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Supersitters

Today (Sunday) is the last day to register for training as a Supersitter.

The Bailey Recreation Center is offering a four-week training course for youngsters age 11 and older who want to become great babysitters. The class teaches child growth and development, basic first aid, CPR, bathing and diapering and infant nutrition, fire safety, sitter's personal safety, and age-appropriate activities for children.

Each student will earn a certificate of participation and an American Heart Association Participation CPR card.

The class is from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays through March 23. Students can bring a snack to class. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$35 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. The \$6 material fee is payable to the instructor at the first class.

The Bailey Center is at 36651 Ford in the civic center complex. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

Deadlines

If you haven't paid your winter tax property tax bill, time has about run out. Tomorrow (March 1) is the last day to pay 2009 winter property taxes.

If you need more information about your tax bill, call the city's Finance Department at (734) 467-3172.

Saying I do

Looking for a place to say your wedding vows?

The Octagon House in the Westland Historical Village Park is available for an intimate wedding. The Octagon House is available for wedding rental at various times on Friday evenings and Saturdays.

The Octagon House was originally located on Newburgh, north of Warren Road. The center two stories of the house were built in the 1840s.

The two one-story wings were added in 1937. The unique shaped house is being restored and decorated with 1930s style furnishings.

The historical park is at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill. For more information, call Pamela Attard at (734) 728-3104 or (734) 612-7050.

City to use sump pumps to handle overflows

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Spend \$2 million to disconnect residential footing drains and avoid having to participate in a \$100 million regional project to store excess stormwater discharge.

The Westland City Council recently awarded a contract to Bidigare Contractors Inc. for work disconnecting 250 homes from existing footing drains and installing sump pumps. The city has 170 volunteers participating in the program, which will begin

in the spring.

"We'll need another 80 more homes and we're looking for residents to participate. There is an advantage to the city and also to the residents - they will get a sump pump," Westland Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford said. "This takes water away from the foundation of their homes."

Homes constructed before 1980 were built without sump pumps, Buford said, unless the homeowner happened to have one installed. Instead, stormwater would be

directed from the weeping tile around the foundation of the home into the combined stormwater-sanitary sewer - and that's the problem.

When there is a heavy rain, stormwater going into the sanitary sewer can overwhelm the system and cause sewer overflows which release untreated sewage into the Rouge River and, in some instances, residential basements.

"Stormwater doesn't need to be treated, sewage has to be contained and treated," Buford said. "We had overflow problems in the mid to late

1990s and a 2001 event. In 2002-03, we had no problems."

Under a final abatement order with the Department of Environmental Quality, area communities, including Westland have until 2012 to get their sanitary discharge under control or buy into a regional system.

In Westland, the city is allowed discharge of 81 cubic feet per second - a number the city stays below during times of normal flow, Buford said. The city has seen discharge of 84-87 cfs

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Relay for Life kick-off honors cancer survivors

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A cancer survivor for over six years, Janet Baracy recalls her cousin who was diagnosed with the same type of breast cancer at the same age but years earlier.

"She wasn't as lucky. There were new treatments that saved my life. The money we raise goes to research. That's why we're here," Baracy told about 100 people gathered for the official kick-off for the 2010 Westland American Cancer Society Relay for Life. "If I had gotten this 15 years ago, I wouldn't have survived this disease."

This is the 10th year for Westland's Relay for Life, a 24-hour event that will begin 10 a.m. Saturday, May 22, in Jaycee Park. There are a variety of activities over the 24 hours and teams have someone walking on the track throughout the event, signifying that cancer never sleeps.

Through a wide range of fund-raisers prior to and during the event, 33 teams last year raised almost \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society. Most of the funding goes toward research - the American Cancer Society is second only to the federal government when it comes to funding research.

"They also do a lot of what could be considered little things. It was a not if I would lose my hair but when," said Baracy, who underwent both chemotherapy and radiation treatments. "The American Cancer Society gave me a coupon for a wig. A lot of insurance won't pay for that. People can't

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Pat Guziak, a member of the Not My Family teams, talks with Patricia Sullivan, (right) a 53-year cancer survivor, during the kick-off for Westland's tenth annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

work and maybe they can't afford a wig. It seems like a little thing, but anything to make you feel normal."

The theme for the 2010 event is celebrating more birthdays. Cancer sur-

vivors were recognized and presented with cupcakes, including a candle.

"More often than not people have been affected by cancer. There are 30 people diagnosed with cancer each

day in Wayne County," said American Cancer Society representative Sarah Sherwood.

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Westland man ticketed for misusing library computer

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man has been ticketed for viewing pornography on a computer at Westland's Faust Library earlier this month.

The initial complaint made to Westland police was that someone was looking at what may have been child pornography, which is illegal.

"I did an examination on the computer and there was no child pornog-

raphy on there," said Westland police Sgt. Brian Miller, who is assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force headed by the Michigan State Police. "He was viewing adult pornography in plain view of everyone in the library."

The man, 36, was cited for violating a city ordinance on obscene material and also ticketed for resisting arrest after struggling with the officers who escorted him from the library on Feb. 5.

"The officers stood behind him for

a minute or so. He was so into it, he didn't notice two uniformed officers and a (police) dog," said Miller.

The library has a zero tolerance policy toward viewing any type of pornography on the library computers, Library Director Cheryl Napsha said at the time of the incident.

All of the library's public use computers have screens that are in plain view of staff and other patrons. Napsha said that when someone is spotted viewing inappropriate mate-

rial, the library staff will log off the computer they are using and warn them that if it happens again, they will no longer be allowed to use the library computers.

People sometimes will use a library computer to look at pornography because they don't have Internet access at home, or wish to keep parents or a spouse from knowing which sites they are accessing, Miller said.

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Two men face trial in theft of coaxial cable

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two men have been charged in connection with the theft of more than \$6,000 of coaxial cable from a Westland business.

Employees at T-Mobile, 400 Manufacturing Drive, discovered two spools of cable missing earlier this month. Checking security video, employees reportedly found the cable had been taken a couple of weeks earlier by suspects using a hacksaw to cut the cable into three-foot lengths which were thrown over the fence.

"Lincoln Park police arrested (the suspects) for stealing cable at an AT&T place. It was late at night - a neighbor saw them and called police," Westland police Sgt. Steve Borisch said.



Doyle



Thomas

"I had been working with AT&T on another case and they told me about the arrests."

The men arrested in the Lincoln Park case were driving a minivan - the same kind of vehicle reportedly used by the suspects in the Westland case when cable was stolen from the T-Mobile location.

"I went to look at the minivan, it looked the same," Borisch said. "Inside I found a receipt from a scrap yard. I went to the scrap yard in Wayne. They just get ID (from

sellers), but the guy knew them - they were regular customers. They both confessed to taking part in the thefts at T-Mobile. They both said they had a heroin problem and this led to the thefts."

James Doyle, 21, of Westland and William Thomas, 31, of Wayne, each waived their preliminary examination in 18th District Court Thursday on charges of receiving and concealing stolen property and selling stolen non-ferrous metals, the latter a five-year felony. Not guilty pleas had been entered for each.

Considered an habitual offender, Doyle is being held in lieu of \$20,000/10 percent bonds in both Westland and Lincoln Park. Thomas, who had been released from the

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Relay organizers aim for 40 teams

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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As the Westland Relay for Life celebrates 10 years, organizers are working to include more neighbors from Wayne in the event.

The official kick-off, which drew about 100 people, was held for the first time at Wayne Community Center in an effort to recognize the joint effort.

"It's awesome, a great turnout — maybe our biggest yet," said Kelly Lawrence, who chairs the event which raises money for the American Cancer Society. "I see people from Wayne and some new people."

Currently, 20 teams have signed up for the 2010 event which will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, May 22, to 10 a.m. Sunday, May 23, in Jaycee Park.

Last year, 33 teams raised nearly \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society. The goal is for Westland to have 40 teams this year, said Sarah Sherwood, American Cancer Society representative.

"We don't really track how many people participate. There are usually 10-15 people on a team plus all the public who stop by," said Sherwood. "This is the 10th-year anniversary with Westland. We'd like to call back some of our old teams from the past and

keep it growing. People can start a team or just come out."

Wearing a head band decorated with cloth birthday candles in honor of the theme of celebrating more birthdays, team development chair Lisa Hamlett encouraged people to form teams.

"It's fun and it's easy. You won't regret your decision," she said. "We're here to give you fund-raising ideas and to support you. It's not that hard."

Anyone interested in registering a team or getting more information about the event can visit www.RelayForLife.org/WestlandMI.

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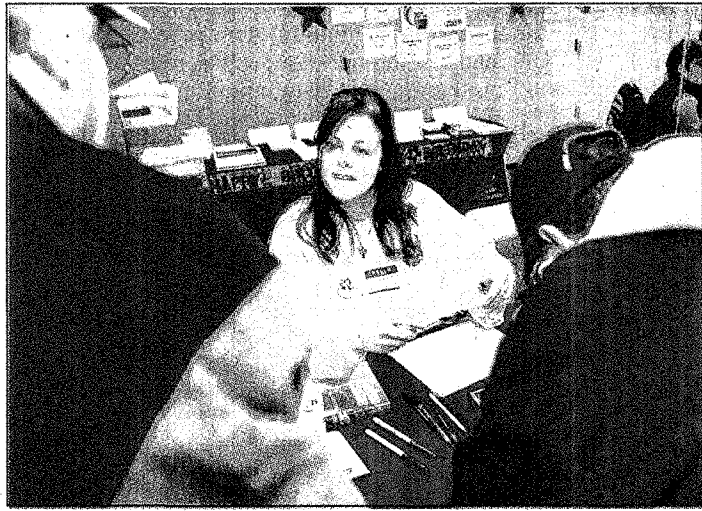
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Westland resident Patricia Sullivan, 74, was singled out among the survivors — she was diagnosed with breast cancer 53 years ago. At 21, Sullivan discovered a lump in her breast after getting tossed around at a dance on ship traveling on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

"I was checking to see if I was OK. They had no treatment but surgery in those days. I found the lump and had surgery right away," said Sullivan. "They did a biopsy while I was under (anesthetic) and did a radical mastectomy. They tested the lymph nodes. They hadn't developed chemotherapy or radiation yet."

Sullivan, who worked in nursing, recalled that for about a year she had the dubious honor of being the youngest patient treated for breast can-



Volunteer Rhonda Temple worked the registration table at the Westland Relay for Life kick-off meeting. It's the tenth year for the American Cancer Society fund-raiser in Westland.

cer at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Detroit. This was Sullivan's first time getting involved with Relay for Life — she hadn't joined a team, but said she planned to get involved.

During the relay, there is victory lap for survivors, a

silent luminaria walk remembering those lost to cancer and recognition of caregivers. There is also music, entertainment, food and a lot of activities.

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Gebhardt seeks 2nd term as county commissioner

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, has announced she will seek re-election to the commission in 2010.

Gebhardt represents District 12, which includes the communities of Westland, Inkster and the southern portion of Livonia.

"Wayne County faces many severe budget challenges going forward, and I believe my leadership and financial management skills will best serve the communities and constituents of District 12," Gebhardt said.

Gebhardt became com-



Gebhardt

missioner in January 2009. During her first term in office, she said she has made Wayne County government more accessible to citizens by holding local office hours in her district four times each month. The commission has held full board meetings in Inkster and Westland. It will hold one in Livonia during the next 12 months.

Gebhardt said she has led an effort to reduce the commission's budget by \$1.6 million and enacted a 10 percent pay cut for commissioners that took effect this past October. As commissioner, she said has pushed for openness and transparency in government by posting her office expenditures online.

As a Wayne County commissioner, she serves on the

Committee on Government Operations, Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Public Services. Gebhardt also is vice-president to the executive committee of SEMCOG, serves on the board of directors for the Head Start Governing Board and the Great Start Collaborative, and is a trustee for Schoolcraft College.

"I look forward to serving District 12 for another term, and will continue working hard with community leaders to attract new jobs and investment to the county," Gebhardt added. "I will also ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly."

The 2010 primary election is Aug. 3 while the 2010 general election is Nov. 2.

AROUND WESTLAND

Animal licenses

The last day to purchase an animal license in Westland without penalty is Monday, March 1. Pets must be licensed as soon as they are old enough to be vaccinated

by the veterinarian - four months old.

The cost is \$12 per animal or \$6 if the animal is spayed or neutered. Stop at the Westland Clerk's Office during regular business hours. City ordinance also limits

pet ownership to three animals per household or a kennel license is required. The late fee will be waived for new residents or those who acquire a new pet after the March 1 deadline. For more information, call (734) 467-3185.

SUMP PUMPS

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during storms.

Wayne County will meter their entire sewer system in 2011, Buford said, so it will be known exactly how much is being discharged and from where. Once that is determined, the county drain commission can assess communities for their share of the storage tunnel, which has estimates of \$80 million to \$200

million.

"We decided we've got to do something. The system improvements will help the system and also get us down from 84-87 cfs on the high end," Buford said.

Now that storm and sanitary sewers have been separated, the city is addressing the footing drains, manhole rehabilitation and sewer relining to reduce stormwater discharge or infiltration into the sanitary sewer.

"We're 100 percent positive we know what areas get the

flow. We know the areas that need correction - some areas are perfect," Buford said.

This project is for 250 homes to have footing drains disconnected, but Buford said the city would like to do more homes as funding becomes available. An estimated 1,000 homes have the footing drains with concentrations in the areas of Norwayne, Inkster Road and Henry Ruff and Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail.

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Wayne County Jail on an electronic tether, turned himself in and was released on personal bond. Both are scheduled for Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment on March 4.

- Two Inkster men were arrested Friday morning for

allegedly stealing scrap copper wiring from Plastipak, a bottle manufacturer located on Hix.

Work was being done at the business, Borisch said, with scrap copper wiring being placed into a bin from H & H Metals, which was hired to recycle the material.

When the wire disappeared from the bin, Borisch said surveillance video showed subjects in a pickup truck were

seen taking the material on Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 21-22.

As it happened, the suspects allegedly sold the scrap wire to H & H Metals, located in Inkster.

"They keep very good records (of sellers) with a thumbprint," said Borisch, who tracked the pair to a home on Rosewood in Inkster with the assistance from Inkster police.

The two men, ages 29 and 27, are jailed and expected to be arraigned Monday on charges of larceny and trespassing. The 29-year-old is also facing a crack cocaine possession charge. An officer reported recovering a rock of crack cocaine in the back seat of his patrol car after transporting the man following his arrest.

"Their story was that an employee told them they could take the wire but the employee said that wasn't the case," Borisch said. "They had to pass two 'no trespassing' signs to get to the recycling."

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Five nominated for Westland ATHENA Award

The chocolate will be flowing when the Women of Westland and their guests gather Saturday, March 6, for their sixth annual Westland ATHENA Chocolate Fantasy Ball.

Five have been nominated for the ATHENA award, which recognizes a man or woman for excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession, contribution of time and talent to improve the quality of life for others and assisting women in realizing their full leadership potential.

The ball will be 6-10 p.m. at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, east of Middlebelt, in Westland. It will feature a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, a chocolate dessert extravaganza and silent auction. Proceeds from the event will be donated

to the Barbara Douglas Scholarship Program.

This year's ATHENA nominees include Desiree Herrick, Barbara Schimmel Marcum, Margaret Reyez, Scherice Roark and Jessica O'Leary.

Herrick was nominated by Theresa Bizoe, associate director of First Step where she has worked for 11 years as a children's advocate, children's program coordinator, crisis line coordinator and sexual assault outreach coordinator. She currently is First Step's non-residential program coordinator.

She has received the Wayne County Council Against Family Violence Spirit Award, the MCADSV Children's Task Outstanding Child's Advocate in 2001 and 2005. She also developed the Keeping Kids Safe program, a violence

prevention curriculum for elementary school children which has been recognized by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan as a model program.

Schimmel Marcum is the director of the Westland Senior Resources Department. An experienced gerontologist, she works "tirelessly" to ensure that the city's older adult community leads fulfilling lives and helps bridge the gap between young and older through community service. She sits on the Board of Directors of Senior Alliance and is a strong advocate for the Meals on Wheels program.

She received a Woman of Distinction Award from Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia in 2009 in recognition of her community service.

Reyez is a long-time

Westland resident who works as an instructional media center clerk for the Wayne-Westland Community School. She also is a history presented in the dramatic program at Greenfield Village, appearing as the school marm in the 1871 Scotch Settlement House.

She is a certified youth minister at Ss. Simon and Jude Church and a certified coordinator of Rainbows for All God's Children, a support program for children suffering from the loss of parent through death or divorce. She also has been involved in the Mother Cabrini Ladies Guild at Ss. Simon and Jude and president of the PTA at Kettering Elementary school.

