brother George (deceased) and his wife Shirley; and his nephews and niece and their families: Mark, Rita, and Peter Dawson; Cindy, David, Elizabeth, and Julia Trull; Peter, Nan, Jack, and Quinn Dawson; and the members of Julie's family. Those who wish to remember Peter with a gift may contribute to The Beaumont Foundation, Beaumont Hospitals, PO Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007, or on line at [www.beaumont-hospitals.com](http://www.beaumont-hospitals.com).

## MARION HARRISON (née DAVIDSON)

Aged 84 years and long-time resident of Farmington, passed away quietly on February 1, 2010. She was born January 20, 1926 and lived most of her life in the Detroit area. She graduated from Wayne State University and worked as a librarian. She maintained a life-long interest in books and literature, participated in various book clubs, and served as a library volunteer. She also loved camping, travel, and her cottage up north. She was a loyal friend and loving mother. Together with her husband of 49 years, she raised a family of five boys. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert D. Harrison, her father, Robert Davidson, and mother, Gladys Davidson née Phetteplace, her brother, the Reverend Canon F. Robert Davidson, sister Marcia Burman, and granddaughter, Caroline E. Harrison. She is survived by her five sons, Duane (Cynthia Cookingham) Harrison, Gregg Harrison, Michael (Patricia) Harrison, David (Jane) Harrison, and James (Janet) Harrison, grandchildren Elizabeth, Robert, Matthew, Colleen, Clare, Meredith, Rebecca, and Wesley, along with many nieces and nephews. A Memorial service will be held at 12 Noon on Saturday, March 6 at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 9020 S. Saginaw, Grand Blanc, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 9020 S. Saginaw, Grand Blanc, MI, or Seney National Wildlife Refuge, Seney, MI. Arrangements entrusted to Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington, (248-474-5200) [heeney-sundquist.com](http://heeney-sundquist.com)

## In Memory Of



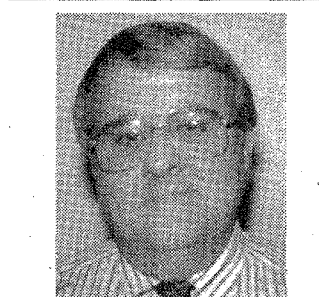
## JOSEPH S. HOFFMANN

May 26, 1964 ~ Feb. 6, 2008  
My dearest husband and loving son, you are both so deeply missed. It has been two years since you left us and everyday we think of you. Life will never be the same. You are forever in our hearts and memories. Love never dies; you will always be with us.  
Love forever and ever,  
M. Hoffmann, A. Miller, K. Hoffmann and Joseph S. Hoffmann II



## CECIL SEYBOURN LANG JR.

Age 57, January 30, 2010, of Westland. Beloved husband of Lynn M. Loving father of Cecil S. III and Trina (Randy). Proud grandfather of Clayton and Shyla. Dear brother of Dee Dee (John) Gay-Lang. Visitation was Thurs at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill), Westland. Memorial contributions to the family would be appreciated. To share memories or to leave a message of condolence for the family please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



## MICHAEL A. MICHALEK

Feb 1, 2010 Age 72 of Plymouth. Loving husband of Pauline. Beloved father of Michael (Abelina), Gregory (Margaret), Jeffrey (Mary) and Christopher (Dianne). Proud grandfather of 5, Justin, Eric, Jennifer, Andrew, and Bryan. Dear brother of Theresa, Frank and John Michalek. Private family services were held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. To share a memory, please visit [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

## BRUCE HARVEY PANZL

Age 75, of Onsted, formerly of Livonia, passed away January 15, 2010. He was the beloved husband of 51 years to Melba; the loving father of Chris J. (Tammy) Panzl, Susan P. (Christopher) Bushong, Greg R. Panzl (Rachel Clark); the grandfather of Theadora Panzl, Kaylee and Savannah Bushong, Brennan and Drew Panzl; the brother of Kenneth (Barbara) Panzl of Seattle, Washington; loving master to his dog Oscar. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of his life will take place this summer.

