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## Euchre event

The Wayne Rotary Club and Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department are hosting a euchre tournament Saturday, March 9, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne. The event will benefit community projects.

The cost is \$20 per person. Check-in begins at 6:15 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m. There will be 25-cent euchres, prizes for the Top 5 highest points total, pizza, pop and beer for sale, 50/50 raffles and a Barrel of Cheers to be raffled off. Any questions, e-mail Bob Gilbert at RJG.EUCHRE@yahoo.com.

## Choirs perform

The combined choirs of St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne and St. John Neumann in Canton are performing two concerts of John Rutter's *Magnificat* with the accompaniment of a chamber orchestra on consecutive Saturdays, March 9, at St. Mary's, 34530 Michigan Ave., Wayne, and March 16 at St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, Canton.

Each performance begins at 7 p.m. The concerts are both free and open to all parishioners, guests and friends. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, and a free-will offering will be taken at the event.

## Health on Wheels

Wayne County's "Health on Wheels" will provide free health screenings for HIV/AIDS, Body Mass Index, blood pressure, cancer, cholesterol, diabetes, and stroke risk, when it comes to Community Living Services in Wayne noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 13.

Free dental exams and resume writing assistance will also be available. The services are free to all children and adults living in Wayne County. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are available. Call Wayne County Health and Human Services at (313) 224-0810 to register or for more information.

Community Living Services is at 35425 Michigan Ave., west of Wayne Road, in Wayne. For more information, call (734) 467-7600 or visit [www.comlivserv.com](http://www.comlivserv.com).

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Joining Dale Hunt (center) in showing off his 1932 Pontiac-powered Ford Roadster is Eric Carnes, who had a big role in building the car, and Hunt's granddaughter Izabella Moyer, better known as Hot Rod Izzy.

## No. 3: Car buff takes third 1932 roadster to Autorama

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Dale Hunt says his interest in hot rods is the by-product of growing up in the era when they got popular. Every kid back then wanted to do one.

"I started reading *Hot Rod* magazine and I got hooked," said the Westland resident. "My neighbor went to Detroit Dragway. He took me and I was hooked even more."

Hunt is among more than 1,000 exhibitors who are at Cobo Hall this weekend for the 61st anniversary of Meguiar's Detroit Autorama, where he is hoping to win honors with his 1932 Ford street rod. Finished up this week in the garage of his Westland home, the body of the car may say 1932, but many different years are represented.

Hunt bought the fiberglass body and frame

and then literally built the car from scratch to look like a southern California dry lakes car. It's painted in a 1938 Ford Washington blue color and has a Carson-style lift-off top.

"It's just a traditional color, it's basically what the car would have been like in the 1950s," he said.

It has 1940 Ford steel wheels with biased tires and 1948 Ford hub caps. The steering column and shifter are from a 1936 Ford and the steering wheel from a 1940 Ford. Under the hood, is a 467-cubic inch Pontiac bored and stroked engine, a dual quad Offey manifold with Carter carbs and Isky Cam. It has a "winner's quick charge" rear end with 3:70 gears.

It has taken Hunt a year to assemble the vehicle, with the help of Eric Carnes of East Pointe who "basically built the car."

"He drove here two-

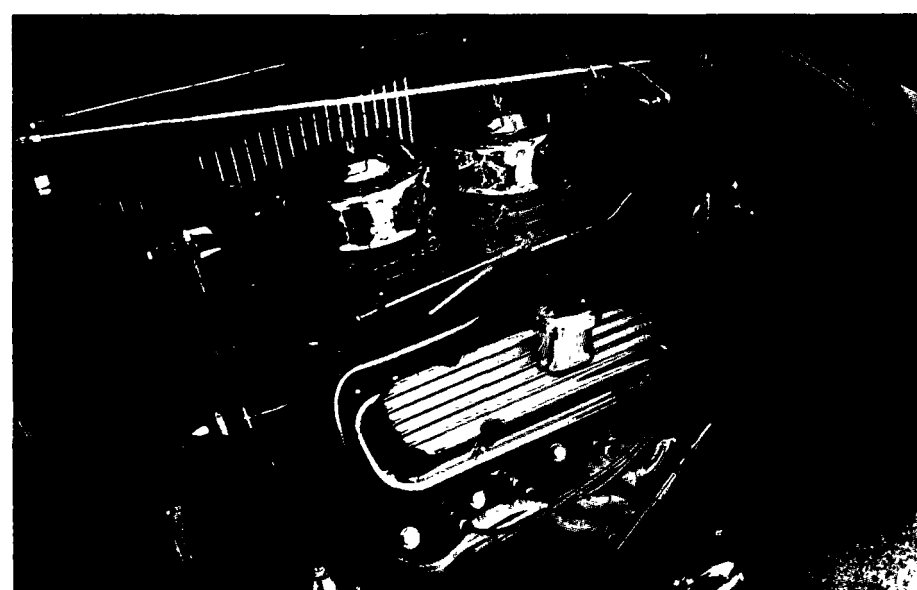
three times a week until we got it done," said Hunt. "He did everything. He was the straw that stirred the drink."

Also helping were Jake Kubowicz of Canton, Dave Hudson of Westland, Steve Katt of Wayne, Danny Antonchick of Westland and Dan Gorney of Canton. Hunt said he also got "moral support" from his wife Diana, Eric's wife, Debbie, and his granddaughter, Izabella "Hot Rod Lizzy" Moyer.

He found many of the parts he used on eBay — "You can get a lot of what you want if you search long and hard enough." He also had to come up with a rear end, the brakes, drive shaft and exhaust system.

"When you build something from scratch, you have a lot more pride in it," said Hunt, who won Autorama's premier honor, the Ridler Award

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Under the hood of Hunt's roadster is bored and stroked Pontiac 467 cubic inch engine with dual quad offey manifold with Carter Carbs and Isky Cam.

## Westland Council approves liquor license for MJR

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Movie goers will soon be able to enjoy an adult beverage while enjoying the show at the MJR Westland Grand Theater.

The Westland Council has approved a request from MJR for a new Class C liquor license.

Some residents questioned council approving a liquor license for MJR when its predecessor, Showcase Cinema, wasn't able to obtain one.

"It seems to me that I remember a previous movie theater on the same site was refused a liquor license," said resident Robert Froreich.

"Now it's up for approval. What changed your minds to allow a theater to have a liquor license?"

A request for a liquor license for Showcase Cinema was withdrawn before it got to council and was never voted on, said Council President James Godbout.

"There was a council

study session and a couple of previous council members had strong opposition (to the liquor license request)," Godbout said. "It never got to council. They withdrew it due to the conduct of a couple of previous council members."

The now-demolished Quo Vadis Theater had

a liquor license when it was operating, Godbout noted, a prime example of another theater being allowed to serve liquor.

"There is no changing of our minds on the issue," said Godbout.

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## Dobrowolski won't seek re-election to Wayne Council

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

When it came time for comments near the end of Tuesday's Wayne City Council meeting, Mayor Al Haidous joked that he would skip calling on Mayor Pro Tem Pamela Dobrowolski — he knew what she was going to say.

"It is with a heavy heart that I announce I will not run for election. I want to let people know," said Dobrowolski. "I have been here about 20 years. It's time to go."

The filing deadline for council and mayor is Tuesday, May 14. Dobrowolski said she wanted to let people know early that she wasn't running for reelection in hopes of attracting candidates.

"Maybe a woman — we need to keep a woman's voice on the council," said Dobrowolski, currently the only female council member. "This council is awesome. They are all ready to move forward. They are ready for new ideas."

A council member since 1994, Dobrowolski was originally appointed to fill the unexpired term of Tom Kelly, who had been elected as state representative.

Retired from Wayne County and current-

ly working as a legislative aide to Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, D-Belleville, Dobrowolski said she will be 65 years old by the time she'd begin a new term on council.

"My daughters are all over the U.S. It's been a long time. You can stay too long and get stagnant," she said. "You need to move forward and let younger people take over with fresh ideas."

Dobrowolski and her husband, Tom, have five daughters and 14 grandchildren.

Along with Dobrowolski, other council members with expiring terms are James Henley and James Hawley, the latter appointed to fill an unexpired term. Haidous's term as mayor will also be expiring.

"You're a very honorable person. You have served with integrity. It's a loss for local government," said Haidous. "We can't be selfish and not wish you well. We all appreciate your hard work and your style. You made hard, painful decisions but you never lost your style. I've enjoyed working with you."

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## New consultant to handle grants, lobbying for Wayne

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Action was delayed a week, but the Wayne Council has approved a \$60,000 contract to hire the Winchester Consulting Group for a range of services, including grant writing, lobbying and revamping the city website.

