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Advance tickets are \$20 or \$25 at the door. Tickets include three games, free shoe rental, two slices of pizza and a 12-ounce soda. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, mystery and door prizes and much more.

For tickets or more information, call Ryan at (734) 756-0769.

## Hockey Night

Westland Mayor William R. Wild, along with several city officials, are once again ready to lace up their skates as the Westland Wild Wings compete in an exhibition hockey game against the Detroit Red Wings alumni.

The puck drops at 7 p.m. Friday, March 1, at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Kids under age 3 are free. Tickets are on sale at the mayor's office and the Mike Modano Ice Arena. Seating is limited to 800. There are many activities planned for the event, including a score-o competition and chuck-a-puck. There will also be several raffles and giveaways.

## Tax time

Low to moderate income Westland residents can get help completing their 2012 income tax returns at the AARP-IRS tax assistance program held at Westland's Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh.

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

The AARP Tax Assistance also is available now through April 3 by appointment only at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, at Annapolis, in Wayne.

There are no age or residency restrictions, and clients must file basic/simple forms only to have preparations done at the site. All taxes will be electronically filed.

For appointments, call (734) 721-7460.

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Mabel Ewald (center) shares a laugh with her guardians, Theresa (left) and Fred Weaver of Westland.

## The secret to a long life Mabel has many answers

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Women as they age have a tendency to fudge on their age. A case in point is Mabel Ewald. When Theresa Weaver asks how old she is now, Ewald smiles and replies, 1,000, then adds, "I'm less than you are I think."

"Usually, she says 44," said Weaver who with her husband Fred and church member Gabriella Lozano have been caring for Ewald for 18 years.

The truth is somewhere in between for Ewald who will celebrate her 106th birthday on May 28. Born in 1907, Ewald isn't sure why she

has lived so long. It could be the lack of stress, she never married and never had children. Then again it could be she never smoked, drank or danced and "didn't talk back too much to my dad."

"I don't know what my secret is, but I must be doing something right," said Ewald. "I had to raise myself, that might be it."

She grew up in Hamtramck and lived in Detroit where she worked for the U.S. post office for a few years before taking a job at the Martinson Funeral Home where she initially cared for the Martinsons' three children and then worked for the funeral home.

### Large family

She came from a large family, but the number of siblings eludes her these days. Her mother died when she was 12. She left her job at the funeral home to care for her father when he became ill. After his passing, she left Detroit and moved to Westland and lived in the same apartments as her sister, Grace, who took care of her until she died.

As she grew older, a niece and a nephew cared for her, but when the niece died of Alzheimer's disease, the nephew was no longer capable of caring for her. A church mem-

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## Cities continue to discuss merging services

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

As local communities continue to grapple with declining revenues, mergers and consolidations of services are likely to continue.

For Wayne and Westland, the first consolidations have been creation of the Wayne-Westland Fire Department and the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department. A four-community joint emergency dispatching center and consolidated senior services appear to be next on the agenda.

Along with savings from sharing the services of Fire Chief Michael Reddy and other cost reductions from the merger, the fire department also is increasing its revenue.

During the goal-setting session with the Wayne City Council, the department projected \$60,000 in revenue through the new vacant home, blight and business self-inspection ordinances recently enacted to be administered by the fire department.

Perhaps more significantly, is the impact of two rescue units now being assigned to fire stations.

"We will probably see a 50 percent or more increase in EMS revenues. We will increase billable runs by one-third or half," said Reddy. "There were limited resources without the merger."

By reallocating the available resources of the combined depart-

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## 2012 crime stats show proactive approach to policing

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Working with reduced manpower, Westland police are taking a proactive approach to crime through statistically selected enforcement.

That accounts for a huge jump in arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs in 2012. Overall, reported Group A crimes which range from the most serious crimes such as murder down to illegal gambling rose 9.4 percent 2012 from the prior year. Operating while intoxicated arrests, included in Group B crimes, jumped 105 percent in 2012.

"Our Traffic Bureau

has begun to focus on two things — major intersection accidents to reduce property damage and personal injury accidents and alcohol-related accidents," said Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik. "And nightly, we have an officer on drunk drivers for selective enforcement."

Each month, officers look at the city's top five intersections and the cause of the accidents to tailor the enforcement, Jedrusik said. If the main cause of accidents is drivers running red lights, then officers target that offense and send a message to drivers so that fewer will run that light.

## CRIME STATISTICS IN WESTLAND

Crime	2011	2012	% difference
• Murder	2	1	-50
• Robbery	88	82	-6.8
• Criminal Sexual Conduct (1st degree)	48	65	+35.4
• Aggravated/Felonious Assault	184	161	-12.5
• Burglary -forced entry	534	484	-9.36
• Burglary-no forced entry	77	92	+19.4
• Larceny -theft from building	146	117	-19.8
• Retail fraud	381	485	+27.2
• Controlled Substance Violation	330	465	+40.9
• Concealed Weapons	30	41	+36.6
• Operating Under Influence	198	406	+105

Source: Westland Police Department

### Directed patrols

That process of allocating resources in response to actual crimes report-

ed applies to non-traffic offenses, too.

"We have directed patrol approach. We focus

on areas where specific crimes have occurred

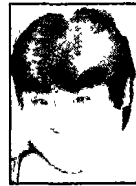
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## Police seek information about missing Westland woman

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Information is being sought about a Westland woman, described as mentally ill, who has been missing for more than a week.

Christina Elizabeth Balog, 43, was last seen 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11,



Balog

for her and actively asking people's help in locating her," said Westland

Police Sgt. Norm Brooks. "She left on foot. She has no money, no cell phone and no medications."

Balog is described at being 5-foot-3 with a medium build, shoulder-length brown hair and brown eyes. When last seen, she was wearing black slacks, a black coat and a green shirt.

A witness reported seeing Balog walking north on Garden towards Hines Park. Located in a neighborhood near Inkster Road and Middlebelt, that section of Garden dead ends at the park. Balog's home is about four houses from the park.

"We're not worried about foul play. We're

concerned about her safety and welfare due to her mental health issues," said Brooks.

Anyone with information about Balog's whereabouts is asked to call Brooks at (734) 467-7914.

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## MABEL

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ber for 23 years, Fred Weaver, a pastor, told the nephew he would see she was cared for, and he, his wife and Lozano stepped in, assuming guardianship of Ewald in 1996.

"No one else would do it," said Fred Weaver. "All the credit goes to Theresa. She picked it up and decided Mabel would be part of our family."

"It's a blessing to us to have her in our lives," said Theresa. "Gabby would say the same thing. She has been faithful with us."

Blessing also is the word her nurse at Four Season Nursing Home uses to describe Ewald who has lived their for six years.

"She's very observant and remembers a lot," said Kim Phoenix. "She's a sweetheart and a blessing to have."

### Celebrations

Ewald has been a part of holiday celebrations over the years and when

she started having difficulty walking, Theresa Weaver brought the celebrations to her.

"Sometimes I bring her a Happy Meal, she loves it," Theresa Weaver said. "She likes sweet things like pies and chocolate and loves to get pies. And she loves Vernors."

For her 100th birthday, the group hosted a birthday party and had what's left of her family attend. She received birthday cards from President George W. Bush, NBC's Willard Scott, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Mayor William Wild.

"She was so excited about making it to 100," said Theresa Weaver.

As a teen, Ewald never finished high school, but she went back to school and in 1988 at the age of 81, she received her high school diploma through the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' adult education program.

According to Theresa Weaver, Ewald was an avid reader until she couldn't see too well. She also liked doing word searches and crossword puzzles.

An accomplished seamstress, she made blankets, using an old Singer treadle sewing machine, that she donated through her church to the missions.

"She loves to get her hair done, and she likes to get her nails done, more than I do," said Theresa Weaver.

Lozano has moved to Texas, but stays in touch. Teresa Weaver tease Ewald, telling her that when "Gabby comes home, she's bringing back a cowboy for you."

"Oh, that's cute," said Ewald with a grin.

Hard of hearing and confined to a wheelchair, Ewald has a smile that lights up a room. She still says her prayers and when asked who her favorite pastor is, she smiles and looks at Fred Weaver who is the pastor of Reflection Church in Canton.

"She'll pray with me and when I leave, she'll say, 'Bless you for taking care of me,'" said Theresa Weaver.

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There is a full house for the exercise portion of Westland's Buddy Up Program held weekly at the Friendship Center.

## Shuh successful: More than 300 continue with fitness program

By LeAnn Rogers  
Staff Writer

By late in February, many people have lost track of their resolutions to lose weight and exercise, but not the more than 300 people who are turning out each Saturday for the Buddy Up Fitness Program at Westland's Friendship Center.

"I'm ecstatic with that number and also the effect. One lady had lost 18 pounds," said Allen "Buddy" Shuh, a former *Biggest Loser* contestant. "Others are exercising three times a week and have changed their eating habits. I'm thrilled."

There was a drop-off in participation from about 400 people the first week. Even with more than 300 people, the weekly Buddy Up session is divided into two groups to alternate between exercise and lectures.

A Wayne resident and pastor at a Westland church, Shuh is a motivational speaker. The Buddy Up Program provides information about healthy eating and lifestyles.

There are three parts to the 90-minute weekly session. The first half hour will consist of weighing



Allen "Buddy" Shuh talks to participants in the Buddy Up Program aimed at helping people develop healthier lifestyles.

in, followed by a nutritional class where Shuh will teach what he learned from *Biggest Loser* and an exercise portion.

"A lot of people who came to hear me want to lose weight. There are other benchmarks besides weight loss," said Shuh. "You see a shift in your body through exercise, your blood pressure will be lower and other effects."

Since the Buddy Up Program was scheduled for 12 weeks, Shuh said that participants have established smaller groups for support between sessions.

"I hope those groups will stay together for strength, encouragement and faith," said Shuh. "I

hope in 12 weeks if people have made changes, that they will be successful going forward."

In the spring or summer, Shuh said he is planning a Buddy Up 5K to celebrate the success of the program, offered free as part of Westland's Passport to a Healthy City initiative.

If there is enough interest, Shuh said a second 12-week session may be scheduled in the future.

For more on the Buddy Up program, visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) or catch the Buddy Up television program on WLND.

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## MERGERS

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ments, Reddy said there are shorter response times and rescue units can transport emergency patients to additional hospitals, if requested.

Talks are in progress to add the Garden City Fire Department to the merged fire department which would eventually operate under the auspices of a separate Western Wayne Fire Authority.

"It would be beneficial to do a study to find out what each community would be responsible for paying," said Wayne City Manager Robert English.

Shorter term, discussions are under way to merge the emergency dispatching services of four communities into a single operation. Wayne and Garden City currently have a joint dispatching that handles calls for police in both cities and fire/EMS calls for Gar-

den City.

Westland's dispatch center handles police calls for Westland and Inkster, recently taking over calls for the Wayne-Westland Fire Department. If merged, the dispatch services would be housed in the Westland Police Department.

"We're working on joint dispatch. All I can say publicly is that we are in talks," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "It gets us to (merged) fire, too."

Regarding the merged parks and recreation department, memberships exceed 1,700 at the Wayne-Westland Community Center — nearly a record. However, Wayne officials are concerned about the lack of staffing at the center and no financial support from Westland.

"We don't get any money directly from Westland for parks and recreation," said English. "We get a lot of in-kind. We just did a commercial with WLND and brochures."

The plan was to review

the parks and recreation situation after a year to look at any issues that needed to be addressed, said Wayne Mayor Al Haidous.

"We are seriously overstretched at the community center, we need an assistant director," said Wayne Councilman Albert Damitio. "At times, there are 1,000 people in the center and only two staff members. We've added memberships. Westland's support is needed. We want to keep what we've gained over the last six months."

Wayne's senior citizens program, dramatically reduced in recent years, will be shifting to Westland's Friendship Center.

Wayne council members wanted administration to look into options for seniors to get transportation to the Friendship Center through the Nankin Transit Authority or another option.

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## CRIME

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and when — the times of day," said Jedrusik. "We do it at intersections and it's the same for larcenies from vehicles or business burglaries. We focus on directed patrols."

In 2012, there were fewer forced entry burglaries and larcenies from a building but increased reports of retail fraud and nonforced-entry burglaries.

"I don't know, I guess the economy could be a cause for that," said Jedrusik. "There are many factors like drug use and other things that figure into thefts."

Just like having more police officers on the streets results in more arrests, he said if stores have more loss prevention specialists working there could be an increase in shoplifting arrests.

### Domestic violence

There are some crimes on which police can't really be proactive — domestic violence and criminal sexual conduct, for example.

"Our most common criminal sexual conduct is not a stranger relationship," said Jedrusik, meaning the assailant in Westland cases is most often a family member or an acquaintance of the victim. "Certain crimes

of passion or domestic violence are difficult to proactively police. Usually the police are responding and reacting to those crimes."

Westland currently has 71 sworn officers from the chief down to road patrol.

"Our police officers work hard as they can, even with the manpower down, to work proactively for Westland residents," Jedrusik said. "It's due to the proactive mindset you will see inflated numbers (of incidents) and the number of arrests will go up."

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# Walkers help bring warmth to families in need

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

With 16 teams signed up and more expected, Erin Southward knows the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's annual Walk for Warmth will be a success.

This is the 17th year the agency has held the walk, which will be Saturday, Feb. 23, at Westland Shopping Center. It's Wayne Metro's largest fundraising event and provides money to assist families in out-Wayne County who are in desperate need of utility assistance.

"Last year, we were able to assist more than 500 families," said Southward, the agency's communications manager. "We helped them avoid utility shut-off. If they get a notice and bring it to us and if the funding is available, we may pay the bill or there may be a co-pay to help them avoid having their utilities shut off."

This is the third year the walk has been held at Westland Shopping Center. Last year's event attracted hundreds of walkers and raised \$50,000. According to Southward, the money raised is unrestricted and helps the agency help families that don't meet



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano (center) will once again serve as an honorary chair of Wayne Metropolitan Action Agency's 17th annual Walk for Warmth at Westland Shopping Center Saturday, Feb. 23.

the guidelines of other programs.

The walk will be 9 a.m. to noon and is designed to be a fun event for the entire family. There will be entertainment by the Dance Academy at Westland Shopping Center and RC DJ and Video Productions. Members of the Detroit Derby girls roll-

er derby team will be on hand along with different mascots, including Warmin' the penguin, the Wayne Metro mascot.

Community supporters are encouraged to start a team with their co-workers, friends and family. Teams must include at least five walkers, however, individuals can par-

ticipate. Walkers are asked to raise a minimum of \$15 and the first 300 who raise that amount will receive a Walk for Warmth T-shirt. Teams with at least five members are eligible to win awards. Awards will be presented in both youth and adult categories for Best Team Name, Most

Team Spirit, Highest Total Pledges and Largest Team of Walkers.

Participants will walk around the mall, but there's no requirement on how far. Teams can sign up right up to the event, said Southward. Those already signed up are more than last year. "We expect a few more

teams," she said. "People can sign up at the walk and the can donate. We usually have walkers who see what is going on, ask what's happening and then participate."

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Westland Mayor William Wild again will serve as honorary chairs and will be joined by Channel 7 Action News meteorologists Dave Rexroth and Keenan Smith.

"It's really a lot of fun. Teams get pretty competitive and it's all for a great cause," said Wayne Metro CEO Louis Piszker.

As the community action agency for the 42 communities in out-Wayne County, Wayne Metro offers more than 50 programs to assist income-eligible community residents. Included in its service area are Westland, Wayne Garden City, Canton Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford, Livonia and Northville.

For more information on the Walk for Warmth, go online to [www.waynemetro.org](http://www.waynemetro.org) or call Southward at (734) 246-2280, Ext. 123.

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## U-M, MSU athletic directors to speak together at four-chamber luncheon

University of Michigan's David Brandon and Michigan State University's Mark Hollis, both regarded as innovative leaders in collegiate athletics, will appear together to speak at a multiple-chamber luncheon Friday, April 26, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The event will run from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

The athletic directors from the rival Big Ten schools will speak at the event that will involve the Livonia, Westland, Northville and Plymouth chambers of commerce. The program is presented by Bill Brown Ford, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Trinity Health, and Edward Jones Investments: Robin Whitfield, Financial Advisor.

Brandon has been at the helm of the Michigan Athletic Depart-



Brandon



Hollis

ment since March 2010. He is a U-M alumnus who played football for Coach Bo Schembechler and was elected in 1998 to serve an eight-year term on the school's Board of Regents. He previously worked as chairman and CEO of Domino's Pizza and chairman, president and CEO of Valassis Communications, headquartered in Livonia. He also serves in leadership roles for a number of non-profit organizations.

Hollis has led the Michigan State Athletic Department since January 2008. The MSU alumnus has worked in various

executive and strategic planning roles for Spartan athletics since 1995. Before returning to his alma mater, he worked as an assistant and associate athletic director at the University of Pittsburgh, and he worked for the Western Athletic Conference, eventually earning the title of assistant commissioner. He has won numerous awards for his work in collegiate athletics.

Both gentlemen led programs engaged in one of the nation's fiercest collegiate sports rivalries, but they also work together on initiatives that support the Big Ten Conference and NCAA as they adapt to the ever-changing world of collegiate athletics. They are scheduled to discuss their projects, trends in collegiate athletics, unique chal-

lenges of their business, and answer audience questions.

This is the first time the Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Westland chambers have teamed to coordinate a major luncheon. The four western Wayne County-based chambers combine to represent more than 2,200 members.

Seats to the luncheon are \$30 for chamber members, \$40 for non-members. Chamber members can purchase tables of 10 for \$300 and receive preferential placement. Each chamber has a limited number of seats they can sell.

Those interested in attending this program

can contact their community's respective chamber for details on the event and to reserve seats. Contact the Livonia Chamber at (734) 427-2122, the Westland Chamber at (734) 326-7222, the Plymouth Chamber at (734) 459-1540, or the Northville Chamber at (734) 349-7640.

## Friends of Rouge hold gardening classes

Friends of the Rouge and the Alliance of Rouge Communities have teamed up to offer Home Garden Design workshops to teach watershed residents how to garden with native plants to protect water quality in local lakes and streams.

Attendees will learn how to design a garden with native wildflowers. Surges in the Rouge River's flow during and after rainy weather and snow melt causes stream banks to erode. Pollutants like road salt, motor oil, lawn care chemicals and heavy metals are carried from the land to the river by rainwater. Homeowners can help improve water quality in the river by reducing the amount of rain water flowing from their property.

The free workshop is intended for people with little to no experience gardening with native plants. Experts will be on hand to assist with selecting native plants appropriate for the site as well as offer guidance on designing gardens with flowering perennials, shrubs and grasses.

Workshops have been scheduled:

- 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.
- 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Mar. 12, Cranbrook Insti-

tute of Science (West entrance), 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

- 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Apr. 9, Henry Ford Community College, Administration and Conference Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.
- 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Interested persons are encouraged to register early as space is limited to 25 per workshop. Registration is available online or by calling (313) 792-9621.

Friends of the Rouge is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed.

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## Women say unruly men broke car window

### Vandalism

A group of women who just left Bar 153 at 31268 Ford complained to Garden City police that they were hassled by a group of men about 1:30 a.m.

The police originally had arrived to take a report about a brick thrown through a car window. They later learned about the unruly young men who "pushed them around" outside of the bar.

When they came outside of the car, the Garden City woman who was the driver of a 2006 Jeep Cherokee said the men started beating on the windows with their fists. The front door window of the vehicle was shattered by one of the men.

The women reported no problem when they were inside of the bar.

### Home invasion

A Realtor who is in

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charge of a vacant home in the 6000 block of Huntleigh reported Feb. 12 that someone broke into the home and stole copper plumbing in the basement. It is believed that someone accessed the Realtor's lock box at the front door.

### Theft

A resident in the 30000 block of Rosslyn reported that someone stole the air conditioning unit in the back of the house which was valued at about \$5,500. There are no suspects.

A loud exhaust alerted a car owner in the 29000 block of Cambridge on Feb. 13 that something was wrong. A check underneath the car revealed that someone

had stolen the catalytic converter, valued at \$300.

A resident in the 1000 block of Gilman reported Feb. 12 that someone stole his Craftsman snowblower. The snowblower was placed back inside the garage after use but the homeowner didn't close the garage door.

Footprints were seen in the snow but they washed away in the rain.

### Stolen car

A 2005 Chevy Trailblazer was reported stolen about 5 a.m. Feb. 14 in the driveway of a home in the 29000 block of Rosslyn.

The owner said he didn't hear anything during the night. There was no sign of forced entry.

The vehicle was reported to be valued at \$5,000.

### Stolen vehicle

The owner of a moped parked outside of an

apartment house in the 30000 block of Krauter reported it stolen about 11:30 a.m. Feb. 17.

He said it was locked in front of his apartment and the front wheel was also locked.

The owner believed someone dragged the moped to the back of the apartment building before loading it into a truck.

### Theft

An employee at Cashland, 33471 Ford, believes she was swindled out of about \$90 when an unknown man came into the business about 2:30 p.m. Feb. 14.

He asked to exchange some currency for other denominations. When the employee was distracted and talking to another employee, he laid a \$10 bill on the counter and said she mistakenly gave

him that amount rather than a \$100 that he wanted. He told her she made a mistake.

By the time that she realized what had occurred, he had already left the store.

The suspect was described as a black man about 30-35 years of age, 5-foot-6 or 5-foot-7, wearing a red jacket, baseball cap and dark jeans.

### Fraud

A woman in the 28000 block of Block reported Feb. 15 that her credit union advised her that an unknown person attempted to charge about \$37,000 in purchases on her card.

She also learned Jan. 23 that someone tried to fraudulently cash a check written on her checking account for \$1,500.

She said that she didn't know the person's name

who signed the check written to Walmart. The check was returned to her because of insufficient funds.

### Suspended license

When the police stopped the driver of a 199 Buick Century on Feb. 16 for driving with a passenger light that was out at Maplewood and Lathers, they found out he didn't have a valid driver's license. He was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

Erratic driving and an illegal turn from the wrong lane on Middlebelt onto Bock drew the attention of a Garden City police officer Feb. 16. The driver was arrested because he was driving with a suspended license.