Roark is director of transportation for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and supervises 74 bus drivers,

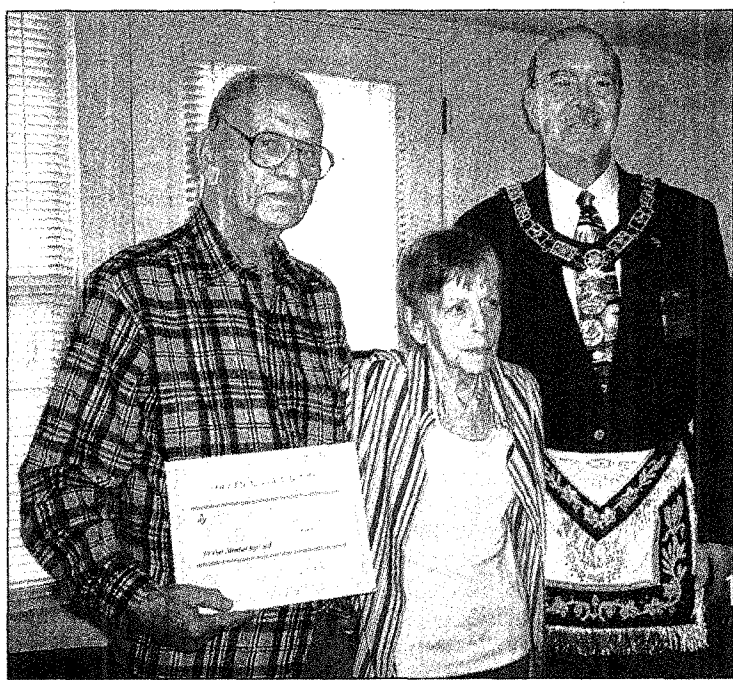
30 attendants, five mechanics and office staff. She is an expert with bus routing software and the excellence she demands from her mostly female staff is evident from the results of competitions and inspections. Two Wayne-Westland bus drivers won first- and third-place in the 2009 School bus rodeo, and school bus inspections by the

O'Leary is the GEAR Up Ladies of Leadership co-facilitator at Wayne Memorial High School where she plans after school activities to provide her students with awareness, understanding and skills they

need to become community leaders.

She has organized field trips for LOL members and organized community service, such as gardening with middle school students and caring for animals at the Michigan Humane Society shelter. She also has helped collect items for a local teen home and has met weekly with women at a female correction facility in Ypsilanti.

Tickets cost \$20 each and are available by calling Meghan Giersdorf at (248) 255-8241 or Women of Westland at (734) 467-9113.



Golden anniversary

Robert Wilson (left) received a surprise visit from Richard Ruhland (right) of the Wayne Masonic Lodge and a former state Grand Master. Hunt was presented with his certificate and a pin for being a member of the Masons for 50 years. He first joined the Masons while living in Illinois. Also on hand for the surprise ceremony was Wilson's wife, Joyce.

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Mom's book shares joy of special-needs son

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joan Broggi's heart is full of love for her 19-year-old son, Alex.

"He's so humble," the Plymouth Township woman said of Alex, who has epilepsy which led to mental impairment when he was younger. "He has the kindest, purest heart."

She and husband Nick, also parents to three other children, have found their lives enriched by Alex, prompting her to write *Bursting with Joy: Discovering Universal Truths Through Our Special Son* (Ferne Press/Nelson Publishing & Marketing).

"My goal is just to give hope and inspiration to others," said Broggi, a substitute teacher in Livonia Public Schools whose work includes special education classrooms. She hopes not just parents of special needs children but all who read her book will embrace gifts given.

"This can be a good thing if I look at it with the right eyes," the author said.

"This is kind of their journey," said Plymouth Township resident MaryAnn McAuliffe, Broggi's sister. Alex had his first seizure at 6 months, and became cognitively impaired.

"When he was younger, he had a lot of seizures," McAuliffe said. "Now he has maybe one a month." Alex, a Livonia Franklin High School graduate, attends the Western Wayne Skills Center of the Livonia school district, learning life skills aimed at giving greater independence.

"There's just a real simplicity to him. He just sees the good in everyone," she said of her nephew. Alex tells women and girls, including those with Down syndrome, that they're beautiful.

The sisters grew up in a family with eight kids, and are close-knit. Alex's youngest sister is a high school sophomore and he has two older siblings, a brother at Michigan State University and a sister doing graduate work in occupational therapy at Eastern Michigan University.

Broggi's writing is based



The Broggi family (Nick and Joan, Kellie, Nicholas, Alex and Angela) at the 2009 Epilepsy Stroll at the Detroit Zoo.

in part on Elisabeth Kübler-Ross' *On Death and Dying*, which details the steps associated with death.

Bursting with Joy is available through amazon.com and at Border's and Barnes & Noble. For more on the author, visit www.joanbroggi-books.com. Joan Broggi's busy right now with the book launch, including at the family church, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic, as well as NorthRidge Church, also in Plymouth Township.

She's doing speaking engagements, including one to her EMU daughter's program. Alex attended and was front and center with a big grin. "It was so endearing," she said of Alex, who signed books that day. His mental age is, around 8.

"I've been wanting to do it for 19 years," Broggi said of her book. The family lived for a time in Princeton, N.J., when Alex was younger. When they returned to Michigan, she began subbing in the Livonia district, where a colleague encouraged her to share her experiences in writing.

It took her three months of putting pen to paper, followed by editing by the Northville-based Ferne Press. "It's a very positive take," she said of the book and her family's life. Broggi adds a sixth stage, joy, to Kübler-Ross' five stages.

Friends have read the book, and one with a special-needs child became tearful. "She said I'm at the joy stage with

my son." That reaction makes the work worthwhile for Broggi.

She got an added impetus at Alex's high school graduation: "There was just so much love bestowed on him as a result of who he is," she said.

A portion of proceeds will go to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, Special Olympics and Arc of Western Wayne County, in keeping with the family's beliefs in giving back. "When you start changing that focus, your life changes," Broggi said of having a special-needs child.

Girls in regular education classes at his school have enjoyed working with Alex. "They come out of it changed," she said. "He doesn't see physical beauty. He just sees the person."

She's read to Alex from book chapters, and he's been surprised there's a book about him. Some experiences were a little hard to relive, his mother said.

"It was very therapeutic for me, too." Her husband and the rest of her family have also been extremely supportive, and Alex has brought compassion and optimism into their lives.

Broggi, who earned a bachelor's degree in general studies from the University of Michigan in 1982, continues to substitute teach in the Livonia district. She has less time now for that with book marketing.

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RESA eyes millage to help struggling districts

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In an effort to help its struggling school districts, Wayne County RESA officials are considering asking voters county-wide to pass a 1.9-mill tax increase that would send millions of dollars back to individual districts.

RESA officials believe the 10-year millage, if approved, would generate some \$92 million in school enhancement money that would be redirected to individual districts based on the community's property values and student-count.

According to Steve Ezikian, Wayne RESA's assistant superintendent for finance and administration, RESA is considering the millage proposal to help districts who have no other option.

"We're the only ones who can do it," Ezikian said. "Proposal A took away local districts' ability to levy any millage. The only action left (by state law) is a county-wide enhancement bill."

No official decision can be made, Ezikian said, until boards of education in each individual district decide whether they would support it. A poll commissioned by RESA found county voters essentially split on the issue, Ezikian said.

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy said he'd be in favor of RESA's idea for the 1.9-mill county-wide enhancement. In fact, Baracy said, he's been clamoring for it for years.

"I have been supportive of exploring a county-wide enhancement millage for the past several years," Baracy said. "We are prohibited — as most districts are — from going back to our community and ask for any kind of help on the operations side."

Baracy said his own feelings are fueled by those displayed by parents — and potential voters — in his district. He said "dozens and dozens and dozens" of them have approached him, as Wayne-Westland deals with its shrinking budget, wondering why the district doesn't ask for local help.

"Over the last few years,

WHO WOULD GET WHAT?

If Wayne County RESA decides to go for a 1.9-mill tax to enhance school operating funds, here's how each district would benefit based on pupil count:

District	Pupils	District share
Garden City	5,280	\$1.8 million
Livonia	16,934	\$5.8 million
Northville	7,272	\$2.5 million
Plymouth-Canton	19,000	\$6.5 million
Redford Union	3,517	\$1.2 million
South Redford	3,401	\$1.1 million
Van Buren	5,882	\$2 million
Wayne-Westland	13,065	\$4.48 million

especially, they say to me, 'Why don't you just ask us for some help to offset this state budget crisis and all the cuts Lansing has imposed upon you?' Our parents are more and more understanding there is a real structural problem in Lansing with how schools are funded."

"There's no help for us in the foreseeable future," he added. "We cannot sustain what we have today, and most of us have already made significant cuts in programs and contracts, all those things."

The poll, commissioned by RESA and conducted by Mitchel Research & Communications in East Lansing, shows some 43 percent of respondents who said they would either vote "yes" or were leaning that way. Some 44 percent would vote "no," and another 6 percent were leaning that way.

"The poll was pretty even in terms of how voters feel about a millage," Ezikian said. "It wasn't strongly in favor or against."

The millage would generate some \$6.5 million in enhancement funds in Plymouth-Canton, money that would go directly into the general fund. That fund, according to figures to come up some \$9 million short and would have to be supplemented from the district's \$11 million fund balance.

The RESA proposal could get sticky in Garden City, where the district tried — and failed by a few hundreds votes — to get a .5-mill sinking fund approved in November. That

two-year millage would have generated some \$300,000. District officials are contemplating trying again, and the RESA millage might jeopardize it.

"We'd like to go for it again, but we want to be thoughtful of our community and their economic needs," said Garden City Superintendent Michelle Cline. "By all means, I'm supportive (of the RESA plan). We just need to think about our own separate needs we have as a district."

The RESA proposal, if passed, would generate some \$1.8 million for Garden City schools, money the district's leader knows would come in handy.

"The challenge is knowing we will benefit, but we have to coordinate our needs so our taxpayers aren't overburdened," Cline said. "I think it's going to be challenging (to pass), but I don't think we have much of a choice but to try."

In Livonia, the district stands to gain some \$5.8 million if RESA goes after, and gets, the millage.

But the district's administrator of communications, Donna McDowell, said the proposal hasn't even been discussed between Superintendent Randy Liepa and his Board of Education.

"Nothing has really been decided yet," McDowell said. "All the districts are looking at all their options, and this is only one of those."

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March 9

Benefit for Transition Center scholarships. Tickets: \$35 per person (\$18 tax deductible). Wine Glow 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets and information at 734-462-4443 or www.schoolcraft.edu/transition.

Collage Concert
March 13

The college's Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Improvisation, Choral Union, Synthesizer Ensemble and soloists perform at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, \$3 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Tickets available at www.scboxoffice.com or 734-462-4403.

Kids can discover their creative side
March 16

Open House for Kids on Campus Summer Camp programs at 5:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Parents and kids (grades 1-12) can meet instructors, see demonstrations, and sign up for summer sessions. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/koc or 734-462-4448.

Emmanuelle Boisvert and Pauline Martin in concert
March 19

Violinist Boisvert and pianist Martin perform as part of the Friday Evening Concert Series at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$20 per person (\$10 for students) available at www.scboxoffice.com. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/music or 734-462-4403.

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Tickets for the Dinner Theatre performances March 19-20 and 26-27 are \$24 per person. Dinner 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center; performance 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre. Tickets for the April 9-10 performance only are \$12 per person. Tickets and more information at www.scboxoffice.com.

Exhibit and author visit explore
1967 riots
March 8-26

"Smoldering Fire of Civil Unrest" exhibit, on loan from the Detroit Historical Museum, weekdays 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. "Motown Burning" author John Jeffire speaks March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu or 734-462-4422.

Blanchard, Engler push for new bridge

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Former governors Jim Blanchard and John Engler met on stages before for debates during the 1990 gubernatorial campaign, but they cast aside their old politicking and political differences Thursday at Michigan State University's Michigan Political Leadership Program at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Both ex-governors agreed the political parties need to work together to turn Michigan's economy around and believe a second bridge to Canada needs to be built to encourage trade with Canada and help the state's manufacturing base.

"I'm absolutely certain our state is too great to be kept down much longer," Blanchard said. "Sooner or later, the great state of Michigan will rise again. The only question is when, and how and what can we do about it."

Blanchard also encouraged several office holders and potential future political candidates not to use excuses, characterize Michigan as a "victim" or blame foreigners, Wall Street or trade policies for the state's economic woes. "Tell them to go run for office somewhere else," he said.

Engler said Michigan, as a manufacturing state, cannot afford to live in the past. "You'd better be forward looking; you'd better be looking ahead," Engler said.

Engler believes that the United States needs to cut its corporate tax rate, the second highest among industrial nations. "Just as Michigan faces competition with Indiana, so does the United States face competition from nations all over the world," he said. "Global industry affects global competition." Cutting the corporate tax from 33 percent to 22 percent will put the United States in the middle of the pack of industrialized nations and help create 2.1 million jobs by 2019, Engler said.

Engler said Michigan needs to work on a bridge plan and



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No, they're not belied up to the bar. Former Governors John Engler and James Blanchard were at Livonia's Laurel Manor and stopped to do a radio interview on a speaker phone.

"get that done." Blanchard also emphasized the immediate need for it.

Michigan needs to have the best schools, Engler said. "I've always said the state with the best schools wins," he said. "We're spending enough money; we're just not getting the results." Engler said there was "no excuse" for a third-grader's inability to read. Blanchard said: "Money isn't everything, but it sure helps." The state still needs to provide for students, he said.

Neither of the former governors would endorse any of the declared candidates. Neither expressed a desire to return to the political arena. "Been there, done that," Blanchard said. Engler joked that he was raising three girls in the ninth grade so he already had "a house full of drama." He quickly added

on a serious note that he hoped Michigan voters would elect people who care about manufacturing.

Engler encouraged a "competition of ideas" during the state's current budget discussion. "You ought to think about how you can do a better job," he said. Blanchard encouraged candidates to make sure that they "love this state, and not just yourselves," he said. "Make sure you want to serve."

Engler had advice during his opening comments for the new Fellows of the MPLP and recent graduates. "Taxes come up all the time," Engler said. "In your political career, people will face this (budget problem) to raise taxes. It will be seductive. But our global competitors, that's not what they are doing."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Child Safety

So many children are reported missing each day in the U.S. Police officials say that time is critical in the recovery of missing children. One major problem that costs precious time is gathering current photographs, fingerprints, and statistical information to assist law enforcement agencies.

Helping communities eliminate this problem is S.I.P. (Safety in Prints) Kids which will be at Jack Demmer Ford, Newburgh at Michigan Avenue in Wayne, 2-6 p.m. Friday, March 26, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, to provide free digital fingerprinting and photos for all children. There also will be face painting and balloons.

S.I.P. Kids will take a child's picture and fingerprints, using a digital inkless fingerprint capture device, and include them as part of the child's file, which will be provided to the parent. The parents can use

the copy they receive to turn directly over to authorities anywhere in the world to instantly aid in an investigation.

The event is free of charge and also includes face painting and balloons. For more information, call Jack Demmer Ford at (734) 721-2600.

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.

CFL bulb recycling

Westland residents can recycle CFLs (Compact Fluorescent Bulbs) or other fluorescent bulbs for free at Home Depot at 39875 Ford, east of I-275, and IKEA at 41640 Ford, west of I-275. For more information, call Home Depot at (734) 844-7300

and IKEA at (734) 981-6300.

Craft Show

Wayne AMVETS Post 171 will present a "Think Spring Craft Show" from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the AMVETS Memorial Hall, 1217 Merriman, Westland. The hall is south of Cherry Hill, north of Palmer.

Vendor tables are \$20. Contact John at (734) 729-8930. There will be holiday-themed crafts, homemade collectibles and a bake sale. Hot dogs and Polish sausage will be served.