The vote was 6-1 to approve the contract with only Councilman James Hawley voting in opposition.

"My experience is that it is better to develop a scope of work, go through an interview process and hire the best person," said Hawley later. "It might have been the smart thing to do an RFP (Request for Propo-

als). A lot of council was familiar with the group. Their comfort level was a lot higher than mine — I'll give them that."

Another concern was the involvement of City Attorney Paul Bohn, who serves as a director for the Winchester Consulting Group, Hawley said.

Hawley was concerned with the speed in which the proposal moved forward after discussion at a goal setting session and that the contract was approved at the special goal setting meeting.

"I thought we were going to vote at Tuesday's (March 5) council meeting," said Hawley. "Some people were coming to the meeting to give

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Spaghetti dinner

Stop by the Wayne Masonic Lodge at 37137 Palmer, Westland, Friday, March 8, for an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner.

The dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults, children cost less. Proceeds are used to buy food for needy families throughout the community.

Wrestling fundraiser

Wayne Memorial High School wrestling boosters are holding a Ruby Tuesday GiveBack Program fundraiser Friday, March 8, Thursday, March 21, and Friday, March 22.

Grab your family and friends and go to the Ruby Tuesday at 37300 Warren Road, Westland, where 20 percent of purchases with Give Back flyer will be given to the boosters. There also will be a raffle for Panera Bread "bread for a year" certificate and Joey's Comedy Club tickets. Donations to the team are also welcome. Raffle will be called at 8:15 p.m.

Proceeds will be used to buy equipment and uniforms for the wrestling team. A printable flyer is available at [freeteams.net/wolfpackwrestling/](http://freeteams.net/wolfpackwrestling/).

Clothing sale

The Lighthouse Home Missions and Full Gospel Temple are holding a spring clothing giveaway 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 5-6, at the church, 34033 Palmer between Wildwood and Venoy, West-

land. Men's, women's and children's clothing will be given away. Buy a bag for \$2 and fill it with clothes and shoes to the top. Buy as many bags as you like for \$2 each.

Proceeds from the sale will go fund the work of the mission.

Free movies

Parents can treat their youngsters to the movies as Observer & Eccentric Media join the MJR Westland Grand Digital 16 in sponsoring the Free Children's Spring Film Festival.

The theater is showing children's films free for kids with a nominal charge for adults on Saturday and Sunday through March 16-17. This weekend's movie is "Hotel Transylvania," followed by "Rise of the Guardians" on March 16-17.

Kids age 12 and under are free, adult tickets are \$1. Tickets are available on the day of the show only, no advance sales are available. Show times can be found on the MJR website at [www.mjrtheatres.com/loc\\_westland.asp](http://www.mjrtheatres.com/loc_westland.asp).

The MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16 is at 6800 N. Wayne Road, west of Warren Road in Westland. For more information, call (734) 28-2657.

Coffee Hour

State Reps. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, and David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, will join State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-12th District, for

the coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, March 11, at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road, north of Ford, in Westland.

Citizens are welcome to discuss issues and/or concerns they may have at the coffee hour.

Residents can contact Knezek at (517)-373-0849 or by e-mail at [david.knezek@house.mi.gov](mailto:david.knezek@house.mi.gov). Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend can contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by email at [SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov).

Charity cuts

Hair Mechanix, Michigan's premier spot for guys' haircuts, is launching a charity event Friday-Sunday, March 8-10, that will help fight hunger in the community one great haircut at a time.

Hair Mechanix, at 37604 Ford, west of Newburgh, is offering free haircuts, a \$20 value, to everyone who makes a donation to Forgotten Harvest. For more information, call (734) 331-3900 or text HAIRMX to 90210.

Eggstravaganza

The First United Methodist of Wayne-Westland is holding an Eggstravaganza 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday March 19, in fellowship hall.

Bring yourself and hard boiled eggs. The First United Methodist of Wayne-Westland is at 3 Town Square, Wayne, across from the Wayne Post Office. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

Police investigate fatal accident

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

The investigation into the traffic accident that killed a Garden City High School senior is continuing.

Vincent Meiers, 18, of Livonia died March 2, two days after being hit by a vehicle as he walked north on Middlebelt at about 8:30 p.m.

"I'm still doing the investigation. I hope to wrap it up in the next couple of days," said Westland Police Officer David Skeans.

At the time of the accident, Skeans said that Meiers was walking in the roadway near the east curb of Middlebelt just south of the bridge over Hines Park.

"That whole stretch is very dark. There is a sidewalk on both sides of the road. I have no explanation why he was walking in the road," said Skeans.

Meiers' family had recently moved to Livonia from Garden City and he was finishing his senior year at Garden City High School. Meiers was walking home from an activity at the school which is located just over half a mile south on Middlebelt at Maplewood.

Meiers was struck by a 2010 Chrysler Town & Country minivan driven by a 42 year-old Livonia resident who was also heading northbound. Skeans declined to provide a gender of the driver.

The driver wasn't injured in the accident and police said alcohol did not appear to be a factor in the Feb. 28 accident.

Funeral services were held for Meiers, known as Vinnie, Wednesday at Merriman Road Baptist Church. Arrangements were handled by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home.

Meiers is survived by his parents, Edward and Jules; brother Edward Jr.; grandparents Rose Marie Porcaro (the late Vincent Sr.) and Robert Meyers. He was predeceased by the late Jasper and Josephine Rose Badalucco.

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The interior of the car is done in brown buckskin leather and German short weave carpeting. It has a 1936 Ford steering column and 1940 Ford steering wheel and classic gauges.

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in 1986 with a 1986 Pontiac Grand Am. This is the 50th anniversary of the award, but that car won't be at the show. Hunt sold it and later heard that it flipped while on the track at Milan Dragway and slid through the finish line on its roof. "The last I heard someone was trying to rebuild it."

This is the third 1932 Ford he has built. He had one for about 10 years and decided he needed to sell a car. He put that and a 1962 Pontiac up for sale. The Ford went first. "I knew as soon as it was gone, it was a mistake," he said. "It was fun driving it, it was easy to drive."

His new 1932 Ford has been built to be driven on the street everyday, and as soon as the weather breaks, he'll be out and about. However, the wheels most likely won't touch the ground for the trip to Detroit.

"If it was really nice, I'd drive it down there, but I don't think it'll be that nice," said Hunt. "Eric has an enclosed trailer to take it down there."

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IF YOU'RE GOING TO AUTORAMA

The 61st annual Meguiar's Detroit Autorama at Cobo Center in Detroit this weekend will be one for the ages, when America's greatest hot rod show celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Ridler Award, the most coveted award in hot rodding. For 50 years the auspicious award has been presented to the most outstanding new custom car, shown for the first time anywhere. The award is named after the first promoter of Detroit Autorama, Don Ridler and is the calling card of the Detroit event. To commemorate the 50th anniversary, the Detroit Autorama organizers have invited all of the 50 past winners to bring their vehicles back to Autorama to show for this once in a lifetime occasion. The first Detroit Autorama took place 61 years ago at the University of Detroit Field House as a fundraiser for Michigan Hot Rod Association's efforts to build the legendary Detroit Dragway. Over the years it moved to the Michigan State Fairground and the Detroit Artillery Armory before coming to Cobo Center as its first paid public show in 1961. This year's Autorama will

feature more than 1,000 exhibits of chopped, channeled, dumped and decked hot rods, custom cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles of the past and present, and include a "Tribute to Batmobile," featuring three generations of the iconic car, and WRIF's Kid Rock Collection, featuring four legendary vehicles owned by the Detroit rocker. There also will be special guest appearances by WWE Superstar Sheamus, Christopher Douglas Reed who plays Filthy Phil in *Sons of Anarchy*, Davis Cleveland who plays Flynn Jones on the Disney Channel's *Shake It Up*, Stefanie Scott who plays Lexi Reed on Disney Channel's *A.N.T. Farm*, and "Mountain Man" Tim Guraedy, co-star of the A&E TV show, *Duck Dynasty*. Show hours are noon to 10 p.m. Friday, March 8, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 9, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 10. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 years of age and free for those age 5 and under. Discount tickets are available at O'Reilly Auto Parts at \$15 for adults and \$4 for children. For more information, call (248) 373-1700.

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input. I had revised the contract — marked it up. I took out some services that were not necessarily needed."

Lobbying can end up costing a lot of money, he

said, but grant writing can provide real help for all the city departments.

"I thought I'd answered his (Hawley's) questions sufficiently," said Wayne City Manager Robert English. "They'll do a great job in Wayne."