By Sue Buck

## Woman reports her purse stolen from unlocked car

### Copper stolen

A Canton man told police Feb. 13 that someone had stolen 80 feet of copper plumbing from a vacant home he owns in the 30000 block of Barrington. A neighbor had noticed a door open at the home although a window had been broken to get inside.

Copper pipe valued at \$500 was reported stolen from a vacant home in the 1600 block of Berkshire on Feb. 16. The owner, a Canton resident, said the home is for sale and had been scheduled to be shown by a real estate agent during the day.

When he checked on

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the house, the owner said the lock box was missing and the wires to the alarm had been cut. The pipe had been cut from the basement and water was leaking throughout the basement.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A Cleveland woman told police she was visiting a friend at an apartment at 7500 Drew Circle on Feb. 10 when someone broke into her car. She reported a digital cam-

era valued at \$400 and a wallet containing \$100 in cash stolen from the center console.

### Hit and run

On Feb. 12, a resident in the 37000 block of Gilchrist told police that an older model Ford Econoline van traveling at a high rate of speed struck a 2011 Ford F-10 pickup truck parked on the street. The man said the van didn't stop and fled west before heading south on Newburgh.

The truck, which had been borrowed from the resident's father, had a damaged driver's side mirror.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A Belleville woman told police Feb. 12 that she was at Hunter Party Store, 35201 Hunter, just before 9:30 p.m. when someone stole her purse from her unlocked vehicle.

The woman reported the purse contained \$300 in cash, prescription medication, a phone charger, her bridge card and other paperwork.

### Larceny

On Feb. 13, a resident in the 33000 block of Alanson told police that someone had stolen an envelope containing \$230 in cash

from her mailbox next to the front door. She said he had spoken to her children's father and he told her the money for child support had been mailed.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident at the Scotsdale Apartments, 37735 Scotsdale Circle, told police Feb. 16 that overnight someone had stolen four tires and rims from his 2012 Toyota Camry, leaving the vehicle sitting on landscaping blocks.

### Stolen vehicle

On Feb. 13, a Sterling

Heights man told police he had parked his 2007 Chevrolet Avalanche on Cavell Street north of Warren Road. He said he went into nearby Sidelines Bar and returned two hours later to find the truck gone.

### Vehicle searched

A resident of the Landings Apartments, 6867 Lakeview Blvd., told police Feb. 16 that someone entered his 1990 Cadillac Deville and ransacked it. He said a window had been previously broken and was covered with plastic. Nothing was reported missing.

By LeAnne Rogers

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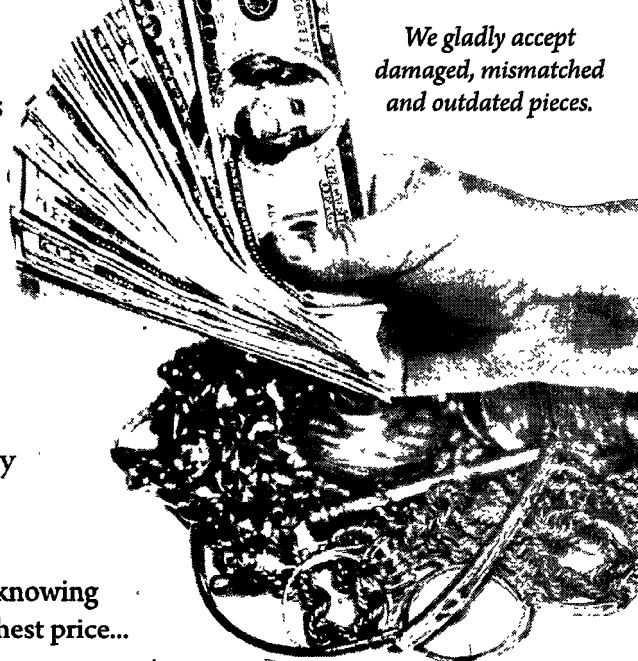
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## LENTEN FISH FRIES

### St. Dunstan

St. Dunstan Church at 1515 Belton, Garden City, is holding its annual Lenten fish fry 4-7 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and Good Friday, March 20.

Fish can be ordered baked or fried. The cost is \$5.50 for a one-piece dinner, \$7 for two pieces and \$8.25 for three pieces. Shrimp and combo dinners also are \$8.25. All Dinners Include fries or baked potato or macaroni and cheese, a choice of salad or cole slaw, roll and coffee, tea or milk. Entrees include a slice of pizza, macaroni and cheese, french fries or baked potato for \$1.25 and salad for 50 cents.

Dessert and pop are available in the Dining Room at nominal prices.

### First United

First United Methodist Church of Wayne is holding a fish fry 4:30-7 p.m. starting Friday, Feb. 15, through Friday, March 22.

Dinners includes baked or fried fish, baked potato or french fries, vegetable, cole slaw and a roll. A child's meal is also available - nuggets or one piece of fish, french fries, vegetable, cole slaw and a roll. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for the child's meal. Home made pies are also available for \$1 a slice.

The church is at 3 Town Square across from the Wayne Post Office. The church is handicap accessible. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

### Ss. Simon and Jude

The Ushers Club of Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will be serving dinner at the fish fries 4:30-7 p.m. every Friday during Lent except Good Friday at the Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, Westland.

Baked fish, fried fish or fried shrimp, baked potato or fries, coleslaw, roll, dessert, and beverage costs \$8. Mac-N-Cheese, coleslaw, dessert, and beverage is \$5, as is grilled cheese, fries, coleslaw, dessert and beverage and a children's fried fish dinner for those 12 years and younger. Dine in or take out available.

For more information, call (734) 22-1343 or go online to [stssimonandjude@gmail.com](mailto:stssimonandjude@gmail.com).

### St. Damian

Saint Damian Parish will have its Lenten Fish Fry 7-7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, through Friday, March 29, at the church.

The menu includes one piece of fish for \$6, two pieces for \$8 and three pieces for \$9. Baked Had-dock is \$8, five pieces of shrimp for \$8 and five pierogi for \$7. There's a limited Salmon special for \$10. Side orders include macaroni and cheese for \$3 and fries for \$4. Dinners include fries, tartar sauce, coleslaw, roll, and drink. Desserts also will be available.

St. Damian's is at 29891 Joy, east of Merriman in Westland.

### Legion Post 32

American Legion Post 32 is holding Lenten fish fries 5-8 p.m. Fridays now through March 29 (no fish fry on Feb. 22) at the post, 9318 Newburgh, Livonia.

Dinners are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children for all-you-can-eat cod, served with cole slaw and choice of french fries or macaroni and cheese.

For more information, call (734) 427-5630.

# Yankee Air holds line on cost of B-17 flight experience

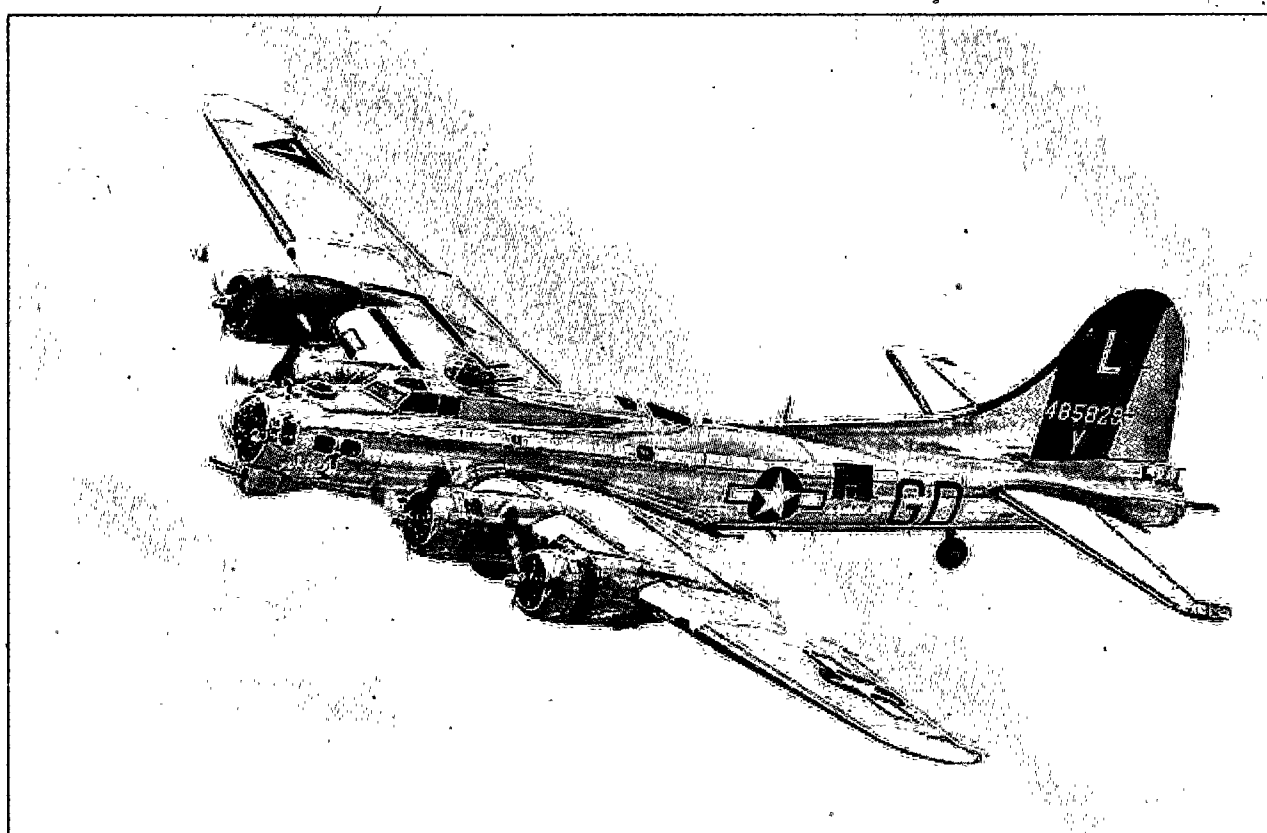
The Yankee Air Museum is holding the line on what it charges for its for Flight Experience (FLEX) rides on board its B-17, "Yankee Lady."

The decision to keep FLEX rides on the meticulously restored World War II Flying Fortress at \$425 per person for 2013 comes as the Yankee Lady is in the midst of ambitious winter maintenance. YAM members will continue to be rewarded with a \$50 discount on flights.

A FLEX ride is a 45-minute experience with approximately 30 minutes of air time. FLEX rides are being booked now for select Wednesday evenings out of Yankee Lady's home base at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, May 15 through Oct. 9.

"Our costs have risen sharply," said Ray Hunter, YAM chairman of the Board of Directors. "Keeping on top of scheduled maintenance is paramount. The increased cost of parts, fuel and oil weighed heavily on an already difficult decision. We could justify a price hike, but keeping rides affordable and keeping history alive, especially for our Greatest Generation, is very important right now."

Hunter said it is imperative to have every flight fully booked. He said an analysis of 2012 expenditures for the Flying Fortress FLEX ride program revealed an average cost of \$3,500 for every hour flown. Contributing to the



The Yankee Air Museum has decided to hold the line on the cost of flight experience or FLEX rides aboard its Yankee Lady for 2013.

high costs is the record high price of aviation fuel. The four-engine heavy bomber burns more than \$1,000 of high-octane gasoline every hour. Fuel costs for the 2013 flying season are unpredictable.

Hunter added that by holding the line on pricing, the YAM is also giving a nod to the many people last year who said "maybe next year."

"It's a near certainty this is the last year we'll be able to offer rides at these prices," said Norm Ellickson, YAM's B-17 Crew Chief. "The Yankee

Lady is in great shape, but it's been nearly 18 years since she was fully restored and it's time to freshen her cosmetics, so to speak."

Ellickson referred to a long list of winter projects, including painting the tail assembly and wing tips with the World War II markings of the 8th US Army Air Force 381st Bomb Group which this airplane honors. Some interior painting and re-upholstery was done inside as well. YAM volunteers who work with the salaried chief

mechanic donate most of the labor, but material costs on a priceless aircraft are extraordinary.

"While we're fortunate to have some exceptionally talented engineers, mechanics and craftsmen donate their time and talent, we need full flight revenues" said Dave Wright, director of the FLEX ride program. "This year, more than ever, we need people to scratch 'a ride in a Flying Fortress' off their bucket list."

People who are interested in flying on the B-

17 are encouraged to plan early. According to Wright, some of the premium dates may sell out early. To order a B-17 FLEX ride or to obtain a gift certificate, call Wright at (734) 483-4030, Ext. 236. Donations are tax deductible within the limits of the law and will directly support the B-17.

"This year it's time to quit saying 'maybe next year,' advised Hunter. "After all, Yankee Lady is also of the Greatest Generation and she has a bucket list too. Make sure you're on it!"

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# Back pain: Books, exercise videos can help

According to the National Institute of Health (www.nih.gov), back pain is the number two cause of our visits to the doctor, only behind cold and flu symptoms. I found this out personally a couple of weeks ago when my back went spasming after playing with my kids. It is one of the most debilitating injuries because our low backs support so much of what we do.

What can you do to avoid back pain? As always, we must lift properly and never twist when we lift something heavy. It is also advised to use a wide stance when lifting anything as well. Exercising certainly helps strengthen your back and walking, for me, is wonderful at loosening up those tight muscles (some stomach/back exercises are better than others for those with back pain so be sure to consult a doctor or physical therapist before trying them).

But as you have probably guessed, even if you're careful, it's difficult to avoid back pain. It is often a matter of lifestyle, standing or sitting in one place for extended periods of time. And it's shown to happen to more of us the older we get. If you do end up with debilitating back pain, you need to see your doctor first. Remember that it takes time and patience (and a whole lot of stretching in my case) to get back to where you were prior to injuring your back.

If you have any questions about the causes of back pain, the Westland Public Library has a lot of great resources, including books, databases and exercise videos. Stop by the Reference Desk for more information. Also, be sure to visit government sites like MedLine Plus (www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus), the National Library of Health, as well commercial sites like WebMD and the Mayo Clinic.

## HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

**Friends of the Library Public Book Sale:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 21-22

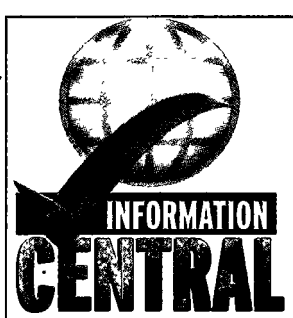
Great prices for great books! All proceeds go to the Library.

**Yoga for Beginners:** 10 a.m. Feb. 21,

The library welcomes back Lois Gannon of evolve yoga studio in Ypsilanti as she leads a beginning Hatha yoga class. Yoga mats will be provided if you don't have one. Wear loose clothing. This is the third of four morning classes in February. No reservation required. Just drop in.

**e-Reader and Tablet Support Group:** 2 p.m. Feb. 21

Do you have an eReader or Tablet? Want to learn more about it? Stop in to meet with other e-users, share your expertise, or learn some tips and tricks for getting the most out of your device. An eReader/Tablet expert will be on hand to answer the difficult questions. Sign-up online at westlandlibrary.org/events, if you would like to receive a reminder email.



**Open Mic:** 7 p.m. Feb. 21

Tonight's Open Mic will be held at Biggby Coffee at 37644 Ford Road. \*Join us for a fun and always unique night of music, poetry, comedy, and storytelling. Performers of all persuasions are encouraged to attend. Biggby Coffee will be offering \$1 coffees and teas as well as \$1 off all specialty drinks for Open Mic attendees and performers. Local blues great John Latini will emcee. Check out recent Open Mics and other program video on our YouTube channel. Sign up at westlandlibrary.org/events to receive an email reminder about attending.

**Friday Night Movie:** 7 p.m. Feb. 22

Friday Night Movies continue through the winter with a selection of recently run favorites and Oscar nominees. Tonight's movie, *Argo*, is "a dramatization of the 1980 joint CIA-Canadian secret operation to extract six fugitive American diplomatic personnel out of revolutionary Iran." Snacks and refreshments served. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts 7 p.m. No sign-up required. (Rated R)

**Friends of the Library \$4 Bag Day Sale:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 23

This is the last day of the Friends of the Library Book Sale. Buy books by the bagful for just \$4.

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

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

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

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

Computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library to find out more. The library offers One-on-one computer classes. Call (734) 326-6123.

Information Central was compiled by Andy Schuck, library programs and adult services. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

**Listings for the Community Calendar** can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

## Upcoming Events

### BOATING TRAINING

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. beginning Monday, Feb. 25,  
**Location:** John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** The Dearborn Sail and Power Squadron, a local squadron of the United States Power Squadrons, is offering a boating class that includes basic boating safety, required equipment, rules of the road, state and local regulations, personal watercraft operation, adverse conditions and emergencies. PWC/Proficiency Certificate will be issued to passing students. The class runs eight weeks, with two additional weeks offered as an option for those who are interested in learning some basics of charting.

**Contact:** More information can be found at www.dearborn-squadron.org/education.html, by calling (734) 434-5469, or emailing Janahiker@gmail.com.

### OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, March 4

**Location:** Westland Free Methodist Preschool, 1421 S. Venoy, Westland

**Details:** The preschool is hosting an Open House for interested families and enrolling for the 2013-2014 preschool year. Enroll at the Open House and save half off the enrollment fee - a \$25 value. A Christian preschool, it offers classes for 3-4-year-old children. It offers a theme-based curriculum taught by certified teachers and includes all the basic preschool academic skills as well as a low child-teacher ratio, indoor gym and outdoor playground.

**Contact:** For more information, schedule a tour or enroll, call (734) 728-3559, check out the website, www.preschool.livesare-changing.com, or send an email to wfmpreschool@yahoo.com.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Time/Date:** 4-7 p.m. Sunday, March 10

**Location:** American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia

**Details:** The Women's Auxiliary is holding its fourth annual Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Make-a-Wish. The donation is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children and includes spaghetti, salad, rolls, dessert and coffee. There also will be basket raffles, a 50/50 raffle and music. All proceeds go to the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

**Contact:** Linda Shirkey, chairperson, at (734) 502-9922 or the post at (734) 427-5630

### OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19

**Location:** Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool, 36660, Cherry Hill, Westland

**Details:** Willow Creek is holding an open house for parents and youngsters. Come for a tour and to meet the teachers. The preschool has classes for four year olds, three year olds and a tot-to-toddler class for 18 months to two years.

**Contact:** For more information, visit www.willow-creekpreschool.com.

### SHAMROCK SHUFFLE

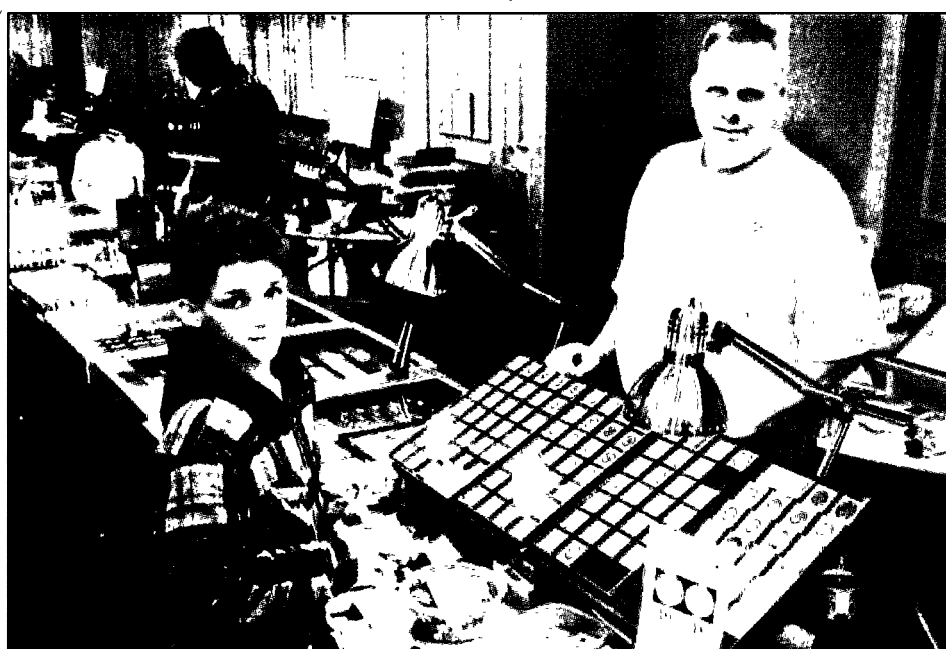
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 13

**Location:** Activities Building at St. Raphael Church, 31530 Beechwood, north of Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** The card party - cards will be provided - costs \$8 and includes desert, coffee, Blarney bags, table and door prizes. Hot dogs, sloppy joes and Maurice salad will be available for purchase.

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 844-

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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## Annual Coin Show

Coin dealers and numismatic collectors (US and foreign coins and paper money) of all ages will be attending the 52nd annual Wayne Coin Club Spring Coin Show, Sunday, March 3, at the Wayne-Westland Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne. The show offers an opportunity to add to collections, buy, sell or trade U.S. or foreign coins and currency or to have coins or paper money appraised by some of the best dealers. There will be a Silver Coin raffle. The WCC is always looking for new members, it meets on the first and third Monday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S Wayne Road, Westland.

1801, (734) 427-1533 or (734) 425-8981.

### CELIAC SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Monday, March 4.

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington

**Details:** The Tri County Celiac Support Group will have Lana Coxton, its dietitian advisor, speak on "Celiac Disease vs. Gluten Sensitivity ... Physically the Same, But Clinically Different" at its general meeting. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

### FOSTER CARE

**Time/Date:** a.m. to noon Saturday, March 2, or 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 5

**Location:** Wolverine Human Services, 20600 Eureka, Suite 715, Taylor

**Details:** Wolverine Human Services is holding two orientation sessions for people interested in being foster parents.

**Contact:** Call (734) 284-6264 to RSVP or for questions.

### MOM 2 MOM SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13, early bird at 8:30 a.m.

**Location:** Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, between Warren Road and Ford in Garden City

**Details:** More than 85 tables are available. The also will be a big item area, concessions and a bake sale. Admission is \$1, \$2 for the early bird. A contract is available on M2M sale list at www.Mom2Momlist.com.