American Legion

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

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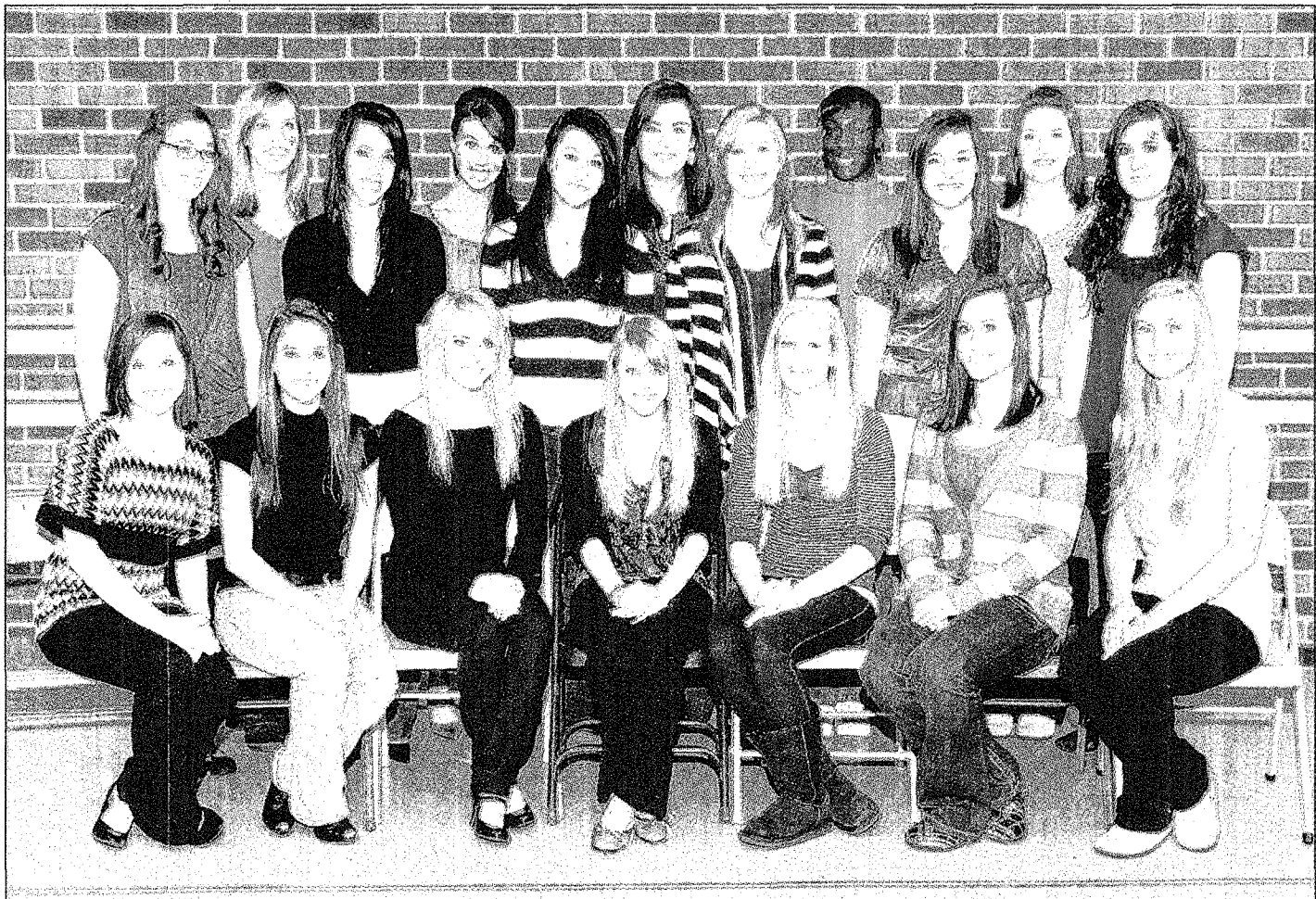
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Competing in the 2010 Michigan Junior Miss Program next month are Megan Griffes, Irish Hills (front row); Shelby Gardiner, St. Clair Shores; Bethany Dickerson, White Lake; Jordan Berry, Wayne-Westland; Angel Gagin, Livonia; Shaylin Laure, Vicksburg; Lindsey Piestrak, Dearborn Heights; Anne Gerrity, Wayne County (back row); Emily Solan, Washtenaw; Jasmine Guajardo, Plymouth-Canton; Amanda Fron, Isabella County; Hsin (Cindy) Lee, Muskegon; Christine Schauder, Dearborn; Rebecca Frost, Brooklyn; Alexis Smith, Inkster; Sara Burge, Branch County; Conner Potter, Saline, and Kendra Mc Inerney, Alpena. Missing from the photograph is Ayanna Gray, Kalamazoo.

19 vie for state Junior Miss honor

Nineteen young women will vie for state honors in the Michigan's Junior Miss 2010 program on Saturday, March 13. The the 52nd annual scholarship program will be held at 6 p.m. at Saline High School. The 19 contestants from around the state of Michigan will compete for \$10,000 in college scholarships and the chance to represent the Michigan's Junior Miss Scholarship Program at local events around the state and also at America's Junior Miss National Scholarship program in Mobile Alabama.

Contestants will perform on stage in an opening number and compete in a performing arts talent routine, a physical fitness routine and self expression. Contestants also will be evaluated in based on scholastics and an interview.

The theme of this year's program is Fame. Guest performers will be Michigan's Junior Miss 2009 Joanna Bierlein, Jan's Dance Connection and the Saline Twirlettes.

Ticket are \$15 and all proceeds go toward scholarship awards. They can be purchased by contacting State Director

Lydia Soroosh at (734) 426-4744 or by e-mail at mjrmis@yahoo.com. Tickets can also be purchased at Jan's Dance Connection at 26032 Ford, Dearborn Heights, Jan's Dance Connection, 120 N. Main St., Brooklyn, or Wayne Lawn and Garden Center, 2103 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Michigan's Junior Miss Scholarship Program awards college scholarships to young women who have distinguished themselves at school and in their communities. Michigan's Junior Miss Scholarship Program is part of America's Junior Miss Program, which is the largest and oldest scholarship program for high school seniors in the country. Since America's Junior Miss first began in 1958, more \$90 million dollars in college scholarships have been awarded.

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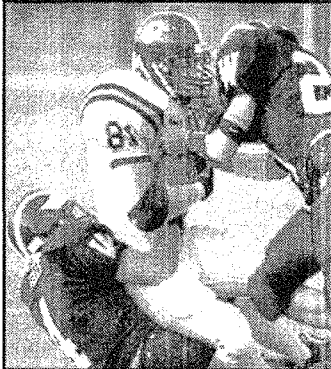
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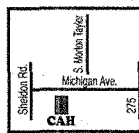
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Rattle with us

Time/Date: 11:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 27

Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth "Rattle With Us" TEA Party is holding a health care information meeting. Dr. David H. Janda will present a seminar on preventative medicine. He will also address what parts of the proposed healthcare bills that are already in place and his viewpoint on why this new bill could create more problems than answers. Janda practices orthopedic surgery in the St. Joseph Mercy Health Care System. He also is the director of The Institute for Preventive Sports Medicine based in Ann Arbor. This event is free and open to everyone.

Contact: Online at www.rattlewithus.com or call Sharon at (248) 486-5139

Bowling benefit

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28

Location: Westland Bowl on Wayne Road north of Ford in Westland

Details: The Changing Choices Foundation will hold its first annual "Bowling for Changing Choices" event. The event will include prizes, raffle prizes, a silent auction and live DJ music by Jimmy Barrios. Among the items are a \$100.00 Savings Bond and a "Silver" Detroit Lions Autographed Football including players Charles Johnson and Matthew Stafford. Ticket donation is only \$25. Bowlers will get three games, shoes, pizza and a free ticket for continued chance raffle drawings throughout the event. Tickets are

available at noon at on the day of the event or purchased in advance at the office of WMUZ, 12300 Radio Place, Detroit. The Changing Choices Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Plymouth dedicated to making a difference in the lives of people, especially teenagers that are struggling with destructive and addictive behaviors, relationship issues and choice making.

Contact: WMUZ at (313) 272-3434 or Barbara Jean at (734) 239-2752. To learn more about Changing Choices Foundation, visit the Web site at www.changingchoicesfoundation.org.

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.

Open House

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16

Location: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Come meet the teachers, tour the school, learn about the educational programs, and have refreshments. Programs available include Parent-Tots, young 3's, 3- and 4-year-olds, and enrichment for 4-year-olds.

Contact: (734) 326-0078

Craft shows

Wayne AMVETS Post 171

Time/Date: noon-6 p.m. Saturday, March 13

Location: Wayne AMVETS 171 Post Hall, 1217 Merriman, between Cherry Hill and Palmer, Westland.

Details: The show will feature holiday crafts, homemade goods and collectibles. Vendor tables are available for \$20 each.

Contact: For more information, contact John at (734) 729-8930.

St. Linus

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday March 13

Location: St. Linus activity room, 6466 Evangeline, north of Ford and east of Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights

Details: St. Linus Spring Craft Show, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will feature homemade crafts to home base vendors, a 50/50 drawings and Tin Can raffle. There also will be a refreshment stand and raffles. Admission is \$1, children under 12 years of age are free: Ticket will be given for each paid admission to enter the Tin Can drawing.

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

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Location: Garden City, Livonia and Westland

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A non-profit 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.

Earth Angels

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

Contact: www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to 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 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 or call (734) 722-3660

EDUCATION

Willow Creek

Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland

Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.

Contact: (734) 326-0078

St. Damian

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland

Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

Contact: (734) 427-1680, www.stdamian.com.

YWCA Preschool

Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.

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Details: Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered

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Details: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.

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Details: The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area.

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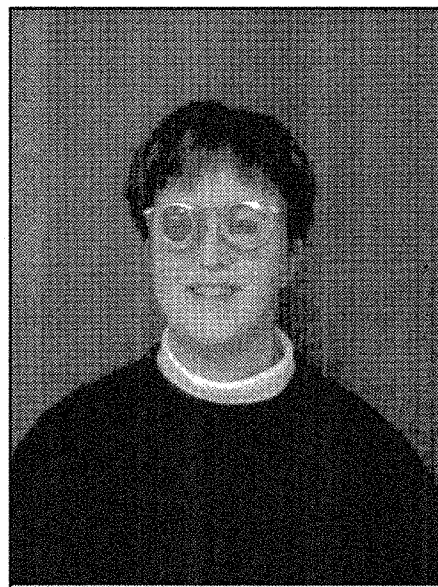
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Chapman stitches up a foot laceration, just one of the hundreds he tended to while in Haiti.

ER doctor helps 1,500 in Haiti

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Some had wounds full of maggots. Others had broken bones sticking through their skin.

Ten days after the earthquake hit Port-au-Prince, Haiti, there was still much to do for emergency medicine physician Jeff Chapman, D.O., of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

"A lot of people were never seen," Chapman said in an interview Thursday. "Everybody was basically crushed. All you can do is triage them and work as fast as you can."

Loaded with medicine, intravenous antibiotics, supplies for splinting, casting, wound care and lidocaine donated from the St. Mary Mercy pharmacy, Chapman spent eight days treating earthquake victims with a team of nine others from the ministry he founded with his wife, His Healing Touch Ministry.

Chapman estimates they treated 1,500, saving about 600-700 lives just by cleaning and treating infections with antibiotics.

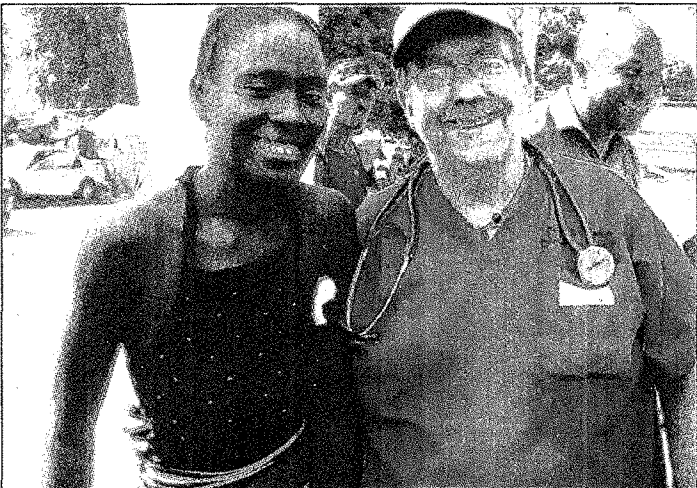
They camped at a mission compound about 20 miles north of town with about 200 other medical people, driving trucks from tent city to tent city where the victims are temporarily living.

"Everybody was afraid to go into the buildings," he said, adding that 80 percent were destroyed and another 15 percent were deemed structurally unsafe.

He said medical personnel were limited with what they could do, given the circumstances. "We had no lab equipment, no X-rays," he said.

Those who needed intravenous medication or were in critical condition were loaded onto the trucks and driven back to the mission compound, where they had a one-room clinic.

Some victims still didn't know if their family members were alive. Chapman said his



Dr. Jeff Chapman, D.O., an emergency medicine physician at St. Mary Mercy in Livonia, with one of the patients he treated while working in Haiti.

translator got a call while he was there from his mother, saying she was alive. "She couldn't be reached for two weeks."

Some were scared and needed a hug and someone to pray with them, Chapman said.

Chapman started doing medical missionary trips about 15 years ago. He's been on 70 trips in almost 40 countries. "This is the worst disaster I've ever seen. We worked sun up to sundown and took care of as many as we could."

Chapman said he plans to go back to Haiti, but he has other trips already scheduled that he needs to complete first. He's headed Saturday to the Amazon.

Sometimes his wife, Carolyn, a paramedic, goes along. Sometimes they take their children, two boys ages 6 and 9, and a grown daughter who lives in Florida. They live in La Salle.

Chapman said his ministry has given him valuable experience that he puts to use back in the emergency room in Livonia. "I've seen a lot of strange diseases," he said.

He diagnosed one patient at St. Mary Mercy with chikun gunya fever, a strange tropical disease. "I'd seen this in India," he said, adding the infectious disease doctors at the hospital were amazed he had even thought of chikun gunya fever. He's also identified cases of

typhoid and malaria in Livonia in patients who had been traveling.

Dr. Michael Calice, chairman of the department of emergency medicine at St. Mary Mercy, said Chapman is certified in tropical diseases, which is not typical of most U.S. physicians.

He also is familiar with snake bites. One time the two

were working together when a man who had been bitten by a bushmaster snake came in to the emergency room. Found in scrublands and forests from the Amazon River basin north to Costa Rica, bushmaster snakes are highly venomous and their bites cause severe bleeding.

Calice said he had never heard of a bushmaster snake, but Chapman knew exactly what to do. "It's not something most people would know," Calice said.

Chapman said his faith motivates his work with His Healing Touch Ministry. "When Jesus was here, he not only preached, he healed the sick and comforted people. That's my mission."

Chapman said His Healing Touch Ministry is always in need of reading glasses, prescription glasses and other medical supplies. Donations are tax-deductible. To donate, e-mail Chapman at amazon-dr@aol.com.

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Livonia bar raises funds to help employee with cancer

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Livonia bar is conducting a fund-raising drive for one of its own.

Mason's Bar & Grille, 13490 Farmington Road, is collecting donations to help a waitress pay for her cancer treatment.

Kim Wasmundt, a 37-year-old single mother of two sons, was diagnosed with stage three lung cancer Dec. 31. She currently is hospitalized for her treatment.

Her mother, Dorothy Wasmundt, said Kim fell on the snow about a year ago. After her shoulder continued to bother her for a month or so, she went to the doctor, something she had put off because she didn't have insurance, her mother said. X-rays later revealed a tumor in her chest.

Kim has worked at Mason's for a couple of years, her mother said. Last year, she had managed to get "back on her feet," her mother said, after she had moved out of their home in Livonia to an apartment in Westland.

She was given a medical leave from Mason's after two rounds of chemotherapy in



Single mother Kim Wasmundt, who has stage 3 lung cancer, has two sons, Cody and Mikey (right).

December. Her mother said she doesn't know if her daughter will have surgery. "She was in the hospital for eight days; they released her and then she got the flu," Dorothy said.

The bar is collecting money for Wasmundt. Her oldest son, Cody, lives with her and is a Franklin High School senior. Her younger son, Mikey, lives with Kim's ex-husband in Westland.

"She's devastated," Dorothy Wasmundt said about her daughter, who grew up in Redford and graduated from Redford Union. "We're giving her some cash, and trying to help her."

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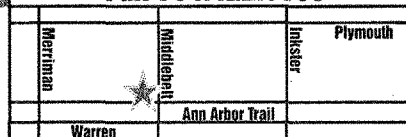
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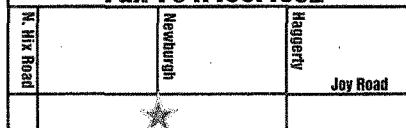
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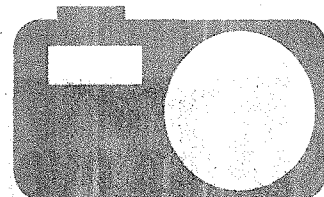
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Conference champs

Churchill stuns Zebras on Bedell's buzzer-beater

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Adam Bedell has been Mr. Inside for Livonia Churchill's boys basketball team all season.

But the 6-foot-6 senior center became Mr. Outside and Mr. Clutch, draining a 3-point shot as time expired to give the Chargers a dramatic 51-48 victory in the Kensington Conference championship final Friday night at Wayne Memorial.

Upstart Churchill, 11-7 overall, knocked off its second No. 1 seed of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association playoffs and will travel Thursday to Waterford Mott (16-3) to take on the Lakes Conference champ for the overall KLAA title.

Wayne, which falls to 15-4 overall, tied the game with 5.24 seconds remaining on a driving layup by Brian Gray.

Churchill coach Jim Solak then called a timeout and the ball was forward to half court before guard Anthony Frezzell signaled for another timeout — this one coming with only 0.74 seconds remaining.

Bedell, who led all scorers with 23 points to go along with 10 rebounds, then became the unlikely hero. He took an inbounds pass from teammate D'Juan Cooks just off the 3-point line, wheeled and swished a shot at the buzzer.

It was Churchill's first boys basketball title of any kind since 1983

and 1976.

"It was kind a double option play, me and Tony (Frezzell) were both coming off a double screen," Bedell said. "Whoever was open, D'Juan was going find him. It just happened to be me and I made the shot. I was hoping I'd get it off in time. I felt I got it off in time, and when it left my hand, I knew it was in."

Ironically, it was Bedell's first 3-point make of the season and it came with less than a second showing on the clock.