At their previous firm which is under contract with Westland, Lisa

Nocerini and Stephanie Moran, Winchester's vice president and director of communications and grant services, respectively, obtained a \$700,000 fire grant and in the last nine months generated \$2 million grants.

"We've got to look for all types of alternate funding. The last grant we got to retrofit the boiler at City Hall, I wrote," said English. "I'm short-staffed everywhere. We work multiple jobs. There is no time to write grants."

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## Sings of Spring

The temperature wasn't anywhere near balmy, but a rite of "spring" happened in Wayne on Friday when owner Anna Petrou of Livonia (above) opened the Dairy Queen at 3007 Wayne Road, south of Glenwood, for the 2013 season. Petrou even put flowers at the service window to make it feel more like spring. "Considering it's been freezing, business has been OK," she said. In the family for more than 55 years, it's a tradition to open the Dairy Queen on March 1. Until Memorial Day, the store hours will be noon-9:30 p.m. and until 10 p.m. on weekends. (At right) Julie Kole from Westland didn't let the snow and cold stop her from enjoying an ice cream cone Friday.



## Wayne, Westland look at modest water rate hikes

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Westland and Wayne will be getting similar water rate increases — 4.4 percent, plus a hike in the fixed rate charge.

However, Westland water customers will see the increase now, while Wayne isn't expected to implement a rate hike until the start of the new fiscal year July 1.

Westland residents will see the 4.4-percent rate increase passed along from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, but won't get the full fixed rate increase cost.

In setting the rate, the

Westland City Council reached a compromise to add half the \$5 fixed rate cost increase to residential water bills. That \$2.50 increase will take the fixed rate charge to \$27 per bimonthly water bill.

Commercial and industrial would see an increase in the fixed rate cost with a switch to assessing the charge based on meter size, rather than the flat fee.

To help stabilize the water-sewer fund and avoid sudden large rate increases — DWSD having routinely levied double-digit rate hikes in recent years — Westland began looking at the rates more frequently.

With the fixed rate increase added in, the 4.4-percent rate increase will be approximately 6 percent for Wayne residents.

"We'll see what we need to do. We want to keep the increase as low as possible. We've seen double-digit increases," Wayne City Manager Robert English said.

Wayne's water-sewer rates are usually reviewed in conjunction with the budget, he said.

"I've worked on the rates for 25 years. Maybe twice we've had mid-year increases," English said.

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## Council to interview last city manager candidate on Monday

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

The last candidate for the position of Garden City manager will be interviewed on Monday, March 11.

Scott S. Randall, who lives out of state, will be interviewed at 6 p.m. Monday, March 11, in the council chambers in Garden City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, prior to the 7 p.m. council meeting.

He couldn't make his interview last week because bad weather forced cancellation of his

flight.

His interview will not be televised.

There was no discussion about the city manager search at Monday's City Council meeting.

"We will have no discussion about the city manager search because we have one more interview to conduct on Monday," said Garden City Mayor Randy Walker.

Last week, the council interviewed Robert Muery, the Garden City police chief and acting city manager, Mount Clemens resident William J.

Cooper, a former Hamtramck city manager; Reid S. Charles, a Brighton resident who is semi-retired; Milan resident Jade M. Smith, the deputy mayor of Westland; Alan L. Grindstaff, a consultant who lives in Crowley, Texas; and Joseph H. Merucci, who is unemployed and lives in Clawson.

The council is expected to hire a new city manager in about two weeks.

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## Judge delays hearing in Smoker's Depot holdup case

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

The preliminary hearing for two Dearborn Heights men charged in a Garden City armed robbery last month was adjourned last month to one week later in 21st District Court.

Judge Richard Hammer Jr. granted defense attorney Brian Gagniuk's request to delay and waive the defendants' right to a preliminary exam within 14 days in order to allow more time for discovery. The hearing is now scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, March 11.

The defendants, Ryan Joseph Sandoval, 18, and Andrew Thaddeus Felan, 20, agreed with the delay request.

Gagniuk is representing Felan and Monday also stood in for Jonathan Jones, Sandoval's attorney.

"We need more time," Gagniuk said.



Sandoval



Felan

Hammer continued their bond of \$500,000 cash for each.

The two men are each charged with two counts of assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to rob while armed, both punishable by up to life in prison; two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, 10 years in prison or \$5,000; carrying a concealed weapon, five years or \$2,500; two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, felonious assault, four years and/or \$2,000; discharging a firearm in or at a building, four years and/or \$2,000; discharging a firearm from a vehicle, four years and/or \$2,000,

and possession of a firearm while committing a felony, two years to be served consecutive to any other sentence.

The men are charged in connection with an armed robbery that occurred at the Smoker's Depot, 28829 Ford Road. Tuesday, Feb. 19.

According to police, two armed men with hoodies drawn over their faces entered the store at about 10 a.m. and began shooting after interaction with the employee. The two men fled to their vehicle, left the lot, then circled around and shot again in the direction of the employee.

Officers were able to get the vehicle stopped at Ford and Harrison, and both men were arrested without incident. Two guns were recovered from the vehicle.

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## Customer reports purse stolen at GC bar

### Restricted license

Garden City Police and Fire Rescue were called to the 28000 block of Maplewood about 2 p.m. March 3 where a woman was slumped over her steering wheel and appeared to be sleeping.

The 31-year-old Livonia woman woke up when the rescue truck arrived. She couldn't remember how she got there and was transported to Garden City Hospital.

At the hospital, where she was being treated, the police officer informed her that she was formally arrested because she was driving on a restricted license but wouldn't be taken into custody yet because of her treatment for a serious medical condition.

Under the terms of her parole, she could only drive to work or school and had to be able to tell her destination. The woman couldn't remember where she was going or how she ended up at Maplewood and Gilman. According to the police report, the woman said that she had just purchased her car but had not yet put her name on the title.

### Home invasion

A resident in the 29000 block of Bridge reported March 26 that someone broke the lock off of her garage sometime within the last two weeks. Nothing was

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missing.

She said that she didn't report it sooner because she doesn't go into her back yard or use her garage.

### Theft

A customer at Bar 153, 31268 Ford, reported at 10 p.m. March 3 that somebody stole her purse.

The 48-year-old Redford woman said that she left her black rhinestone-studded clutch style purse on a table with her drinks before leaving the area to socialize. When she returned to her table about 10 minutes later, the purse was gone.

She said that her purse contained \$40, two bank cards and her payroll check.

### Theft

A 37-year-old Pinckney woman came to the front desk of the police department about 8 p.m. March 1 to report that someone stole her digital camera and her cell phone from her purse which she left on the floorboard behind the front passenger seat of her car. She was uncertain if she locked the car doors.

Her 2000 Ford Windstar was parked in the 31000 block of Marquette. The police officer found no damage to the car's exterior, the locks or the doors.

She doesn't know who

would take these items but mentioned that teens have been hanging around the neighborhood, asking the neighbors for cigarettes and were also seen looking into neighbors' homes.

### Fraud

A resident in the 3200 block of Alvin reported Feb. 28 that someone fraudulently used her credit card. She found four unauthorized charges totalling \$800.

### Property damage

A resident in the 5000 block of Deering reported Feb. 28 that somebody shot at her 1999 Ford Expedition.

She heard a loud bang and then saw a flat tire and a bullet hole on the driver's side of her vehicle.

The investigating officer found no bullet fragments and said that the flat tire was caused by something other than a bullet.

### Suspended license

A police officer who stopped a 29-year-old Romulus woman about 1:30 a.m. Feb. 28 driving a 2004 Chrysler Sebring, with a burned-out headlight, in the Cherry Hill and Middlebelt area found that she had a suspended driver's license and an outstanding warrant out of Westland.

She was arrested and her car was impounded.

By Sue Buck

## Info sought in murder of Westland man

Information is being sought about the murder and robbery of a Westland man found dead in Inkster on March 1.

John William Clark, 64, was reported to have left his home near Merriman and Dorsey about 3:30 a.m.

March 1 to go for a walk.

Later the same day, Clark was found dead along Central, just east of Middlebelt, more than one mile from his home. Initially reported as the victim of a hit-and-run accident, Clark was later

found to have died of blunt force trauma to his head and to have been robbed. Anyone with information is asked to call the Inkster Police at (313) 563-9850 or Crime Stoppers of Michigan at 1-800-SPEAKUP.

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# Fighting cancer — everyone plays a role

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

Abigail Stonerook's pride in her work fighting cancer shows in her enthusiasm.

The community representative for the American Cancer Society spoke Feb. 28 to the Garden City Rotary Club about the role everyone can play in fighting cancer.