**Contact:** gcmom2mom-sale@hotmail.com or (734) 277-0791.

### BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month.

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth

**Details:** Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join us to socialize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet is available but not mandatory.

**Contact:** John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com

## Organizations

### FRIENDS OF ELOISE

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November

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

**Contact:** Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

### WESTLAND ROTARY

**Time/Date:** 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

**Location:** Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

**Details:** Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.

westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.

**Contact:** Jeff at (734) 261-5010

### FAMILY CAREGIVERS

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

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

**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.

**Contact:** Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

### CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month

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

**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.

**Contact:** Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

### CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.

**Contact:** Helen Streett at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

### LIONS CLUB

**Time/Date:** 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month

**Location:** Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

**Details:** The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.

**Contact:** For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

### WRITING GROUP

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

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

**Details:** The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals

and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

**Contact:** www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to sheptry@yahoo.com

### TOASTMASTERS

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, between Marquette and Ford Road, Westland

**Details:** Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club 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 Doug at (248) 417-4922, or Curt at (734) 525-8445 or visit the website at westland-easytalkers.toastmasters-clubs.org.

### FISH DIAL-A-RIDE

**Details:** Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free 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.

**Contact:** For more information, 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.

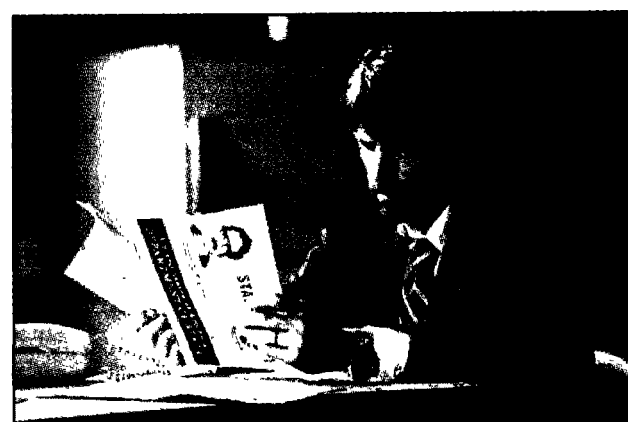
**Contact:** www.earthangel-sontour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

### TOPS 869

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

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

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



Ben Affleck is the director and a member of the cast of "Argo," which chronicles the life-or-death covert operation to rescue six Americans during the Iran hostage crisis.



## Ford uses Tweets to help Salvation Army

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit is turning to social media to support its 26th annual Bed and Bread Club Radiothon. The second annual Tweetathon will run throughout the 16-hour fundraising event on Friday, Feb. 22. Hosted by News/Talk 760 WJR-AM, on-air personalities Paul W. Smith, Frank Beckmann and Mitch Albom will lead the charge against hunger and homelessness, broadcasting in shifts from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. from Oakland Mall in Troy.

The Ford Motor Company Fund is donating \$3 for each tweet that uses the #BedandBread hashtag, up to \$25,000. Salvation Army supporters are encouraged to tweet on behalf of the organization and encourage others to pledge their support through individual contributions at [www.sal-mich.org](http://www.sal-mich.org).

"Ford prides itself on innovation in its vehicles and finding creative ways to help our communities," said Jim Vella, president, Ford Motor Company Fund. "This Tweetathon is a modern, thoughtful way to help thousands of our neighbors meet two of life's most basic needs — food and shelter. Ford is proud to support the work of the Bed and Bread Club."

"By tweeting #BedandBread during the Tweet-

athon metro Detroiters are joining the 'Club That's Here for Good' in the fight against hunger and homelessness," said Major Mark Anderson, general secretary and metro Detroit area commander for The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division. "We are so grateful to the Ford Motor Company Fund for supporting the Bed and Bread Club's most crucial fundraiser."

Every 40 tweets that contain the #BedandBread hashtag will generate \$120 to the cause, which will help feed one person for an entire year.

The Bed and Bread Program serves more than 5,000 meals to hungry Detroiters each day. In addition, the Bed and Bread Program provides more than 400 homeless individuals shelter each night.

For more information about The Salvation Army Tweetathon, and for sample #BedandBread tweets, visit [www.salmich.org](http://www.salmich.org). Bed and Bread donations are being accepted now through the Radiothon's conclusion on Feb. 22 by calling (248) 528-0760 or visiting [www.salmich.org](http://www.salmich.org). WJR listeners can also donate to the Bed and Bread Program via News/Talk 760 online during the Radiothon by visiting [www.wjr.com](http://www.wjr.com) 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22.



### Get well soon

Girls from Troops 20445 and 20291, based at St. Mary's School in Wayne helped make Valentine's Day a bit brighter for patients at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital last week. The youngsters made cards for patients which they showed off with Deb Gerlica, manager of volunteer services for Oakwood Healthcare.



Khiari Robison (right) had so much fun making a card that Colin Alexander of Westland joined her.



Jaylynn Dingus shows off the card she made.



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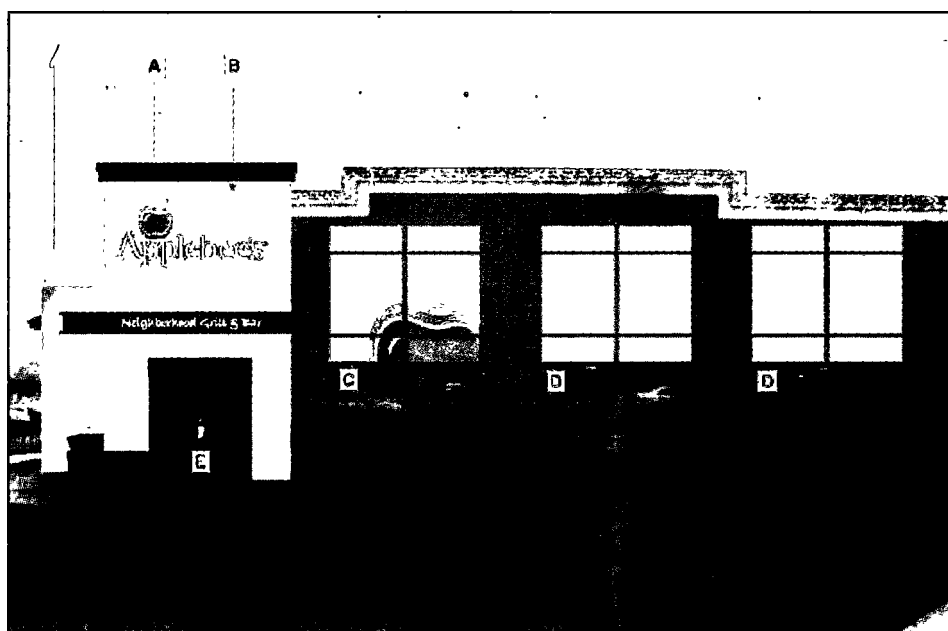
## Applebee's to get \$300,000 makeover

Eating good in the neighborhood is about to get better.

The Westland Applebee's Restaurant at 36475 Warren Road, will be submitting site plans for a proposed reinvestment of an estimated \$300,000 for interior and exterior renovations.

During the Feb. 19 Westland City Council meeting, TSFR Apple Venture, LLC requested a revised site plan to install decorative stone work to the front of the building, along with the addition of a new metal canopy. The work also includes a new standing metal roof, new building lighting, pre-finished metal cornice and new window awnings.

The business looks to these improvements to align with the company's "Connections" remodel program, introduced in June 2010.



The letters indicate architectural features that the remodeled Westland Applebee's will feature.

According to the program outline, the renovations seek to "energize restaurants to become more relevant to today's dining guests, create

stronger local connections to the neighborhood and provide a renewed brand experience through enhanced marketing, menu and ser-

vice initiatives. The program scope also includes remodeled exterior and interior with warmer color tones, contemporary design and features spe-



The interior of the restaurant also will get a makeover with new furnishings and new decor.

cific to the neighborhood the restaurant serves."

Located on the corner of Warren Road and Central City Parkway, in the heart of Westland's Shop and Dine District, Applebee's is situated in one of Westland's busiest corridors.

"Applebee's is one of several Westland businesses that have recently reinvested in their West-

land locations to improve the overall appearance and service of their establishment," said Westland Mayor William R. Wild. "Applebee's has long been an anchor in our popular Shop and Dine district and should expect to see an incredible return on their investment with its proximity to the new Westland City Hall project."

## O&E hosts digital marketing seminars

Dive into the world of digital marketing to grow your business.

The Observer & Eccentric Media will host "Digital Roadmap: A Seminar for Online Success" on Tuesday, Feb. 26, in Southfield.

The seminars are aimed at helping businesses use digital media to market and grow their business.

Two 90-minute sessions (10 a.m. and 1 p.m.) are planned for Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Shriners Silver Garden Events Center, 24350 Southfield Road.

Admission is \$35 per

person. To register for a session, go to <http://oandemedia.eventbrite.com/>.

The seminars will focus on:

- The latest insights on effective digital and social media advertising.

- Powerful and productive social presence tactics through sites like Facebook and Twitter.

- How to capture leads, convert visitors, and turn fans and followers into customers.

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O&E Media is part of Michigan Media Solutions, a collective of digital properties that span the entire state.

## Beginner's guide to Twitter

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

One of the most common rants I'm subject to as a social media professional is that people don't like Twitter.

I liken this to someone saying "I don't like or understand words on the Internet."

Without this column, it would be none of my concern whether readers or nonreaders like Twitter or any other social site. But as an ambassador to the local technologically challenged (and it's OK to be technologically challenged), I feel it is my duty to explain Twitter.

Twitter is a social network designed in 2007 that asks one question: what's happening?

Users who sign up for the free service have 140 characters to answer Twitter's question from a computer or mobile device. Why 140 characters? Because in 2007,

smartphones weren't so smart — and 140 characters was the maximum length of a text message. In its infancy, mobile Twitter users sent their 140 character messages to the Twitter servers by texting a unique Twitter number.

With the rise of mobile applications, sending Twitter messages via text has fallen out of practice.

Most people who complain to me about Twitter also point out they don't care to hear about "when others are brushing their teeth or eating a bagel." I couldn't agree more. While some use Twitter to tell followers about toothpaste and strawberry cream cheese others provide much more valuable content.

I use my personal Twitter account (@GunnSh0w) to share informative links about digital media, talk about sports, share funny photos and quickly message friends. Some of those topics may interest you, some may bore you, but everyone is different.

Each Twitter user can choose who he or she follows. If you follow me on Twitter (and some of you already do) that's cool. If you don't follow me on

Twitter — I won't cry — and neither will others.

One of the greatest benefits of Twitter is finding new users that share your interests and being exposed to new information that creates new interests. Some Twitter users follow celebrities, gossip blogs, news sites, comedians or strangers. Some users only follow friends, some users protect their Tweets so only friends can see them.

Twitter's protected Tweets is a great security feature for folks that don't want to have their content seen. Additionally, private messages called "direct messages" can be sent, and users can be blocked.

So why is the site called Twitter? I can't actually say, but Twitter does have a noticeable avian theme. The Twitter logo is a bird, the message are called Tweets (birds Tweet) and the homepage on Twitter's mobile app is a bird house.

Jon Gunnells is a freelance writer and social media planner. Comments or suggestions for future columns? E-mail [jonathan.gunnells@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.gunnells@gmail.com) or follow him on Twitter at @GunnSh0w



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

## BUSINESS NEWS BRIEFS

### Recertified

John N. Santeiu, a funeral director with John N. Santeiu and Son Inc. in Garden City, has qualified for recertification of the designation of a Certified Funeral Service Practitioner by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice.

A number of professions grant special recognition to members upon completion of specified academic and professional programs. CFSP is funeral service's national individual recognition.

A select few have distinguished themselves among their peers within the funeral service profession as they continue their education to exceed the highest standards of care. This achievement is especially notable because Santeiu voluntarily elected to participate in quality educational service opportunities that far surpass what the funeral service licensing board in Michigan requires. Santeiu has committed to lifelong learning to serve families in the community with the level of excellence expected of a CFSP.

Since 1976, the Academy has set goals of recognizing practitioners who have voluntarily entered into a program of personal and professional growth, raising and improving standards

of funeral service and encouraging practitioners to make continuing education a life-long process in their own self-interest, the interest of the families they serve and the community in which they serve.

To initially receive this award, the practitioner must complete a 180-hour program of continuing educational activities and events. In addition, the practitioner is required to accumulate 20 hours a year to recertify. Credits are awarded by the Academy for work leading to personal and/or professional growth in four areas: academic activities, professional activities, career review (for retroactive credit) and community and civic activities.

### Red Dress Event

Burlington Coat Factory has launched its second annual Red Dress Event in partnership with WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease and The Heart Truth® to raise awareness of heart disease as the leading cause of death in women.

Now through Easter, all 500 Burlington stores, including its store 35555 Warren Road, Westland, will feature a prominent red dress section and for every ladies and girls dress sold, Burlington will donate \$1, up to \$25,000, to

WomenHeart to fund life-saving heart health education. In addition, customers can help by donating \$1 or more at checkout to contribute to WomenHeart's free education and support services for women living with heart disease. Burlington will celebrate these customer donations by displaying paper Red Dress icons at checkout with the donor's name.

"We are proud to continue our support of women's heart health in the fight against heart disease," said Thomas Kingsbury, president and chief executive officer. "Heart disease is the leading cause of death in women and our in-store promotions, dedicated red dress section, customer and corporate donations, along with in-store women's heart health screening events will all help to contribute to educating and increasing awareness of what women can do to reduce their risk."

In the retailer's inaugural Red Dress Event, it raised close to \$1 Million to support WomenHeart and its free education and support services for women living with heart disease.

For more information, visit the Burlington Coat Factory Westland store or go to [www.BurlingtonCoatFactory.com](http://www.BurlingtonCoatFactory.com).

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# 'Embrace of Aging'

## Famie film shares men's perspectives

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

On his 53rd birthday recently, local filmmaker Keith Famie had some thoughts on aging.

The 10-time Michigan Emmy award-winning director/producer and Novi resident is looking forward to the Sunday, Feb. 24, premiere of his *The Embrace of Aging: The Male Perspective of Growing Old*.

"I thought, 'Well, I should try to do a documentary on this,'" he said.

Famie, a 1978 Farmington High School graduate, is doing a three-part series, the first on men and aging, then women and aging, and dying. Work is under way on the women's portion, part of which will be shown at the Feb. 24 premiere.

"It becomes chasing the Holy Grail, if you will, in a sense," he said of the extensive filming and interviews. It started with personal curiosity.

Famie was adopted at age six weeks, and lost his adoptive father in 2003 to Alzheimer's.

"That did have a profound effect on me, no question," he said. The documentary has a lot on Alzheimer's.

His mom is going on 93. Famie met his biological parents at 35; his biological dad died at 92, and that mom's alive in Florida.

"Things start to change with our bodies," he said of middle age. With "comorbidity," we realize, "things start to stack up. The dominoes start to fall. That's what takes you out of the game of life, really."

Famie sought both health experts and everyday men for *The Embrace of Aging*. His heart expert is in cardiology at the University of Michigan — and has heart disease himself.

### Many facets to work

Famie has done earlier documentaries on ethnic groups in metro Detroit, Italian, Polish, Arab-American, Asian-Indian and Greek. He's also explored veterans' issues for World War II and Vietnam veterans.

Men face issues like prostate cancer, and Famie said men also can lack social networks that

### PREMIERE

Tickets for the Feb. 24 premiere at Shriners Silver Garden Event Center in Southfield are available for \$75 each. Contact Visionalist Entertainment Productions at (248) 869-0096. Doors open at 5 p.m. For more information on "The Embrace of Aging," including the trailer, photos, stories of elements in production, visit [www.embraceofaging.com](http://www.embraceofaging.com).

women enjoy. "These are things women figure out a lot earlier than men."

Some men retire from work: "Then they're kind of lost. They don't have friendships."

As a baby boomer, Famie (also known for his time on *Survivor* in the Australian Outback) sees much interest in aging and mortality. "It's like a tsunami of aging population growing."

Some products marketed to boomers are essentially "snake oil," he said. "It really comes down to a lifestyle. It's hard, common-sense work."

He made a lot of great friends filming. One man is a clinical psychologist from Albuquerque who faces both bladder cancer and the loss of his wife to cancer.

Famie filmed at the 9/11 Memorial in New York City with a police captain and a well-known restaurateur.

"It'll touch different people in different ways," Famie said of his film. He hopes people will live healthier lives, and that women will understand what men go through.

He's glad Chuck Gaidica of WDIV TV Channel 4, a Northville native, will serve as master of



Novi filmmaker Keith Famie's excited about his "The Embrace of Aging: The Male Perspective of Growing Old" premiering Feb. 24.

## Northville's Gaidica glad to help friend Famie as emcee

Chuck Gaidica, long-time WDIV Channel 4 weather forecaster, is proud of friend Keith Famie and Famie's films.

"I'm always amazed at what he's been able to accomplish," said Gaidica, a Northville Township resident. Famie's films have substance, he said, and are well researched.

"You don't see a lot of people doing that. I'm really proud of him as a friend," said Gaidica, a member of Oakpointe Church in Novi.

Gaidica will be mas-

ter of ceremonies for the Feb. 24 premiere of Famie's *The Embrace of Aging: The Male Perspective of Growing Old*. Gaidica, 54, has seen the documentary.

"It's one of those things I can relate to," the television weatherman said. "It's intriguing to see what people are doing in different parts of the world to stay healthy."

Gaidica finds men are asking themselves a lot of important questions on health and how they define success.

"I think I've probably expanded my (social) circle," he said. He's in a couples Bible study at church.

Gaidica went skeet

shooting with men from his church, and liked that.

At the Feb. 24 premiere, he'll talk about work with seniors. Gaidica is studying for a master's in ministry and leadership, and has helped bring children at Oakpointe into contact with seniors at facilities.

"There are little things we can do to connect with them," he said of seniors, who are often lonely even if in good health.

He agreed women often cope with aging better. If his wife goes out to dinner with Gaidica, "she could leave for the bathroom and come out with three new friends."

— By Julie Brown



Gaidica

ceremonies for the Feb. 24 premiere. "A great guy," Famie said. "Happens to be a very close friend."

The aging documentary will be shown on Detroit's public television later this year, he said, likely late summer or early fall. He also wants men to see the

women's film, on how women adapt to aging. Men may say, "Oh, wow, I need some new friends." I think that's going to be a big impact."

He'll take a global approach on the dying

portion, different countries and faiths. That will likely start closer to the end of the year.

Famie's son, 20, and daughter, 22, have worked with dad on films, including travel.

His son wants to be a bio-genetic engineer, while his daughter studies criminal justice.

### 'Cherish friendships'

Famie has stopped eating gluten, and works out with more discipline than in the past now. "I think the other thing is I've really learned to cherish friendships," he said. He calls friends right away: "I really go out of the way spending time with my guy friends."

He praises his co-executive producers, Tom Rau of the Brighton area and Russell Ebeid. "Those guys are really important, as are our corporate sponsors," Famie said.

The premiere will be at Shriners Silver Garden Event Center in Southfield. Stewart Francke, also featured in the film, will perform. Comedian Bill Mihalic, who has written for Jay Leno, will share thoughts on aging men. The event will highlight the work of the Bo Schembechler: Heart of a Champion Research Fund and Alzheimer's Association of Michigan.

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### CITY OF WESTLAND

To all applicants for the City of Westland Fire Department. The deadline for returning applications for Entry level firefighter has been extended to March 8, 2013 @ 4:00 p.m. This is a return date extension only. Applications will not be available for pickup after February 22, 2013.

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### WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION - AGENCY PLAN 7/1/2013-6/30/2014 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

The Westland Housing Commission is developing the fiscal year 2013-14 Agency Plan in compliance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements. The Agency Plan reflects the goals and objectives of the WHC and the administration of housing and community development programs. The Agency Plan is available for public review for a period of not less than 45 days at the Westland Housing Commission, Dorsey Center 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, Michigan 48186, during normal business hours. Submit written comments to the WHC. The comment period will end on April 12, 2013.

The WHC Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing to obtain citizen comments on March 20, 2013, 5:30 pm, at the Dorsey Center. The Agency Plan will be submitted to HUD April 20, 2013.

Joanne Campbell, Director  
William R. Wild, Mayor

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### CITY OF WESTLAND - ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2013-2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM Public Notice

The City of Westland is preparing the CDBG/HOME Annual Action Plan, the proposed use of funds, in anticipation of receiving an estimated \$905,762 of CDBG funds and \$179,678 of HOME funds for the year 7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014.

#### PROPOSED USE OF CDBG AND HOME FUNDS

CDBG funds (estimated \$905,762; reprogram \$49,915; program income \$30,000):

- Grant Administration - 181,152
- Commodity Food Program, Fair Housing Initiative
- Public Service Activities: - 227,000
  - Senior Programs, Youth Assistance
  - Community Policing, Domestic Violence
- Code Enforcement - 175,000
- Rehabilitation Projects - 150,315
- City Projects - 20,000
- Acquisition/Demolition Blighted Structures - 125,000
- Norway Infrastructure and Parks - 100,000
- Section 108 Loan - 67,210

HOME funds (\$179,678; program income \$75,000):

- Grant Administration - 17,968
- Housing Rehabilitation - 101,756
- Homebuyer Assistance - 51,570
- Housing Acquisition & Rehabilitation - 83,384

#### Other Program Administration:

- Housing Voucher Program
- Family Self-Sufficiency Program
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- Referrals for low income, homeless and special needs persons for shelter, foreclosure prevention and other services

#### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - 2013-2014 Action Plan

Public Hearings: March 20, 2013, 5:30 p.m., Westland Housing Commission; April 15, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Westland City Council. The proposed 2013-14 Annual Action Plan is available for review at the Housing and Community Development Dept during normal business hours. Submit written comments to: Housing and Community Development Dept, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland 48186 until April 12, 2013.