## AUDREY G. PATTERSON

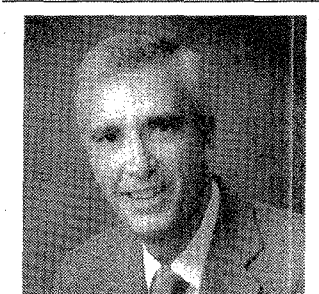
Age 89, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away February 1, 2010. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

## THERESA (CARUSO) POMA

Age 48, passed away February 4. Wife of Brian. Mother of Alesha Edwards and Amanda. Daughter of Ann and Bill Caruso.

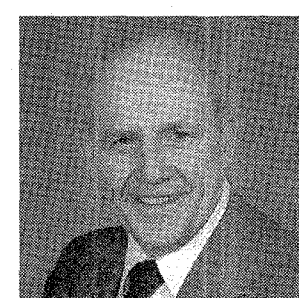
## THOMAS PAUL POMORSKI

Of Redford, MI. Age 62, died January 27th, peacefully in his sleep, at his home in Lake Charles, Louisiana. His son Scott, his daughter Caryn, son-in-law William Gerhard, granddaughter Hannah, life partner Guilherme, and sister Sharon survived Tom. Funeral arrangements have been made at Keen Funeral Home, in Brighton, MI. Viewing was Friday and the funeral is on Saturday, February 6th at 11am.



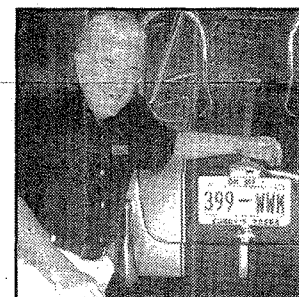
## JOSEPH ANTHONY RINALDO, JR., M.D.

(Born Chelsea, MA, Oct. 6, 1925) died Jan. 29, 2010, at the age of 84 in San Diego, CA. A long-time resident of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, Dr. Rinaldo was Medical Director of Providence Hospital from 1970 to 1990. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Rosemarie, and children, Patrice Cassidy, Barbara Rinaldo, and Paul Rinaldo of San Diego, and Joseph Anthony ("Tony") Rinaldo, III of Concord, MA. Donations to U Mich. School of Music, 2005 Baits Drive, Ann Arbor, MI, 48109. RE: "Christine Eve Rinaldo Memorial Scholarship." Full obituary and to post remembrances, [www.pacificbeachchapel.com](http://www.pacificbeachchapel.com)



## MURPHY DEFOREST SHELL

BORN OCTOBER 2, 1920 DIED JANUARY 19, 2010  
The third of nine children, Mr. Shell was born in St. Louis, MO in 1920. He joined the Army Air Corp in 1940 and traveled to China-Burma-India, training mechanics on the P-51 Mustang. After being discharged from the US Army Air Corps in 1945, Mr. Shell attended Wayne State University on the GI Bill and obtained an electrical engineering degree. He worked at Parke Davis and then General Motors, retiring from GM in 1980 as the head electrical engineer for the Technical Center in Warren, MI. He was an active member of Theta Tau Engineering fraternity and a lifetime member of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club. Mr. Shell was an avid downhill skier, skiing until the age of 82. He was happiest when fixing something. Mr. Shell was a forty-five year resident of Birmingham, MI., and resided at Arbor House in Traverse City, MI the last few years of his life with his wife of 53 years, Mary McDonald Shell. He will be remembered by his wife, four children; Murdeen Shell Wilms (Gerald Wilms), David Shell (Debbie), Julie Shell, and Amy Shell-Gellasch (Chris Gellasch). He is also survived by five grandchildren and 6.5 great grandchildren. Donations can be made in Mr. Shell's honor to the Wayne State University Alumni Association. Mr. Shell's memorial website can be visited at: [www.lifestorynet.com/memories/55405/](http://www.lifestorynet.com/memories/55405/)