The cancer society has been around for 100 years, saving lives by helping people stay well, helping people get well, by finding cures, and fighting back. Its signature event, the Relay for Life, rallies communities to join in the effort to save lives from cancer.

Garden City is among communities that participate in Relay for Life. A kickoff of the 2013 relay will be 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at the Farmington 5/6 Campus, located on Marquette, west of Venoy, in Garden City.

The 24-hour event celebrates cancer survivors and those who are still fighting back. It will be held starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 1, at the Garden City Middle School field, located on Radcliff, south of Ford. "The important thing about Relay for Life is that it is a volunteer-run event," Stonerook said. "We are in the business of saving lives. It is a great business to be in."

## Cancer deaths

Cancer is out-of-control cell growth, and "is the second leading cause of death in America," Stonerook said. "It's expected that almost

580,000 Americans will die from cancer in 2013."

The society estimates that cancer takes about 1,600 lives daily.

"It used to be 2,000 a day," Stonerook said. "We aren't stopping until we are at zero. The good thing is that cancer is no longer a death sentence."

Prostate cancer is the leading cancer in men; breast cancer the leading cancer for women because they are the most diagnosed.

"Early detection has really helped us to diagnose those in their earliest most treatable stages," Stonerook said. "It is not a death sentence for most people. That's exciting news. Fifty percent of cancer is now preventable."

New statistics show that between 1999 and 2009, death by cancer dropped by more than 20 percent. "That translates to saving over 400 lives per day," she said.

Lung cancer accounts for the highest death rate. She believes that while education has relayed the dangers of smoking for the last 30 years, today less people are being diagnosed with lung cancer.

Health initiatives help school-age children get involved at a young age.

"We have programs called Relay Recess and Relay Field Day," she said.

She expects that Lathers Early Childhood-Kindergarten, Douglas 3/4 Campus and Farmington 5/6 Campus will be involved this year in those programs. Their primary focus is to bring these health initiatives

to every child, especially those who can't make it to the large Relay event in June, she said.

## Services

One of the main reasons that cancer patients can't get the treatment they need is that they can't get to their treatment.

Road to Recovery coordinates transportation for cancer patients. Volunteers coordinate, offering their time and vehicle use to help patients. "About 500 rides were provided last year in Wayne County," Stonerook said. "Unfortunately they can only meet about 60 percent of their requests."

There are 31 Hope Lodges nationally, which are like free hotels, that are also available to patients. There are also programs to help patients look and feel better during cancer treatment. She said the society has to rely on word of mouth and people reaching out to them for help. Privacy laws, is preclude the society from obtaining the names of cancer patients.

There are currently millions of active research dollars in the state: \$14 million at the University of Michigan, \$2 million at Wayne State and \$1 million at Karmanos. The average contribution to the society is about \$41.

"We do everything that we can to mobilize people," she said.

For more information, call (800)227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

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Abigail Stonerook, community representative for the American Cancer Society, talks about the annual Relay for Life fundraiser. A kickoff event will be held March 21 at the Farmington 5/6 Campus in Garden City.

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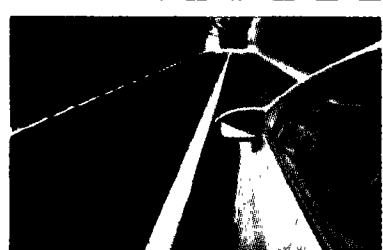
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# Getting closer

## Red Wings Alumni defeat Wild Wings 8-4 in annual hockey game

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A capacity crowd of over 800 spectators turned out for Westland's fourth annual charity hockey night which raised more than \$40,000 — a record amount for the event.

Held March 1 at Mike Modano Arena, this year the fundraiser will benefit improvements to the arena.

The Red Wings Alumni defeated the Westland Wild Wings 8-4 — the fourth consecutive win for the alumni team. But Wild Wings Captain and Westland Mayor William Wild noted the score was tied at halftime 2-2 and the home team was head 4-2 before the alumni kicked it up a notch.

Former Red Wing John Ogradnick is a fixture at the game and attended but didn't play — he's on the disabled list. Probably the biggest name on the ice was former Wing Dino Ciccarelli.

The Wild Wings had their own ringer with former University of Michigan player Chris Frescoln, an attorney with city attorneys Fausone Bohn.

The charity hockey game had more than 80 sponsors this year which pushed up the fundraising. Westland native and arena namesake Mike Modano donated \$5,000 toward the improvements.

Despite losing 8-4 to the Alumni, Wild said he was pleased that the night went so well.

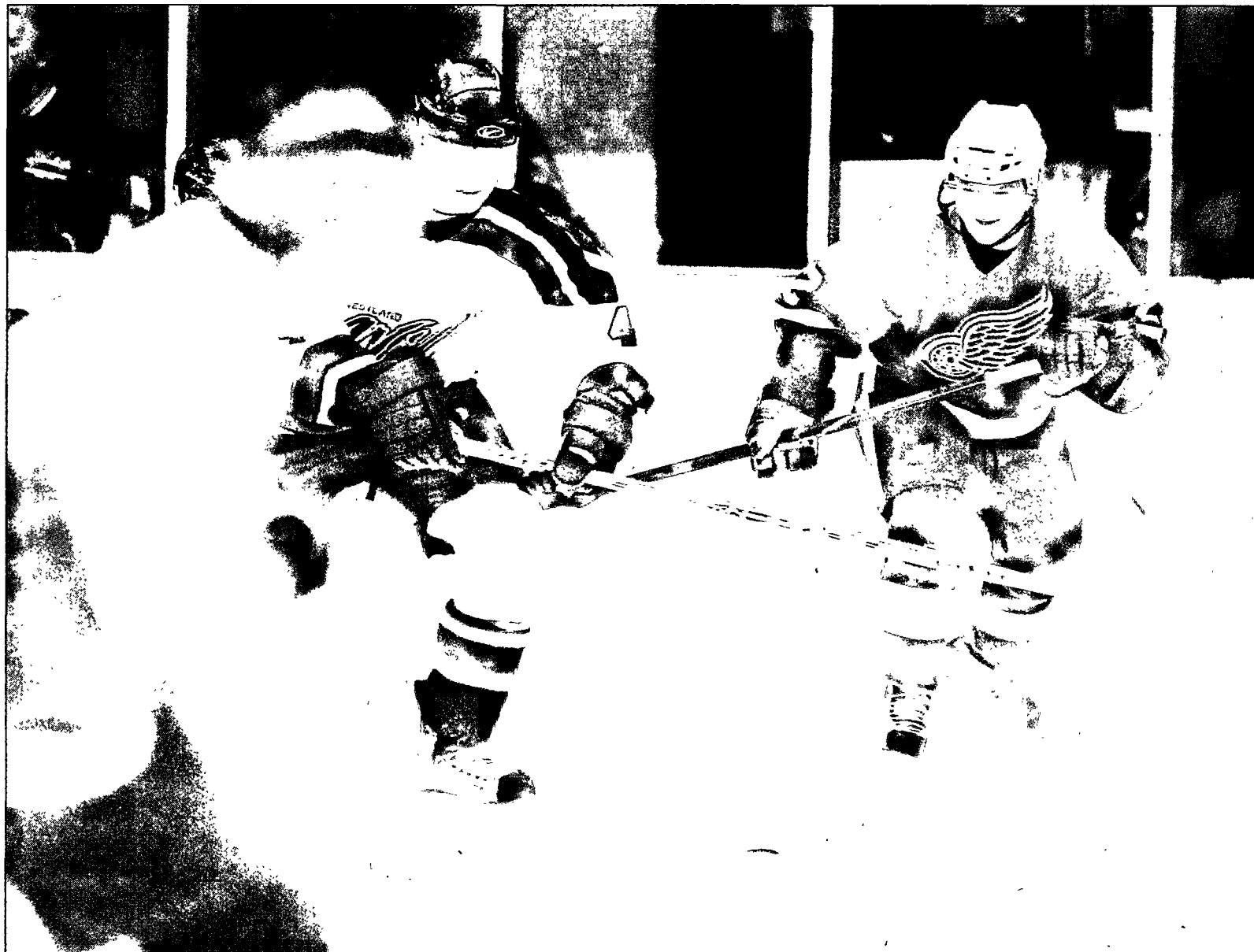
"We couldn't be more appreciative of the Red Wings Alumni players, guests and sponsors who make this yearly event possible," said Wild. "The continuous community support is what makes this city thrive."

State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, and former Westland Parks director, dropped the game-starting puck.

Other officials and local celebrities who participated in fundraising activities throughout the night included members of the Wayne and Westland city councils, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland.

Some other highlights of the night included several raffle giveaways, a score-O competition and every kid's favorite, chuck-a-puck.