Joanne Campbell, Director  
William R. Wild, Mayor, City of Westland

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### CITY OF WESTLAND 2013 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Westland Board of Review will be conducting the 2013 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Council Chambers at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48186.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 5, 2013 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 10:00 a.m.  
Monday, March 11, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 12, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 13, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 14, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 15, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2013 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, located on the second floor of City Hall prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Friday, March 15, 2013.

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Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 467-3160.

Eileen DeHart, CMC  
City Clerk

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## OUR VIEWS

# New challenges Garden City Council needs to work together for good of community

Last week, newly appointed Garden City Councilman Michael Jones raised his right hand and for a second time took the oath of office. Jones was required to repeat the oath done two weeks earlier to correct a misstep in his appointment process. The council needed to vote to accept the resignation of George Kordie and then Jones as his replacement.

It wasn't that the council wasn't aware of what needed to be done; they had been provided with a detailed process that should have been followed, but there seemed to be a concern that there might be a vote against Jones' appointment. As Jones explained the situation, following his second swearing-in, "the procedure didn't have a council vote attached to it ... There are questions about the legality."

**Mistakes have been made, and the council has done some backtracking. In December, it seemed like a good idea to have a citizen's committee help in selecting candidates to be interviewed for city manager. But the council quickly reversed itself and because of legalities, is taking full responsibility for the hiring process.**

In correcting the mistake, the council also resolved a bone of contention - how long Jones should serve. The charter isn't specific, but at first blush, it was assumed that he would fill the almost three years remaining in Kordie's term. By redoing the process, the council came to an agreement that Jones will serve until the November general election.

Out of a mistake came consensus. Admittedly, the council has had several difficult months since the firing of city manager Darwin McClary. Mistakes have been made, and the council has done some backtracking. In December, it seemed like a good idea to have a citizen's committee help in selecting candidates to be interviewed for city manager. But the council quickly reversed itself and because of legalities, is taking full responsibility for the hiring process.

To err is human, and the fact that the council has stopped each time and corrected the mistakes is a good thing. Certainly, there was disagreement, especially with Jones' swearing in, but now is the time for council members to set aside its differences and to work on the difficult decisions that still need to be made.

The council has a new budget to approve and a city manager to hire. Neither are lightweight issues that can be done quickly. Both will require a clear mind and steady hand to accomplish. In the case of a city manager, council members need to take their time to find a person who will be a good fit for the community. And the same is true with the budget.

Council members need to set aside their personal feelings and as a group, make decisions that are based on what's right for the city. They have done it before, they can do it again. Mistakes happen, but there's no reason to make the same mistake again. To quote Bernard Shaw, "Success does not consist in never making mistakes but in never making the same one a second time."

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### If you had \$1 million to donate, to what charity would you give it?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"I'd probably do something for Make-A-Wish or something like that to improve their lives."

Rachel Curey  
Livonia



"I'd probably give it to the Humane Society of something involved with animal rescue."

Pam Milewsky  
Westland



"I don't even know. I'd probably give it to the Humane Society or for something for animals."

Nicole DeSanto  
Wayne



"Probably I'd give a nice chunk to the Boys and Girls Club then probably half to different shelters that support abused women and their families."

Courtland Colding  
Redford

## LETTERS

### Let League use library

In the Feb. 10 article, "Wayne looks at policy for political use of facilities," Wayne Mayor Al Haidous seemed to claim that he was excluded from the Wayne City Council forum that was organized by the League of Women Voters on Sept. 21, 2011, indicating that "A group used the library — the other candidate used it. So I could use it, but that group had a problem with me using it."

Mayor Haidous was publicly and privately invited to attend the forum and chose not to do so. All six of the other mayoral and City Council candidates, including the incumbents, participated.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, nonprofit group whose members (all volunteers) devote themselves to educating and engaging the public in their community's political processes. We use public facilities during regular business hours to attract citizens to learn about their candidates, and we are not able, nor should we be required, to pay room fees, custodial charges, etc.

Michigan's Campaign Finance Act allows public facilities to accommodate candidate forums like the League's, where all candidates are invited to participate. Communities all over Michigan allow their public buildings to be used for these educational events at no charge.

We strongly urge the Wayne City Council to allow groups like the League of Women Voters to use their public facilities at no charge so that we may continue our mission of helping citizens to learn more about their candidates

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

and to make educated choices on the ballot.

Angela Ryan  
president, League of Women Voters  
Northwest Wayne County

### Same for all schools

I found it very interesting to read Brad Emons' article in the *Observer* on Feb. 7 regarding the possible changes for the high school football playoffs. While it's difficult for the average person to understand the point system (me included), it seems that if approved, the "Strength of Schedule" (SOS) will come into play more so than ever. This could be a change for the better.

Chris Kelbert, football coach at Livonia Franklin, pointed out that a drawback for Division 1 schools playing against tough Division 2 or 3 schools such as Brother Rice and Orchard Lake St. Mary, is they could be penalized in the point structure. I get where Kelbert is coming from

because as he said, most of these powerhouse Catholic schools in Divisions 2 and 3 are better than most Division 1 schools.

But where I disagree with Kelbert is when he says "Catholic Central (Div. 1) would get absolutely screwed because they play tough Division 2 and 3 teams." For anyone to ever put "Catholic Central" and "screwed" in the same sentence is ridiculous. Being a private school, CC gets anything but screwed. They can get players from anywhere they want, while public schools draw only from their school district boundaries.

I know very few kids or families who attend CC, so this isn't meant to be a "hate CC" thing. In fact, I'm quite certain they have a school of great kids. But they have such an unfair advantage being able to draw from wherever they want. I was so happy these past two football seasons when CC got absolutely destroyed by Detroit Cass Tech in the state championship games.

I do have a solution. All they have to do is form a division with Catholic schools throughout the state. And have them play for their own state championship where the recruiting rules are the same for all of them. But I can't see the MHSAA ever approving something like this for two reasons. First is that it makes too much sense and second is that lawsuits would come into play saying how the Catholic schools are being discriminated against. What a shame that the rules can't be the same for all schools.

Dennis Puishes  
Livonia

## OUR VIEWS

# Inside/Out is ticket to great art

When it comes to viewing famous works of art, Westland residents have had to go to a museum. But come April, they'll only need to stop at places like Westland City Hall, the William P. Faust Public Library and the MJR Grand Cinema to view great art.

Westland is one of 20 communities selected for the first installment of this year's Detroit Institute of Arts Inside/Out Program. Five high quality reproductions of masterpieces that hang in the DIA will be displayed around town.

Westland joins Wayne and Garden City, which were participating communities

last year, in showcasing the art work. Westland's masterpieces include *Bude Sands* at *Sunset* by John Randall Brett, *The Merry-makers* by Carolus-Duran, *Still Life: A Letter Rack* by Edward Collyery, *Portrait of a Mughal Prince*, *Reading the Story of Oenone* by Francis David Millet and *Mosquito Nets* by John Singer Sargent.

This is the fourth year the DIA has offered the Inside/Out Program. It's a great opportunity for Westland residents who might not otherwise go to the DIA to see great works of art. It's also a way to introduce the DIA to them, especially if

they take advantage of the program's newest component, Community Weekends. Westland residents can visit the museum June 8-9 and see the actual art work and enjoy discounts at the Café DIA and the museum shop, Detroit Film Theatre tickets and free admission to showings of the DFT 101 film series.

It's exciting to have the DIA Inside/Out Program come to Westland. It is the ticket to seeing great art and an introduction to a world-class museum and what it has to offer. Best of all Inside/Out and a visit to the DIA are both free of charge.

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## Society sets date for annual Tartan Day Ceilidh

The Scottish American Society of Michigan is set to host Michigan's 10th annual official statewide Tartan Day Ceilidh (pronounced Kay-Lee) 5:30-10 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, in Livonia.

This year's entertainment line up includes:

- The Alma College Pipe Band
- Michigan Scottish Pipe Band
- Raggle Taggle Band
- Highland Dancers

A full meal featuring Ackroyd's Scotch pies and bridies, plus sides, will be served. There will also be raffles, 50-50 and more.

Tickets are \$25 each for adults, \$15 for kids under 10, and are now available for purchase at [www.scotsofmichigan.com](http://www.scotsofmichigan.com) or by sending a check to Tartan Day, 826 Edgewood Drive, Royal Oak, MI 48067. This is Michigan's "official" Tartan Day Ceilidh as decreed by the Governor's office in 2010 and funds raised will go to provide a fine arts scholarship for a student at Alma College. No tickets at the door.

Tartan Day commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, which asserted Scotland's sovereignty over English territorial claims, and which was an influence on the American Declaration of Independence. In 1998 National Tartan Day was officially recognized on a permanent basis when the U.S. Senate passed Sen-

ate Resolution 155 recognizing April 6th as National Tartan Day. This was followed by companion bill House Resolution 41 which was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on March 9, 2005.

"People join us from all over the state to celebrate Tartan Day with our group," says the group's founder and event organizer, Franklin Dohanyos. "The hall only holds 300 and because this is the 10th anniversary, we hope to fill it to the rafters."

On Tartan Day, April 6, 2009, the formation of the Scottish American Society of Michigan was announced – a new and different Scottish group whose goal is preserving and furthering Scottish heritage throughout Michigan, as well as to help charitable organizations and individuals in need. Unlike other groups, people do not need to be of Scottish lineage to enjoy our fun events, and kids are always welcome. The group is a registered 501(c)(7) and holds monthly meetings at The Commonwealth Club of Warren located at 30088 Dequindre Road in Warren. The group has already raised money for several charitable organizations and individuals with needs.

People interested in joining or attending meetings of the Scottish American Society of Michigan, or subscribing to the group's newsletter can visit [www.scotsofmichigan.com](http://www.scotsofmichigan.com) or [www.michiganscots.com](http://www.michiganscots.com).

## Know details of homeowner's policy

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

The big news last week was that a large meteorite slammed into the earth. Thankfully, it did so in a relatively rural area in Russia and caused no major damage.

As I read about the event, I wondered if our insurance companies would cover the damage if a meteorite crashed into our homes. Or would they try to get out of paying the claim?

After doing some research, I'm happy to report that meteorites are covered just like other falling objects. Although the chance of something falling on our homes is relatively minor, it was nice to see that they are covered. That being said, my question is: Do you know what is covered by your homeowner's insurance?

Most people buy homeowner's insurance when they purchase their home and then just automatically renew it on a year-by-year basis.

The philosophy is, if it ain't broke don't fix it. The problem with that is when it comes to insurance policies, you never know if they're broke until you need them. That's why it makes sense to be proactive with any type of insurance coverage.

Insurance policies are written by lawyers for lawyers. In other words, they are difficult to understand. That is why it is important — on an occasional basis — to sit

down with your agent and review the policy. If your insurance agent is not willing to sit down with you, then it is time to get a new agent.

Review what is covered, what is not covered and your policy limits. Things change and your insurance coverage needs to change too. Whether it is the amount of coverage you're carrying on your home or the riders that you have, make sure your policy is up to date. Your family situation may have changed. For example, if you have a child that is going to college and living away from home, you should know if they are covered under your policy.

Don't forget that costs do matter. Always look for ways to make your policy more cost-effective.

For example, maybe you don't need that rider on your jewelry or maybe you should consider raising your deductible. Cost matter but that doesn't mean that you should look for the cheapest policy because that isn't always the best. The reverse is also true. Just because you're paying more money for insurance doesn't mean you're getting better coverage.

I also recommend shopping your policy around every few years. Once you have met with your current agent and reviewed coverage, it will be easier to comparison shop. It is surprising how much money people can save on insurance coverage once they start shopping around.

In that regard, when you shop your insurance

policy around, ask about discounts. In any insurance policy, companies offer a variety of discounts. It is a fair question also to ask your current agent.

While it is unlikely our homes will be hit by a meteorite, storms and other disasters can happen in Michigan. Therefore, it's always important to have your policy up to date. Football season is over, baseball hasn't started yet so it's a great time to call your agent and review your policy. Good luck!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like Bloom to respond to your questions, please e-mail him at [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).



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## Awrey Bakeries sold; official says company will hire back 'many workers'

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

Awrey Bakeries has been purchased by Minnie Marie Bakeries for an undisclosed price in a last-minute deal that helped save the bakery.

The sale was finalized over the last several days and news of it was released Wednesday. The new company planned to continue to produce Awrey products and expected to hire back many workers in the upcoming weeks, according to a press release.

Approximately 200 employees were terminated within the last two weeks at the Awrey facility at 12301 Farmington Road.

Awrey is known for its thaw-and-serve, finished baked goods including Danish, cakes, brownies, biscuits and muffins, produced and distributed at its 218,000-square-foot facility. Their primary customers include food service distributors, national chains and contract sales.

John Awrey, family member of the original founders and director of sales and marketing, said he was pleased that the new owner "will preserve the Awrey's Brand and tradition of fine products."

"It is also gratifying that the new owner will be able to hire back many of our hard working associates in the coming days and weeks," Awrey said. "The investors in the new owner of Awrey's assets are Michigan residents with backgrounds in operating family-run businesses and bakeries. They know Michigan is a good place to do business and will expand our focus to develop a local supply chain of farmers, millers and producers of Michigan grown wheat, soybeans, sugar and other ingredients."



Charlotte Colbert of Garden City has worked for Awrey for 20 years.

"We look forward to launching a number of new products in the year ahead," Awrey said, "including a line of gluten-free products produced from Michigan ingredients. We also intend on returning the Awrey brand to the shelves of grocery stores for its loyal, longtime customer base."

There was no information available online in an Internet search for Minnie Marie Bakeries. The company is owned by Jim McColgan. The business will continue to be headquartered at the site of Awrey Bakeries.

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## AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

### Suicide awareness

Struggling with stress, depression or emotional overload?

"KnowResolve," a youth suicide awareness and prevention program, that will be presented at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at the St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, north of Warren Road, Westland.

KnowResolve is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting mental health and preventing youth suicides. The organization was founded by Dennis Liegghio who lost his father to suicide when he was 14 years old. Their last words were in anger and he blamed himself for his father's death. He struggled with depression and thoughts of suicide until he wrote a song

that was the turning point towards overcoming his traumatic loss.

Liegghio will share his personal story, his music and tips for coping with stress and emotional overload. The program is for all ages - junior high, high school, college, young adults, parents, grandparents. It is being sponsored by St. Damian and St. Theodore High School Youth Ministry.

### Used Book Sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will hold their used book sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 21-22, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the library at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

The prices will be \$2 for coffee table books, \$1 for hard cover non-fiction books, DVDs and CDs, 50 cents for large paperbacks, 25 cents for small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records and 10 for cents magazines. The will be a special sale of hard cover fiction and biographies - buy one, get one free - and small paperback romance novels 10 cents each. Shoppers can bring their own bag or buy a Friends green bag for \$2. Saturday is the Big Bag sale. Patrons need to bring their own bag and can fill it for \$4.

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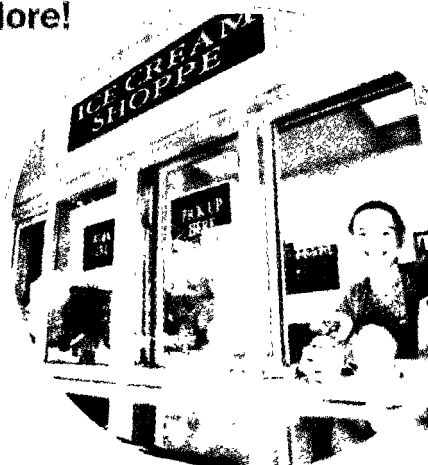


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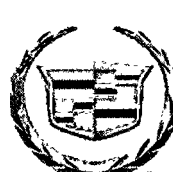
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## Fade to Black: John Glenn advances



John Glenn's Dre Black (11) motors past Salem defender Nate Sass for two of his game-high 22 points in Tuesday's 65-52 Kensington Conference semifinal win.

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Dre Black proved to be the trump card in Westland John Glenn's 65-52 KLAA boys basketball semifinal victory Tuesday night at Salem.

The 6-foot-1 junior guard hit 7-of-8 shots from the floor, including a pair of key three-pointers in the third quarter, to catapult the 16-2 Rockets to the Kensington Conference championship game Friday against KLAA South co-champ Canton, which also advanced Tuesday with a 45-53 semifinal win at South Lyon. (The two teams split during the regular season.)

Black helped pick up the scoring slack for the injured Richard Roberts, the team's second leading scorer who sat out his second straight game with an ankle injury.

Black finished with a game-high 21 points, while fellow senior guard Nick Daniels added 20 and junior forward Isaac Everette chipped in with 15.

"Dre normally plays a lot and he's hit some big shots for us all year," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "He hit the game-winner to beat Muskegon in the (holiday) tournament. He made some plays tonight, and in the

third quarter, it was big boost for us to bank it in like that. It gives you a big boost going into the fourth."

What Young was referring to was Black's three-pointer at the buzzer from just inside halfcourt to give the Rockets a 46-42 cushion.

"I just threw it up and thankfully it went in," Black said. "When I let it go I saw it was on line, but I didn't know if it would go off glass or go all net."

Black had 10 of his points in the third quarter as Salem made a charge behind 6-6 senior forward Chris Dierker (19 points), who converted back-to-back three-point plays within a span of 28 seconds to give the Rocks a 38-37 advantage.

But two free throws by Black, two more from Everette and Black's three-point bomb — all during the final 1:51 of the third — put Glenn ahead to stay.

The Rockets then outscored Salem 19-10 in the final period to win going away as Black's steal and layup to start the fourth led to the uprising.

"Yes, he hurt us," Salem coach Bob Brodie said of Black. "We knew he could shoot the ball, but when you make a couple of shots like that, it's

Please see KLAA, B3

## Naubert gets 2 big honors

Madonna University junior point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week for the sixth time this season along with earning a spot on the 2012-13 Capital One Academic All-America Men's Basketball Teams, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Naubert averaged 19 points, nine rebounds and 6.5 assists as MU defeated both U-M-Dearborn and Aquinas to clinch second place in the WHAC.

He shot 52.9 percent from the floor (9-of-17) and 18-of-25 from the foul line (72 percent).

Naubert becomes the first MU men's basketball player to earn Academic All-America honors and is just the second ever male student-athlete department wide — joining Steve Pelletier from the 2012 Crusader baseball squad.

Naubert has a 3.68 grade point average and is a social studies major with a minor in secondary education.

## CHS honors Hall of Fame

The 11th annual Livonia Churchill Athletics Hall of Fame induction dinner will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at the Italian-American Hall, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia.

The event, put on by the Churchill Athletic Patrons, will honor the 2007 Class A state girls volleyball state championship team (coached by Mark Grenier), along with Rod Hawraney, a 1974 grad who played baseball and football, along with Mr. and Mrs. Don DeRoos, Churchill parent volunteers.

Dinner starts at 6:45 p.m. followed by the induction program from 7:30-9 p.m. (Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar prior to the dinner.)

Tickets are \$35 each (if purchased by March 1) or \$40 (after March 1). For more information, call Rob Suida at (313) 617-5448; or e-mail rjsuida@cmsgen-ergy.com.

## Repeat is sweet for Rocket girls

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The Westland John Glenn varsity girls basketball team could well rocket its way all the way to Breslin Center in the upcoming Class A state tournament.

But whatever obstacles they might face getting there likely won't be any more taxing than three hard-fought victories over Canton — including Monday night's tale-of-two-halves 44-39 win in the KLAA Kensington Conference title matchup.

"Canton is an excellent program," said Glenn coach Eric Kovatch, whose team will face 17-2 Brighton at 7 p.m. Thursday at home for the KLAA Association crown. "They get everything out of those kids. We beat them three times this year, which is a tribute to our girls."

What seemed like a blowout at halftime turned into an intense slugfest in the final minutes.

The visiting Chiefs (14-5) continued a second-half rally that lifted them out of a 21-10 half-

time hole to being one triple away from forcing overtime in the final seconds.

After Rachel Winters buried a jumper from the left corner with just under a minute left, the Rockets (17-1) hung on to a precarious 40-37 edge.

With 29 seconds remaining, two foul shots by Paige Aresco made it 41-39.

Glenn tacked on a point thanks to a free throw by Raven Bankston (eight points) and Canton then inbounded the ball under the Rockets' basket with 14 seconds left.

Winters (10 points) elected not to shoot from behind the arc, perhaps not comfortable with her look due to the Rockets' frantic defense.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, any opportunity for OT ended when standout ShaKeya Graves (18 points) stole the ball and took it in for a layup as time elapsed.

"I thought 'Rach' was open, but she didn't let it fly," Can-

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Canton's Rachel Winters (right) tries to take John Glenn defender Kaira Barnes off the dribble during Monday's Kensington Conference championship game.