## DONALD PHILIP VOORHIS

Age 65 of the Tellico Village Community Loudon, TN formerly of Birmingham, MI, passed away of ALS (Lou Gehrig Disease) on February 1, 2010. He died peacefully at home holding the hands of his wife and daughter. He was a member of the Tellico Village Community Church. Originally from Middletown, OH, he graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a BS in Industrial Management, June of 1967 and an MBA in Macro Economics June of 1968. Don was a member of Gamma X Chapter University of Cincinnati class of 1967. He worked his entire career at Chrysler Corporation in Michigan. Don was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Preceded in death by father, Howard Voorhis, mother, Betty Voorhis, and first wife Patricia Rogers Voorhis. Survived by his current wife, Cheryl Voorhis; daughters, Jenny Mitchell and husband, Jordan of Kirkland WA, Sarah Fraley and husband, Kevin of Milan, MI; grandchildren, Hannah Hunter, Joseph and Miranda; His second family who loved and adored him, Cheryl's children, James Turner and his wife Ebru, Kimberly Dickerson and her husband, Kent, Tracie Bondy and her husband Scott, and Darrel Turner; grandchildren Kaitlin, Avery, Savannah, Jesse, Hunter, Jack, Cheyenne, Clara and Dakota. The family received friends Friday, February 5 from 5 - 8 p.m. at Click Funeral Home & Cremations, Tellico Village Chapel, 145 Chota Center, Tellico Village. They also received friends on Saturday, February 6 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Tellico Village Community Church; a Celebration of Life followed at 4 p.m. with Rev. Marty Singley officiating. Following the service, a reception was held at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Muscular Dystrophy Associations (MDA) - ALS, 6408 Papermill Drive, Suite 230, Knoxville, TN 37919. Click Funeral Home - Tellico Village Chapel, 145 Chota Center, Loudon, TN is serving the family of Donald Voorhis. [www.clickfuneralhome.com](http://www.clickfuneralhome.com).

## HARRY E. WILLIAMS

Age 89, January 30, 2010. Loving husband of Mary for 58 years. Dear father of Mary (the late Wendell) Clark, Dale Williams and Robin (William) Ward. Grandfather of Lauren (Chris) McKay, Justin Clark and Kathryn Williams. Great grandfather of Caleb McKay. Brother of Wanda Myers. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Please visit: [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com).





# NEIGHBORS

## Dream fulfilled

Redford woman will compete in state pageant as Mrs. Wayne County

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Sarah Johnson likely will wear her talent on her sleeve — and her bodice, neckline and skirt — when she competes in the Mrs. Michigan America pageant.

Although the event doesn't require contestants to sing, dance or exhibit a spare time passion, Johnson, 25, can't help but show her skills with needle and thread. The Redford woman hopes to make her gown for the pageant, which will be held April 9-10 in Grand Rapids.

The reigning Mrs. Wayne County might even design it, too.

"There was a sewing program when I was in middle school for maybe a semester. Then they took it away. I was crushed, but I kept on sewing and learning little things here and there. I kept reading and drawing and sketching," she said.

Johnson has sewn ever since. Her husband, Kerrell, bought her first sewing machine and a best friend gave her the mannequin dress form she uses for fitting. Yards of silky-textured fabric are piled next to the machine, near more conservative suiting material that is being shaped into a coat, with sleeves designed like petals.

"I'll probably buy a gown and make a gown and then figure out which to wear," she said with a laugh. She also promised to make her daughter, Karah, 4, a gown for Metro Detroit's Largest Princess Party and Pageant sponsored by Royal Blush Events.

"It is like a mother-daughter thing,"



Sarah Johnson of Redford wears her Mrs. Wayne County crown and sash.

Johnson said, referring to the two pageants. "Hers is a natural pageant, which I really love. She doesn't have to wear make-up."

### EXPERIENCE MODELING

Johnson's pageant includes swimsuit and evening gown modeling, interviews and an on-stage, on-the-spot question.