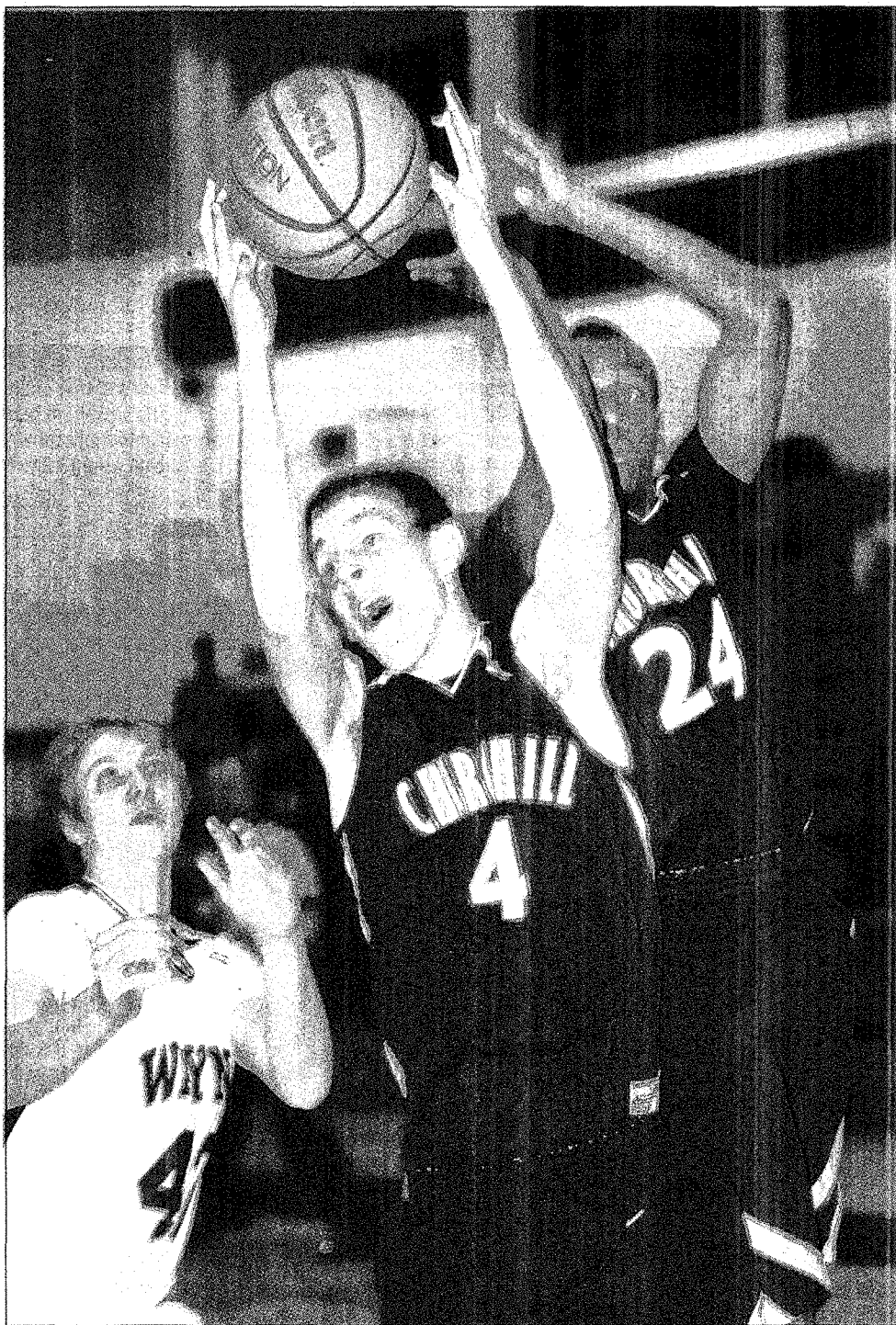
"He's only shot four or five all year, but he makes them in the practice, though," Solak said. "He does practice them and he's capable. Adam said during the timeout, 'I want it,' and Anthony made a heads-up play getting the timeout."

Frezzell, a senior guard, added 13 points, while his running mate Raynord Allen added nine.

Wayne got 16 points from senior guard Reggie Reeves, while the team's leading scorer, 6-3 senior center Daniel Hill, had a relatively quiet night with 11.

"We tried basically to harass the inbounds passer, but he (Bedell) made a heck of a shot," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "It hurts. It's disappointing and we came up short. But there's still a lot of basketball to be played. We'll prepare hard in practice Monday for Grand Blanc (Tuesday), and

Please see **CHAMPS, B4**



Churchill's Adam Bedell (4) and Anthony Frezzell (24) contest for the rebound in front of Wayne's Nick Mills during Friday's Kensington Conference basketball final.

SIDELINES

Wydryck All-WHAC

Madonna University's Tabatha Wydryck, a 6-foot-1 junior forward from Wyandotte, recently earned first-team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors in women's basketball.

Wydryck, a pre-med major who prepped at Riverview Gabriel Richard, also was named to the Academic All-WHAC and All-Defensive teams.

Senior center Kim Olech (Plymouth) was also named to the Academic All-WHAC team, which goes to players who carry a cumulative 3.25 grade-point average or better during their junior or senior year.

MU freshman guard Shantelle Herring (Macomb Dakota) was voted by the conference coaches to the All-Newcomer team, while sophomore Katie Martin (Gabriel Richard) was named to the Champions of Character team, which recognizes those who best exhibit respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

Henry first-team

Madonna University freshman Kevin Henry (Toledo, Ohio), who averaged 13.1 points per game and totaled 94 assists, was named to the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference third-team in men's basketball.

Henry was among three Crusaders honored in a vote of the league's nine head coaches.

MU junior Ryan Bahn Miller (Commerce Township) and sophomore teammate Mitch Cieslak (Brighton) Bahn Miller were selected to the Academic All-WHAC team by registering at least a 3.25 cumulative grade-point average.

Cieslak was also named to the WHAC Champions of Character Team as the student-athlete who best lives out the NAI's five core values on and off the court.

Concordia University junior Brad Evans (Livonia Churchill), a pre-med major, was also honored on the Academic All-WHAC team.

WYAA signup

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays (through March 29) at the WYAA Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Leagues are available for all age groups including: Tee Ball (ages 5-6), Machine-Pitch (7-8), Mustang (9-10), Bronco (11-12), Pony (13-14), Colt (15-16), and Palomino (17-18).

Softball includes slow pitch and fast pitch teams (ages 9-18).

Registration fees will increase \$10 after March 29 (except for Colt and Palomino leagues).

For more information, call (734) 421-0640, e-mail wyaa@wyaa.org or visit www.wyaa.org.

Baseball clinics

The Livonia Stevenson baseball program will offer a pair of baseball clinics (grades 3-8) on Saturday, March 20 at the high school fieldhouse including:

Pitching - 10 a.m. to noon (cost \$33); and hitting and fielding - 1-3 p.m. (cost \$33).

For more information, call Stevenson baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623; or e-mail Berry3724@aol.com (Checks can be made payable to Stevenson High School.)

Stevenson skates by Kettering for overall KLAA title

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was mission accomplished for the Livonia Stevenson boys hockey team.

The Spartans captured the overall Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship Wednesday night with a 3-1 triumph over host Waterford Kettering at Lakeland Arena.

State-ranked Stevenson, the No. 4-ranked team in Division

1 and KLAA's Kensington Conference champion, ends the regular season with a 19-3-2 overall record.

"I'm very happy for my players who worked so hard during the spring, summer and fall," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "They set a goal, and they accomplished it. And I'm happy for all the people who have supported us."

It was 1-1 after one period as Stevenson's John Mandryk opened the scoring off assists

BOYS HOCKEY

from Evan Malick and Kyle Gabrielson.

But the Captains answered just nine seconds before the period ended on Matt Brisson's power play goal.

Trevor Baruzzini's second-period goal from Cole Rochowiak and Justin Shureb put the Spartans ahead to stay.

Shureb then added his 20th

goal in the final period from Rochowiak and Brendan Hay to give Stevenson a two-goal cushion.

Kettering (12-8-3), the Lakes Conference champ, got a sterling performance from goaltender Stephen Salek, who made 50 saves.

"They (Kettering) played a very patient game and their goalie played well," Mitchell said. "They looked for an opportunity and when they got it, our goalie Danny Sager

(19 saves) came up big like he's done all year."

Stevenson opens Division 1 pre-regional play 5:45 p.m. Monday at Livonia's Edgar Arena against crosstown rival Churchill. The second game pits Salem and Plymouth at 8:15 p.m. The winners meet at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday at Edgar Arena. The regional final is 3 p.m. Saturday at Novi Ice Arena.

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Irish leaves C'ville for Mott grid post

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The search is on for a new football coach at Livonia Clarenceville.

Ryan Irish, who spent the last five seasons at the varsity helm, stepped down recently to take a similar position at Waterford Mott.

Irish posted an overall record of 24-23 with the Trojans. His best season came in 2008 when he was named Observerland Coach of the Year as Clarenceville reached the Division 5 playoffs and finished 9-2 overall.

"It was not an easy decision," said Irish, who also teaches at Clarenceville. "It was a family one and a geographic one. I reside in Rochester and my oldest daughter Grace was diagnosed with leukemia in 2005. She's battled it and now has a rare (cancerous) tumor in her right leg. It's been a issue and now it's an opportunity to be closer to home."

Irish, who takes over a Mott team that finished 1-8 last season, called it "the biggest decision I've ever had to make since I've been here."

"Clarenceville is a football school which allowed me to be a football

coach," he added. "The most difficult thing is the outstanding people I encountered, from the administration on down to my principal (Paul Shepich). They've given me remarkable support as a coach, along with my family and my daughter. They took care of my family and helped me through the process."

"Clarenceville has some outstanding kids and I believe the program is headed in the right direction."

Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy knows replacing Irish will be difficult, but understands his decision.

"Rochester (to Mott) is 10 minutes, it's a better move," Murphy said. "All the time he spends in the summer ... He was a great guy, great for the kids and a great motivator. He was a 'rah, rah' guy with the kids and they loved him. The parents also liked him. He's a big loss in the hallways for us and was a big presence for the kids."

Murphy said the varsity football job has been posted and the deadline to submit a resume, letter of recommendation, along with references, ends March 11.

Those interested can send an application to Murphy via postal mail to: Kevin Murphy, Athletic Director, Clarenceville H.S., 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI 48152. His e-mail address is kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.



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Tourney time

Schoolcraft College's Antania Shepherd (32) and her Ocelot teammates earned a spot in Saturday's Michigan Community College Athletic Association championship at Lake Michigan CC after beating St. Clair County CC. See story on page B4.

Rockets fall to Rockford

Westland John Glenn's second straight trip to the MHSAA Division 1 Team Wrestling Finals ended in heartache Friday afternoon in Battle Creek.

The Rockets, who finished 32-8 overall, held a 22-18 lead on when 140-pounder Travis Mann pinned Peter Nugent, but defending champion Rockford stormed back with four straight victories for a 34-28

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quarterfinal triumph at Kellogg Arena. Glenn got victorious from Kyle Gillies (102), Steven Wakeford (112), Anthony Pavlich (130) and Mark Thompson (125). Losing one-point decisions were Joshua Austin (119), Dustin Gajowski (285) and Mike Johnson (145).

Glenn was ousted last year in the Elite Eight by Hartland, 38-26.

MHSAA DIVISION 1 TEAM QUARTERFINAL RESULTS
Feb. 26 at Kellogg Arena
ROCKFORD 34
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 28
215 pounds: Jake Dorulla (R) pinned Gerald Powell, 2:27; 285: Joe Stefanski (R) dec. Dustin Gajowski, 5-4; 103: Kyle Gillies (WJG) dec. Tyler VanRooyan, 4-2; 112: Steven Wakeford (WJG) won by major dec. over Nate Rojas, 14-5; 119: Jake Scholten (R) dec. Joshua Austin, 7-6; 125: Jake Byers (R) p. Steven Shak, 2-47; 130: Anthony Pavlich (WJG) p. Trent Boyer, 3:22; 135: Mark Thompson (WJG) dec. Drew Scogg, 9-3; 140: Travis Mann (WJG) p. Peter Nugent, 2-40; 145: Austin Scogg (R) dec. Mike Johnson, 5-4; 152: Bruce Carlstrom (R) won by major dec. over Danny Croft, 12-1; 160: Jake Johnson (R) p. D'Vonteono Anderson, 13-0; 171: Zach Banaszak (R) dec. Zach Redden, 4-0; 189: Kameron Jones (WJG) won by void.
Dual match records: Rockford, 21-5; John Glenn, 32-8.
Other D-1 quarterfinal results: Novi-Detroit Catholic Central 57, New Baltimore Anchor Bay 13; Hartland 47, Romeo 21; Oxford 31, Holt 27.

Season over: Crusaders, Schoolcraft drop finales

Davenport University took care of business Wednesday night in the quarterfinals of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball playoffs.

Lorenzo Ecford scored 17 points as the nationally-ranked Panthers, rated No. 19 in the final NAIA Division II poll, improved to 23-8 overall by ousting Madonna University, 84-62, in Grand Rapids.

James Nelson added 15 points, while Nathan Cox contributed 10 points and 11 rebounds as Davenport avenged a 51-44 setback to the Crusaders on Feb. 6.

Davenport shot a blistering 61.5 percent from the field (32-of-52) and got a boost from sophomore point-guard Lonnie Fairfax (Livonia Clarenceville), who went 3-for-3 from the floor (six points) to go along with three assists and three steals in 21 minutes.

Junior center Ryan Waidmann (Canton) scored

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17 points and grabbed seven rebounds as MU ends its season at 7-23 overall under first-year coach Noel Emenhiser.

Jordan Hoke and Fred Williams tallied 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Crusaders, who couldn't overcome a 34-18 halftime deficit.

ST. CLAIR CCC 72, SCHOOLCRAFT 69: On Wednesday, Kieon Arkwright's game-high 28 points propelled St. Clair County Community College to an MCCA Eastern Conference win over host Schoolcraft College (2-23, 1-15).

The third-place Skippers, who trailed 29-28 at halftime, made 21-of-27 free throws including 9-of-11 from Arkwright.

Freshman guard Ron Pummill (Garden City) paced the Ocelots with 22 points, while freshman center Aaron Felsner, a candidate for All-Eastern Conference honors, contributed 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Trevor Zacny chipped in with 17 points, but the Ocelots stumbled at the foul line, making just 7-of-18.



Stars on parade

On Feb. 23, several teams from Wayne County participated in the local Area 23 Special Olympics Basketball Tournament held at Livonia Franklin High School. In addition to the tournament, athletes took part in the skills competition. Several members of the Franklin girls basketball team volunteered their time and officiated the games. The Area 23 Special Olympics Regional Tournament will be Saturday, March 6 at Northville High School. If you are interested in learning more about Area 23 Special Olympics, visit: <http://www.somi.org/page.php?contentID=289>

Pershing stops Blazers

Dorina Barrett notched a game-high 23 points as state-ranked Detroit Pershing rolled to a 65-38 girls basketball victory Friday night over Livonia Ladywood in the Operation-Friendship consolation final at Birmingham Marian.

Pershing led 33-25 at halftime before pulling away with a 19-11 run in the third period followed by a 13-2 fourth-quarter surge.

The Doughboys (16-2) shot 50 percent from the field, while Ladywood hit 30 percent.

Jennifer Kelley tallied a team-high 13 points for the Blazers, who fall to 10-10 overall.

CLARENCEVILLE 26, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 25: In a matchup Thursday of former Metro Conference foes, Paige Davis sank both ends of a one-and-one opportunity

with no time showing on the clock Thursday evening to give Livonia Clarenceville (8-11) a thrilling non-league victory over host Lutheran High Westland (4-14).

Kristen Jolly scored nine points to lead the victorious Trojans, who led 15-13 at halftime.

Emilie Freeman tallied 13 to pace the Warriors.

HURON VALLEY 61, MT. CARMEL 38: On Friday, Hannah Good tossed in 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while senior Devon Linderman contributed 10 points and nine rebounds as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-12) stopped Wyandotte Mount Carmel in a non-conference encounter.

Collette Cerulla scored 17 points in a losing effort for the Comets.

Patriot FTs ground Eagles, 45-40

KLAA GIRLS HOOPS

CLUTCH free throw shooting in the final 90 seconds carried Livonia Franklin to a 45-40 girls basketball victory Wednesday night over host Hartland.

The Patriots, who made 19-of-24 free throws, end the regular season with a 15-5 overall record.

Chelsea Williams, Brittany Milican and Nicole Emery each made two free throws down the stretch to preserve the Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover win.

Williams, a junior point-guard finished with 14 points, five steals and three blocks.

Senior center Senneca Scott added nine points, 10 rebounds and three steals, while Amanda Nixon came off the bench to contributed seven points and three steals.

Shelby Maggert and Jill Carland scored 13 and 11, respectively, for the Eagles (14-6).

"They (Hartland) are good team and it was a tough game," Franklin coach Dave McCall said.

KETTERING 61, JOHN GLENN 42: Julie Porter scored a game-high 21 points Wednesday as host Waterford Kettering (12-7) downed Westland John Glenn (6-14) in a KLAA cross-over.

The Rockets, who got 17 points from senior forward Michelle Vanover, trailed 28-18 at halftime and were outscored 19-11 in the third period.

Glenn was 15-of-24 from the foul line, while Kettering was 17-of-25.

W.L. CENTRAL 49, CHURCHILL 36: On Wednesday, guard Tori Duffey tallied 17 points and Krista Hakola chipped in with 11 as host Walled Lake Central (10-10) downed Livonia Churchill (10-10).

Churchill led 24-18 at halftime before going ice cold during the final 16 points.

"We did not penetrate their zone (defense), they (Central) played faster and knocked down 'threes,'" Churchill coach Chad Jenkins said.

Sophomore center Erin Menard and junior guard Kara Kempinski tallied 12 and 10 points, respectively, for the Chargers.