## Rockets orbiting 5 grapplers to Palace

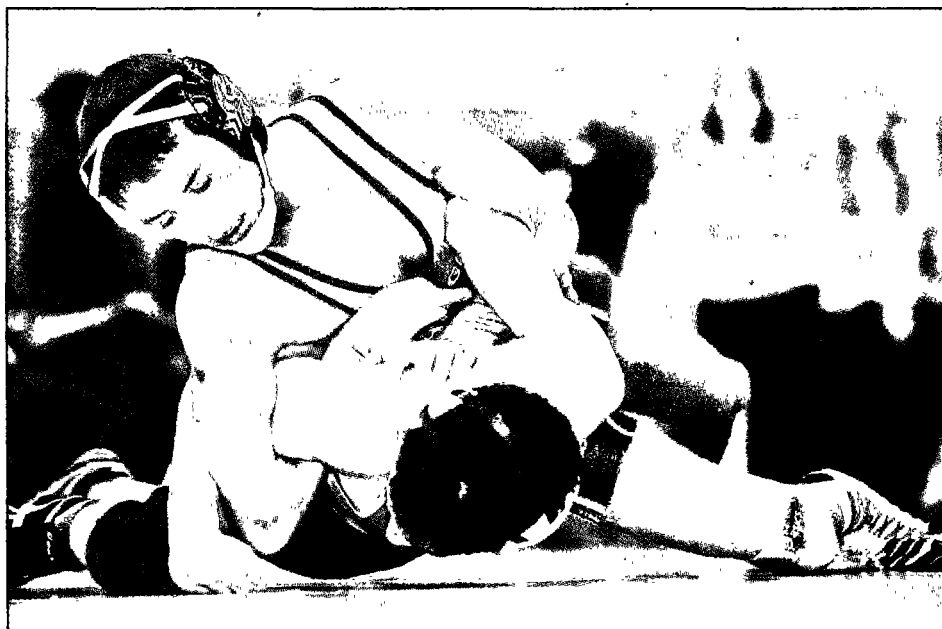
By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Expect the unexpected. That could be the scenario next Thursday when the MHSAA Individual Wrestling state finals commence for the first of three action-packed days at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Westland John Glenn will be sending a strong contingent of five including Canton regional champions Kyle Gillies (112 pounds) and Travis Mann (145 pounds), both seniors.

Gillies, who was fifth last year at 103 and fourth two years ago as a sophomore, will take a perfect 52-0 record into the finals after winning the regional with a 8-4 win over Jarad Fernandez of Southgate.

Gillies will take on Gavin Daniels of Holland



John Glenn's Kyle Gillies (top) now stands 52-0 after winning the Division 1 individual regional at Canton.

West Ottawa (27-9) in the opening round.

"He's ranked third in that division, basically

because of the two kids who placed ahead of him last year," Glenn coach Bill Polk said of Gillies.

"The brackets came out and I like where we sit. Last year he lost a one-point match to the champ,

so he's right there. It's basically whoever shows up out of those three kids will win it all. And Kyle is wrestling well."

Mann, who took fourth last year at 152, will be a threat again this season at 145 after taking the regional title with a 21-8 major decision over Livonia Stevenson's Kody Roy.

Mann, 28-3 overall, will meet Howell's Hayden Hughes (39-16) in the first round. "I think he can win it," Polk said. "Again, there's three or four kids could win it. But looking at competition there's nobody that I can look at and say I'm not confident in going against that kid. I think if Travis wrestles well he can be any of them."

At 215, junior Jordan Brandon of Glenn is com-

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## Grid coaches

Livonia Franklin is seeking two assistant football coaches for the 2013 season.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate knowledge and proven ability to train and teach the fundamentals with prior high school coaching experience.

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Chris Kelbert at ckelbert@livoniapublicschools.org.

## Pom clinic

The state champion Livonia Pom team is staging a clinic for grades three-eight from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia.

Learn pom basics, kick line and a full pom routine taught by Livonia Pom team members. Included in the \$25 cost is a T-shirt. For more information, visit [www.Livoniapom@gmail.com](http://www.Livoniapom@gmail.com).

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 21

Luth. North at Cville, 7 p.m.

Ypsi. Calvary at HVL, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 22

Novi at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Hartland at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Lakeland, 7 p.m.

Pinckney at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Luth. South at L. W'sid, 7 p.m.

(Kensington Championship)

Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Luth. Westland at HVL, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 21

W.L. North at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Lakeland at Franklin, 7 p.m.

W.L. Central at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Pinckney at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 22

Luth. South at L. W'sid, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Luth. Westland at HVL, 4 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Feb. 21

Ladywood at Regina, 6:25 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 22

Franklin at Berkley, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Churchill vs. Brother Rice at Oak Park Arena, 5:15 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Port Huron at Arctic Edge, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Friday, Feb. 15

Kensington Conference

Diving at Novi, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16

Kensington Conference

Finals at Novi, noon.

PREP BOWLING

MHSAA REGIONALS

Friday, Feb. 22

(Division 1 Team)

at Woodhaven Lanes, TBA.

at Super Bowl, TBA.

(Division 2 Team)

at Oak Lanes, TBA.

Saturday, Feb. 23

(Division 1 Individual)

at Woodhaven Lanes, TBA.

at Super Bowl, TBA.

(Division 2 Individual)

at Oak Lanes, TBA.

(Division 3 Individual)

at Flat Rock Lanes, TBA.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

MHSAA REGIONALS

Saturday, Feb. 23

Division 2 at Brandon, 10 a.m.

Division 1 at Novi, 3 p.m.

Division 3 at Oxford, 6 p.m.

Division 4 at Mason, 6 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Thursday, Feb. 21

(WHAC Quarterfinals)

N'western Ohio at MU, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 22

Kirtland at S'craft, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Flint Mott at S'craft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Friday, Feb. 22

Kirtland at S'craft, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Flint Mott at S'craft, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Feb. 22

Windsor vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Sarnia vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

Anastos, Blazers stop Pershing

Senior point-guard Andie Anastos turned in a stellar performance with 25 points, nine rebounds and eight assists Tuesday propelling host Livonia Ladywood to a 57-54 girls basketball victory over Detroit Pershing.

The Blazers, who improved to 12-7 overall, also got 16 points from senior guard Shelby Walsh.

Sara Even chipped in with seven, while Andria Gietl and Amber Riethmiller added six apiece.

Nijzah Hill led the Doughgirls (13-6) with 16 points.

Ladywood led 30-24 at halftime and 39-34 after three quarters.

The Blazers made 14-of-21 free throws, while Pershing hit 13-of-22.

CLARENCEVILLE 41, ANNAPOLIS 17: Aayna Buckley scored 13 points and Mikala Kieling added 11 Tuesday as host Livonia Clarenceville (8-11) rolled to an easy win over Dearborn Heights Annapolis (4-14).

Ashley Murphy and Erica Katz chipped in with seven and six, respectively, for the Trojans,

who led 26-5 at halftime.

Ashley Bonner led the Cougars with six points.

Clarenceville won easily despite making only 10-of-23 free throws.

WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN 37, HVL 27: Freshman Jurnee Tipton's 13 points sparked Saline Washtenaw Christian (8-3) to a non-conference victory Tuesday over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (7-9).

Junior Sarah Setian led the Hawks, who trailed 28-24 after three quarters, with 12 points.

"We had no energy tonight and played very flat," said HVL coach Kris Ruth, whose team made only 2-of-10 free throws.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Softball camp

The Livonia Churchill Chargers Fundamental Camp for girls in grades 3-8 will be from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 2 at the high school fieldhouse.

The cost is \$35 (pre-registration required).

For more information, call or email Churchill head coach Steve Gentilia at (734) 776-1716; or churchillssoftball@gmail.com.

Senior softball

A newly formed team in the 65-and-over Western Wayne County Suburban Softball League is seeking slow-pitch players the summer season, which runs from May through August.

Games will be played at 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in the Livonia, Canton and Westland areas.

The league is governed by ASA senior slow-pitch rules. A nominal fee will be assessed to cover incidental team and league expenses.

For more information, call Bob Mosher (734) 502-7477 or Doug Curry at (248) 767-0828.

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Chargers take out Mavericks, 44-37

Natalie Spala and Sydney Anderson tallied 15 and 13 points, respectively, leading Livonia Churchill to a 44-37 KLAAs consolation bracket girls basketball win Monday night at Milford.

The Chargers, who improved to 7-11 overall, outscored the Mavericks 20-13 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Madison Kurtz led Milford (6-12) with a game-high 20 points, while Lindsay Smith added nine.

"We played very disciplined tonight," said Churchill coach Matt McCowan, whose team made 11-of-15 free throws.

"Our defense was really good at times. The girls are playing the best they have all year. It is a great time to play there with districts right around the corner."

Churchill made 11-of-15 free throws, while Milford hit 4-of-7.

STEVENSON 52, W.L. CENTRAL 8: Eleven of 14 players scored Monday as host Livonia Stevenson (9-10) romped to a KLAAs consolation bracket win over visiting Walled Lake Central (1-18).

The Spartans, who led 19-3 after one quarter, outscored the Vikings 16-3 in the second as junior guard Abby Knoph scored all 12 of her points, including four 3-pointers.

Kyra Johnson also chipped in with eight for Stevenson.

SOUTH LYON EAST 56, FRANKLIN 40: Gabi Bird poured in a game-high 24 points Monday as host South Lyon East (10-9) downed Livonia Franklin (8-11) in a KLAAs consolation bracket encounter.

Sydney Jones chipped in with 13 points for the victorious Cougars, who trailed 16-14 after one quarter before outscoring the Patriots 22-9 in the second.

Katelynn Devers scored a team-high 23 for Franklin, while Caitlin Milican added six.

Franklin made 12-of-19 free throws, while South Lyon East hit only 8-of-21.

PINCKNEY 58, WAYNE 54: In a KLAAs consolation bracket game on Tuesday, the host Pirates (3-16) edged Wayne Memorial (1-17).

JOHN KEMSKI

John Glenn's Shakeya Graves (5) helped the Lady Rockets to their second straight Kensington Conference title with a 44-39 win Monday over Canton.

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ton coach Brian Samulski said. "But that didn't have anything to do with the (final) score. It was a play here, a play there.

"The main thing is we said we didn't care about the scoreboard, what the scoreboard was going to say. But we weren't going to lay down in the second half and let them roll over us."

Lead increases

The Rockets parlayed 23 Canton turnovers in the first half into the big halftime lead.

Glenn led 10-2 after one quarter, with the lone points by the Chiefs a bucket by junior power forward Taylor Hunley (11 points, eight boards) with 5:25 to play in the frame.

A trey at the halftime horn by Graves from beyond the top of the arc padded the lead to 21-10 at the intermission.

It was more of the same to start the second half, as Raine Bankston (10 points) turned a mid-court steal into another layup just 17 seconds into the third.

"Glenn, they are so athletic," Samulski said. "They make you do things that you're not used to doing. Last time we played someone that quick and fast was when we played Glenn."

After being blanked in the first half, Canton junior forward Paige

Aresco got untracked — scoring her team's first six points of the third to make it 24-16 with 4:52 remaining.

Samulski also wanted to change things up a bit in the paint, teaming up Hunley and junior forward Shannon Perry (six points, seven rebounds).

Both players came through with some low-post points to boost Canton's confidence.

Then a driving layup by Aresco (10 points) made it 33-25 after three.

Winters buried a 3-ball from the left flank with 5:50 to go in regulation to make it a 34-30 game and signal to the Rockets that nothing was over just yet.

But as was the case all night, the Rockets answered. A putback and foul shot by Graves and Kierra Jordan's free throw bumped the lead back up to 38-30.

With 2:50 left, the Bankston twins got into the act. Raven picked off a Canton pass and fed the ball to Raine, who raced in for the layup, opening up a 40-33 advantage.

Canton kept pushing, but could not finish what was a gallant comeback bid.

"We turned it over 15 times in the first half," Samulski said. "But to the kids credit, they hung in there, they came out and they battled. They gave that team everything that they could handle."

"We had an opportunity down the stretch to see

what we could get done. We just came up a little short."

Taking control

According to Kovatch, for as tough as the Chiefs bounced back, he had complete confidence that the Rockets would finish what they started.

Leading the charge was Graves, who was injured the last time Glenn and Canton faced each other.

"She (Graves) makes a big difference, she's the leader of the team," Kovatch said. "She's a D-I baller going to DePaul (University). She's been doing it for three years and I always feel comfortable with ShaKeya in the game, controlling the tempo."

Kovatch said the Rockets "did what we've been trying to do since the start of the new year, applying pressure and making the other team uncomfortable."

Samulski, whose team faces Waterford Kettering on Thursday, said the Chiefs will benefit during the postseason from playing the likes of John Glenn.

"Down the stretch, you got to get used to playing good people, in close games, because next week it starts where if you don't get it done you're done," Samulski stressed. "So it's important to play good games down the stretch. That's what it's all about this time of year."

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# Wayne's world

## Lowry keys Zebras' win over Spartans

Senior Josh Lowry's 21 points enabled Wayne Memorial to earn a 57-51 KLAAs consolation bracket boys basketball win Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson.

The Zebras, who improved to 5-12 overall, also got nine points from Juawn Snipes and eight from Brian Williams.

Wayne trailed 30-29 at halftime as Stevenson senior guard Josh Campbell scored 17 of his team-high 21 points.

The Spartans, outscored 28-21 in the second half, also got 12 points from sophomore Jailen Webber.

"Our guys didn't quit, made free throws and played hard," said Wayne coach Mike Schuette, whose team hit 12-of-18 foul shots. "We also were to shut down Campbell in the second half."

### BOYS HOOPS

Stevenson, meanwhile, made just 8-of-17 from the foul stripe.

**NORTHVILLE 54, CHURCHILL 44:** Junior forward Andrew Meacham scored 22 points and Stewart Henzl chipped in with 12 to lead the Mustangs (12-6) to a KLAAs consolation bracket triumph Tuesday over visiting Livonia Churchill (6-12).

"They're huge (Northville) and play a whole different type of zone (defense)," said Churchill coach Jim Solak, who got 17 points from senior guard Dwayne Scott. "We had a tough time penetrating it. We got open looks, but didn't knock down shots."

Churchill was 15-of-46 from the floor (32.6 percent), including just 2-of-20 from three-point range. The Chargers made 12-of-16 free throws.

Northville hit 19-of-40 shots from the field (47.5 percent) and 11-of-18 foul shots.

**SOUTH LYON EAST 56, FRANKLIN 49:** Junior Derek Blundin scored a game-high

23 points and sophomore Trent Willenborg added 12 Tuesday to lift South Lyon East (1-16) to its first victory of the season against Livonia Franklin (6-12).

Jack Leckner also added nine points for the victorious Cougars, who outscored Franklin 34-18 in the second half after trailed 31-22 at intermission.

Alex Armstrong and Olushakin Cole tallied 17 and 13 points, respectively, for the Patriots, who shot 39 percent from the floor (28-of-46) and committed 18 turnovers.

Nick Guest grabbed a team-high eight rebounds, while Cole added six.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 60, MACOMB CHRIST. 30:**

Five players scored eight points apiece Tuesday to give Lutheran High Westland (8-7, 7-5) the convincing Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division victory over visiting Warren Macomb Christian (0-15, 0-11).

Brandon Wyman, Nick Andrzejewski, Greg Klein, Jake Davenport and A.J. Seltz combined for 40 points. Wyman also grabbed a team-high

eight rebounds.

Sam Farhat scored 14 points for the Crusaders.

"I was a little worried about our focus and intensity after a long weekend," said Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft. "However, the guys came out with energy tonight. We shot the ball much better tonight (28-of-58). I was able to get a lot of minutes for everyone, too. This was definitely a team win. It was a good effort all the way around from start to finish."

**WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN 64, HVL 45:** Trenton Shelby's 20 points led Saline Washtenaw Christian (11-6) to a non-conference win Tuesday at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (6-11).

Mathias Donat and James Pipe chipped in with 10 points apiece for the victorious Wildcats, who jumped out to a 33-18 halftime lead.

Ryan Schaffer paced the Hawks with 15 points, while Justin Howell and Milan Monk added 13 and 10, respectively.

HVL was 10-of-13 from the foul line, while Washtenaw Christian made only 16-of-30.

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just a snowball effect and he had a good night for them."

Brodie could only marvel about the 40-foot shot by the Glenn guard.

"I heard him call it," Brodie said with a chuckle. "I thought, 'Oh, not now.' The momentum is a big thing, and like I said, we started to get our dobers down and all of the sudden we give up a lot of points and we don't score."

Glenn jumped out to a 12-2 lead at the outset and led 21-14 after one quarter.

But Salem was able to stay within striking distance at the half, trailing by six, 32-26, thanks to a 1-3-1 zone defense.

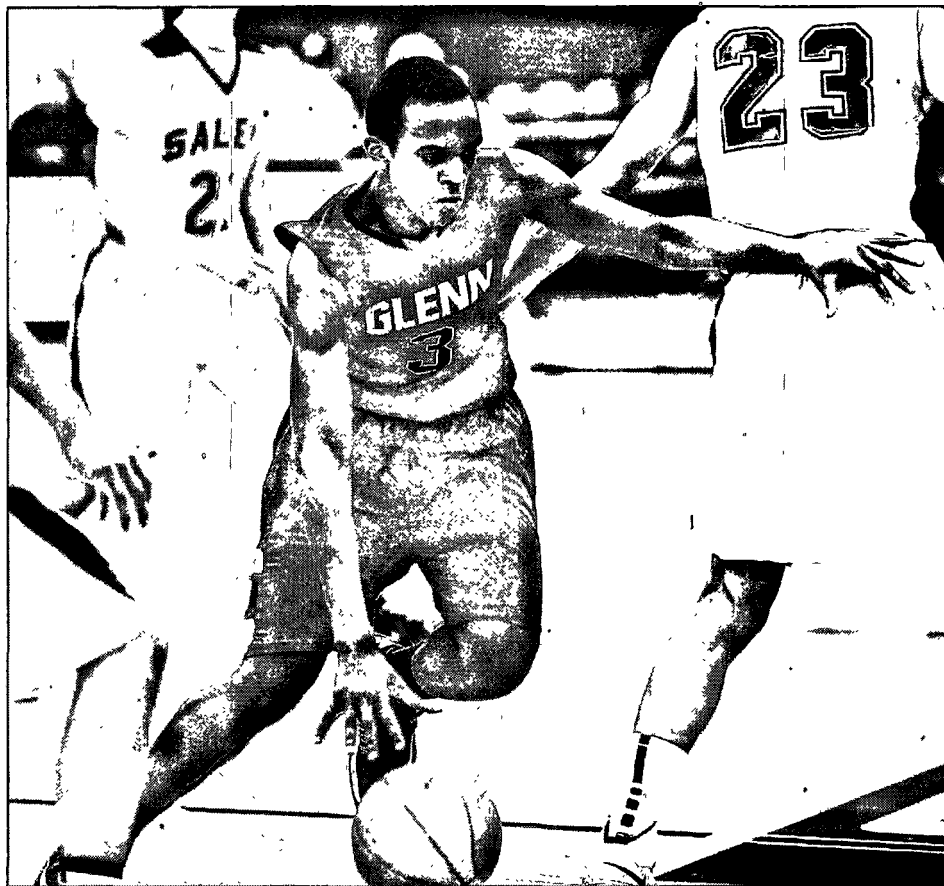
"The switching of the defenses did bother us," Young said. "The trapping ... they did a good job of mixing it up."

"I thought we came out in a lull in the second quarter because they (Salem) came with a lot more energy. They (Salem) got to the rim and got some offensive rebounds. And we turned it over nine times in the first half and I don't think we turned it over more than two or three the second half. We cleaned that up."

In the third quarter, Dierker's eight points enabled Salem to take a one-point lead on two different occasions.

But the Rocks turned it over six times in the fourth and made only 5-of-12 shots from the floor.

"We've fallen apart a lot late in the season," said Brodie, whose team slipped to 12-6 overall. "We've been playing in spurts. We've made runs



John Glenn's James Pruitt streaks toward the basket in Tuesday's 65-52 Kensington Conference semifinal win at Salem.

at teams. We made a nice run tonight and suddenly go back to our old ways, allow them to score and get enough stops. That's happened the last four or five games and when you do that against good teams you're not going to win a basketball game, let alone finish it or sustain it.

"If he (Black) had not made that I thought we had some momentum going and would have been a little bit better off, but it wasn't to be."

Senior Ahwad Khalid added 10 points, but starting point guard Kevin Mack did not score picking up three quick fouls in the second quarter and his fourth in the third period.

"He never got into the game offensively or

defensively," Brodie said of Mack. "We've got to get some points from him, some hustle and some leadership. Can't do that too much when he's on the bench with us."

"But I was happy with the two guards that went in. The two twins (Brady and Connor Cole) did a pretty good job. They just don't have the firepower he (Mack) has in terms of offense. They did a nice job of hustling and scrapin' out there, so I proud of the way they played."

Meanwhile, Young was grateful to get out of a Salem gym with a win.

"It's tough to win here," the Glenn coach said. "Bob (Brodie) is a great coach, he's a hall of fame coach. They're very, very well coached and they're tough kids."

And they're the defending league champs so we feel fortunate to play well enough. It was a crap shoot. I didn't know going in whether we were good enough or not. I thought we might have shot if we play well enough. The second half we played a lot better. We didn't turn it over and it helped our defense to settle in."

Meanwhile, Black was the man of the hour, but he downplayed his scoring role.

"I came into the game thinking I'd do what was best for the team to get a victory," he said. "It just so happened I ended up putting up points and helping the team to a victory."

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## Crusader men rain '3s' on Saints

Bobby Naubert's near triple-double Saturday night helped secure Madonna University's No. 2 seed in the upcoming Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball playoff following a 76-67 victory over host Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

Naubert, a 5-foot-10 junior point-guard from Livonia Stevenson, finished with 19 points, eight rebounds and seven assists as the second place Crusaders improved to 22-8 overall and 17-5 in the WHAC.

MU shot a blistering 27-of-50 from the field (54 percent), including 13-of-21 from three-point range (61.9 percent) as eight different players had at least one.

Travis Schuba contributed 15 points, while Fred Williams added 12 in the win over Aquinas (10-12, 12-18). The two combined for seven triples. Zach Eddy paced the

### COLLEGE HOOPS

Saints with a game-high 20, while Austin Semple, Brett Phafier and Connor McCane contributed 11 apiece.

MU, ranked No 17 in the latest NAIA Division II coaches poll, will face seventh Northwestern Ohio (17-13, 12-10) in the WHAC quarterfinals beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the MU Activities Center.

**MACOMB 93, S'CRAFT 81:** Ryan Bush scored a game-high 25 points, while Charles Baskins and Gerod Maples added 22 apiece Saturday to lead host Macomb Community College (8-17, 2-13) past Schoolcraft College (5-18, 2-12) in an MCCA Eastern Conference game at the Sports & Expo Center in Warren.

Schoolcraft, which couldn't hold a 48-44 halftime lead, got a team-high 24 points and nine rebounds from Richmond Jackson.