Her experience on the runway, modeling while she was in college at Wayne State,

may give her an edge at the pageant. She also has taken on print modeling assignments.

"I wasn't allowed to do this when I was younger. I just got into this. I wanted to model and I wanted to do pageants but my mother was protective because I was more of an intellectual."

Johnson, who grew up in Detroit in a family of eight, said her mother, was "very traditional" and also discouraged her from modeling.

"She didn't want me getting caught up in the sexual aspect of it. Even when I got older and started modeling, I stopped for a while because it did get to the point where it was all politics and people wanting you to do things you didn't want to do."

As a feminist in college, Johnson sometimes didn't see eye to eye with her mother. Now, as a mother herself, she understands her mom's point of view. And Johnson said her mother is happy about the upcoming pageant.

### COMPETING FOR TITLES

Johnson said the Mrs. Wayne County title seemed to fall into her lap.

She submitted her application and photos, and eventually met with a pageant organizer who gave her the go ahead to serve as Wayne County delegate to the pageant in April.

While talking about the event with a friend in the clothing store where she previously worked, a customer offered to give her half of the \$500 sponsorship fee need-

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Sarah Johnson and daughter Karah sing together.

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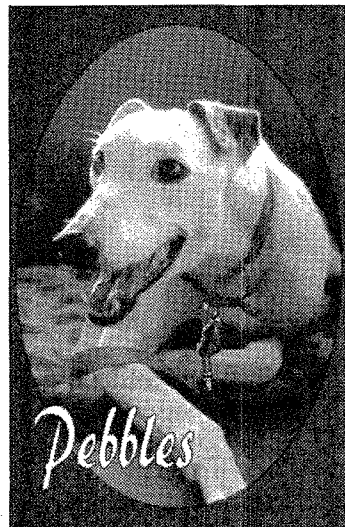
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Pebbles will be on hand at the "Meet and Greet" at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

## ADOPTABLE GREYHOUNDS

Greyheart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption not only received several new greyhounds from Florida this week, it also found a new home for a monthly "Meet and Greet."

"We are thrilled that Celebrity Pets, located in Laurel Park Place," has invited us to join them on the second Sunday of the month," said Jackie Bowen, Greyheart public relations coordinator. "We will provide families an opportunity to learn about this alluring breed and get up close and personal with them."

The adoption event runs from 12:30-4:30 p.m. The first will be Sunday, Feb. 14. Laurel Park Place is located at 37700 West Six Mile, in Livonia.

"We will have with us a beautiful little girl who is available for adoption," Bowen said.

Pebbles, a white greyhound with pebble markings and deep brown eyes will be on hand.

"Come on out, pet a greyhound."

For more information, visit [www.greyheart.org](http://www.greyheart.org).

## GARDEN & NATURE

Visit [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com) to view the Garden Calendar in its entirety.

### At English Gardens

The English Gardens 8th Annual Orchid Festival through Feb. 28 includes these workshops and presentations:

- More about orchids, 1 p.m., Feb. 13; free.
- Orchid re-potting demonstration, 2:30 p.m., Feb. 13; free.

## Collecting for Haiti

Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman Road, Livonia, is a collection site for items needed by Haitian Christian Outreach.

The church will collect items until Saturday, Feb. 27.

The public can help by placing goods in the donation boxes under the church canopy. Financial gifts will be accepted 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Thursday in the church, by mail or anytime by dropping the donation between the church doors.

Here are the high priority items needed: generators, work gloves, head lamp with batteries, peanut butter, meats in cans or foil packages, bottled water, medical dressings, gauze, surgical supplies, gloves, tape, suture materials, alcohol, peroxide, antibiotic cream (Neosporin), Vaseline, Ziploc bags in all sizes, crutches — including used sets as long as the hand grips and arm pads are in good shape — Tylenol, ibuprofen, antacids, Tums, cough medicine, prenatal vitamins, anti-diarrhea medication (like Imodium) in tablets or capsules, but not liquid or liquid-gels, anti-itch cream (Benadryl), eye drops that are non-medicated such as saline or liquid tears, baby cereal, powdered infant formula, empty baby bottles and ibuprofen or Tylenol liquids for infants.