All proceeds from the night will benefit addi-



Wild Wings Chris Frescoln and Red Wing Alumni Dino Ciccarelli during the charity hockey game.

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Red Wings fan Marc Milosier and daughter Elliana turned out for the annual charity hockey game at Mike Modano Arena in Westland.

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Arena, including a locker room expansion project.

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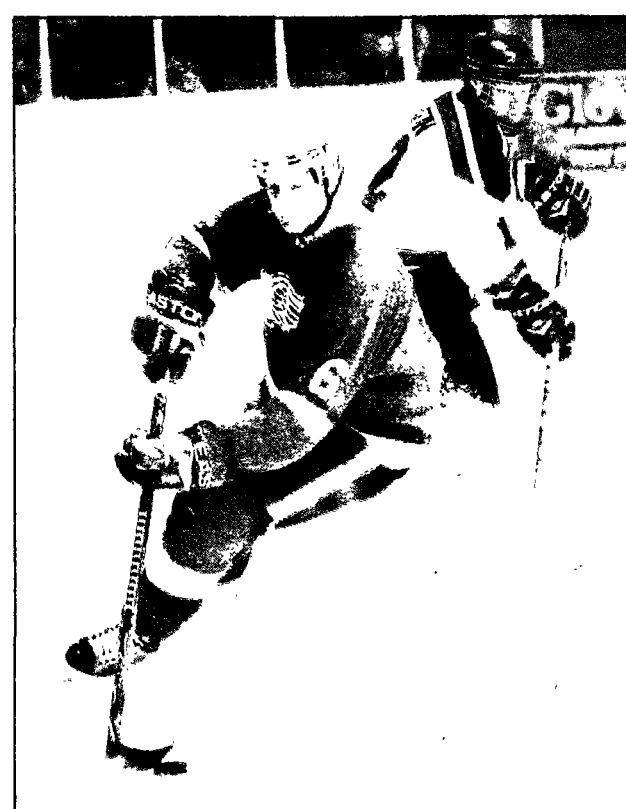
Westland Wild Wings Scott Rohraff (left) and former University of Michigan player Dave Huntzicker, playing for the Red Wings Alumni during the annual charity hockey game.



Jacquese Milosier sang the National Anthem at the start of the charity hockey game at Mike Modano Arena.



Westland Mayor William Wild with the Wild Wings who took on the Red Wings Alumni to raise money for improvements to Mike Modano Arena. Standing at left is State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, who dropped the ceremonial puck to start the game.



Former New Jersey Devil Craig Wolanin played for the Red Wings Alumni and Wild Wings Jeff Pokewinski during the charity game.



## Redford man charged in crash at Ford and Middlebelt

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

One person was arrested and others were taken to hospitals following a midday accident Tuesday.

At about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, a 2006 Infiniti collided with a 2011 Nissan Sentra at the intersection of Ford and Middlebelt. The crash sent the Infiniti airborne. It then rolled over several times before coming to a rest on its side against the exterior wall of Sav-On Drugs, located near the northwest corner of Ford and Middlebelt adjacent to the Commons area.

"Witnesses, including an on-duty police officer who was stopped at the intersection, reported the Infiniti, driven by a 21-year-old Redford man, the only occupant of the vehicle, was traveling at a high rate of speed westbound on Ford and disregarded the red light, striking the 2011 Nissan," said Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery. "The Nissan was being driven by a 64-year-old female Garden City resident who had her 75-year-old husband as a passenger. They were traveling eastbound on Ford and were making a left hand turn to go north on Middlebelt."

The passengers from the Nissan were transported to area hospitals with what appeared to be severe but non-life threatening injuries, he said.

The driver of the Infiniti refused medical treatment and was placed under arrest for driving on a suspended license causing serious injury and reckless driving.

"He is lodged at Garden City Police Depart-

ment pending the authorization of charges from the prosecutor's office," Muery said.

The investigation into the incident is continuing because some witnesses reported the driver of the Infiniti was traveling alongside of another vehicle and appeared to be engaged in a speed competition.

"A witness did obtain a possible license plate number of the other vehicle and, if the investigation result supports it, that other driver also could face charges," Muery said.

The crash left the intersection of Ford and Middlebelt restricted to traffic for two hours. Deputies from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office assisted with traffic control at the scene.

"The building where the Infiniti came to rest sustained minor damage but the imprint of the vehicle's tires could be seen hours after the accident was cleared away," Muery said. "Building officials checked the structure and declared it was safe for Sav-On Drugs to remain open," Muery said.

He added that this could have been "a whole lot worse."

"The vehicle rolled up and through the area referred to as the Commons," Muery said.

He added that just minutes before the crash a work crew had been working there.

"We are thankful that there were no pedestrians on the sidewalk or in the Commons area at the time of the crash," he said.

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Kylee Hammond of Farmington, Jamison Irwin of Livonia, MaryRosa Clark of Garden City and Kelsi Fay of Livonia perform in a scene from "Enchanted Forest," a recent Inspire School of Theatre Arts production.

## Inspire Theatre School open for spring enrollment

Inspire Theatre School for the Arts will kick off its spring semester with one seven-week class designed to teach students the art of comedy/melodrama.

Theatre for the Advanced Theatre Student, which will be taught on Saturday mornings, will introduce students to many of the aspects of theatre, both on stage and behind the scene. Along the way, they will be exposed to set and prop work as well as training for the stage. Those students who have had stage experience will be given instruction to build on the skills they already possess.

Classes will focus on building characters, tapping into emotion, stage directions, finding their voice, confidence in public speaking, interpreting roles, characterization, projection, as well as improvisation and "being real." This semester's project is the comedy, *The Ballad of Gopher Gap*.

Bunco DeSneer (slicker than lard on hot cornbread) is salting the Spenawampum Mine in Gopher Gap with fake minerals. He hopes to snare rich Easterners looking for a good investment. He's aided in his dirty work by Flora Fourflusher, a phony assayer, and Slat, a stupid stagecoach driver. The other full-time resident is Crazy Nanette, whose only child disappeared years ago when she left it in a nice cool spot ... under an ice wagon. When the suckers show up, including a waif, a judge, a newspaperwoman and the man-hungry Otillie, Bunco wastes no time in fleecing them.

Two unexpected visitors arrive: Rocky Romantic, a mountain man and "wilderness poet," and Verlin-da Springblossomy. She's inherited the town from a distant relative, Piute Pete, and doesn't believe in "robbing the earth." She intends to close down the mine and open a hum-

mingbird sanctuary. Naturally, Bunco will have none of this and the hilarity begins.

Inspire Theatre began in 2005 and has produced such plays as the *Wizard of Oz*, *Father of the Bride*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, as well as many original productions. IT enjoys the status of being Westland's only live theatre.

Inspire School of Theatre Arts began in the fall of 2010 as an outreach to the community for children to learn the elements of theatre in a safe, nurturing environment. This is ISTA's third season. This past Christmas ISTA presented Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Past classes have presented *A Merry Christmas*, *Charlie Brown*, *It's the Great Pumpkin*, *Charlie Brown*, plus two original productions, *The Wolf Chronicles* and *Enchanted Forest*.

Students come from Garden City, Westland, Livonia, Canton, Farm-

ington Hills and Redford. Inspire Theatre located at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, in Westland.

Registration will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9. Classes will run for seven weeks and conclude with the production. Auditions will held the first week of class and parts will be assigned the following week. Classes are \$20 per class or \$105, if paid at registration. Class size is limited.

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Last year marked the pizza company's 25th anniversary and the start of a huge Social Media push. Toarmina's has been holding "Free Pizza Giveaways" frequently on its Facebook page. The contests are usually very easy, requiring only a few clicks to be entered. This weekend Toarmina's will give away its 1,000th pizza on Facebook and doesn't have plans to stop.

"It is a lot of fun doing these giveaways, we get to stay involved with our customers even when they're not in the store and seeing how happy people get when they win a free pizza is great," said Frank Toarmina, head of the company's social media push. "We have pizza giveaways every Sunday and Monday on Facebook and the plan is to continue the giveaways as long as people are still enjoying it and participating."

For more information on the Facebook giveaways, call Frank Toarmina at (734) 564-6503 or visit [www.Facebook.com/ToarminasPiz-zaOfficial](http://www.Facebook.com/ToarminasPiz-zaOfficial).

### Safe Award nominations

A hero is defined as a person of distinguished courage who, in the opinion of others, has heroic qualities demonstrated by the performance of a heroic act. Huron Valley Ambulance wants to recognize the heroes in who have performed a courageous act in an attempt

to save someone's life and organizations that have created a heart safe work environment.