Central was 17-of-21 from the free throw line, while Churchill was 3-of-10.

PINCKNEY 53, STEVENSON 47: Megan

Duke scored 17 points Wednesday as the host Pirates (12-8) defeated Livonia Stevenson (6-14).

Moe Sullivan added nine for Pinckney, which made 21-of-34 free throws.

Junior center Kristen Balhorn led Stevenson with 17 points, while junior guard Sarah Smith added 10.

The Spartans, who made 10-of-20 foul shots, scored just four points in the third period.

"We played three quarters of good basketball and one we wish we could replay," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "We have been plagued all year with scoring droughts. We have to create more consistent scoring opportunities and take better advantage of the opportunities we are already getting."

W.L. WESTERN 47, WAYNE 39: Allie Coleman and Jaylyn Hammac combined for nine 3-pointers Wednesday, but their efforts went in vain Wednesday as Wayne Memorial (1-18) fell to host Walled Lake Western (2-17).

Coleman finished with a team-high 19 points, while Hammac added 14 as the Zebras couldn't overcome a 30-18 halftime deficit.

Western's Taylor Deskin's led all scorers with 22 points.

Western was 11-of-18 from the foul stripe, while Wayne was 0-for-5.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Spartan baseball clinics

The Livonia Stevenson baseball program will offer a pair of baseball clinics (grades 3-8) on Saturday, March 20 at the high school fieldhouse including:

Pitching - 10 a.m. to noon (cost \$33); and hitting and fielding - 1-3 p.m. (cost \$33).

For more information, call Stevenson baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623; or e-mail Berry3724@aol.com (Checks can be made payable to Stevenson High School.)

Spartan softball clinics

The Livonia Stevenson softball program will offer a pair of baseball clinics (grades 4-8) on Saturday, March 20 at the high school fieldhouse including:

Defensive skills - 9-11 a.m. (cost is \$25 if postmarked by March 5; or \$35 at the door); and offensive skills - noon-2 p.m. (cost is \$25 if postmarked by March 5; or \$35 at the door). Group rates are available.

For more information, e-mail Stevenson girls softball coach

Rob Witherspoon at rwithers@livoniapublicschools.org. (Checks can be made payable to Stevenson High School.)

T-Ball, Coach-Pitch

Open registration for the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation 2010 co-ed instructional T-Ball (ages 5-6) and Coach-Pitch (ages) is underway.

Registration is open to only those residing in the Livonia

or Clarenceville public school district.

The season runs May through July. T-Ball scrimmages will be Monday evenings, while Coach-Pitch scrimmages are Thursday evenings.

Registration forms are available at all schools or at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, which is located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Open registration fees are

\$40 (residents) and \$50 (non-residents).

Late registration will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, March 27, at the LCRC.

Non-resident registration follows at 9 a.m. Monday, March 29 at the Parks and Recreation office. That registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis through April 23.

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

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

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As of April 6, 2010 the Wayne Housing Commission will no longer recognize preferences for the waiting list. Applicants will be placed on the waiting list as of the date and time the completed application is received in the Wayne Housing Commission office.

A public meeting will be held on March 10, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at the regular board meeting in the housing commission conference room.

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CYO hoop champ

The Livonia St. Michael JV1 basketball team recently captured the Catholic League Organization Westside Division. The Gaels, who finished 16-1 overall, also took tourney titles during Thanksgiving weekend at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and over the Christmas holidays at Novi Detroit Catholic Central H.S. Members of the Gaels include (from left): Andrew Bambach, Andrew Blazo, Randy Schmidt, Tyler Laurentius, Dante Toppi, Matt McGillivray, Matt Hughes, Jake Fanning, Joe Dupie, Andrew Malick, Troy Branton and Brendan O'Dowd. The Gaels are coached by Tim McGillivray and Pat Fanning.

High voltage

Chargers jolt Salem in Kensington semifinals

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bob Brodie didn't want to talk about turning points after his Salem boys basketball team lost 49-44 to Livonia Churchill Wednesday night in a Kensington Conference semifinal.

But the Rocks coach couldn't help but wonder if things might have turned out differently had Churchill senior forward D'Juan Cooks not buried a trey from way behind the three-point arc as the horn sounded to end the first half.

Cooks' answered prayer came seconds after host Salem (9-9) fought back from an ice-cold start and finally pulled ahead 18-16 thanks to a basket in the paint by physical junior forward Ethan Walsh. The subsequent triple gave Churchill a 19-18 edge at the break.

"It seemed like it was a struggle the whole game," Brodie said. "The first half was a struggle (9-for-29 in field-goal tries alone) and then we finally got the lead and they hit the shot at the buzzer to go up."

Buzzer-beaters wouldn't have mattered much to Churchill coach Jim Solak if not for the pesky defense his team played throughout the game.

"In the second half our guards got a little more pressure and we were communicating a lot better, especially our big guys inside," he said. "Not too many easy catches (for Salem), and we made it a

struggle for them. That was the difference."

That bought some time for his offense, which for stretches had to do without 6-6 senior forward Adam Bedell (eight points, all in the second half, and 15 rebounds). Bedell found himself in early foul trouble.

"We got a lot more movement in the second half," Solak said. "Our guards made better decisions and having Adam and D'Juan on the floor at the same time that helps too. It helped when we got Adam back on the floor."

Sweet-shooting senior guard Anthony Frezzell paced Churchill's relative offensive explosion in the second half, when the Chargers tallied 30 points to Salem's 26.

Frezzell scored 16 of his 20 points after the break, nailing three triples to make sure Salem didn't rally.

Cooks chipped in with 12 points and seven rebounds, while senior guard Raynord Allen scored eight and tallied six boards.

For all of the Rocks' troubles, they hung around, trailing 41-37 with three minutes to go after 6-6 senior center Jake Peterson (16 points, 8 rebounds) drove through the lane for a basket.

Walsh also sparked the Rocks after coming in off the bench late in the first quarter. He scored 10 points and pulled down seven boards with his typical never-quit style.

Both teams started the

game as if they were allergic to the basket, missing plenty of uncontested, close-in tries.

A jumper by Allen gave Churchill a 4-2 lead midway through the frame and the Chargers slowly heated up to take a 10-6 advantage after one.

"They weren't scoring very well, but we couldn't answer the bell at the other end either," Brodie lamented.

Churchill, 10-7 overall, travels Friday to face Wayne Memorial for the Kensington Conference the. The Chargers are 0-2 against Wayne this season.

And Solak is thrilled to face imposing power forward Daniel Hill and the tough 15-3 Zebras.

"Wayne has proven all year they're the best team in the conference," he said. "So if we want to be the best, we've got to beat the best. The way they're playing right now it's always fun when Wayne and Churchill play on a Friday night."

He added that Friday's title matchup is somewhat of a surprise, but he'll happily take it.

"When the brackets came out, not many people thought it was going to be Wayne and Churchill in the final," Solak said. "It should be fun. They're winning every way possible right now. We're going to find a way to come out and see what we can do."

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C'ville reaches Metro finals

An 11-2 second-half run proved to be the difference as Livonia Clarenceville earned a 46-42 boys basketball victory Friday in the Metro Conference semifinals at Macomb Lutheran North.

The Trojans, now 5-13 overall, will square off Tuesday with Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook for the conference title. (Game time is 7 p.m. at Cranbrook.)

Lutheran North (7-11) led through after each of the first three quarters - 13-9, 26-19 and 33-30 - before Clarenceville made a 16-9 surge in the decisive fourth.

"The last three minutes of the third quarter and first three of the fourth we decided we wanted to win," Clarenceville first-year coach Justin Johnson said. "The intensity went up and I'm pretty proud of my guys."

Dominic Patton led a balanced Clarenceville scoring attack with 11 points. Levonte Brooks' added nine, while Ben Watts and Adrian Myers contributed seven each.

Zak Bielecki had 12 for the Mustangs, who had split two previous meetings with the Trojans.

STEVENSON 61, SOUTH LYON 53: Bobby Naubert's 17 points propelled Livonia Stevenson (14-5) to a Kensington Conference consolation win Friday over the visiting Lions

BOYS HOOPS

(6-13).

Kyle Bambach added 11, while CJ Mwila and Nick Tomasi contributed 11 and eight, respectively, for the Spartans.

Aaron Shelp tallied a game-high 19 for South Lyon, which lost to Stevenson for the third time this season.

South Lyon was 14-of-19 from the foul line, while Stevenson was 10-of-14.

JOHN GLENN 62, HARTLAND 51: Marcus Mecks connected on four 3-pointers en route to a team-high 16 points Friday as host Westland John Glenn (6-13) overcame the 34-point performance of Matt Poches to down the Eagles (8-11).

Nick Daniels added 15 points for the Rockets, who jumped out to an 8-0 lead with all seniors in the starting lineup. Glenn led 26-20 at halftime and 38-31 after three quarters.

Poches tallied all 20 of Hartland's points in the fourth, but it wasn't enough.

Glenn was 8-of-12 from the foul line, while Hartland was 8-of-14.

FRANKLIN 52, MILFORD 45: Senior guard Andy McCaffery tallied 25 points and grabbed six rebounds Friday as host Livonia Franklin (6-13) turned back the Mavericks (3-16).

Seniors Mike Gadsby and Jack Chinavare chipped in with nine points apiece for the Patriots, who led 24-18 at halftime.

"We played solid defense and rebounded the ball," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said.

Parker Millington scored a team-high 14 for Milford.

LUTH. WESTLAND 69, GREENHILLS 58:

Marc Rosin drained seven three-pointers buckets as part of a 23-point performance Friday to spark Lutheran High Westland (8-9, 8-7) to a victory over host Ann Arbor Greenhills (2-13, 2-16) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division matchup.

Gage Flanery followed with 12 points and Jeff Greening was the third Warrior to reach double figures with 10.

The Warriors let the lead slip away in the third quarter before rebounding with a 23-point effort in the fourth.

"We did what we had to," Haller said. "It was a sloppy game, but we got the win."

The Gryphons got 23 points from Connor Tremper and 10 from Duane Gardner.

HURON VALLEY 47, MOUNT CARMEL 30: Mark St. John tossed in 10 points and Matt St. John contributed nine points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (9-7) to non-league win Friday over visiting Wyandotte Mount Carmel.

Tom Deboves topped Mount Carmel with 14 points, while Cody Parker added 11.

PLY. CHRISTIAN 59, HURON VALLEY 36: On Thursday, Don Mullett scored 12 points as host Plymouth Christian Academy (12-4, 11-1) downed Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (8-7, 6-5) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division game.

Bryan Gruenewald and Mark St. John each tallied 10 points for the Hawks, who were outrebounded, 42-28.



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Sweet victory

On Valentine's Day (Feb. 14), tournament MVP Mike Downey scored the game-winning goal 1:06 into sudden death overtime to give the Garden City Stars a 5-4 victory over Belle Tire and capture the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Midget BB District 2 championship. The Stars now advance to the MAHA finals, March 19-21, in Midland. Members of the Stars include: Downey, the team captain; assistant captains Aaron Nichols, Dominic Esparza, and Nick Yak; goalie Jordan Esparza, Calvin Ball, Jake Cyrenne, Robbie Binder, Derek Radcliffe, Jeff Guziak, Travis Kind, Johnny Vernier, Cord Quintana, David Billens, Ian Macfarlane, Drew Testa, Kody Richardson and Brian Jacobs. The head coach is Greg Guziak, who is assisted by Steve Quintana, Bill Kolstrom and Jim Radcliffe.

Lady Ocelots rally to win crown

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team overcame a 33-22 halftime deficit Friday night to beat St. Clair County Community College, 60-53, in the MCCA Eastern Conference playoff finals.

Schoolcraft, 27-1 overall and ranked No. 5 in the NJCAA Division II poll, traveled Saturday to play host Lake Michigan, 23-4 overall, or the state title.

Amber Avery led the victorious Lady Ocelots with 15 points, 11 rebounds and five assists.

Other Schoolcraft contributions came from Antania Shepherd (12 points, nine rebounds); April

Goins (10 points, nine rebounds); Kimberly Bee (eight points, 12 rebounds, five blocks); and Angie Burrell (six assists).

The Lady Ocelots held a 59-33 rebounding advantage, but shot only 35 percent from the floor (21-of-60).

Jessica Stevenson paced the Skippers with 16 points, while Charahl Putnam added 10.

SCHOOLCRAFT 64, DELTA 64: Schoolcraft College (26-1) connected on 12 three-pointers, avenged its only loss of the season Wednesday with a lopsided MCCA Eastern Conference semifinal playoff triumph over visiting Delta College (14-13).

The Lady Ocelots, who ran their

home court winning streak to 48 by making 9-of-12 first-half triples to bolt out to a 54-26 advantage.

Delta, who beat the Lady Ocelots 62-56 on Feb. 10, got outrebounded 54-36 and made 21 turnovers.

All five Schoolcraft starters scored in double figures led by Jasmine Brown and April Goins with 19 and 17, respectively.

Antania Shepherd added 15, while Amber Avery and Angela Burrell finished with 12 and 11, respectively.

Kimberly Bee contributed nine points, a team-high 14 rebounds and seven blocks. Goins added 11 boards, while Burrell dished out eight assists.

Kayla Knieper led Delta with 17 points. Ashley Stetler and Gracie Baumgartner added 12 and 10, respectively.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

MICHIGAN INTERSCHOLASTIC SWIM COACHES ASSOCIATION MEET AREA FINISHERS

Feb. 13 at EMU's Jones Natatorium

200-yard medley relay: 1. Saline (Josh Ehrman, Mike Fisher, David Boland, Adam Whitener), 1:38.04; 7. (tie) Livonia Stevenson (Kellen Schoff, John Loria, Adam Dabkowski, Brandon Bielicki), 1:41.97; 51. Westland John Glenn, 1:50.48; 52. Livonia Churchill, 1:50.5.

*** 200 freestyle:** 1. Mike Wynalda (Grandville), 1:40.2; 42. Danny Schoff (Stevenson), 1:51.97.

200 individual medley: 1. David Boland (Saline), 1:56.58; 46. Jake McNamara (Stevenson), 2:09.22; 58. Bryan Bielicki (Stevenson), 2:10.09; 82. David Vincentini (Churchill), 2:12.98.

50 freestyle: 1. Matt Mandell (Grosse Pointe South), 21.64; 5. Aaren Marecki (Stevenson),

22.24; 25. Paul Gutu (John Glenn), 23.05; 27. Brandon Bielicki (Stevenson), 23.09; 47. Joey Wakeford (John Glenn), 23.47; 56. Dabkowski (Stevenson), 23.69.

1-meter diving: John Santeiu (University of Detroit Jesuit), 503.35 points.

100 butterfly: 1. Boland (Saline), 52.48; 34. Dabkowski (Stevenson), 56.72.

100 freestyle: 1. Wynalda (Grandville), 46.08; 7. Marecki (Stevenson), 48.54; 9. K. Schoff (Stevenson), 48.67; 41. Brandon Bielicki (Stevenson), 51.11; 51. Mohamed Ghotemi (Stevenson), 51.85.

500 freestyle: 1. Adam Seroka (Salem), 4:43.19; 9. D. Schoff (Stevenson), 4:52.95; 20. John Ferrara (Stevenson), 4:58.73; 54. Adam LaPorte (Stevenson), 5:07.24.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Grosse Pointe South (Craig Campbell, Cam Johnson, Joe Hessburg,

Matt Mandell), 1:27.63; 7. Stevenson (Brandon Bielicki, Ghotemi, Andy McLean, Marecki), 1:30.38; 54. John Glenn (Gutu, Dave Wilton, Dave Vader, Josh Wakeford), 1:37.73.

100 backstroke: 1. Stephen Sobczak (Dexter), 52.66; 5. K. Schoff (Stevenson), 55.31; 13. Ferrara (Stevenson), 57.06; 14. Joey Wakeford (John Glenn), 57.15; 24. Bryan Bielicki (Stevenson), 58.11.

100 breaststroke: 1. Cam Laney (Grosse Pointe South), 59.52; 15. Jake McNamara (Stevenson), 1:03.83; 45. Loria (Stevenson), 1:05.93; 50. Vincentini (Churchill), 1:06.21.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer (Tyler Hampton, Seiji Osawa, Kyle Gunderson, Grant Cole), 3:12.17; 8. Stevenson (K. Schoff, Ghotemi, Dabkowski, Marecki), 3:19.92; 37. John Glenn (Wilton, Gutu, Jake Ferguson, Joey Wakeford), 3:23.57; 49. Livonia Franklin, 3:36.34.

All Crusaders

Herring lifts MU women to 70-54 quarterfinal win

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Madonna University freshman guard Shantelle Herring admitted she was a little uptight prior to Thursday night's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball playoff opener against Siena Heights.

"I was very nervous in the beginning of the game," said Herring, a Macomb Dakota High grad. "I just tried put myself in a mental state that would prepare me for today – and it looks like it worked. Our whole team came together and we all had a consistent game, and played a full 40 minutes. It came to the win and we came out on top."

The 5-foot-8 Herring was very good in the first half, scoring 13 of her game-high 19 points as the Crusaders built an 18-point lead and coasted to a 70-54 quarterfinal triumph.

"The key was full-out 40 minutes of intensity," said Herring, who also had seven rebounds and three assists. "This is the first real game that we played a full 40 minutes. Our team showed it. We came out on top, never lost our lead. We showed great composure and chemistry with the entire team."