Medium priority items are needed, as well. They are: children's clothing and shoes, new or used in good condition and sheets. Twin size sheets are needed most.

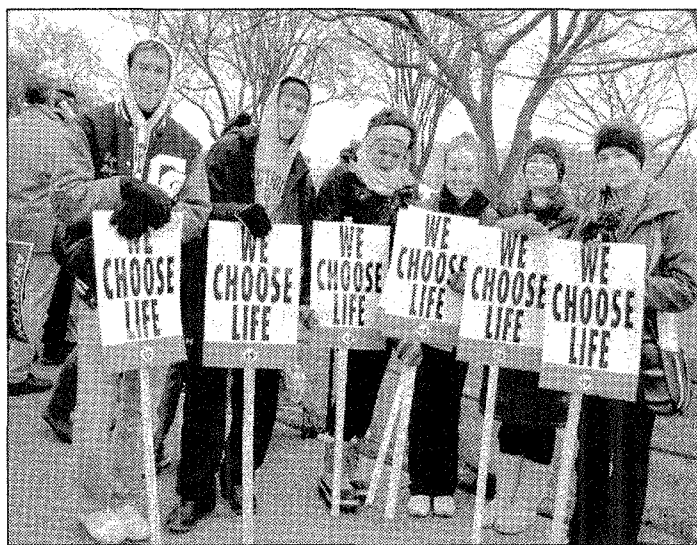
Checks may also be sent to the church to help Haitian Christian Outreach. Write "HCO Earthquake Fund" on the memo line of the check made payable to Kenwood Church of Christ.

For more information, call the church at (248) 476-8222.

### Involved youth

More than 60 local young people, sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Youth Group of Livonia, attended the 37th March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Jan. 22, to participate in the annual March which marks the anniversary of Roe v

## IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



At the 37th March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Jan. 22 are Ryan Majak (left) and Daniel Thiesen, both of Catholic Central High School in Novi, along with Hillary Shesterkin, Laurel Cummings, Meghan Doulette, and Alex Cummings, all of Ladywood High School in Livonia.

Wade and the American legalization of abortion in 1973. "The attendance at this year's march was phenomenal," stated Patrick Cummings of Westland, who has accompanied his daughters to the March for several years. "Estimates are that the crowds were even larger than last year, numbering between 350,000 and 400,000, and it was great to see that two-thirds of those attending were college age or younger."

### With a song

The HarmonyTown Chorus is still taking reservations for singing valentines.

Quartets from the group will serenade your loved one with two songs for \$40. The delivery includes a rose and personalized card. To schedule a visit Friday-Sunday, Feb. 12-14, call (734) 743-1764.

### Bucks for Bach

Musicians from Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras will perform the music of Bach in an artistic setting, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, in Lotus Arts Gallery in downtown Plymouth.

Flutist Dennis Carter, Cellist Amy Kuras and Pianist Patrick Johnson, along with conductor Nan Washburn, will perform. Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served throughout the evening.

Suggested donation for the event is \$35.

For more information and reservations call (734) 451-2112 or visit [www.plymouth-symphony.org](http://www.plymouth-symphony.org)

### Save the date

ZONTA of Farmington/Novi and Parisian have teamed up to present the 16th annual "Steppin' Out in Style" fund-raiser for First Step, Western Wayne County's project on domestic and sexual violence.

The event will include after-hours, discounted shopping, a strolling supper and entertainment, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Sunday, March 21, at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, located at Six Mile and Newburgh roads, in Livonia. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

Proceeds from fund-raisers help First Step pay for such costs as client transportation, utilities, food bills and other expenses not covered by grant revenue.