HVA is accepting nominations for their Life Saving and the Heart Safe Awards. The awards will be presented at a recognition dinner on Tuesday, May 21, in Ann Arbor. The awards are presented annually during National EMS Week, a time for local communities and EMS personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line."

Nominees for the Life Saving Award can be citizens of any age who live in the HVA service area who have saved, or attempted to save, a life under unusual or extraordinary circumstances. Nominees also must not have received an award for their life saving deed from any other organization.

Businesses or organizations in the HVA service area can be nominated for the Heart Safe Award. Nominees must meet the following criteria for creating a "heart safe" environment at their workplace:

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Nomination forms for both award nominations are available at [hva.org](http://hva.org). To request a print version of the nomination form or for questions, call HVA Community Relations at (734) 477-6258 or send an email to [communityrelations@emergenthealth.org](mailto:communityrelations@emergenthealth.org). The deadline for award nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, April 19.

## Gannett Local, O&E Media help businesses go digital

More than 250 customers learned how diving into the digital age can improve business at a seminar presented recently by Gannett Local, a division of Gannett Co. Inc., the parent company of Observer & Eccentric Media. Gannett Local specializes in helping companies maximize digital advertising and marketing dollars.

Keynote speaker Brandwyn Coleman, senior executive, market support, for Gannett Local, told attendees that online customer reviews are changing the way people buy just about everything these days. And business growth is now dependent on word-of-mouth via social media. The key is to get the most out of your marketing budget, she said.

"A small business owner can put themselves out there just like Nike, Coca-Cola or Starbucks," Coleman said. "What we want to do is make sure all those large digital marketing tools are available to everybody, no matter how small their business is."

The seminars focused on increasing web traffic and driving conversion through pay-per-click marketing, optimizing search engines like Google and Yahoo, capturing leads and using social media advertising effectively.

Attendees received a free digital media audit of their business.

The Gannett Local seminar served as the official launch of Michigan Media Solutions Digital Marketing Services, aimed at helping businesses with all aspects of their advertising and



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Attendees includes Laura Van Vliet of Eva's Bridal and Fashions in Garden City and Cathy White, O&E multimedia consultant.

marketing needs across every platform, from print to tablets to smartphones and desktops, to reach a statewide audience. O&E Media is part of Michigan Media Solutions, a collective of digital properties that spans the entire state.

Frank Ruggirello, director of community and media relations for Schoolcraft College, attended the event.

"I'm looking for new ideas," Ruggirello said. "We do have a little budget for marketing and I always want to maximize those dollars."

Ruggirello's last job was in a public school district that didn't have enough money to run a marketing campaign.

"I wanted to see what Gannett and in particular what Observer & Eccentric has to offer and whether we can work that into our marketing plan," he said.

Frank Cibor, O&E Media advertising sales manager, said going digital is a challenge for businesses that have focused on more traditional marketing techniques. "This is exciting," he said. "This

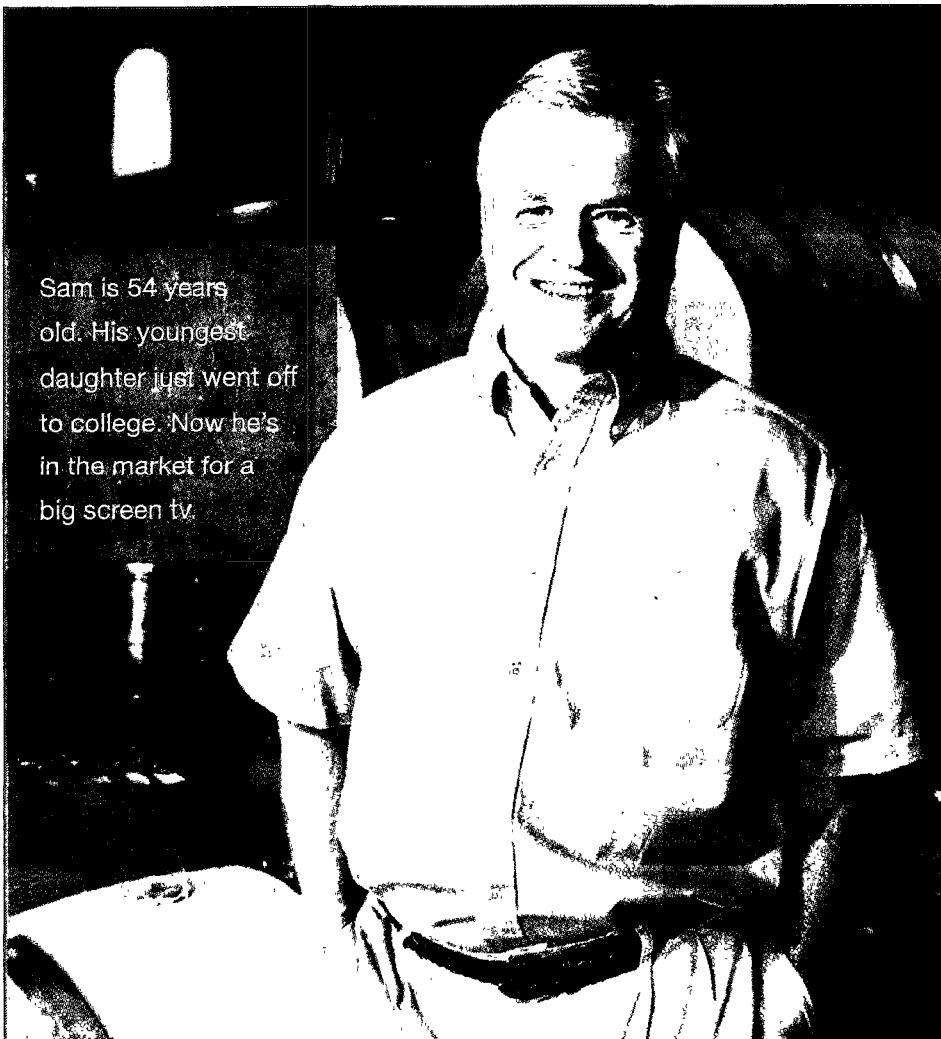


Frank Ruggirello, director of community and media relations for Schoolcraft College in Livonia, was interested in hearing about digital marketing.

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Keynote speaker Brandwyn Coleman is a senior executive marketing consultant with Gannett Local.

## Challenges can push us even further

By Clarity Patton  
Newhouse  
Guest Columnist

Recently I came across an interesting article by Camille Sweeney and Josh Gosfield, authors of "The Art of Doing: How Super-achievers Do What They Do and How They Do It So Well." The article addresses the question, "What does self-awareness have to do with success?"

The answer they discovered from studying and interviewing super successful people is that self-awareness can be as important to success as



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"No one's idea of a good time is to take a brutal assessment of their animating assumptions and to acknowledge that those may have contributed to their failure," says Sweeney and Gosfield. "It's easy to find pat ways to explain why the world has not adequately rewarded our efforts. But what we learned from conversation with high achievers is that challenging our assumptions, objectives, at times even our goals, may sometimes push us further than we thought possible."

It takes courage to challenge our own beliefs, and courage is another secret ingredient for success.

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Bruce Lee

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# Estate planning not only for the wealthy; have your house in order

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

At one of my recent library speeches, I was asked if estate planning is important now that the estate tax exemption has risen to over \$5 million.



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The person who asked the question thought that with the high estate tax exemption the great majority of people would not have to pay taxes and, therefore, estate planning was not important.

I want to share my answer with you.

Estate taxes are one reason for estate planning. Although avoiding estate taxes are important there are other things that are more important. I believe that people do estate planning to save on taxes, avoid probate and more importantly, to make sure that there is an orderly distribution of property upon death.

One of the main goals

of estate planning is to do what you can so that families do not fight. Unfortunately, we see it all the time. An estate may have avoided taxes but the family is left in ruins because of all the infighting. The goal of estate planning has never been just to save on taxes, but also to protect someone's loved ones from unnecessary aggravation and costs.

People tend to think that if you avoid estate taxes you also avoid probate. That is not the case. The estate tax is administered by the federal government, while probate is dictated by the state. Therefore, just because your estate is under \$5 million and there is no federal estate taxes issue, that doesn't mean you can't have all sorts of problems with probate. Therefore, in today's environment, the avoidance of probate has become a major benefit of doing proper estate planning.

Most people think that estate planning deals with issues after death. Although that is true, estate planning is also very valuable before death. For example, having medical durable power of attorney and gen-

eral durable power of attorney can be valuable documents in cases of family emergencies.

My philosophy is the more you can keep judges, courts and attorneys out of family affairs, the easier life will be. Doing proper estate planning can accomplish this. After all, in cases of a family emergency no one wants to have outsiders involved in the decision-making process. Proper estate planning accomplishes this.