Madonna, the third seed, improved to 13-14 overall and will moved into the WHAC semifinals to face second-seed

Aquinas College, 20-10 overall, Saturday afternoon in Grand Rapids.

"This is playoff time," said MU coach Carl Graves, who was highly animated throughout the game. "And this what we really what we work for all year for. We talked about this on Day One in practice because this team has been so close – two out of the last three years we've been to the tournament final. They really believe. They won their summer league and they really believe that this is their year. So I'm just riding their emotion, and trying to edge them on and keep them playing hard."

Herring's triple with 7:57 left in the first half gave the Crusaders a 28-14 advantage. She then came back with another triple as the shot clock expired with just under three minutes remaining to push the margin to 35-18.

"Everything was clicking for us," Graves said of the first half. "We drew up some stuff, we really studied the tape. My assistants did a great job of pointing things out on some things on tape that we thought there were weaknesses of theirs, and that it would give us open looks. We got some great shooters. We saw weaknesses where they were collapsing defensively, and allowing us to take wide open shots from the perimeter. So we thought – we're at home, we're going

to shoot well, and if they give us those shots, we're going to knock them down."

Siena Heights (17-14) shot only 30.4 percent from the floor (21-of-69), including just 4-of-19 from three point range.

Nikki Hughes and Shalaha Hubbard each scored 12 for the Saints, while Lauren Crockett added 11.

"I still believe we're still one of the best defensive teams in the conference, if not in the country," Graves said. "I think it showed first half. They just were very aggressive, very disruptive and lot of the young kids came to play."

"I was really pleased with Shantelle's effort. She works so hard. She's one of those kids who will absolutely play herself until she's about to fall down before she lets you know she's tired. Her effort offensively was great."

Senior center Kim Olech (Plymouth), wearing a heavy knee brace, added 14 points and 11 rebounds, while junior guard Katie Mount contributed 13 points.

"Obviously this is the most we played Olech all year," Graves said. "A double-double (points-rebounds) from her is what we're used to. So given her 36 minutes tonight, our hope is that she keeps going on Saturday against Aquinas and she can play without pain."

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CHAMPS

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then we have Inkster (March 8) in the district."

Churchill led 13-11 after one quarter behind Frezzell's nine points, but trailed 24-18 at halftime.

The Chargers stormed back in the third quarter to knot the score at 36-36 on a leaning desperation shot at the horn by Allen.

Churchill then opened up a 44-39 advantage with only 2:19 left on a half-hook shot on the

baseline by Cooks, but Wayne clawed back on a steal and layup by Gray to make it 46-46.

After the teams traded turnovers, Frezzell made a layup with 18 seconds left followed by Gray's layup with only 5.24 to go, knotting the game at 48.

Churchill committed only five turnovers on the night, while Wayne had 11.

"Our guards have really turned it around as a group," Solak said. "We go five deep and they've really dedicated themselves to taking care of the ball and making sure every possession matters."

"As important as Adam and D'Juan are, and how good they've been for us inside, our guards have been the catalyst in our tourney run."

Wayne had beaten the Chargers, the fourth seed, in two previous meetings, 60-58 (in overtime) and 67-57.

"It feels real good to get the second conference championship under my belt," said Bedell, who also led the Chargers to the overall KLAA soccer crown. "This is great, this is a good first step."

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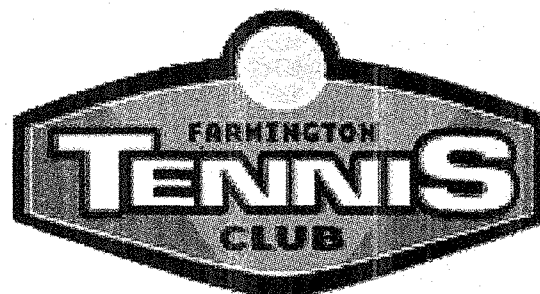
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NEIGHBORS

Canton 'prize patrol' is heading to a street near you

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Wheels, Siren, The Law, Hallmark and The Chief will prowl the streets March 9 in Canton randomly "busting" individuals who break the law — of inertia.

"We feel sort of like the Publisher's Clearing House van when we hit the streets. We never know how people will react to us, an enthusiastic group with bags and balloons in their hands congratulating folks and rewarding them with prizes for simply walking their dog or playing a game of catch," said Jennifer Provenzano, recreation specialist for Canton Leisure Services.

Provenzano, nicknamed The Chief, by her colleagues, created Canton's Random Acts of Fitness program and assembled its mobile team last spring. The group travels around the community one day a month looking for people engaged in physical activity — from organized sports to housework — and rewards them for their fitness efforts. The program has been on hiatus since November 2009, but will resume its monthly schedule next month on a "no school" day for Canton students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

"This will be our 'Think Spring' edition and all of our goodies and swag will be Spring-related," Provenzano noted. "We hope to encourage Canton kids to put down their video game controllers and take in a little fresh air that day instead."

Provenzano said she was inspired to create the outreach



Walking the dog or pulling a wagon full of kids earn fitness kudos from Canton Leisure Services, as these residents discovered last year.

program after reading about a Subway Restaurant promotion that sent mountain bicyclists into New York City, N.Y. on a similar mission.

"I thought what a neat idea that would be with as many parks as Canton has."

PRIZE PATROL

The team members, Jon-Eric "Wheels" Cornelier, Amanda "Siren" Buelow, Jennifer "Hallmark" Judycki, and Travis "The Law" Faulkner gave themselves nicknames related to their roles.

Cornelier usually jumps out of the van on his in-line skates and Buelow announces their arrival with a megaphone "siren," Provenzano said. Faulkner "lets residents know they've been busted" and Judycki profusely congratulates detainees.

"For the most part people are really excited about it and let us know we've made their day, which of course in



Canton Leisure Services staff members Jon-Eric "Wheels" Cornelier (left), Jennifer "Hallmark" Judycki, Amanda "Siren" Buelow and Travis "The Law" Faulkner muster up excitement over the Random Acts of Fitness program.

turn, makes our day, too," Provenzano said. "We've had some really priceless reactions."

Skeptics, wary of strangers, have said "no thanks" to the prizes, which often include T-shirts, water bot-



Youngsters were at play with bikes and street hockey gear when the Canton Leisure Services "Random Acts of Fitness" crew surprised them last year.

those people are excited," Provenzano said.

FROM GARDENING TO BALL

Although she doesn't take names of prize-winners, Provenzano recalls a few favorite incidents. There was the time the Random Acts team discovered five houses in a row where homeowners were busy gardening.

"It was pretty cool," she recalled. "But the kid playing catch remains our favorite."

The youngster, stationed "way out" in the outfield reluctantly played catch with his father, but was excited about to get an award.

Canton Leisure Services received its own share of kudos earlier this month at the Michigan Recreation & Park Association's Annual Conference, held in Grand Rapids.

Its Random Acts of Fitness program won the Innovative Recreation Programming Award, one of four given to recreation efforts statewide.

Provenzano said she wouldn't be surprised if similar programs are developed in other Michigan communities this year.

She pegged the cost of the program at two hours worth of staff wages once a month and gas for the van.

"We're lucky enough to end up with some surplus items throughout the year," she added, referring to the prizes given out.

"We'd love to align ourselves with a sponsor to keep this going. We'd love to have a team uniform to be more recognizable."

Provenzano wouldn't identify the neighborhoods or parks the team will visit on March 9, but said "If you're out moving and getting fresh air, we think you're fair game."

Visit YouTube.com to view a video of the team in action. Type in "Random Acts of Fitness" in the search box on the Web site.

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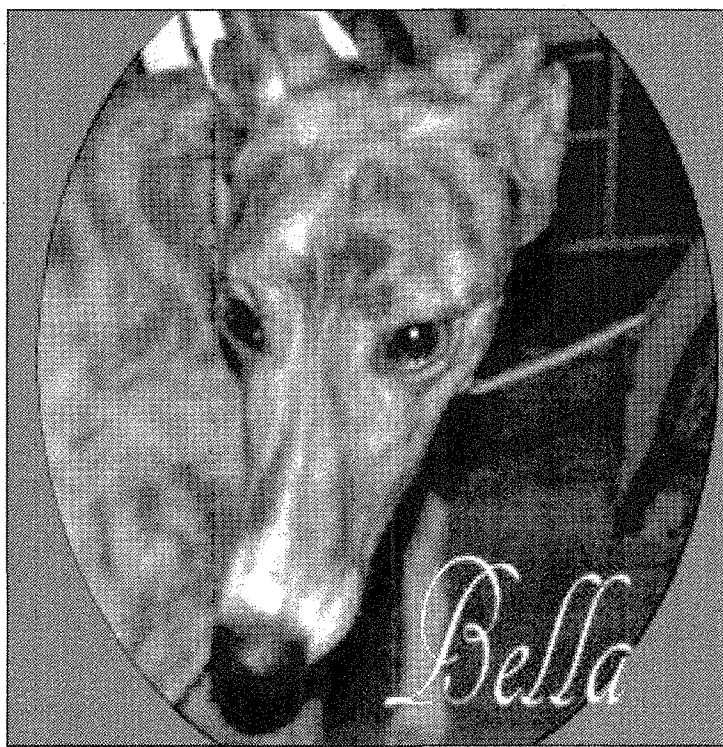
ADOPTABLE GREYHOUNDS

Bella is this week's featured greyhound from Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption. Here's what volunteers say about her:

Bella is two years old, with a lovely brindle coat. One look into her sweet eyes and you'll fall in love. She arrived in Michigan recently from a racetrack in Florida and currently is living with a foster family.

Call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 if you're interested in Bella. Visit the organization's Web site at www.greyheart.org.

Greyheart will have greyhounds on hand at its "meet and greet" sessions, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Canton PetCo, 43435 Ford Road and 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Celebrity Pets in Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia.



Bella is living with a foster family until she finds her "forever home."

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Poker fund-raiser

The Canton High School Cheerleaders Booster Club will hold Texas Hold 'em games, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursday-Saturday, March 11-13, at Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Canton Center Road, Canton; (734) 981-9904.

Proceeds will benefit the club.

The group also plans a fund-raiser Tuesday, March 9, at Rose's. The restaurant will donate 15 percent of the bill, for any customer who mentions Canton cheerleaders, to the Booster Club.

Bowling for Braille

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is looking for bowlers for its 23rd Annual Bowl-a-thon Sunday, March 21 at SuperBowl, 45100 Ford Road, in Canton.

Deadline to sign up is March 7.

Bowlers will enjoy three games of 9-pin no tap bowling, lunch and an auction, while raising funds through pledges for Seedlings. The organization, which provides high quality, low cost children's literature in braille, aims to raise \$30,000 this year. Every \$10 raised at the event will pay for one braille book.

The minimum amount of pledges per bowler is \$60. To register, download a bowling brochure and pledge sheet from Seedlings' Web site at www.seedlings.org or call Seedlings at (734) 427-8552.

Pledges also are accepted on the Seedlings Web site or can be mailed to Seedlings Braille Books, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Guest artist

Heiner Hertling, host of the PBS television show, *Your Brush with Nature*, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Garden City Fine Art Association, 7 p.m. March 3 in the Garden City Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, in Garden City.

Hertling, a member of the Michigan Plein Air Painters and the Society of Animal Artists, is a multi media painter and sculptor. He has won numerous awards including first place in seven state duck and trout stamp competitions and Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year.

Trained in Hamburg, Germany, he immigrated to the United States in 1965. He exhibits in shows, museums, and private collections across the country. Visit his Web site at yourbrushwithnature.com for more information.

Reduce stress through breath, focus on present

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

On the rare occasion Kathy Henning begins to feel stress, she nips negative thoughts in the bud, quiets her mind and focuses on the moment.

"How important it is to stay present in the moment because the mind can get carried away, in particular worrying about the future. We can feel overwhelmed and powerless," said the Henning, a Livonia resident and meditation teacher. "Utilizing the tools to stay present helps us manage the challenges we're facing and by turning our attention within and meditating, we often come up with creative ideas we may not have thought of otherwise."

Henning, who teaches classes in Livonia, Dearborn and Royal Oak, guides listeners through meditation tools on her first CD, *Living in the Present Moment: Everyday Tools and Practices*, (\$15.95) available from Amazon.com and Henning's Web site, www.LivingInThePresentMoment.com.

"Meditation is beneficial on many levels. We're engaged in the world all day long, our senses and energy are pulled outward. If we don't replenish that we feel overwhelmed and exhausted on many levels. Meditation is an opportunity for the body, mind and senses to rejuvenate."

Focusing on breathing and quieting the "chatter" in the mind are among the tools she teaches both on the CD and in classes. Henning said meditating even five minutes daily — "while waiting in line at the post office or waiting for your computer to boot up" — can help reduce stress.

"Stress can have a huge impact on our physical well being...blood pressure, immune system," she noted.

Her new CD represents more than 30 years

training in meditation. It combines soothing music with Henning's voice as she guides listeners through tools they need to stay present and peaceful, as well as through an actual meditation.

Henning, who grew up in Berkley and attended school at Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, began learning about meditation after moving to California in the late 1970s.

"Life was great. I had a wonderful job at CBS (as an usher) and my own place, but I still felt that something was missing," said Henning, who is married. "I was in my early 20s. It was as though I had a sense come from deep within. I could see down the future of my life...if it was just about the material world, I knew it wouldn't fulfill me."

She began studying at meditation centers — often serving as a staff member — and for six years devoted herself to the study of self-discovery and meditation.

"It is something I wove into my daily life," Henning said. "I still would feel that emptiness if I hadn't heard about the importance of knowing our inner self. When we sit for meditation and turn our attention within we come to know that self that lives inside us."

Henning's meditation classes meet from 7-8 p.m., generally twice monthly. Sessions are \$12 each and are aimed at all ages, both men and women.

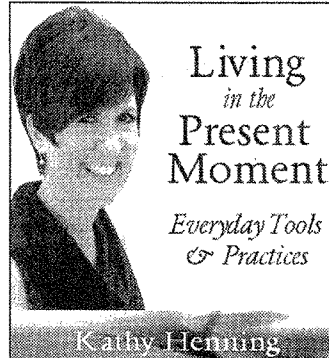
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• Center for Natural Healing, March 11 and 25, Center for Natural Healing, 1103 S. Washington, Royal Oak.

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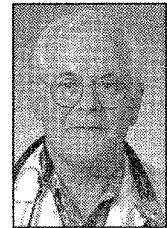
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Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

I super-glued myself to the news broadcast waiting for the story to come on but instead I heard another teaser which said the story would be broadcast the next morning at 5:45 a.m. That night I went to bed and set the clock for 5:15 — or so I thought — and when it went off at 4:15 a.m. the next morning I was a little unhappy with myself for being a senior citizen. These things happen! Now, I'm finally seeing the news

story with two anchors, a weather guy and traffic lady all conversing on the subject and it's captured my attention. I know that I have four experts on camera who know all about clothes washers and how they function even though the weather guy admits he doesn't know how to sort colors and his white pinkish shirt is made fun of.

One of the anchors tells us to rinse our clothes in warm water and I know he's never done the wash. I end up talking to him and even though he can't hear me I tell him he is wrong. Cold water rinse will do a much better job than hot or cold water. I ask him if he read one of my columns — the one in which I explained how my mother used to send me to the cold spring that ran beside our log cabin to rinse out the clothes she washed in the old round aluminum tub. Apparently he hadn't.

KILLING GERMS

They told us not to use scented detergent and I don't know why. With the millions of smelly washer problems going on in this country I can understand why consumers will try anything. If scented detergent is a health hazard why isn't the product removed from store shelves? We were told to wash our underwear in a separate load. I guess they didn't read the column in which I told readers to wash underwear, panties and baby diapers after they soaked them in a laundry tub using bleach and hot water to kill the bacteria. The splash effect of germ infested articles can splash under the splash guard and come off during the next load of different clothes. In some areas of the country, service technicians are required to wear rubber gloves so they don't spread hepatitis around their community.

AIR IT OUT

They informed us not to let a load of clothes stand in the washer and I have already been told by my darling Valorie that the clothes smell if she forgets to put them into the clothes dryer right away. The last thing I remember them telling us is to air out the washer. This has been a standard practice with most homemakers since the washer was invented. It stands to reason that if any remaining water is left in the tub and given the chance to evaporate, it will lessen any odor or mold problems. I guess the manufacturers didn't think of that when they built their first models of the modern era front load washers. They had a light bulb in the tub that went on when you opened the door. In order to save energy you had to close the door to shut off the light bulb. To give you an idea of how difficult

it might be to air out your washer and serve the purpose, I went downstairs to our two-year-old front loader which has the door slightly ajar, (they no longer have a light bulb) and moved the drum back and forth. Lo and behold, you can hear the water sloshing back and forth under the drum. I say amazing because Valorie informs me she hasn't done a wash load in 10 days.