For ticket and sponsorship information visit [www.zontaoffarmingtonnovi.org](http://www.zontaoffarmingtonnovi.org) and click on "events."

### Learn about DAR

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter will show a video about "Today's DAR" during its Good Citizen Reception, 10:30 a.m., in the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.

For more information call (734) 459-4764.

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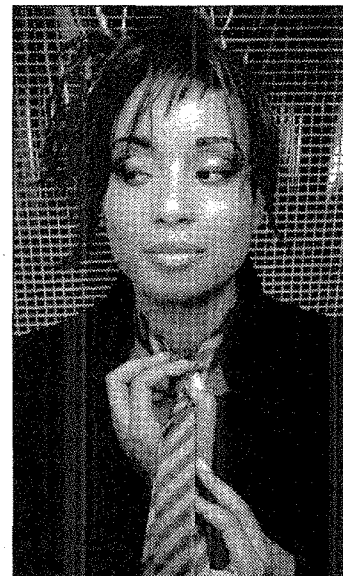
ed to enter the Miss Michigan America pageant.

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Sarah Johnson of Redford in one of her modeling portfolio photos.

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## FEELING STIFF

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The patient's answers to these questions help the doctor decide the cause of the stiffness. Most stiffness comes from being out of shape, and is the most common type of stiffness found in people over age 70. Insufficient exercise means muscles are weak and sluggish to respond to sudden demands. Arising easily from a seated position requires both strength and stamina, the very qualities of muscle lost when an individual does not undertake regular exercise.

However, a doctor must be careful in this assessment. Another condition - Polymyalgia Rheumatica - has stiffness as its main feature. The stiffness is intense, comes on rapidly and lasts through the day, though aching is worse in the morning. The doctor wants to make a correct diagnosis of Polymyalgia as its treatment is straightforward and results in cure of the stiffness.

Finally, stiffness can be the result of strain. For example, a stiff back may reflect an arthritic knee. Poor posture because of knee impairment can create strain that the individual feels as a stiff back.

The doctor directs his questions in a manner to uncover the cause of stiffness; x-rays or laboratory tests rarely do better.

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## Weight loss support group offers Valentine Day tips

Chocolates and other sweets may abound on Feb. 14, but TOPS Club, Inc., (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), says you can have a fuller heart — without a wider waistline — when the holiday ends.

The nonprofit weight loss support group offers these tips to renew your commitment to a healthy lifestyle and enhance your well-being on Valentine's Day:

- Realize how great it is that you are one of a kind. Appreciate your voice, vision, and uniqueness.
- Write down your many talents and qualities that you like about yourself.
- Get enough rest.
- Indulge in a non-food treat. Buy a bouquet of flowers to brighten up your home or pamper your feet with a rejuvenating pedicure. Valentine's Day is the perfect occasion to treat yourself well.
- Take time to write down

and examine your goals. You may surprise yourself. Expressing your goals specifically on paper can be freeing and open up possibilities you might never have considered. Many of them might already be within your grasp.

- Remember the special people in your life. Feb. 14 doesn't have to focus on the love you share with your significant other. Consider family members, friends, and mentors who make your life meaningful the rest of the year. Send a card to let them know how much you care or spend an afternoon just catching up.

- Try something new. Give yourself permission to take risks by exploring a new hobby, tackling that home improvement project, or training for a race. Don't let fear or excuses hold you back from your best self.