It is a mistake to assume that only the wealthy need estate planning. Under the new estate tax laws, they may be the only ones subject to estate tax, but that is just one element of estate planning. Every adult needs some sort of an estate plan. Not everyone needs a trust. Not everyone needs sophisticated estate planning documents. Everyone, however, needs some estate planning. Good luck!

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## Garden City Hospital's Dr. Stan holds Coaches Clinic

Concussion. Sudden cardiac death syndrome.

Those medical terms have received significant coverage within recent years and have raised concerns among coaches, parents and student athletes. In the world of professional contact sports, these issues are at the forefront of media attention, but this has not resulted in an increase in education at a non-professional level.

A recent study reported concussions make up 8.9 percent of all high school sports-related injuries. In the state of Michigan, that equates to nearly 27,000 concussions per year, and professionals have only recently begun to understand the long-term effects of concussions in young athletes.

"Dr. Stan" Szczecienski, medical director at Garden City Hospital's Center for Sports Medicine, has assembled a panel of national experts to speak on a variety of health issues affecting today's young athletes for a free program to be offered 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at Specialty Centers of Westland, 35600 Central City Park-

way, west of Wayne Road.

Dr. Stan's second annual coaches event provides comprehensive physical medicine education to coaches, parents and athletes. Through proper education and training, they can begin to recognize and help prevent youth sport injuries, thus minimizing long-term effects.

Registration and breakfast, sponsored by Purdue Pharma, is at 8:30 a.m., followed by Dr. James Moriarity, head physician at Notre Dame University, providing Updates in Concussion Therapy 2013 at 9 a.m.

Also speaking will be Steve Karageanes, director of Performance Medicine at the Detroit Medical Center, about Proper Athletic Training Techniques; Jason Arapoff, Detroit Lions, Strength and Conditioning Coach, speaking about the Importance of Conditioning and Proper Rehabilitation, and Dr. Emmanuel Papasifakis, Garden City Hospital cardiology medical director, who will address the issue of Athletes and Sudden Cardiac Death.

Following lunch, spon-

sored by EMSI, there will be three breakout sessions, sponsored by H.E.S. They will cover CPR techniques, functional evaluations and proper taping and splinting techniques.

Attendees can earn six State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECH). Preregistration is required and includes breakfast and lunch. To register for the free event or for more information, call (734) 458.4259.

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Appearing in this weekend's production of "Romeo and Juliet" at Lutheran High School Westland are Natalie Freeman as Nurse (back row, from left), Walter Gembarski as Lord Capulet, Jessica Drife as Lady Capulet, Kate Ulrey, the director, and head of drama department, Peter Sillanpaa as Friar Lawrence, Rachel Wiggins as Benvolio, Helene Woyczeszyk as Mercutio, Janine Erickson as Tybalt (front row from left), Gwen Ulrey as Juliet, Eric Smith as Romeo and Abby Schaffer, the student director.

## Lutheran High Westland stages 'Romeo and Juliet'

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

William Shakespeare's tragedy, *Romeo and Juliet*, will come to life this weekend as students at Lutheran High School Westland present the tale of the star-crossed lovers.

The play, adapted for the production by director Kate Ulrey, will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 8-9, at the high school, located at 33300 Cowan, east of Wayne Road, in Westland. Tickets are \$5, \$2 for children age 10 and under.

Originally set in Verona, Italy, Lutheran High's production has been moved to a high school setting.

"We've kept the language, but have modernized the time period," said Eric Smith, who plays Romeo. "We did because set building an-

costuming would have been expensive. We're doing it as if it's two high school students."

Romeo is a member of the Montague family which is embroiled in a feud with the Capulets. He meets Juliet, played by Gwen Ulrey of Dearborn, at a masquerade ball and the two are attracted to each other. Juliet, however, is the daughter of Lord Capulet, played by Walter Gembarski of Garden City.

The feud leads to the death of Tybalt, played by Janine Erickson of Detroit, and Romeo's banishment from Verona. Advised by her Nurse, played by Natalie Freeman of Livonia, to marry someone she doesn't love, Juliet instead drinks a potion that makes her appear dead. Romeo, thinking she is, kills himself. When Juliet awakes

to see Romeo dead and decides to take her life with his dagger.

This is the second time students at the Westland high school have done Shakespeare. Two years ago, they presented *A Midsummer's Night Dream*.

"Mrs. Ulrey is a big lover of Shakespeare," said Smith.

Ulrey is getting help from student director Abby Schaffer of Romulus.

Moving the setting from Verona to a modern high school has allowed the students to take ownership if the production.

"We thought we would make it our own and a little bit better," Smith said. "It's still a great, timeless story."

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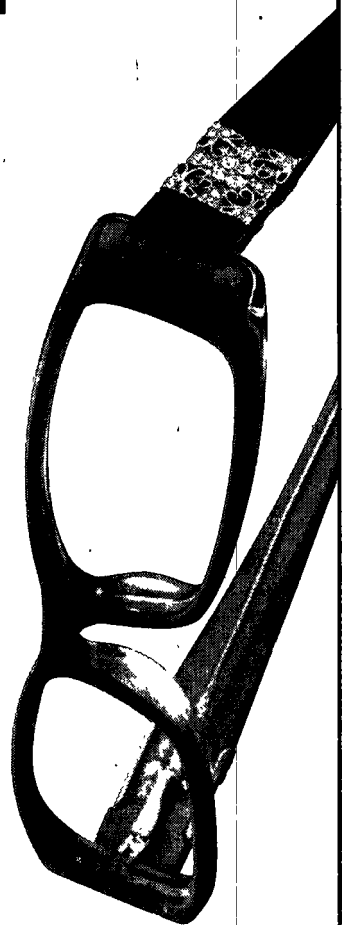
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The City of Westland Board of Review will be conducting the 2013 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Council Chambers at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185.

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.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by Friday, March 15, 2013 by 12:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

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

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

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

Eileen DeHart, CMC  
City Clerk



Unlike its amphibian cousins, the mudpuppy never forms air-breathing lungs, but rather relies on the bushy red gills behind its head to breathe under water.

## Belle Isle Zoo celebrates all things mudpuppy

"Snot otter" and "slime dog" may sound like names that kids might call each other on the playground, but they're actually alternative monikers for the mudpuppy – a large, permanently aquatic salamander native to the Detroit River.

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo will host an event to celebrate the mudpuppy 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 10.

Mudpuppypalooza will feature fun and educational activities such as mask making, games and mudpuppy cookie decorating. The event will also include zoo-keeper talks, where visitors can view mudpuppies up close while learning about the species and conservation efforts on its behalf.

Admission to the Belle Isle Nature Zoo and all Mudpuppypalooza activities are free.

In 2006, the Detroit Zoological Society (DZS) embarked on a program to monitor the Detroit River mudpuppies, conducting catch-and-release surveys to track populations and better detect declines. Mudpuppies are measured, weighed and implanted with computer chips for identification before being returned to the river.

"While not a threatened species, mudpuppies are considered good environmental indicators of pollution and other potentially detrimental conditions," said DZS Curator of Amphibians Marcy Sieggreen. "The data gathered in our mudpuppy surveys provides a valuable baseline for monitoring the health of the Detroit River ecosystem."

The mudpuppy (*Necturus maculosus*) is the second-largest salamander in the western hemi-

sphere and is considered an important part of Michigan's aquatic ecosystem. Unlike its amphibian cousins, the mudpuppy never forms air-breathing lungs, but rather relies on the bushy red gills behind its head to breathe under water. The slippery salamander is typically brownish-gray with dark spots and a yellowish belly. A mature mudpuppy ranges in size from 8 to 15 inches.

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is located at the east end of Belle Isle near the Blue Heron Lagoon. The Nature Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday November through March and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October. It's closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Admission is free.

For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Listings for the Community Calendar** can be submitted by e-mail at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto: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

#### 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

#### 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 dessert, 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) 844-1801, (734) 427-1533 or (734) 425-8981.

#### 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](http://www.Mom2Momlist.com).

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

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY FEAST

**Time/Date:** noon Sunday, March 17

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

**Details:** The post is

celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a corned beef and cabbage dinner, and a performance by the Metro Detroit Police and Fire Pipes and Drums bagpipers at approximate 2 p.m. The dinner includes corned beef, cabbage, with potatoes and carrots. Cost is \$9 for a hearty dinner plate or \$6 for the sandwich version.