I want to thank Channel 4 WDIV for doing this story even though I don't think it was educational enough. I might suggest they go to their World Book Encyclopedia and read the published words of an old white haired service technician. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com

GET OUT

ART

Lotus Arts Gallery

Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

Details: Yuroz is the artist of the month

Coming up: 3rd annual Michigan Local Artist Exhibit opens March 2; includes the works of 18 local artists. Meet the artists and enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages, 6-9 p.m., Friday, March 12

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

Northville Art House

Time/Date: March 5-21

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Under the Influence" exhibit showcasing the influential artistic relationship between teachers and students at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. The exhibit illustrates that art is not done in a vacuum and that external influences can take an artist to a higher level

Contact: (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

Ford Community & Performing Art Center

Time/Date: 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Saturday, March 13

Location: 15801 Michigan Ave. at Greenfield, Dearborn

Details: Michigan Lesbian and Gay Comedyfest with Jessica Kirson, Gloria Bigelow, Jamie Pierce and Roxanna Ward; tickets \$30 in advance and \$30 at the door

Contact: www.comedyfest.org, (313) 537-7000

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

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



Wilson "Chembo" Corniel, Jr.

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m.

Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays,

Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local

Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays,

Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.

Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Ruben Paul, March 3-6;

Sheila Kay, March 10-13; Jay Black,

March 17-20; Myq Kaplan, March

24-27

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

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Gary Valentine, a series

regular on "The King of Queens,"

March 4-6; Brooklyn native Brian

Soolaro, March 11-13; Bret Ernst,

who appeared in the movie

"Beer League," and hosted MTV's

"Wrestling Society X," March 18-20

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

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

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Catie Curtis, (folk-

rock) March 3; Monte Montgomery,

(acoustic guitar) March 4; Howie

Day, (rock-influenced) March 5; Po'

Girl, (Canadian 21st Century roots

music) March 6; Richard Shindell,

(folk, storytelling songs) March 7;

Scythian, (Celtic) March 8; Horse

Feathers, (Western) March 10;

Caravan of Thieves, (gypsy jazz)

March 11; Joe Henry, (mixed genre)

March 12; Justin Roberts & The

Not Ready for Naptime Players,

(rock music for kids) March 13;

The Band of Heathens (country

and Americana) March 13; Lehto &

Wright (folk rock) March 14

Location: 316 South Main, Ann

Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live con-

certs, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

JWH Center for the Arts

Time/Date: 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic

sign up; performances, 7 p.m.

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: BaseLine Folk Society

open mic is for acoustic, folk and

traditional musicians. Admission is

\$5. BaseLine Folk Society open mic

runs every third Saturday of the

month through May

Contact: Mike Mullen, founder,

mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: 40oz. To Freedom,

March 2; Reverend Peyton's Big

Damn Band, March 4; Laith Al Saadi

& Back Forty, March 5

Location: 22920 Woodward,

Ferndale

Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Mustic Hall Center for Performing Arts

Time/Date: 8:30 p.m. and 10:30

p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 12-13

Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Wilson "Chembo" Corniel

Jr. & his Latin Jazz Quintet play the

"Jazz Cafe"; tickets are \$27 (plus \$3

preservation fee) available at Music

Hall Box Office or at www.ticketmaster.com

Contact: (313) 887-8500

Plymouth Coffee Bean Co.

Time/Date: 8-11 p.m., Friday, March

5

Location: 884 Penniman Avenue,

Plymouth

Details: Vocal and acoustic harmo-

nies of the Partly Brothers in a non-

smoking coffeehouse. Admission is

free; tips accepted

Coming up: Spotlight on female

performers, hosted by Jeni Lee,

March 13; Steve Mullan & Scott P. &

Mike Bernmudaz, March 14

Contact: (734) 454-0178

Trinity House Theater

Time/Date: Stacey Earle and Marek

Stuart, 8 p.m., March 5, tickets \$15,

\$12 for subscribers; Rachele Eve

with Ben Salazar, 8 p.m., March

6, tickets \$12, \$9 for subscribers;

Michael McDermott with John D.

Lamb, 8 p.m., March 12, tickets

\$15, \$12 for subscribers; Jill Jack

with Luke Brindley, 8 p.m. March

13, tickets \$15, \$12 for members;

Brooks Williams and Beauoup Blue,

8 p.m. March 19, tickets \$15, \$12 for

subscribers; Annie and Rod Capps,

8 p.m., March 20, tickets \$15, \$12 for

subscribers; Gemini, 8 p.m., March

27, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers

Location: 38840 West Six Mile,

Livonia

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

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays

Details: Jazz for Kids Program

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave.,

Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakers-keyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Details: Target Family Sundays,

storytelling, performances, free with

admission

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Marquis Theatre

Time/Dates: 2:30 p.m. all shows;

Saturday, March 13, 20, 27, April 10,

17, 24 and May 1; Monday-Friday,

April 5-9; and Sunday, March 14, 21,

28, April 11, 18, 25 and May 2

Location: 135 E. Main, Northville

Details: "Peter Cottontail," tickets,

\$8.50, ages 3 and up

Contact: (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

At English Gardens

•Learn the basics of planning, planting, growing and harvesting herbs at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 6. Free

•Select four herbs to plant in a ceramic container at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 6. The store will provide all supplies and plants during this "Make it and Take it" workshop. Cost is \$19.99.

•Learn everything you need to keep your lawn green this summer at a free in-store presentation, "The Grass Can Be Greener," 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 13.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

Livonia Garden Club

Margo McCormack, member and Advanced Master Gardener, will describe how to prepare lawns and prune shrubs this spring for summer-long beauty at the club's next meeting, 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 2, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road.

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ARTHRITIS THAT RESOLVES

When people receive a diagnosis of arthritis, they think they have a problem that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Even harder to accept is the likelihood that over time, the condition will become worse. Certainly, that is the usual course of osteoarthritis of the hands, shoulders, hips or knees. The doctor may successfully treat other joint conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, but often the damage incurred to hands and feet leaves permanent impairment.

However not every type of arthritis ends that way. Arthritis caused by the Parvo B19 virus may cause swelling and pain in the hands in a manner that looks exactly like rheumatoid arthritis, but in time the Parvo B19 infection ends and the arthritis clears completely. Likely other viruses act the same way, but await medical detective work to be revealed as agents of arthritis.

Reactive arthritis creates a similar temporary joint problem. In this instance, the body fights off an infection, either bacterial or viral, but the antibodies the body produces also irritate joints resulting in arthritis. Over weeks to months the antibodies dissolve, the irritation ends and the joints return to normal.

The most common cause for an arthritis that comes on suddenly and then goes away gradually is inapparent injury. Most often this type of injury occurs to the knees or ankles.

Part of a doctor's evaluation is to determine if the arthritis is reversible. If such is the case, the best treatment is restraint and observation.

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

REGULAR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 17, 2010

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for March 17, 2010 has been cancelled due to the lack of agenda items

The next regularly scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held on April 21, 2010 in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI at 7:00 p.m.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following date and time to examine the assessment roll for the current year:

Day	Date	Time
Tuesday	March 2, 2010	9:00 a.m.

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

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

Day	Date	Time
Monday	March 08, 2010	9:00am -5:00pm
Tuesday	March 09, 2010	1:00pm- 9:00pm
Wednesday	March 10, 2010	1:00pm- 9:00pm
Thursday	March 11, 2010	9:00am -5:00pm
Friday	March 12, 2010	9:00am -5:00pm

APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN. Write-ins must be received by Monday, March 08, 2010.

Tentative ratios for the 2010 tax year are:

CLASS	PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RATIO	PROJECTED EQUALIZATION FACTOR
Commercial	61.82%	0.8088
Industrial	57.34%	0.8720
Residential	58.22%	0.8588
Personal Property	50.00%	

Taxes are paid on **TAXABLE VALUE**, which is the lesser of the calculated Assessed and Capped value, unless there is a property transfer. The capped value is based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index), which is .997% for 2010. As a result, all Taxable Values will decrease .003% unless there has been a transfer of ownership or an addition to the property.

The 2010 Assessment Roll will be open for inspection from March 2, 2010 through March 5, 2010 in the assessment office from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. And 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m..

ALLYSON BETTIS
TEASURER-CLERK

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The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at 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.

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 Mackenzie Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail

the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960

50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166

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 High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dbiehn@aol.com.

CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 4 02/16/10

Presiding: President Godbout

Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves

48: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 02/1/10.

-Traffic Control Order: 2010-01-Install (2) signs "NO PARKING" w. side of Affeldt.

-Appr. bid for SWQIF Footing Drain Disconnect Program to Bidigare Contractors, amt; \$2,027,752.70.

-Appr. grant app. from MDNRTF for "Central City Park Restoration Plan" City's share \$150,000.00.

-Intro. of Ord. 218C, an ordinance to provide for issuance and sale of junior lien revenue bonds to pay for improvements to water & sewer system.

-Declared emergency to intro. & adopt Ord. 218C, an ordinance to provide for issuance and sale of junior lien revenue bonds to pay for improvements to water & sewer system.

-Adopted Ord. 218C, an ordinance to provide for issuance and sale of junior lien revenue bonds to pay for improvements to water & sewer system.

-Adopted Prep. Res. to use NSP funds to purchase 2 properties.

49: Appr. Spec. Land Use for prop. Independent Retail Pharmacy, 2714 S. Newburgh, PID #078-01-0031-002 & -0032-002, w. side of Newburgh, n. of Glenwood.

50: Conf. appt of M. Tockstein to Board of Review to fill partial term, term to exp. 12/31/12.

51: Appr. checklist: \$1,399,863.43 & Prepaid: \$1,755,527.56.

Mtg. adj. at 8:27 p.m.

Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk, CMC

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REUNION CALENDAR

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.

Garden City East

Class of 1964

Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen Berry at karber@comcast.net or Teri Friedman at sweet1t2001@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

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 mikecarol91500@att.net. Or call Tena (Fear) Keith at (248) 437-6827.

Warren Fitzgerald

Class of 1974

35-year reunion, 6 a.m.-midnight, March

20, at Crank's Enchantment Banquet Center, 46915 Hayes, at 21 Mile, in Shelby Township. Tickets are \$30. Call Louise DeLuca at (248) 496-8916 or Lisa Zientek, (586) 291-7998.

West Bloomfield High School

Class of 1980

Planning for a 30th reunion is underway. The main event will be held July 17 at Hotel Baronette in Novi. More events are being planned for the same weekend. For more information e-mail the reunion co-chairs, Lori (Hess) Conklin at lconklin@conklinsystems.com or Jill (Butts) Beaulac at jibeau@cox.net. A Facebook group for the WBHS Class of 1980 has also been formed and can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=48471044685&ref=ts> (search Facebook West Bloomfield High School Class of 1980). The Reunion Committee is publishing monthly newsletters to help classmates reconnect, share memories, and locate missing classmates. Those not registered who would like to receive a copy of the newsletter should contact Lori (Hess) Conklin at lconklin@conklinsystems.com.

Westland John Glenn

Class of 1985

Planning 25th Reunion for 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the event on Facebook by searching "John Glenn Class of 1985 25 Year Reunion" or join the group "John Glenn High School Class of 1985 and other years - Westland Michigan." Or e-mail Tracy Dunsmore at tracy1420@wideopenwest.com.

Request for Proposals CITY OF WESTLAND Construction Engineering Services Glenwood Road Project

Sealed proposals for Engineering Services will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. local time**. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Project Location - Glenwood Road- Venoy to Hannan, Westland and Wayne

Project Resurfacing - 3.26 miles of resurfacing, cold milling, drainage structures, sanitary sewer, water main, concrete curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk, paint markings and brickwork.

Services to Include - Contract Administration, Construction Engineering, Construction Review and Reporting, Staking, Testing, Documentation and Finalization of all Project Quantities.

Proposal Documents on File - Proposal packets may be obtained at the Purchasing Division's office of the City of Westland, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185. A non refundable charge of twenty dollars (\$25.00), check only, payable to The City of Westland will be required for each proposal packet. Proposal packets will be available beginning Monday, March 1, 2010 after 9:00 a.m. local time.

Each proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked with the name of the proposer and shall be plainly marked on the lower front left hand corner "Glenwood Road Proposal". Proposals must be addressed to the Purchasing Agent of the City of Westland and delivered to the Purchasing Agent's office on or before the time specified above. No exceptions will be made.

William Gabriel
City Controller

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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO BE HELD DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR COMMENCING MARCH 17, 2010 AND ENDING DECEMBER 15, 2010.

To all persons interested in the meetings of the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals:

PLACE:	Westland City Hall 36601 Ford Road Westland, MI 48185
TIME:	5:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING DATE	DEADLINE:
March 17, 2010	February 19, 2010
April 21, 2010	March 26, 2010
May 19, 2010	April 23, 2010
June 16, 2010	May 21, 2010
July 21, 2010	June 25, 2010
August 18, 2010	July 23, 2010
September 15, 2010	August 20, 2010
October 20, 2010	September 24, 2010
November 17, 2010	October 22, 2010
December 15, 2010	November 19, 2010

The minutes of each meeting of the regular meetings listed above will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the City Clerk's Office of the City of Westland not more than eight (8) business days after the date of said meeting.

Approved minutes of each meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, at the same location, not more than five (5) business days after the meeting at which the minutes of the meeting are approved.

This notice is given in compliance with Act. No. 167 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976.

Eileen DeHart, City Clerk

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Two new monthly publications are coming to your Observer and Hometown Newspapers

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Woman

Hometown Life Woman contains stories on education, careers, food, parenting, health & fitness, fashion, beauty, books, pets, technology and more.



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inspire

Hometown Life Inspire includes features on DIY projects, gardening, regional entertainment, food and wine, fitness, travel and more.



Look for *Hometown Life Woman* on March 4, 2010 and *Hometown Life Inspire* on March 18, 2010

Both sections will publish in the Farmington Observer, Livonia Observer, Canton Observer, Plymouth Observer, Garden City Observer, Westland Observer, Milford Times, Northville Record, Novi News and South Lyon Herald.

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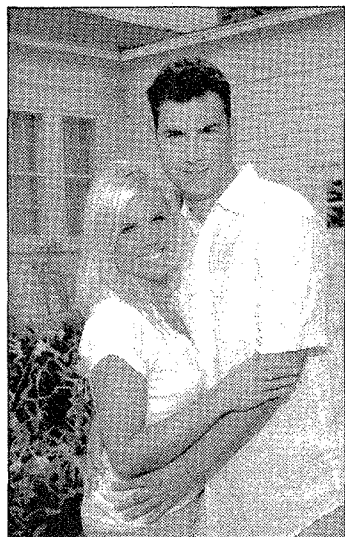
Cesarek-Meyerand

Jennifer Jean Cesarek of Macomb and Robert Joseph Meyerand of Canton announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Camille of Macomb and the late Bill J. Cesarek Sr., is a 1999 graduate of Eisenhower High School in Shelby Township. She received a bachelor's degree in science from Oakland University in 2003 and is employed as a benefits administrator for Select Focus PEO in Macomb.

Her fiancé, son of Bonnie Meyerand of Canton and the late Robert (Bob) R. Meyerand is a 1997 graduate of Canton High School in Canton. He received an associate's degree in business from Schoolcraft College in 2008 and is employed in outside sales for Universal Pump Company in Wixom.

The couple met in 2006 at the Red Wings game against Colorado. On Feb. 15, 2009, with the same two teams



Cesarek-Meyerand

playing, Rob proposed to Jen on the Joe Louis JumboTron screen. After some screams and tears from Jen, of course she said yes.

A July 2010 wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

BAILEY SARAI BOWEN

Bailey Sarai Bowen was born Dec. 27, 2009, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Bailey joins proud parents Dannon and Keisha Bowen and twin sisters, Brooke and Kennedy, 6, at home in Canton. Grandparents are Paul and Sandra Bowen of Canton, Lee and Melba Wade of Canton, and Ben and Marie Hill of Detroit.

Great-grandparents are Nelson Wade of Detroit and Ruthie Nelson of Suwanee, Ga.



Gardner-Minoff

Erika Minoff and Tim Gardner were married Sept. 19, 2009, in California.

The bride, daughter of Robert and Emily Minoff of Livonia, is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a counselor at North Mountain Middle School.

The groom, son of Terry and John Gardner of Janesville, Minn., is a golf pro at SCGA golf course in Temecula, Calif. — Scott and Lisa Mallory officiated at the wedding.

The bride's attendants were Rachel Minoff, Maid of Honor; Angela Papak, Matron of Honor; and bridesmaids Kelly Finney, Ashley Stutzmann, and Lindsay Robinson.

The groom's attendants were Chris Gardner, Mike Gardner, Jason Rowe and Jason Cowdin.

A reception was held at



Gardner-Minoff

Temecula Creek Inn, followed by a honeymoon trip to Mexico.

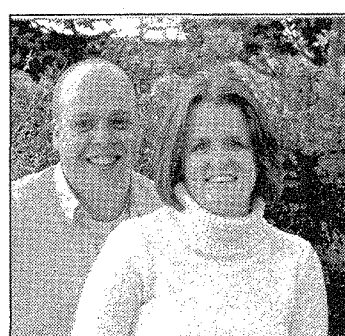
The couple resides in Murrieta, Calif.

Holbel-Comps

Julie Ann Holbel of Canton and Andrew Joseph Comps of Livonia announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Don and Kathy Holbel of Hope, is a 2001 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She holds a bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Michigan and is employed by Mars Advertising.

Her fiancé, son of Dave and Laurie Comps of Livonia, is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School. He holds a bachelor of business management degree from Eastern Michigan



Holbel-Comps

University and is employed by ReCellular.