Jonathan Campbell (Livonia Stevenson) and Mathew King (Redford Thurston) chipped in with 18 and 11 points, respectively.

Schoolcraft lost despite hitting 33-of-63 shots from the floor (52.4 percent).

## Bench keys 81-75 win for MU women

Rachel Melcher and Chelsea Williams combined for 32 points off the bench Saturday as the Madonna University women's basketball team tuned up for the upcoming Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff with an 81-75 victory in the regular season finale over host Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

Melcher finished with a team-high 18 points, while Williams (Livonia Franklin) contributed 14 as the Crusaders improved to 19-10 overall and 15-7 in the WHAC.

Senior guard Heather Pratt and senior center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) chipped in with 16 and 13, respectively, for the fourth-seeded Crusaders, who will host fifth-seeded Cornerstone (19-10, 13-9) in the WHAC quarterfinals beginning at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the MU

Activities Center.

Madonna shot 88.9 percent from the foul line (21-of-23).

Aquinas (12-16, 8-14) got a game-high 22 points off the bench from Chelsea Matley, while Allison Heberlein and Clare Conway chipped in with 16 and 15, respectively.

**MACOMB 56, S'CRAFT 51:** On Saturday, MCCA Eastern Conference co-leader Macomb Community College (23-1, 14-1) held off upstart Schoolcraft College (6-18, 3-11) behind 17 points from Jaclyn Bieniewicz and 14 from Breanna Kidd at the Sports & Expo Center in Warren.

Bilgees Grant added 12 points and Jazmine Kimbrough pulled down 10 rebounds for the victorious Monarchs, who held a narrow 25-23 halftime lead.

Toi Brown paced the Lady Ocelots with 16 points, eight rebounds and five assists.

Courtney Dyer and Ajai Meeks added 14 and 13 points, respectively. Schoolcraft shot 16-of-47 from the floor (34 percent) and combined 22 turnovers.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Learn to skate

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its eight-week learn to skate (session II) beginning March 11 through May 6 at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon.

Class fees are \$62 (Livonia residents) or \$76 (non-residents).

Each class is 25 minutes and will be offered for the following:

Youth (4-and-up) - 5, 5:25, 6 and 6:25 p.m. Mondays; hockey skills - 6:25

p.m. Mondays (no equipment or experience needed); tots (3 year-olds) - 5 p.m. Mondays.

Registration will be from 6:30-8 p.m. (Livonia residents) and 7-8 p.m. non-residents) on Wednesday, March 6 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

Private lessons are also available through I.S.I. instructors and skate rental is free.

For more information, call Barb Gamber at (734) 466-2918.

## Spartans outlast Liggett, 7-6; Charger, Patriot icers triumph

The scoresheet got quite a workout in Monday's boys hockey clash between host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett and Livonia Stevenson.

When the ink dried it was Stevenson earning a 7-6 win in a battle of state-ranked teams as Dominic Lutz tallied the game-winning goal with only 3:28 left in the third on a nifty breakaway pass from Tim Kelly.

The Spartans, now 16-7-1, led 4-2 after one period on goals by Travis Harvey (from Ben Kowalske and Dante Seychell); Tim Kelly (from Ryan Frazier and Devin Kelly); Tim Kelly (from Devin Kelly and Harvey); and Michael Sinclair (from Steven Olschanski and Harvey). Jake Soyka and Steve Campau countered with goals for the Knights (14-9-1).

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In the second period, Liggett tied it 4-4 on consecutive goals by Manny Counsman and Jake Soyka, but Lutz scored unassisted with 4:25 left in the same period to give the Spartans a one-goal cushion.

Austin Stevens then made it 6-4 at 6:06 of the third from Chris Catalano and Sinclair.

Counsman answered with his second just 54 seconds later and Soyka completed his hat trick at 8:51 to knot the count at 6-6 setting the stage for Lutz's game-winning goal.

"It was a very nice road win for the team and the program," said Stevenson coach David Mitchell, whose team was outshot 37-28. "Liggett has some high-end players and didn't quit at any point."

"I give our players all in

the credit in the world for battling through things, and in the end, finding a way to win. I'm very proud of our guys."

Liggett goalie Luke Soyka had 30 saves for the defending Division 3 state champs, while Stevenson's Connor Humitz had 22.

**CHURCHILL 5, SALINE 1:** Livonia Churchill (11-11-2) notched its third straight win Saturday at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube with a non-conference triumph over the Hornets (7-12-1).

The Chargers led 2-1 after one period on goals by Nick Misiak (from Evan Gibboney and Brad Milks) and Tommy Carey (from Matt Sinclair and Luke Otto) at the 1:08 and 4:41 marks.

Tyler Palka scored for Saline at 8:24 of the same period.

Churchill increased its lead to 3-1 after two periods on Sinclair's goal from Carey and Nick McGee at 5:35.

The Chargers put it away with two more in the final period with Gibboney scoring on a power play at 10:48 and Sam Spayd getting his first goal of the year with 51 seconds left from Brown and Milks.

Churchill freshman goalie Alec Calvaruso stopped 19-of-20 Saline shots, while Hornets' netminder Chris Krueger had 26 saves.

**FRANKLIN 5, KETTERING 1:** On Senior Night Saturday, host Livonia Franklin (9-13-1) defeated Waterford Kettering (3-20) at Edgar Arena in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover game.

The Patriots led 2-1 after two periods before putting it away with three unanswered goals starting with C.J. Cromie's power play goal from Adam Stadler and Ryan Pace. Mike Diaz then scored from Pace followed by Van Hulle from Josh Dudek and Tyler Morrison.

It was 1-all after one period as Stadler scored from Dudek and Corey Ferrier at 6:19, but the Captains' Kyle Soncrante evened it up at 1-1 at 9:51 on an unassisted short-handed effort.

Diaz put the Patriots ahead to stay at 8:14 of the second off an assist from Ferrier.

Sean Reeves-Carson started in goal for the Patriots making 4-of-5 saves before Matt Monendo took over in the second making 18 stops.

Kettering's Jake Grix had 31 saves.

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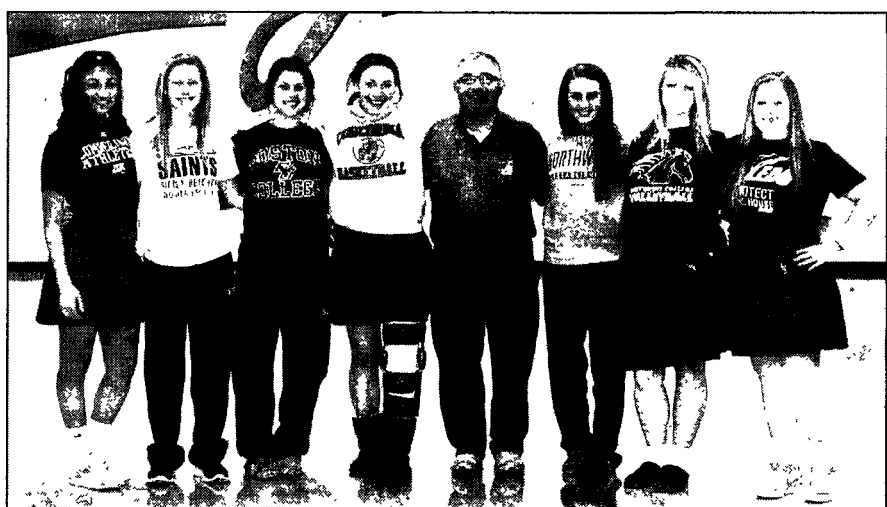
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## Blazer signees

Seven Livonia Ladywood athletes recently signed college letters-of-intent to continue their careers. Among those signing including (from left) DeYana Walker, North-ern Arizona University (soccer); Sara Even, Siena Heights University (soccer); Andrea Anastos, Boston College (hockey); Kiley Gorski, Concordia University (basketball); Andria Gietl, Northwood University (softball); Hayley Jury, Marygrove College (volleyball); and Celeste Fidge, University of Toledo (softball). In the middle is Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek.

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

**KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS GYMNASTICS MEET**  
**Feb. 16 at Walled Lk. Central**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Canton, 148.600 points; 2. Plymouth, 142.025; 3. Salem, 141.550; 4. Li- vonia Red, 140.075; 5. Brighton, 139.650; 6. Milford/Lakeland, 138.400; 7. Howell, 138.350; 8. Livonia Blue, 137.325; 9. W.L. Maroon, 132.700; 10. Northville, 128.600; 11. Walled Lake Gold, 124.300; 12. Waterford United, 114.850; 13. Pinckney, 37.350.  
**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**  
**Vault:** 1. Erica Lucas (C), 9.450; 2. (tie) Catrina Malysz (M/L) and Ashley Hextall (Pinck.), 9.400 each; 4. Melissa Green (C), 9.375; 5. Hailey Hodgson (C), 9.250; 6. Margo Mekjian (Brighton), 9.200; 7. (tie) Bri Rhoad (Blue) and Paige Blythe (H), 9.150 each; 9. Jocelyn Moraw (C), 9.125; 10. (tie) Maggie McGowan (Red), Emily Gucciardo (Brighton) and Annie Martini (Brighton), 9.100 each; 13. Brooke Allgeyer (Salem), 9.025; 14. (tie) Brittany Ramirez (Salem) and Marisa DeCamp (H), 9.000 each.  
**Uneven bars:** 1. Moraw (C), 9.450; 2. Malysz (M/L), 9.250; 3. Green (C), 9.100; 4. Rebecca Simu (Ply.), 9.000; 5. (tie) Nicole Lasecki (C), Madison Raske (W/LM), 8.800; 7. (tie) Andrea Merlotti (Salem), Ramirez (Salem) and Hextall (Pinck.), 8.750 each; 10. (tie) Maddie Toal (C) and Mekjian (Brighton), 8.700 each; 12. Haley Metz (Ply.), 8.600; 13. Rhoad (Blue), 8.550; 14. Marissa McVey (Red), 8.500.  
**Balance beam:** 1. Hextall (Pinck.), 9.700; 2. (tie) Moraw (C) and Blythe (H), 9.650 each; 4. Sarah Uhlian (Ply.), 9.600; 5. (tie) Toal (C), Merlotti (S) and McVey (Red), 9.550 each; 8. Katie Salanga (Ply.), 9.450; 9. Lasecki (C), 9.400; 10. Ellie Bach- man (C), 9.350; 11. (tie) Amber Talaski (M/L) and Sammi Pulgini (W/LG), 9.250 each; 13. (tie) Katie Kretschmar (Red), DeCamp (H), 9.200 each; 15. Gucciardo (Brighton), 9.125; 16. (tie) Martini (Brighton) and Taylor Shotwell (M/L), 9.100 each; 18. Rhoad (Blue), 9.050; 19. Paulette Martino (Salem), 9.100.  
**Floor exercise:** 1. (tie) Moraw (C) and Hextall (Pinck.), 9.500 each; 3. Pulgini (W/LG), 9.375; 4. Green (C), 9.350; 5. (tie) Lasecki (C) and Morgan Soper (Salem), 9.325 each; 7. Talaski (M/L), 9.300; 8. Rhoad (Blue), 9.250; 9. (tie) Lucas (C) and Shannon Diaz (Red), 9.225 each; 11. Blythe (H), 9.175; 12. (tie) DeCamp (H) and Brenna Connelly (Ply.), 9.150 each; 14. Emily Gucciardo (Brighton), 9.100; 15. (tie) Uhlian (Ply.) and Martino (Salem), 9.075 each; 17. McGowan (LR), 9.025; 18. (tie) Metz (P) and Mekjian (B), 9.000 each.  
**DUAL MEET RESULTS FARMINGTON 141.55 LIVONIA BLUE 140.100**  
**Feb. 18 at Churchill H.S.**  
**Vault:** 1. Carnia Wright (F), 9.63; 2. Bri Rhoad (Blue), 9.2; 3. Claire Saunders (F), 9.15; 4. Jamie Jasinski (Blue), 8.95; 5. Marissa Schuh (F), 8.9.  
**Uneven bars:** 1. Rhoad (Blue), 9.0; Wright (F), 8.6; 3. Schuh (F), 8.35; 4. Alyssa Millinoff (F), 8.33; 5. Saunders (F), 8.25.  
**Balance beam:** 1. Rhoad (Blue), 9.1; 2. Schuh (F), 9.05; 3. Jasinski (Blue), 8.95; 4. Millinoff (F), 8.9; 5. Saunders (F), 8.65.  
**Floor exercise:** 1. Millinoff (F), 9.3; 2. Emily Chatterjee (Blue), 9.15 3. (tie) Rhoad (Blue) and Kristina Franchi (F), 9.05 each; 5. Saunders (F), 9.0.  
**All-around:** 1. Rhoad (Blue), 36.35; 2. Millinoff (F), 35.48; 3. Schuh (F), 35.10; 4. Saunders (F), 35.05; 5. Wright (F), 34.23.  
**Livonia Blue's dual meet record:** 3-9 overall.

## BOYS SWIM RESULTS

**KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION BOYS SWIM MEET**  
**Feb. 15 at South Lyon East**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Stevenson, 605 points; 2. Northville, 559; 3. Novi, 397.5; 4. Salem, 340.5; 5. South Lyon Unified (296).  
**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Novi (Gucci Onimura, Dennis Kim, Tanner Vincent, Andrew Ao), 1:39.17; 2. Stevenson, 1:40.69; 3. South Lyon, 1:42.88; 4. Stevenson (B), 1:44.07; 5. Northville, 1:44.35; 6. Salem, 1:44.7.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Nick Arakelian (LS), 1:47.96; 2. Jackson O'Dowd (LS), 1:49.4; 3. Austin Hunt (Nville), 1:51.02; 4. Matt Laporte (LS), 1:52.81; 5. Alex Lee (LS), 1:53.08; 6. David Ptashnik (LS), 1:53.25.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. James Xue (Nville), 2:04.82; 2. Scott Wang (Nville), 2:06.07; 3. Grant McNamara (LS), 2:06.9; 4. Charles Liu (Salem), 2:07.38; 5. Bradley Bielicki (LS), 2:07.4; 6. Max Wilkinson (SL), 2:08.2.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Ao (Novi), 22.12; 2. Andrew Westphal (Nville), 22.39; 3. Onimura (Novi), 22.9; 4. Sam Boyea (Nville), 23.18; 5. Jake Goed- deke (LS), 23.25; 6. Jerry Bai (Salem), 23.33.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Alex Canadi (SLU), 406.40 points; 2. Levi Oxner (SLU), 328.60; 3. Jacob Lanczki (SLU), 328.50; 4. Ethan Schmidt (SLU), 317.80; 5. Matt Meadows (SLU), 309.85; 6. Anton Travis (Nville), 306.60.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Vincent (Novi), 54.43; 2. Ao (Novi), 56.15; 3. Ptashnik (LS), 56.39; 4. Bai (Salem), 56.85; 5. Frank Zhang (Nville), 57.09; 6. Wang (Nville), 57.76.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Westphal (Nville), 48.88; 2. O'Dowd (LS), 49.72; 3. Matt Pairitz (SL), 50.14; 4. Boyea (Nville), 50.5; 5. Parker Belmonte (LS), 50.86; 6. Lee (LS), 51.4.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Laporte (LS), 4:50.84; 2. John Ferrara (LS), 4:53.94; 3. Turner Solterman (Sa- lem), 5:01.47; 4. Hunt (Nville), 5:05.72; 5. Liu (Salem), 5:07.04; 6. Eric Ferrara (LS), 5:07.3.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Northville (Westphal, Boyea, Alan Ruan, Hunt), 1:29.96; 2. Stevenson, 1:31.11; 3. South Lyon, 1:31.78; 4. Novi, 1:33.74; 5. Salem, 1:35.14; 6. Salem, 1:36.57.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. J. Ferrara (LS), 53.42; 2. Onimura (Novi), 56.07; 3. Belmonte (LS), 56.58; 4. Patrick Casey (Salem), 57.7; 5. Goeddeke (LS), 57.97; 6. Gordy Williams (Novi), 58.64.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Ara- kelian (LS), 1:00.88; 2. Kim (Novi), 1:02.56; 3. Ruan (Nville), 1:02.64; 4. Tommy O'Donohue (LS), 1:02.85; 5. McNamara (LS), 1:02.92; 6. Nathan Louie (Novi), 1:02.93.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Arakelian, O'Dowd, Belmonte, J. Ferrara), 3:14.96; 2. Northville, 3:19.44; 3. Novi, 3:19.56; 4. Stevenson (B), 3:28.69; 5. Northville (B), 3:28.75; 6. Salem, 3:29.29.  
**KLAA SOUTH DIVISION BOYS SWIM MEET**  
**Feb. 15-16 at John Glenn**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Plymouth, 594; 2. Canton, 428; 3. Westland John Glenn, 366; 4. Wayne Memorial, 309; 5. Livonia Churchill, 273; 6. Livonia Franklin, 213.  
**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Plymouth (Cameron Earls, Garrett Beauprez, Nick Weber, Alexander Wilson), 1:46.78; 2. Plymouth (B), 1:49.49; 3. Canton, 1:53.44; 4. Churchill, 1:53.68; 5. Canton, 2:02.02; 6. Franklin, 2:01.48.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Josh Wak- eford (WJG), 1:52.45; 2. John Stover (WJG), 1:54.2; 3. Beauprez (P), 1:55.47; 4. Alexander John- son (P), 1:56.23; 5. Franklin Qiu (LC), 1:57.56; 6. Aaron Alholinna (WJG), 2:00.44.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Weber (P), 2:05.87; 2. Justin Larkins (P), 2:09.54; 3. Benjamin Yang (P), 2:11.2; 4. Gerard Niernann (Canton), 2:16.39; 5. Aniketh Visal (P), 2:16.95; 6. Noah Karson (WJG), 2:24.58.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Cody Hodges (WJG), 23.49; 2. Ryan Heinze (P), 23.65; 3. Wilson (P), 23.86; 4. Devin Gibson (WJG), 24.16; 5. Jacob Burdick (WJG), 24.74; 6. Travis Majtara (Canton), 24.89.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Ethan Burke (LC), 322.20 points; 2. Connor McManus (P), 279.25; 3. Dave Cunningham (WJG), 247.75; 4. Austin Tetlow (Can- ton), 194.35; 5. Kameron Stancer (LC), 190.90; 6. Uriel Figueroa (WJG), 163.00.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Earls (P), 56.2; 2. Weber (P), 56.87; 3. Wakeford (WJG), 58.65; 4. John Kukulka (WJG), 1:00.08; 5. Brandon Burger (P), 1:02.8; 6. Majtara (Canton), 1:04.03.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Hodges (WJG), 51.23; 2. Heinze (P), 51.75; 3. Qiu (LC), 52.92; 4. Johnson (P), 53.12; 5. D. Gibson (WJG), 54.47; 6. Michael Gibson (WJG), 55.26.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Stover (WJG), 5:09.89; 2. Beauprez (P), 5:10.95; 3. Earls (P), 5:15.37; 4. Alholinna (WJG), 5:34.12; 5. Jacob Forgacs (LF), 5:40.24; 6. Nathan Benja- min (Canton), 5:41.59.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Earls, Weber, Heinze, Wilson), 1:33.6; 2. John Glenn, 1:34.46; 3. Wayne, 1:37.25; 4. Canton, 1:40.66; 5. John Glenn (B), 1:43.17; 6. Plymouth (B), 1:43.33.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Yang (P), 59.42; 2. Kukulka (WJG), 1:01.9; 3. Daniel Saltzman (LC), 1:05.73; 4. Jackson Norwood (LC), 1:06.51; 5. Keegan Kendall (P), 1:06.94; 6. Bronson Knowles (P), 1:07.08.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Larkins (LF), 1:03.7; 2. Alex Bourdreau (Canton), 1:08.36; 3. Niernann (Canton), 1:09.55; 4. Visal (P), 1:10.39; 5. Michael Willyard (C), 1:13.33; 6. Kyle Reppenhyagen (LC), 1:16.26.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Plym- outh (Yang, Beauprez, Johnson, Wilson), 3:33.08; 2. John Glenn, 3:36.13; 3. Wayne, 3:37.76; 4. Canton, 3:44.6; 5. Churchill, 3:45.93; 6. Franklin, 3:48.85.

## Lady Rockets hit snag vs. Bobcats

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

A dream regular season for Westland John Glenn fell one match short in playoff finals of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association tourna- ment held Friday at Super Bowl in Canton. The Lady Rockets, who won the Central Divi- sion with a 12-0 record and went 15-0 overall in the KLAA, lost to Grand Blanc in the finals, 148-

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146, 163-198, 209-185. The Bobcats finished strong in the deciding third-game Baker set with strikes in four of their last five frames. Glenn reached the final with a 186-197, 214-124, 193-162 semifinal victory over Walled Lake West- ern after ousting Brigh- ton in the quarterfinals, 246-122, 200-171. The Lady Rockets led all qualifiers with 2,932 total

pins paces by sophomore Olivia Cabildo, who posted a 213-180-393 series. Freshman Emily Dietz was right behind with a 190-201-391 two-game set. Other notable scor- ers for Glenn included freshman Julia Huren, who rolled a 182-189-371 series, along with senior Caity Lenard, who post- ed a 359 series including a high game of 190.