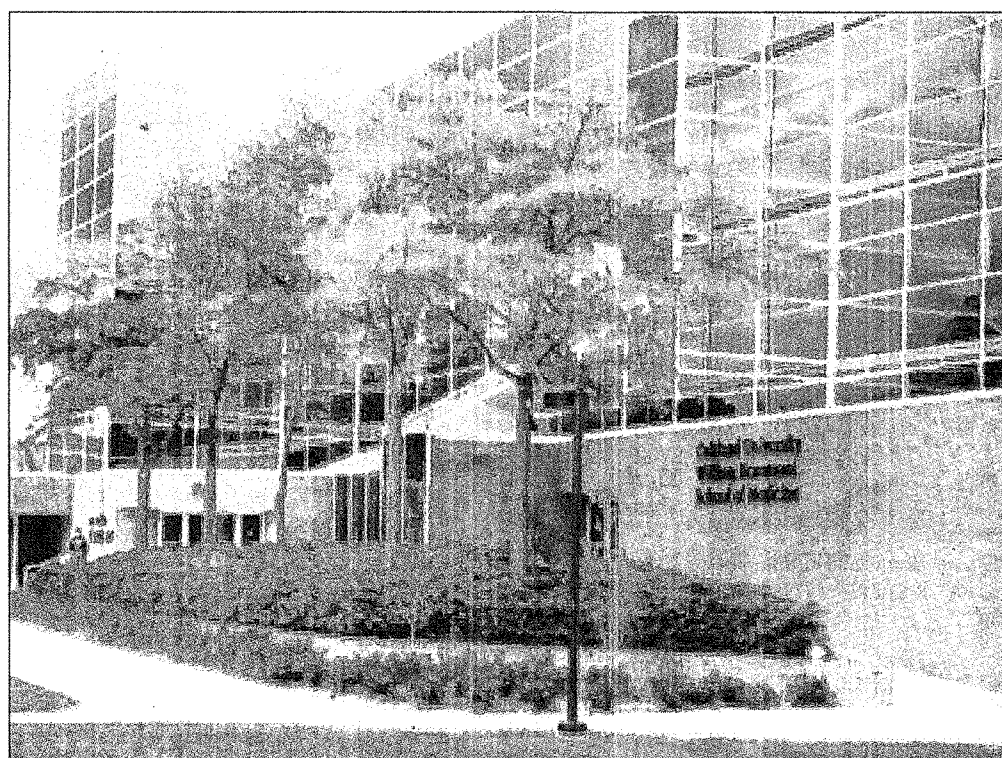
- Create a food and exercise/activity plan. Peruse healthy

lifestyle magazines for workout tips, meal plans, and delicious, low-calorie recipes. Visit the local library or surf the Web for free materials and advice.

- Count your blessings and record them in a journal every night. The habit of looking on the bright side of each day and being grateful helps create an upbeat attitude and can add a sweet touch to life.

- Relax, play, and enjoy life without guilt. Give yourself a break occasionally. Stop expecting the impossible from yourself and simply do the best you can with each day.

TOPS has about 170,000 members in nearly 10,000 chapters throughout the United States and Canada, and several chapters in Europe. Visitors may attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. To find a local chapter, view [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) or call (800) 932-8677.



Oakland University's School of Medicine

## New medical school a step closer to 2011 start

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) has awarded preliminary accreditation to the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine.

The Committee is the national accrediting authority for medical education programs in the United States and Canada. Its survey team visited Oakland University in November 2009 and the Committee this month voted to grant preliminary accreditation.

"We are delighted that the LCME has recognized the quality and value of our team's efforts to create a dynamic learning environment to produce highly competent, patient-centered doctors with a commitment to lifelong learning," said Robert Folberg, M.D., founding dean of the medical school, in a written statement. "This important milestone keeps us on track to begin instruction in August 2011."

Dr. Virinder Moudgil, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at the uni-

versity, called the achievement "historic" for Southeastern Michigan.

"This significantly expands our commitment to the role higher education will play in the region and the state, and it shows that we're ready and able to build an innovative, knowledge-based economy for the future," he said.

As part of the OU-Beaumont partnership, students will receive instruction in basic sciences and research at the school of medicine on Oakland University's campus in Rochester, and take part in clinical training and applied research at Beaumont Hospitals.

"Beaumont has long been a national leader in providing post-graduate residency and fellowship training for physicians," said Ananias Diokno, M.D., chief medical officer at Beaumont Hospitals. "Our involvement in this new medical school will attract even more medical talent to us and to the region — benefiting our patients and the communities we serve."

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