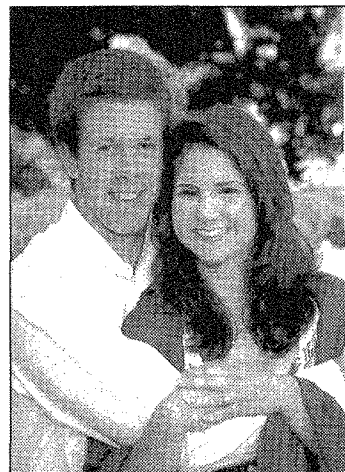
A September wedding is planned in Plymouth.

Maynard-Yetter

Virginia "Gingie" Anne Maynard and Eric James Yetter announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Elise Maynard of Maitland, Fla., graduated from The Geneva School in 2004 and from Vanderbilt University in 2008 with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and history and a minor in international politics. After graduation she spent 10 months in India doing a field office internship for the International Justice Mission. She is a first year law student at Vanderbilt University.

Her fiancé, son of Jim and Cherie Yetter of Farmington Hills, graduated from North Farmington High School in 2004. He graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2008 with a bachelor of science



Maynard-Yetter

degree in human and organizational development. He is a second year law student at Vanderbilt University.

An August wedding is planned in Orlando, Fla.

'Girls' Night Out' coming soon at zoo

Girls ages 5 and older and their female chaperones ages 18 and older are invited to the Detroit Zoo for a "Girls' Night Out" in celebration of Women's History Month. The overnight event will be held from 7 p.m. Saturday, March 13, to 10 a.m. Sunday, March 14.

The overnight adventure at the Ford Education Center will include a late-night tour of the zoo, keeper talks, craft project, marshmallow roast, movie and breakfast at an animal habitat. Guests will also meet some of the dedicated women who work at the Zoo, including members of the animal care staff. The cost for "Girls' Night Out" is \$50 per person.

"This overnight event is a wonderful

opportunity for fun, facts, fellowship and a shared awareness of the role of women in history, especially relative to conservation and animal welfare," said Director of Education Irma J. Hamilton. The theme of Women's History Month 2010 is "Writing Women Back into History."

For more information or to register, call (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3800, or e-mail education@detroitzoo.org.

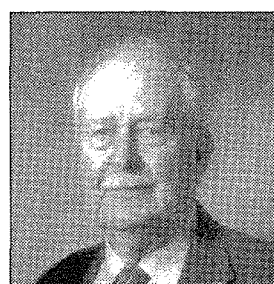
The Detroit Zoological Society is a non-profit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The

Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through Labor Day and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the day after Labor Day through October. Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day); admission is free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3750, or visit www.detroitzoo.org.



ROGER H. BLACKWOOD

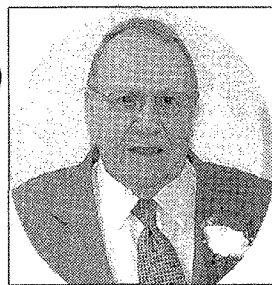
Age 88, of Troy MI, died February 20, 2010 at his home. He was born June 8, 1921 in Detroit to Fred Harrison Blackwood and Bessie Mae Blackwood. Roger graduated in 1943 with a Business Administration degree from Michigan State University. He served in the US Army from 1943 to 1946 as a Second Lieutenant. On August 20, 1948 Roger married Barbara Louise Cavan. She preceded Roger in death in February 2000. A successful Real Estate broker and Appraiser for over 60 years, Roger was known for his integrity in all business relationships and was highly sought after for his extensive knowledge of the Detroit metropolitan area. He served as President of the Detroit Board of Realtors in 1969. Loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Roger is survived by his daughters Nancy Blackwood, Boulder, CO and Sally Blackwood, San Francisco, CA; Son, Roger Blackwood Jr., Wixom, MI; 3 grandchildren, Jessie Newell (Kennith), Springfield, OR, Toby Krempel, Seattle, WA and Sarah Krempel, Rohnert Park, CA.; 3 great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Alyssa, and Ryan Newell; and his dear friend Mary Aschcraft. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:30 PM on Saturday March 13 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 5500 Adams Road, Troy, MI. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Beaumont Hospice, 1200 Stephenson Hwy., Troy, MI 48063. Please sign Roger's online guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com

JOSEPH J. GADBOW
Died February 21, 2010

Traverse City - Dr. Joseph John Gadbow, 93, of Traverse City died at home on his beloved Boardman river on February 21, 2010 after a long illness. He was surrounded by his loving wife Ann and their children. They recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. Dr. Joe was born in 1916 to the late Joseph and Wanda (Dombrowska) Sakowski in Utica, NY. He was adopted and raised by Marion Gadbow. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Hamilton College in 1939 and a Medical Degree from Syracuse University in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1946-1948. He lived and practiced medicine in Farmington for 38 years and dedicated his career to the care to the elderly. He was Medical Director of the Long Term Care Facility at Wayne County General Hospital from 1968-1972 and he joined the staff at Henry Ford Hospital in 1976. In 1993, his lifetime of work was honored by the American College of Physicians in naming him a Laureate. He was a loving and care physician who went beyond the call of duty, often making house calls on those who could not get to his office. He retired at age 73 and moved to Traverse City with his wife in 1990. His most important accomplishment was the inspiration that he imparted to his children and their children to strive for excellence in their life pursuits. Dr. Joe's greatest passions included golfing, carving, and fly fishing. He became interested in hickory stick golf clubs and was the driving force behind "The Haig" and annual tournament at Elmbrook Golf Course where participants dress in period clothes and use hickory stick golf clubs. He enjoyed playing in this tournament with his wife, three sons and grandsons. Joseph is survived by his wife Ann and their eight children, Joann Gadbow, Dr. Joseph (Vicki) Gadbow Jr., R. Michael (Sally Chandler) Gadbow, John Gadbow, Mary (Steve) Davis, Anne (Erik) Paus, Elizabeth (James) Kelderhouse and Cate Gadbow, 20 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Services were held Friday, February 26, 2010 at St. Francis Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grand Traverse Heritage Center, Munson Hospice, or St. Francis Catholic Church. Please visit Dr. Joe's online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to share your thought and memories with the family. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services. www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com

EVELYN M. CAREY

February 21, 2010 in San Antonio, TX, age 95. Retired lifetime employee of Ford Motor Company, Sheldon Road Plant. Beloved wife of the late James E. Crump. Dear mother of the late Shirley Ann McKinley. Grandmother of Terri and Bernard Wright Jr. Visitation Sunday 1pm-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth with funeral services following on Monday at 2pm. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



WINSTON T. CHURCHILL

Of Redford, died February 19, 2010, age 87. Retired FBI Special Agent, and beloved husband of Marilyn for 64 years. Dear father of Melody Lepley of Livonia, Perry of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Winston II (Gloria) of St. Petersburg, Florida. Winston joined the U.S. Army in 1941 and served in the Second Engineers Special Brigade. During WWII he was stationed in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippine Islands. Winston was the first Magistrate of the 17th District Court in Redford Township where he served for 25 years; active member of the Redford Lions Club. Services were held on Monday, February 22 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Livonia, followed by burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Obituary and Guestbook at www.mannsfuneralhome.com

DORIS CONWELL

Retired bank manager and resident of Beverly Hills from 1963 to 2009, died February 22, 2010, in Lansing, MI, at the age of 88. Doris is survived by her four children: Michael Conwell of East Lansing, MI; Margaret Austin of Greenbelt, MD; Madelyn Kuhen of Cleveland, OH; and Marti Orton of Traverse City, MI. In addition, she is survived by 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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SHIRLEY PATRICIA
(SHERLOCK) GUILMETTE

Died February 17, 2010, at age 89. Born on August 8, 1920 in Cork, Ireland to Harry T. (pattern maker at the Cork Ford plant) and Mary E. Scott. Patricia made seven transatlantic liner crossings between Ireland and the states before Harry Scott transferred to Dearborn's Ford plant when Patricia was ten. The family which included Pat's sister, Evelyn, resided in Wixom. Pat graduated from Walled Lake High School in 1938. Moving to Detroit to study bookkeeping, she met and married George H. Sherlock, a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy and they settled in Farmington, MI and had five children, Phillip Sherlock of Neguane, MI who has a daughter, Krystine (Paul) Sherlock Vermeer, Rockford, IL, Thomas (Catherine) Sherlock of Commerce Twp. MI who has three children, Rebecca (James) Wathen, Commerce Twp., Amanda (Tim) Cholak, Northville, and Scott (Kathryn) Sherlock, Garden City, Susan Olson (Dale) Lalka, Lawton, MI who has three children, David (Stephanie) Olson, Caledonia, Leslie (James) Holder, Lawton, and Danielle (Nathan) Jones, Kalamazoo, Richard (Nancy) Sherlock, Farmington, MI, and Kenneth (Alynn Neely) Sherlock, Gregory, MI, all surviving. Also surviving, are fifteen great-grandchildren. Patricia has been described by family as the "best grandma ever". George Sherlock and second husband, Val Guilmette, the Farmington Village Carpenter, preceded her in death. Pat not only worked until retirement as a bookkeeper, she also enjoyed waiting on tables at Farmington's Danish Inn and being a hostess at the Elk's Club. With family present, Pat died peacefully at Milford's West Hickory Haven, a place where she received, to borrow a phrase from the director there, "the best of both worlds". Not only was she able to enjoy excursions out with children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, but was fortunate enough to have the needed around-the-clock care provided by an amazing staff. Patricia's quick wit, sense of humor, and lovable contrariness will be sorely missed by both family and her more-than-caring nursing home staff. Donations in memory of Pat (Sherlock) Guilmette may be made out to The American Cancer Society and mailed to Becki Wathen -Relay For Life, 4640 Duck Lake Rd., Commerce Twp. MI, 48382-1332.



BERTHA (BEA) MAATTALA

Peacefully passed away on February 3, 2010 in Denver, Colorado. She is preceded in death by her husband, Tarmo (Matt) Maattala. Mrs. Maattala was a secretary for Farmington Public Schools and later for her brother, Dr. John Geralt, at his medical practice. She and Matt enjoyed traveling across Europe, Scandinavia, and cruising the Caribbean. She was also active in the Swedish Club, Scandia Women's Chorus, and the Finnish Center of Farmington Hills. Her beautiful smile and gracious spirit will be missed by the many who knew her. She is survived by step-children Carole and Mike Maattala of Farmington, daughter Marge Bilker (Marc), grandchildren Michael and Molly Bilker of Denver, brother Dr. John Geralt (Andrea), and many nieces and nephews and their children. A memorial service is planned for April 18, 2010 at 2:00 pm at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 West Eight Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Donations may be made to the Finnish Cultural Center or The Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth Street, Farmington, MI 48336.

EDWINA ISABELLE
(PAPELIAN) MICHALSKI

Age 63 of Birmingham, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at her home. She was a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and faithful friend. Edwina was married 26 years before her husband Dennis preceded her in death in 1996. Beloved wife of the late Dennis; loving daughter of Edward S. (the late Lucille) Papelian; loving mother of Lisa (Steven) Simpson and Matthew (Silvina) Michalski; loving sister of Joseph (Linda) Papelian and Renee Papelian; loving grandmother of Dennis James Simpson and Nicolas Rey Michalski; dear daughter in law of Lillian (the late Michael) Michalski; dear sister in law of Tom (Lynne) Michalski; dear aunt of Jenni Michalski. Edwina was retired from the Birmingham school system and loved her work in the classroom. Her family was the pride and joy of her life and her family was always at the top of her priorities. Edwina loved her family and never missed an opportunity to talk about her grandchildren. Edwina was surrounded by friends, which was a testament of her giving heart to all. Words cannot express how much Edwina will be missed by her family and friends. Service has already taken place. Memorial donations can be sent to ALS of Michigan, 24359 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075. Arrangements entrusted to Edward Korkoian Funeral Home, (248) 541-8325.

JOANNE A. SIMONE

February 20, 2010 Age 84 of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Pamela McLean (the late David) and Heidi Simone (Paul Goldman). Dear grandmother of Matthew McLean. Private family services have been held. Memorial tributes to the Michigan Humane Society or the Karmanos Cancer Institute. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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RAYMOND EUGENE
SMITH

Died January 25, 2010. He was a former resident of Plymouth, Michigan, died in Fort Myers, Florida, leaving his wife Rosita Smith and daughters Mary Eberhardt and Julie Useman, sister Francis Cooley and Bobby Smith and five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was a sheriff for Sumpter Township which he loved. He was the kindest man you could ever meet, he loved his family and all animals. He will be greatly missed!



JAYNE M. WILSON

Age 85, of Plymouth, former Livonia teacher, passed away February 20, 2010. Graduate of MSU and later earning her teaching certificate from Wayne State University. She taught second grade at Jackson Elementary and Kennedy schools in Livonia from 1960 to 1986. She was a member of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, on the board of MARSP, Michigan Association of Retired School Personal, Northwest Chapter and served as Historian and Secretary of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority, TAU Chapter. Loving wife of the late George R. Wilson and Harold L. Summerlee. Beloved mother of Hal Summerlee, Rick Summerlee, Sue (Mike) Magel and Tom Wilson. Proud grandmother of five and great-grandmother of one. Dear sister of Bruce Allmayer. A memorial gathering will be held from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth on Tuesday March 9, 2010 from 12:00-3:00pm. Memorials may be made to Seedlings Braille Books for Children or to the Alzheimer's Association. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

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NEW FACES

Three doctors recently joined the staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. They are:

• Dr. Mohammed Ogaily is board certified in internal medicine and medical oncology. He received a medical degree from the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland. He completed a residency at Albany Medical Center, Albany, N.Y. and hematology and medical oncology fellowships at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Ogaily is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Hematology, American Medical Association, American College of Physicians, and the Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology.

His office, Center for Advanced Medicine & Surgery, is located at 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton; (734) 365-5154.

• Dr. Michael Rosen, an internal medicine specialist, holds an MD degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit. He completed a residency at Sinai Hospital in Detroit and completed an Internal Medicine/Hypertension fellowship at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford, Conn.

Rosen is board certified in internal medicine and a member of the American Society of Hypertension and American College of Physicians.

His office, Infinity Primary Care, is located at 20276 Middlebelt, Suite 7, Livonia; (248) 477-8000.

• Dr. Bruce St. Amour is the graduate medical education residency program director of emergency medicine for St. Mary Mercy Hospital. He received a DO degree from Michigan State University, East Lansing and completed a residency at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University, Chicago, Ill.

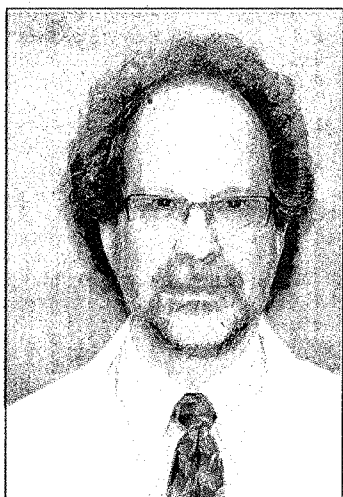
St. Amour is board certified in emergency medicine and a member of the American Osteopathic Association, American College



Bruce St. Amour



Mohammed Ogaily



Michael Rosen

of Emergency Physicians, and American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians.

His office is in St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia; (734) 655-2727.

MARCH

St. Mary Mercy

• Prostate Screening and Men's Health Fair, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 6, will include a prostate exam by a physician, blood test for prostate-specific antigen, cholesterol check, blood pressure screening, skin cancer check and information related to healthy living. These screenings are free, but registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

• Gayle Young, Sleep Center coordinator at St. Mary Mercy's Sleep Disorders Center, will speak at a presentation on sleep problems, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, in the hospital auditorium. She will discuss sleep apnea and treatment, insomnia, good sleep hygiene as well as how sleep problems can affect your overall health. She'll have CPAP machines and supplies on hand. This is a St. Mary Mercy Hospital Diabetes Support Group presentation, but the program is open to the public. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required. Call Community Outreach at (734) 655-8950 for more information.

• "Parenting with Love and Logic" for parents with elementary age children, 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24 in Classrooms 1 & 2. The program uses a common sense approach, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children by offering them choices, empathy, and respect while adults avoid anger, threats, warnings, or lectures. The fee is \$10 per person, and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162 for more information or to register. Or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

Hydrocephalus Association

Dr. Steven Ham, Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Children's Hospital of Michigan is the guest speaker at a support group meeting, 6:20-8:30 p.m., Friday, March 19, at Orchard Hills Baptist Church, 23455 Novi Road, Novi. RSVP to Jennifer Bechard by Friday March 12 at (734) 890-2665 or e-mail to p-jenniferb@hydroassoc.org

Teens and drugs

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti, offers a two-part program, "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," 7:30-9 p.m., March 2 and 9. The first session will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems.

The second session will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified. It will include a recovering teen speaker.

The programs are free and open to the public. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided. (734) 973-7892, e-mail teensusingdrugs@gmail.com or visit http://www.teensusingdrugs.org.

APRIL

St. Mary Mercy

"Heartsaver" Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation class (CPR), 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10. The class is being offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association. Learn CPR and choking techniques for children and adults. To register, call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950, or register online at stmarymercy.org.

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the

Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.oa.org.

Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Caregivers support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Metro Fibromyalgia

Meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information call Lucy at (734) 462-1768.

Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church,

28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Tai Chi classes


At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursdays. Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help, community-based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail marthapaul@sbcglobal.net. Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.



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