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# State caliber

## Pats' Atienza, Steele seize region titles

By Brad Emons  
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Nobody has enjoyed a better wrestling season up to this point than Livonia Franklin's Jordan Atienza. The 152-pound junior will take a 55-0 mark into the MHSAA Individu- al finals beginning next Thursday at the Palace of Auburn Hills. One of three Frank- lin state qualifiers, Atien- za made it 55 straight on Saturday with a 13-4 major decision over Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Mike Babicz in the Canton regional final. Atienza, one of three Franklin state qualifiers, meets Bay City Central's Davon Jackson (42-4) in the opening round. "Jordan has been wres- tling excellent all year," Franklin coach Dave Chi- ola said. "He put a lot of work in during the off sea- son, works extremely hard in the wrestling room, and seems focused and pre- pared to reach his ulti- mate goal. He has shown tremendous growth and maturity since his fresh- man year and it's paying off." Meanwhile, Franklin's Allen Steele (189) has been equally impressive all sea- son. The senior captured the Canton regional with a 5-3 decision of CC's Nick Giese to raise his overall record to 49-1. Steele will hook up with Port Huron's Jordan Cor- by (32-10) in his first- round match. "Allen was a region- al champ last year, but

lost a couple of overtime matches at the state tour- nament," Chiola said. "I think that has motivat- ed him all year to go back and finish the job. He is very methodical in his wrestling style and very smart. Both of these guys went to the state tourna- ment last year and have been looking forward to a return trip with different results." The Patriots also got a nice surprise from 103- pound senior Jack Newa, who took third at the regional. Newa, 43-7, goes against Sterling Heights Steven- son's Eddie Dickow (33-5) in his opener. "Jack has been a rags- to-riches story for the ages," Chiola said. "He has been our 103 pounder for four years. Early on we just didn't have any- one else - even though he only weighed 88 pounds he would go out there week after week and took a lot of losses. I kept tell- ing him back then that if he stuck it out it was going to pay off. It just shows what hard work and perseverance will get you. "The whole team was super happy for Jack. He's such a nice kid. I've never had so many oppos- ing coaches and wrestlers come up and offer con- gratulations. Everyone likes Jack and remembers how much he struggled in the beginning."

**Regional 2nds**  
Livonia Churchill's Man- ny Haddad (285) and Livo-

nia Stevenson's Kody Roy (145), both seniors, are also headed to the Palace after regional runner-up finishes. Haddad, a state qualifi- er a year ago, lost in the regional final to Catho- lic Central's Robert Coe (pin in 2:54) after a 4-1 semifinal win over West- land John Glenn's Dylan Morantes. Haddad (35-7) will take on Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central's Parker Till- man (38-3) in his opening- round match. Roy, who had 44 wins a year ago, earned a spot at the Palace after los- ing in the regional final to Glenn's Travis Mann (21- 8 major decision). Roy reached the final with a 6- 5 win over Franklin's Nick Frazier. Roy, 43-7 this season, faces Caledonia's Garrett Hubbell (22-5) in his first- round match. **Bibik advances** Livonia Clarenceville will have a representa- tive in the Division 3 finals as Aaron Bibik (160) took a runner-up finish in the regional at Manchester. Bibik, 42-8 overall, lost in the finals to Todd Olson of Dundee (pin in 1:49) after scoring a 12-4 major decision over Manches- ter's Michael Golding in the semifinals. The senior now moves on to face Shelby's For- est Courtright (44-8) in his opening round match at the Palace.

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## REGIONAL MAT RESULTS

**MHSAA INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS (Top 4 qualify for state finals, March 1-3 at Palace)**  
**DIVISION 1**  
**Feb. 16 at Canton**  
**130 pounds:** Alex Molly (Southgate Anderson) de- cisioned Myles Amine (Novi De- troit Catholic Central), 5-4; **3rd place:** Jordan Markey (Ypsilanti Lincoln) won by major dec. over Jake Helinski (Temperance Bedford), 14-2. **135:** Ken Bader (CC) pinned Quentin Santiago (Wyandotte), 3:28; **3rd:** Nate O'Sullivan (Sa- line) dec. Jon Conn (Plymouth), 6-3. **140:** Malik Amine (CC) won by major dec. over Allen Parker (Wayne), 15-3; **3rd:** Logan Parks (Southgate) dec. Alec Brecken- ridge (Plymouth), 5-1. **145:** Travis Mann (Westland John Glenn) won by major dec. over Kody Roy (Livonia Steven- son), 21-8; **3rd:** Josh Lockwood (Southgate) p. Victor Lindsey (Dearborn Fordson), 4:10. **152:** Jordan Atienza (Livonia Franklin) won by major dec. over Mike Babicz (CC), 13-4; **3rd:** Alex Cornelius (Saline) dec. Alex Coe (Northville), 6-2. **160:** Lorgan Marcicki (CC) p. Yahya Talab (Fordson), 2:57; **3rd:** Tyler Gross (Salem) dec. Mickey Sutton (Woodhaven), 10-4. **171:** Drew Garcia (CC) p. Derek Hillman (Woodhaven), 4:28; **3rd place:** Jordan Markey (Ypsilanti Lincoln) won by major dec. over Jake Helinski (Temperance Bedford), 14-2. **175:** Ken Bader (CC) pinned Quentin Santiago (Wyandotte), 3:28; **3rd:** Nate O'Sullivan (Sa- line) dec. Jon Conn (Plymouth), 6-3. **180:** Malik Amine (CC) won by major dec. over Allen Parker (Wayne), 15-3; **3rd:** Logan Parks (Southgate) dec. Alec Brecken- ridge (Plymouth), 5-1. **185:** Travis Mann (Westland John Glenn) won by major dec. over Kody Roy (Livonia Steven- son), 21-8; **3rd:** Josh Lockwood (Southgate) p. Victor Lindsey (Dearborn Fordson), 4:10.

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ing off a third-place fin- ish at the regional and will carry a 52-4 mark into his first-round match against Joe Schudt of Warren DeLaSalle (41-6). "Brandon has lost a one- point match to the No. 1 ranked kid (Brandon Sun- day of Bedford) in a pre- try controversial match last weekend," Polk said. "So I think he has as good of a chance as any of them of getting to the finals." Glenn will also be send- ing fourth-place region- al finishers Chase Spanos (103) and senior Dylan Morantes (285) to the finals. Morantes, 46-9, meets West Ottawa's Miquel Correa (40-1) in the open- er. "Dylan is kind of in a unique spot. I don't think heavyweight there's a clear-cut favorite at his weight class. We've wres- tled them all and seen them all. And I think the top five or six kids in that weight class are capa- ble of beating each oth- er. I mean, there's not the one kid that's better than everybody else. "Catholic Central's (Robert) Coe has been ranked number one and he's beaten us by one

point. And there's the Man- ny (Haddad) from (Livo- nia) Churchill that are all in the mix. Who knows what is going to happen? I think there's going to be somebody that wins that people many didn't think he would, and a couple of those who don't place, that thought they would." Spanos will take a 24-14 mark into his first-round match against Oxford's Alex Hrisopoulos. "He had a real good district and regional," Polk said of Spanos. "He sat half the year and didn't have that many matches. I think it took him a dozen matches or more to get his tim- ing down. He's only a sophomore and doesn't have that many match- es under his belt as it is. I think once he got his bearings towards the end of the year he was as good as we anticipat- ed that he would be." So a slew of upsets wouldn't be out of the norm. "It's kind of a unique year," Polk said. "We've gone to the state meet with some good kids and maybe one kid that has a chance at the title, but this year is a little differ- ent. I feel confident four of the five that we have going if they have a good day can win the whole thing if they do some- thing special."

**Wolfpack send 2** Wayne Memori- al seniors Allen Parker (140) and Sam Ekanem (171) are both headed to the Palace after placing second and third, respec- tively, at the Canton regional. Parker, a state qualifi- er last year, fell in the regional finals to Catho- lic Central's Malik Amine, 15-3. He will take his 37-3 record into a first-round match against Roseville's Jeff Fresch (33-13). Ekanem (39-9), a first- time state qualifier and bound for Harvard Uni- versity, will take on Nick Verran of Grand Ledge (29-13) in the opening round. **Francis qualifies** Lutheran High West- land's Zachary Fran- cis (125) hopes to bounce back from his first defeat of the season in the Divi- sion 4 finals. The junior finished third in the Hudson regional after falling 5- 3 to Hudson freshman Mason Lopinski in the semifinals. Francis, a state qualifi- er last year, takes a 48- 1 record into his first- round match against Jacob Sobock of Rogers City (47-7).

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# Holy time: Orthodox churches observe Lent

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will observe the first Sunday of Orthodox Great Lent with a service of Great Vespers at 6:30 p.m. March 24 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 707 E. Lafayette Blvd., in the city's Greek-town district.

The service will be part of the cathedral's observation of its patronal feast, the Annunciation of the Theotokos (Virgin Mary), which occurs March 25 on the Orthodox

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liturgical calendar.

The Most Rev. Nicholas, metropolitan of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit, will preside at the service, assisted by the Very Rev. Dean Hountalas, vicar general of the Metropolis and

pastor of Holy Cross Church, Farmington Hills, and the Very Rev. Roman Star, pastor of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, and president of the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropol-

itan Detroit.

Services are open to the public. Refreshments will be served afterward.

The COCC, a 56-year-old clergy and lay association that represents various canonical Orthodox churches in metropolitan Detroit, traditionally conducts its own series of Lenten Vespers services on the five Sundays of Great Lent beginning with the Sunday of Orthodoxy. The next service in this year's series will be held March 31 at St. Michael the Archangel Rus-

sian Orthodox Church, Redford, followed by services April 7 at the Assumption of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church, St. Clair Shores; April 14 at St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral Ravanica, Detroit; and April 21 at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit.

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

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### February

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24

**Location:** St. Damian Catholic School, 29892 Joy, Westland

**Details:** Take a guided tour of the school, which includes preschool-eighth grades, meet the staff members who will be available to answer questions/concerns and have conversation with other parents and students. St. Damian has interactive Smartboards in every classroom, Apple iPads and a technology lab. St. Damian offers latchkey programming, CYO sports, foreign language, music, computers, art, and physical education with more than 3 acres of outdoor sports fields. Bus transportation is available for Livonia residents and Westland residents within the Livonia School District

**Contact:** (734) 427-1680; [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com)

#### FILM

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22

**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** See the movie, "Gifted Hands" for free in the church Fellowship Center. The film tells the true story of Dr. Benjamin Carson. A special dinner of breaded catfish, mac & cheese and more will top off the evening, which is designed to celebrate Black History month. Free will offering will be accepted for the meal. Call the church if you plan to attend the dinner

**Contact:** (248) 553-33809

#### GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Feb. 27, March 6, 13 and 20

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** The church and L.J. Griffin Funeral Homes present "Grieving with Great Hope," a five-week grief support series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for people who are mourning the loss of a loved one. The series began Feb. 20. Presenters include the Rev. Bill Tindall as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry

**Contact:** St. Michael's at (734) 261-1455 or [www.goodmourningministry.net](http://www.goodmourningministry.net)

#### LENTEN SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 5:30 p.m. prayer service, 6:30 p.m. soup dinner, Feb. 27-March 27

**Location:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Topics for the Wednesday night program are: "We were planned for God's pleasure," Feb. 27; "We were formed for God's family," March 6; "We were created to become like Christ," March 13; "We were shaped for serving God," March 20; "We were made for a mission," March 27

**Contact:** (248) 478-6520; [belcfh@gmail.com](mailto:belcfh@gmail.com)

#### LENTEN SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, through March 20

**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

**Details:** Free treats served after services. The theme of the series is "Names of Wondrous Love"

**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

#### LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. supper followed by service at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Soup suppers and service are held Wednesday, through March 20

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

#### LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. reflection, Tuesday, Feb. 26

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** Robert Fastiggi, professor

of theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will talk about "Growing in Dependence on Christ during Lent." Reservations are required and there is a charge of \$5 per person. Felician Sisters will serve on Feb. 26.

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207; [www.livoniastrmichael.org](http://www.livoniastrmichael.org)

#### SINGLES MEETING

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main, Northville

**Details:** Single Place is a social organization for mature singles that meets at the church. Darlene Lane will talk about her trip to Machu Picchu in the Andes Mountains in Peru. Ice cream will be served. Donation is \$5

**Contact:** [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org)

### March

#### LENTEN LECTURE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19

**Location:** St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

**Details:** Dr. Patricia Cooney-Hathaway, author, lecturer, and professor at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will present "The Spirituality of Vatican II: What it means for the

People in the Pew." This is a free event and light refreshments will be served.

Call the church office to register

**Contact:** (734) 455-5910

#### PARENTING SEMINAR

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 2

**Location:** Mariam Center, located on the campus of St. Mary Orthodox Church, 18200 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Parenting seminar features Dr. John Chirban, an author, advisor to the "Dr. Phil Show," researcher and clinical instructor in psychology at Harvard Medical School. The \$10 registration fee includes lunch. Register online at <http://saintmarylivonia.com>

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#### JOHNSON, MICHELLE L.

Age 33, of Livonia, passed away surrounded by her loving family. [www.casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://www.casterlinefuneralhome.com)

#### SMITH, RODGER W., Jr.

Age 65 of Anchorage, Alaska (formerly of Canton, MI), on February 11, 2013 went to be with the Lord. Beloved son of Marge and the late Rodger Smith. Loving Father of Jessica (Tim). Dear Brother of Roxanne (Ron), Rock (Tammy), the late Rodney, and the late Ron.

#### TRASKOS, HELEN

Age 92, died Feb. 12, 2013. Graduate of Fordson High, Dearborn. Attended Wayne State Univ. Retired 1983, employed by AMA/ MVMA for 43 years. Service at 11:00am, Wed., March 6th at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Gifts to Ward Church, Deacon FD, 248-374-7400

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## Choir entertains, brings 'hope' to listeners

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan has sung more than 160 free concerts over the past five years.

It has recorded five CDs, performed at Detroit's Fox Theatre, and belted out the national anthem at Comerica Park.

Early next month it will entertain listeners at the Capitol in Lansing as it has annually for 14 years.

But as director, Leonard McCulloch notes, the performances are "about more than just singing."

The organization, made up of choirs in Farmington Hills and Auburn Hills, is therapy for its members, many of whom have suffered brain injuries from traumatic accidents. Singing is one way to help them regain communication skills and self-esteem.

"Music therapy isn't new. For many years it has been used to help in healing. Choir therapy is our own creation. It's a twist on music therapy," said McCulloch, a Farmington Hills therapist and founder of the Therapy Choirs of Michigan. McCulloch also writes a regular column, "Our Mental Health" for the *Observer & Eccentric*.

"We're finding it (choir) helps with the emotional healing." It also improves speech for those with communication difficulty as a result of stroke or brain injury, improves socialization skills — choir members quickly bond — and gives members a chance to feel appreciated.

### UPCOMING CONCERTS

• **15th annual TCM Capitol Concert:** The group will perform noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, in rotunda of the State Capitol building, 115 W. Allegan St. #400, Lansing. Free and open to the public, the concert celebrates Choir Therapy Awareness Week in Michigan.

• **5th annual Concert for Careforward's "Carnival of Care,"** noon-Saturday, March 16, Macomb Community College Sports Arena, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. The concert is free and open to the public. The Carnival is aimed at survivors of catastrophic injury, their families, caregivers, nurses, social workers, caseworkers and those interested in learning more about the support community for catastrophic injury survivors.

"We don't strive to produce a musical masterpiece," McCulloch said. "They have the ability to relate socially in a universal way through music."

### Volunteers

Sherry Cantrell is vice president and has managed much of the "behind the scenes" work since the Farmington Hills choir began in 1998. She obtained a nonprofit, 501 c3 status for the organization in 2007 and coordinates Volunteer Voices, a group that assists with the therapy choirs.



The Therapy Choirs of Michigan performs in the rotunda at the Capitol in Lansing.



Len McCulloch is founder and president and Sherry Cantrell is vice president and treasurer of the Therapy Choirs of Michigan.

Regulars, like Terry Gonda and Kristi Reeve, sing at performances. The Rev. Renee Machiniak of The Church of the Holy City in Royal Oak is the organization's chaplain and gives an inspirational introduction at many of the concerts. Karen DeChiera, co-founder of the Michigan Opera Theatre, wrote an original song about friendship

for the group. Other volunteers turn pages for choir members and assist where needed.

"With our choirs, it's therapeutic but (members) don't realize that. They come every other week for an hour and a half and have fun singing," Cantrell said. "This is good for their spirit and self esteem and they are having fun."

Cantrell, a Royal Oak resident, said she has enjoyed watching members improve their skills. She recalls one young autistic boy who wanted to sing, but couldn't bring himself to join the Auburn Hills choir. He sat in an adjacent room and sang along as the choir rehearsed. "As weeks progressed he came closer and closer and then joined us. To me, that's an accomplishment," she said.

### Singing together

The Auburn Hills choir, based at the Macomb Oakland Regional Center, includes developmentally-disabled and mentally ill members. The Farmington group consists

mostly of brain-injured individuals. Together, the choirs number approximately 40 singers.

McCulloch started the Farmington choir after discovering that one of his clients preferred to sing rather than speak.

The man, who had spent 18 years in a state hospital, along with four other patients formed the first therapy choir. Two of the original five still sing with the organization.

"We borrowed five robes from the Methodist church. We sang our first show for an annual dinner," McCulloch recalled. "We were shaking in our boots. Five little songs is all they knew and me waving my wand in front of them."

It didn't take long for the group to develop a saying that reflected its new confidence: "When we take the stage, we own the place."

Over the years the group has sung with confidence on six public television specials. It even drew interest from the producers of the television show, *Glee*, who were looking for a therapy choir to portray a chorus of disabled veterans on the show.

"Unfortunately the idea was put on a back shelf," McCulloch said.

Developing a veteran's choir is among McCulloch's goals.

### Starting young

The former Detroit and graduate of St. Francis de Sales High School, had little formal training

in music.

"I had an uncle who was a priest and he travelled. He stored his stuff in my mom's attic. I came across his guitar and I took it to school for show and tell."

He eventually learned one song and performed it at school talent shows.

"Ever since I've gotten benefit out of music, now with these folks for 15 years."

What benefit does the audience receive?

In addition to hearing a wide variety of folk and traditional songs, "they walk away with awareness and that is huge," Cantrell noted. "We talk about awareness and prevention of brain injury."

McCulloch said audience members also may feel hopeful as they clap along to such familiar tunes as *Michael Rowed the Boat* and *You Are My Sunshine*.

"Let's face it, at some point in life all of us have to deal with overcoming something hard. They see these people overcoming some of the most horrific challenges," he said, referring to traumatic injuries. "At our annual Christmas shows at Detroit Rescue Mission, you can almost feel the hope being transferred. We call our tour, a tour of hope."

For more information about the Therapy Choirs of Michigan, visit [therapychoirs.org](http://therapychoirs.org), e-mail Cantrell at [cantrell7031@comcast.net](mailto:cantrell7031@comcast.net) or call McCulloch at (284) 476-9329.



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The creator of the *Chiller Drive-In!* television show is throwing in the towel and selling sets, props, memorabilia, stickers, Halloween decorations, scripts, posters, antiques and more at a garage sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the show's studio in Erebus Haunted Attraction, 18 S. Perry, Pontiac.

Kelly began broadcasting *Chiller Drive-In!*, originally *Nightmare Sinema*, in 2007 on public access television. The *Observer & Eccentric* caught up with him in 2008 on the show's set, after *Nightmare Sinema* was picked up

by Detroit's MyTV 20. A year later the show, which includes horror movies, retro commercials, music videos and a zany cast, went national on The Retro Television Network and can be viewed at 10 p.m. Saturday.

According to *Chiller's* Facebook page, new episodes of the show have been discontinued, although it will continue to air on The Retro Television Network and the Monster Channel.

Items from the show — as well as some of Kelly's personal treasures — will be sold.

Shoppers should bring boxes and help to load purchases. Kelly said he doesn't plan to price many items.

"It's going to be a 'make an offer and take it' kind of thing," Kelly posted.

Free parking is available in the garage at Perry and Lawrence.

## Students to sell thousands of records, CDs

88.1 The Park, the student radio station for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will sell records, CDs, import-only releases, 45s and 78s, T-shirts, posters and other collectibles from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the cafeteria at Salem High School, Joy at Canton Center, in Canton.

Collectors will find thousands of items at the station's fifth annual record show. The music will span many genres including

rock, jazz, pop, country, R&B and folk. The show will also feature special giveaways and door prizes.

"We love presenting this record show," stated Bill Keith, station manager, in a press release. "I enjoy being there when a person finds that special album they've been searching for. We have a lot of fun hanging out with people that love music."

Tickets are \$3 gener-

al admission and \$5 for early admission from 9-10 a.m. Students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools will receive free admission with a student ID. All of the proceeds will benefit 88.1 The Park, which is staffed by high school students in the Plymouth-Canton The station has served the community since Feb. 14, 1972. Visit the station's website at [www.881ThePark.com](http://www.881ThePark.com).



## Arts Crafts

### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

**Time/Dates:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

**Family Sundays:** 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

**Exhibits:** Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, through March 3; Motor City Muse: Detroit Photographs: Then and Now, through June 16; Shirin Neshat, includes eight video installations and two series of photos, April 7-July 7

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

### GALLERY@VT

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, Feb. 1-24

**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** Mixed media by Sabrina Nelson

**Contact:** (734) 394-5308

### LIBERTY STREET BREW PUB

**Time/Date:** Exhibit through March 30; pub hours are 3 p.m.-midnight, Monday-Thursday; 3 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Saturday; and noon-midnight, Sunday

**Location:** 149 W. Liberty St., Plymouth; Upper Hall Gallery

**Details:** Second annual group show by Art Circle Six. This year's

show features the artist challenge "Icons, Myths and Legends"

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### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Feb. 23

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

**Details:** 7th Annual Member Exhibition is an all-media, non-juried show.

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and during public events, through February

**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Rock music poster graphic design from Gary Grimshaw, former artist at the Grande Ballroom, is on display along with poster works by artists for the San Francisco Band, Moonalice.

**Contact:** (734) 416-4278

### THREE CITIES ART CLUB

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Monday, March 4

**Location:** Meeting room "A" in the Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** Dennis Knapp, owner of Detroit's Martin Universal Design and Martin F. Weber Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., and his daughter, Dawn Knowles of Canton, will show the latest in innovative products supplied by their companies. Martin F. Weber Co. produces a range of art materials for artists of all skill levels and signature artists' products for

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**Contact:** Marilyn Meredith at (248) 327-3989 or marilynmeredith@wowway.com

## Film

### HUMANE SOCIETY OF HURON VALLEY

**Time/Date:** Doors open 6 p.m.; film begins 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25

**Location:** 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor

**Details:** "Peaceable Kingdom: The Journey Home," a 78-minute documentary, shatters stereotypical notions of farming life. Admission is free. Refreshments and a brief introduction kick off the screening. Parking is limited. RSVP for the event. Anyone interested in touring the shelter should arrive at 5:30 p.m.

**Contact:** (734) 661-3527; www.hshv.org

### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 21-22 and 28, and 3:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 23-24

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

**Details:** "Lincoln," \$3

**Coming up:** "Parental Guidance" will run 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 1-2 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 3

**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

## REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Feb. 22, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 23

**Location:** 17350 Lahser, Detroit

**Details:** "The Letter," starring Bette Davis; \$4

**Contact:** (313) 537-2560; www.redfordtheatre.com

## Music

### BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

**Time/Date:** Sign up for open mic, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances, 7 p.m., the third Saturday of the month.

**Location:** The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Eight open mic performances along with the featured act; admission is \$5. Individual and family annual memberships also are available

**Contact:** Scott Ludwig at BFS-president@aol.com or call (734) 453-0869

### JAZZ AT THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans. On Feb. 26 Johnny Trudell Quartet with Trudell on trumpet and flugelhorn, Ray Tini on bass, Chuck Shermatono on keyboard and Bill Cairo on drums,

will perform

**Contact:** (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

### TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

**Time/Date:** Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Billy Brandt and Band with special guest Michael On Fire, Feb. 22; Joshua Davis, Feb. 23; Julianne and the Rogues, March 1; Olivia Millerschin with Greater Alexander and Nick Urb, March 2; Empty Chair Night with Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Parmer and Christopher Mark Jones, March 3; Jay Stielstra and Judy Banker with Drew Howard and Dave Roof, March 8; Jan Krist and Jim Bizer, March 9; Kevin Meisel, March 15; Dick Siegel and the Brandos, March 16; Malcolm Holcombe, March 22. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

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Cooking nutritious — and delicious — meatless meals for Lent has never been easier. These recipes start with Alaska Seafood, which is additive-free, lean, and full of healthful vitamins, minerals, nutrients and heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids.

To find more easy, delicious, and healthy Lenten recipes, visit [www.wildalaskafavor.com](http://www.wildalaskafavor.com).

### Cod Moroccan-Style with Mango-Carrot Slaw

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 4

4 Alaska Cod fillets (4 to 6 ounces each), fresh, thawed or frozen

2 tablespoons olive oil, divided

½ cup finely chopped shallots (2 to 3 shallots)

¼ cup chopped cilantro

2 teaspoons fresh grated ginger

1 can (14.5 ounces) vegetable broth, divided

1 teaspoon sugar

4 cloves garlic, chopped Large pinch of saffron

1 teaspoon cinnamon

½ teaspoon allspice

2 cups dry couscous

½ cup toasted almond slices

Mango Slaw:

1 mango, peeled and sliced (about 2 cups)

½ red bell pepper, finely sliced

½ cup shredded carrot

½ cup chopped cilantro

1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

1 teaspoon grated lime peel

2 teaspoons orange juice

1 tablespoon honey

½ teaspoon cinnamon

Rinse any ice glaze from frozen fillets under cold water; pat dry with paper towel.

Heat heavy nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Brush both sides of cod with 1 tablespoon oil.

Place in heated skillet and cook, uncovered, about 3 to 4 minutes,

until browned. Shake pan occasionally to keep from sticking.

Turn cod over, cover pan tightly and reduce heat to medium. Cook an additional 6 to 8 minutes for frozen cod or 3 to 4 minutes for fresh/thawed fish. Cook just until fish is opaque throughout. Remove from pan; keep warm.

In the same pan, sauté shallots in 1 tablespoon oil just until soft, about 2 minutes. Add cilantro, ginger, 1 cup vegetable broth, sugar, garlic, saffron, cinnamon and allspice; cook until thickened. Meanwhile, prepare couscous according to package directions, using remaining vegetable broth as part of the liquid.

Slaw: In large bowl, combine mango, bell pepper, carrot and cilantro.

In separate small bowl, blend lime juice and peel, orange juice, honey and cinnamon. Pour dressing over slaw; toss.

For each serving: Place about ¾ cup couscous on a plate; top with ½ cup mango slaw. Top with a cod fillet. Pour ¼ cup shallot sauce over fish; garnish with 1 tablespoon toasted almonds.



Salmon Penne with Green Beans Vinaigrette

### Warm Halibut Potato Salad

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Servings: 6

1 pound small white or red new potatoes

4 Alaska halibut fillets (4 to 6 ounces each), fresh, thawed or frozen

1 tablespoon olive oil

Pepper, to taste

1 teaspoon dried dill

2 tablespoons parsley, chopped

1 cup celery, chopped

½ cup red bell pepper, chopped

1 cup fresh (or canned) mandarin orange segments

1 tablespoon fresh dill, chopped

½ teaspoon seasoning salt

1 package (5 ounces) arugula

Dressing:

½ cup green onions, sliced

2 tablespoons olive oil

½ cup orange juice

2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Boil potatoes in salted water just until tender; drain and cool slightly. Slice potatoes in ¼-inch-thick rounds.

Meanwhile, rinse any ice glaze from frozen halibut under cold water; pat dry with paper towel.

Heat heavy nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.

Brush both sides of halibut with olive oil. Place in heated skillet and cook, uncovered, about 3 to 4 minutes, until browned. Shake pan occasionally to keep from sticking.

Turn halibut over; season with pepper and dried dill. Cover pan tightly and reduce heat to medium.

Cook an additional 6 to 8 minutes for frozen halibut, or 3 to 4 minutes for fresh/thawed fish. Cook just until fish is opaque throughout.

Break into large chunks (removing skin, if any). Mix parsley, celery, red pepper, orange segments, fresh dill, and seasoning salt together in large bowl. Add potatoes to celery mixture; stir.

For dressing, sauté green onions in olive oil. Add orange juice and Dijon; whisk. While warm, pour dressing over salad. Add halibut chunks and mix gently.

To serve, portion a handful of arugula onto plates; top with halibut potato salad.

Cook's Tip: If using canned mandarins, omit orange juice and use the juice in the can.

### Salmon Penne with Green Beans Vinaigrette

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Servings: 5 (2 cups each)

12 ounces whole wheat penne (or other pasta)

½ pound fresh green beans, trimmed and halved

Finely grated zest and juice of 1 lemon

1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves

½ teaspoon garlic salt

3 tablespoons olive oil, divided

12 ounces Alaska salmon, fresh, thawed or frozen

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Lemon wedges and sprigs of thyme, for garnish

Cook pasta in boiling water for about 8 minutes, or according to package instructions, until al dente. Add green beans during the last 3 to 4 minutes of cooking time.

Drain pasta and beans, reserving 3 tablespoons cooking liquid, then return pasta, beans and reserved liquid to pan. Add lemon zest, lemon juice, thyme leaves, garlic salt and 2 tablespoons olive oil.

While pasta cooks, rinse any ice glaze from frozen salmon under cold water; pat dry with paper towel.

Heat heavy nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.

Brush both sides of salmon with 1 tablespoon olive oil. Place in heated skillet and cook, uncovered, about 3 to 4 minutes, until browned. Shake pan occasionally to keep from sticking.

Turn salmon over; cover pan tightly and reduce heat to medium. Cook an additional 6 to 8 minutes for frozen salmon or 3 to 4 minutes for fresh/thawed fish. Cook just until fish is opaque throughout.

Break into large chunks (removing skin, if any); add to pasta. Cook and stir gently over medium heat for 1 to 2 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Garnish with lemon wedges and thyme sprigs.

— Courtesy of Family Features

### NUTRITIOUS, DELICIOUS DINING

Eating seafood at least twice a week can help protect against heart disease, according to USDA 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

To keep hearts healthy, the USDA recommends eating 8 ounces of seafood per week, which is equivalent to two 4-ounce servings. Here are ways you can add delicious, heart-healthy seafood to your diet:

- Choose seafood such as Alaska pollock, cod, halibut, sole, King and Snow crab, black cod and salmon, which offer nutritional benefits such as heart-healthy omega-3s.

- Prepare seafood so it's lean and flavorful by using healthy cooking methods such as grilling, roasting or baking, and skipping calorie- and fat-laden methods such as frying, breading, or by adding rich sauces.

- Add flavor using spices and fresh or dried herbs as seasonings.

- Serve seafood with healthful sides, such as whole grains, roasted vegetables and crisp greens.



Warm Halibut Potato Salad



## Exterior upgrades boost home's resale potential

Homeowners looking for the most return on their investment when it comes to remodeling should consider exterior replacement projects. According to the 2013 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report, Realtors rated exterior projects among the most valuable home improvement projects.

"Realtors know that curb appeal projects offer great bang for your buck, because a home's exterior is the first thing potential buyers see," said National Association of Realtors President Gary Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty, in Villa Park, Calif. "Projects such as siding, window and door replacements can recoup more than 70 percent of their cost at resale. Realtors know what home features are important to buyers in your area and can provide helpful insights when considering remodeling projects."

Results of the report are summarized on NAR's consumer website HouseLogic.com, which provides information on dozens of remodeling projects, from kitchens and baths to siding replacements, including the recouped value of the project based on a national average. According to the Cost vs. Value Report, Realtors judged a steel entry door replacement as the project expected to return the most money, with an estimated 85.6 percent of costs recouped upon resale. The steel entry door replacement is the least expensive project in the report, costing little more than \$1,100 on average. A majority of the top 10 most cost-effective projects nationally in terms of value recouped are exterior replacement projects; all of these are estimated to recoup more than 71 percent of costs.

Three different siding replacement projects landed in the top 10, including fiber cement siding, expected to return 79.3 percent of costs, vinyl siding, expected to return 72.9 percent of costs, and foam backed vinyl, expected to return 71.8 percent of costs. Two additional door replace-



ments were also among the top exterior replacement projects. The midrange and upscale garage door replacement were both expected to return more than 75 percent of costs.

According to the report, two interior remodeling projects in particular can recoup substantial value at resale. A minor kitchen remodel is ranked fifth and is expected to return 75.4 percent of costs. Nationally, the average cost for the project is just under \$19,000.

The second interior remodeling project in the top 10 is the attic bedroom, which landed at eight and tied with the vinyl siding replacement with 72.9 percent of costs recouped. With an average national cost of just under \$48,000, the attic project adds a bedroom and bathroom within a home's existing footprint. The improvement project projected to return the least is the home office remodel, estimated to recoup less than 44 percent.

The 2013 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report compares construction costs with resale values for 35 midrange and upscale remodeling projects comprising additions, remodels

and replacements in 81 markets across the country. Data are grouped in nine U.S. regions, following the divisions established by the U.S. Census Bureau. This is the 15th consecutive year that the report, which is produced by Remodeling magazine publisher Hanley Wood, LLC, was completed in cooperation with NAR.

Realtors provided their insights into local markets and buyer home preferences within those markets. The 2013 national average cost-to-value ratio rose to 60.6 percent, ending a six-year decline. The ratio represents nearly a three-point improvement over 2011-2012. Lower construction costs are the principal factor in the upturn, especially when measured against stabilizing house values. In addition, the cost-to-value ratio improved nationally for every project in this year's report.

"A Realtor is the best resource for helping homeowners decide what improvement projects will provide the most upon resale in their market," said Thomas. "Each neighborhood is different, and the desirability and resale value of a

particular remodeling project varies depending on where you live. When making a home remodeling decision, resale value is just one factor that homeowners should take into consideration."

Most regions followed the national trends; however the Pacific region, consisting of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington, once again led the nation with an average cost-value ratio of 71.2 percent, due mainly to strong resale values. The next best performing regions were West South Central, South Atlantic, and East South Central. These regions attribute their high ranking to construction costs that were lowest in the country. Most remaining regions showed strong improvement over last year. These are Mountain, New England, East North Central, Middle Atlantic, and West North Central.

To read the full project descriptions and access national and regional project data, visit [www.costsvalue.com](http://www.costsvalue.com). "Cost vs. Value" is a registered trademark of Hanley Wood, LLC.

## Draft master deed with care

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** I am a developer of a condominium and wonder if you can give me your feeling about the maintenance of a building shell in the case of a condominium attached townhouse unit.

**A:** In my experience in representing both developers and condominium associations, if the exterior requires minimal maintenance (i.e., brick), it is something that should be done by the association. Owners tend to maintain what they can see — painting trim — but nothing else. If the use of the building is commercial or if in residential projects the developer is offering "maintenance-free living," it is better to have the association responsible for all exterior maintenance.



Robert Meisner

On the other hand, in a typical townhouse residential project, there is a centuries-old tradition of having adjacent owners responsible

for their own maintenance. Many times I will include an article on "Party Walls" laying out each owner's responsibility to maintain while providing for remedies including self-help and a lien. Another consideration in a townhouse project as to whom should be responsible is whether there are firewalls extending beyond the roofline. If not, and you have a flat roof, it is almost impossible to guess where the roof may be leaking. On the other hand, if you have walls clearly dividing the roof between units, then the owner can maintain his own roof. In any event, it calls for careful consideration in drafting the master deed and the thought process by the condominium association owners as to whether they want to change any of the responsibilities between the parties.

**Q:** Our board refuses to fix or otherwise commence repairs to the common elements around my unit which has lasted for more than a year. These commons elements have caused damage and continue to cause damage to my unit because of the roof leaks. Do you think I have any basis for action, including emotional distress, against the board?

**A:** You may have a difficulty suing for intentional infliction of emotional distress and negligent infliction of emotional distress but you probably do have a claim for breach of the board's fiduciary responsibility because, apparently, they knowingly failed to comply with the condominium documents and, presumably, the statute of the state in which you are located. You are best advised to have a lawyer write a strong letter to the board demanding action, including the recoupment of your attorney fees and costs and the absence of such relief, that you will commence legal proceedings.

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the residential real estate closings recorded Oct. 22-26, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>	
164 Alexandria Ct	\$379,000
44965 Coachman Ct	\$136,000
256 Constitution St	\$85,000
1125 Dundee Dr	\$133,000
2324 E Roundtable Dr	\$165,000
2245 Fairway Cir	\$143,000
42659 Hanford Rd	\$130,000
6970 Harvard Ln	\$52,000
48951 Ivybridge Way	\$70,000
313 Kings Way	\$138,000
1478 Knightsbridge Rd	\$170,000
3340 Millcroft Ct	\$185,000
2100 Morrison Blvd	\$100,000
47162 N Pointe Dr	\$330,000
3487 Parklawn Dr	\$148,000
47440 Pembroke Dr	\$70,000
46596 Registry Dr	\$219,000
42024 Saratoga Cir	\$132,000
42286 Saratoga Cir	\$136,000
3677 Shepherd Ln	\$175,000
4755 Sherwood Ct	\$220,000
43936 Somerset Sq	\$136,000
41563 Strawberry Ct	\$199,000
46568 Swanmere Dr	\$270,000

7040 Woonsocket St	\$173,000
43889 Yorktown St	\$170,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	
28611 Beechwood St	\$72,000
31743 Chester St	\$113,000
30707 Elmwood St	\$70,000
2033 Gilman St	\$50,000
31412 Hennepin St	\$22,000
32539 James St	\$82,000
5935 Lathers St	\$20,000
32960 Rosslyn Ave	\$49,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
34425 Five Mile Rd	\$93,000
14063 Alexander St	\$128,000
18963 Bainbridge Ave	\$169,000
10015 Bassett St	\$115,000
9336 California St	\$130,000
12475 Cardwell St	\$116,000
8921 Crown St	\$143,000
9650 Deering St	\$86,000
17329 Ellen Dr	\$370,000
14474 Fairway St	\$222,000
15561 Fitzgerald St	\$135,000
20238 Floral St	\$50,000
8949 Frederick St	\$114,000
15073 Gary Ln	\$150,000
18354 Gillman St	\$93,000
17428 Golfview St	\$225,000
19353 Hardy St	\$145,000
29149 Hathaway St	\$76,000
32112 Hees St	\$97,000
36242 Hees St	\$119,000
14266 Hubbell St	\$111,000

18613 Lathers St	\$52,000
32660 Lyndon St	\$177,000
38815 Lyndon St	\$155,000
27429 Meadowbrook St	\$147,000
33621 Michele St	\$110,000
8965 Parent St	\$118,000
14424 Park St	\$98,000
19592 Pollyanna Ct	\$192,000
33745 Pondview Cir	\$42,000
33727 Richard St	\$150,000
29705 Robert Dr	\$105,000
38047 Ross St	\$165,000
9841 Seltzer St	\$80,000
8865 W Deborah Ct	\$130,000
30631 Wentworth St	\$168,000
18346 Westchester Dr	\$380,000
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<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
341 First St	\$110,000
16748 Brooklane Blvd	\$488,000
39614 Greenbrier Ct	\$260,000
19733 Hayes Ct	\$73,000
19700 Meadowbrook Rd	\$185,000
42282 Norwood Ct	\$75,000
42076 Queen Anne Ct	\$83,000
17248 Victor Dr	\$325,000
39469 Village Run Dr	\$245,000
39476 Village Run Dr	\$255,000
16559 Winchester Ct	\$344,000
15898 Winchester Dr	\$311,000
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<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
766 Coolidge St	\$160,000
48950 Fox Dr S	\$485,000
42157 Old Pond Cir	\$110,000
1742 Old Salem	\$200,000
1492 Penniman Ave	\$303,000
361 Pinewood Cir	\$65,000
41679 Riveroaks Dr	\$172,000
861 William St	\$225,000
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25841 Dover	\$42,000
9968 Garfield	\$50,000
12851 Garfield	\$48,000
19170 Indian	\$20,000
8944 Lenore	\$75,000
25839 W Seven Mile Rd	\$70,000
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35072 Bock St	\$74,000
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32537 Joy Rd	\$83,000
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1693 Banbury St	\$141,000
150 Bird Ave # 18	\$57,000
1300 Buckingham Ave	\$577,000
967 Donmar Ct	\$220,000
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923 S Shady Hollow Cir	\$388,000
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42160 Woodward Ave Unit 46	\$65,000
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2838 Heathfield Rd	\$180,000
58 Manor Rd	\$365,000
4171 Meadowlane Dr	\$169,000
4004 Parkwood Ct	\$160,000
566 Reynard Ct	\$455,000
4800 Stoneleigh Rd	\$900,000
719 Upper Scotsborough Way	\$265,000
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>	
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1795 Cedar Bend Dr	\$405,000
8410 Golf Lane Dr	\$245,000
3181 Lacosta Ct	\$200,000
309 Muskoka	\$100,000
5815 Pickbourne St	\$76,000
4563 Racewood Dr	\$286,000
4488 Ravinewood Dr	\$200,000
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<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
23895 Drake Rd	\$264,000
22870 Frederick Ave	\$124,000
33821 Glenview Dr	\$119,000
31550 Lamar Dr	\$118,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
34527 Bunker Hill Dr	\$209,000

28298 Burton Ln	\$209,000
25248 Carolton Dr	\$235,000
31100 Claymore Rd	\$285,000
28125 Farmington Rd	\$110,000
29855 Fox Club Dr	\$252,000
29390 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$85,000
32810 Hearthstone Rd	\$215,000
36875 Howard Rd	\$447,000
35745 Johnstown Rd	\$185,000
29427 Lake Park Dr	\$220,000
35765 Lone Pine Ln	\$175,000
30658 Maplewood Cir	\$147,000
28899 Millbrook Rd	\$252,000
34490 Rhonswood St	\$53,000
30487 Salisbury St	\$85,000
30684 Sudbury Ct	\$248,000
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18541 Dolores Ave	\$140,000
<b>MILFORD</b>	
337 Mill Pond Ln	\$224,000
1068 Riverstone Cir	\$241,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
45242 Bartlett Dr	\$84,000
45174 Courtview Trl	\$281,000
45196 Courtview Trl	\$328,000
1505 East Lake Rd	\$285,000
26222 Fieldstone Dr	\$269,000
44567 Gwinnett Loop	\$161,000
24305 Homestead Ct	\$275,000
28024 Hopkins Dr	\$159,000
102 Lashbrook St	\$250,000
42041 Loganberry Rdg S	\$175,000

23593 Valley Starr	\$139,000
39708 Village Wood Cir	\$44,000
39786 Village Wood Cir	\$59,000
45100 W 10 Mile Rd	\$178,000
22054 York Mills Cir	\$451,000
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24667 Brompton Way	\$358,000
228 Brookwood Dr Unit 7	\$67,000
25045 Carriage Ln	\$40,000
52073 Copperwood Dr N	\$320,000
53772 Edgewood Dr	\$235,000
863 Glen Meadows Dr	\$30,000
54885 Grenelefe Cir W	\$65,000
23806 Maple Ct	\$313,000
23740 Prescott Ln W	\$479,000
61704 Rambling Way	\$149,000
53771 Springwood Dr	\$214,000
1074 Stable Ln	\$190,000
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5 Bedford Towne St	\$40,000
21039 Harvard Rd	\$139,000
18441 Magnolia Ave	\$85,000
16999 Morrison St	\$152,000
16325 Pennsylvania St	\$120,000
28902 Red Leaf Ln	\$75,000
18301 W 13 Mile Rd Unit A7	\$61,000
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36 Downhill runners  
37 Nervous

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38 Part in a drama  
40 Corporate exec  
41 Yanks' foe  
43 Candle or legion  
46 Legendary Hood  
49 Big Foot cousin  
50 Scholarly discourse  
53 Tool handle  
56 Long fish  
57 Dappled horse  
58 Non-flying birds  
59 Musical note  
60 Boundaries  
61 Skater's haunt

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	2			4				
			7		1			
	1	9	5			4		2
6	8				4			5
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9	2	8	2	9	7	1	6	6
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8	6	2	9	1	2	7	9	
9	2	1	7	6	6	2	8	9
2	9	7	8	2	9	6	1	6
7	9	2	1	6	2	9	6	8
2	6	6	9	7	8	9	2	1
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