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

#### 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](mailto:kuschjt@yahoo.com)

### For Seniors

#### FRIENDSHIP CENTER

**Location:** 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland

**Details:** The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) offers a variety of programs for older adults.

**Contact:** (734) 722-7632, [www.ci.westland.mi.us](http://www.ci.westland.mi.us)

#### DYER CENTER

**Location:** 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marquette, Westland

**Details:** Offers activities Monday-Friday at the center.

**Contact:** (734) 419-2020

#### SENIOR FITNESS

**Location:** Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** The Senior Fitness Room is available to those age 50 and older. There's an annual membership is \$55 per year or get a daily pass for \$1. Senior aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Drop in for \$3 per day.

**Contact:** (734) 793-1870

### Volunteers

#### FIRST STEP

**Details:** First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Down-

river area and complete a 55-hour training program. **Contact:** (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

#### VNA HOSPICE

**Details:** Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

**Contact:** (248) 967-8361, [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org)

#### SEASONS HOSPICE

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

**Contact:** (800) 370-8592

#### LITERACY COUNCIL

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

**Contact:** (734) 416-4906

#### HEARTLAND HOSPICE

**Details:** Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.

**Contact:** (888) 973-1145

#### SUPPORT GROUP

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

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

**Details:** Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.

**Contact:** Chris Goldberg at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

#### CAREGIVER SUPPORT

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

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

**Details:** - Westland

**Details:** A support & education group for family caregivers is available for residents of southern and western Wayne County. The group, for people who are caring for family members 60 and older, or who are 60 years and older themselves, is offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

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

#### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

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

**Location:** Lower level Classroom 2 of the Allan Breake Medical Office Building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City

**Details:** Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join the free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns.

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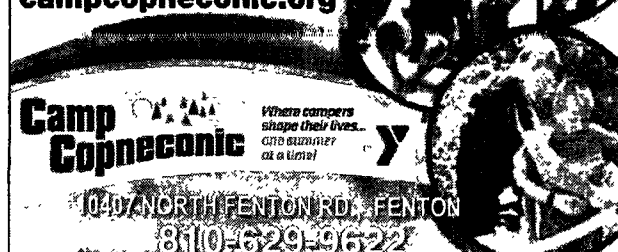
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From left are Ray Raymond, LPS administrator of operations; school board trustee Julie Robinson; school board trustee Tammy Bonfield; and Mike Bitar, regional president of Cenergistic.

## Livonia schools save \$4 million in energy costs

Staff, students, administrators and parents who volunteer in Livonia Public Schools have chalked up more than \$4 million in energy cost savings, since the district partnered with Cenergistic nearly four years ago.

Being vigilant on energy-saving routines, such as turning off lights, powering down computers and placing school buildings in "shut down" mode when school is not in session, have all contributed to the savings.

"It's been a real team effort," said Ray Raymond, administrator of operations for Livonia Public Schools. "We appreciate the building supervisors, all of the maintenance and custodial staff, the teachers, principals, students and the parent volunteers, who all contributed to this milestone."

The total savings to date is \$4,046,323 since the district formed an

alliance with Cenergistic, a national energy conservation company, which presented LPS with its Energy Excellence Award during its Board of Education meeting on Monday.

"Livonia Public Schools has achieved success by consistently implementing the organizational behavior-based approach to energy conservation and maintaining productive efforts at all levels of the organization," said Dr. William S. Spears, chairman and founder of Cenergistic.

"The superintendent and board, along with other administration, faculty and staff members, are to be commended for clearly fulfilling their commitment to being good stewards of taxpayers' money and the environment."

A key benefit of the Cenergistic program is that all costs come out of the existing utility bud-

get, with savings projected to more than pay for the program, as is the case for Livonia Public Schools.

As part of the program, the energy manager tracks energy consumption — including electricity, water, sewer and natural gas — using energy accounting software.

Current energy use is compared to a base-line period, and calculated to figure the amount of energy that would have been used, had conservation and management practices not been in place. By tracking consumption and analyzing energy use, the district can quickly identify and correct areas that need immediate attention.

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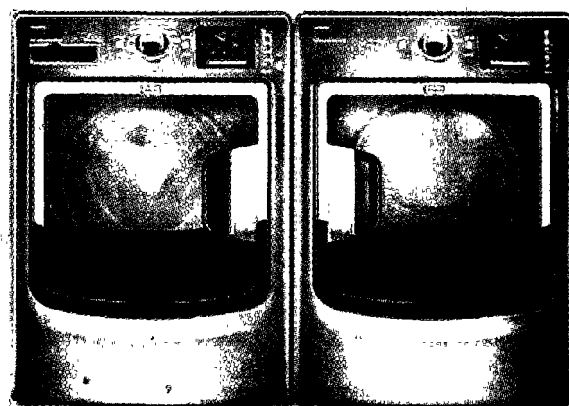
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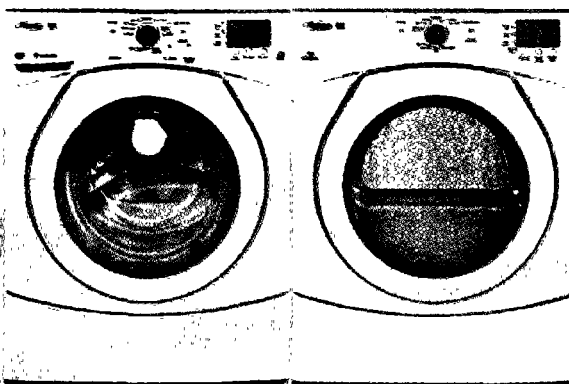
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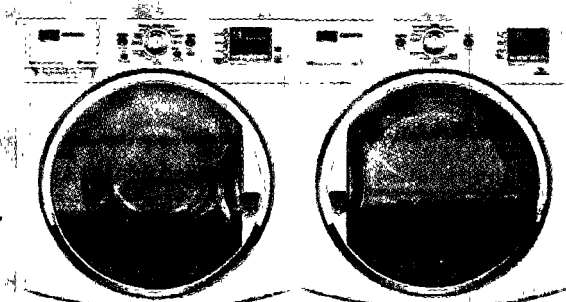


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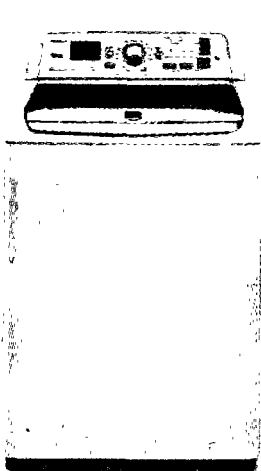
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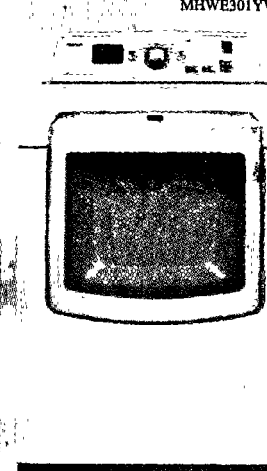


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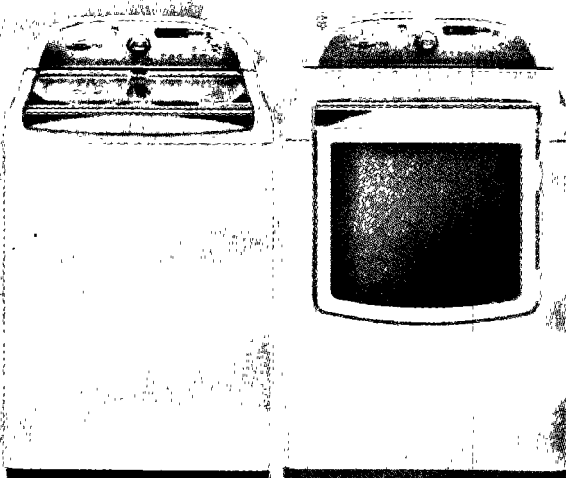
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# MEAP scores

## Avoid using scores as a political tool

Despite outpacing the state average on many areas of the annual Michigan Education Assessment Program tests, Wayne-Westland and Garden City public school students had low science scores this year. That's a dangerous fact, considering Gov. Rick Snyder and his charter school supporters make no secret in their belief that public schools are ineffective.

Based on Snyder's well-publicized commentaries that public schools have failed students and his 2012 lame-duck session push to revamp public education, low science scores are easy fodder for his push to send public dollars to charter schools.

But there's more to the story on those science scores. Science scores historically fall in behind the higher reading, writing and social studies scores on MEAP.

In the MEAP world, only fifth- and eighth-graders are tested in science. Reading and math, however, are tested in each grade level (3-8) that has the pleasure of enduring MEAP. It appears that even MEAP does not consider science as basic a subject as reading, writing and arithmetic for consistent testing. Speaking of consistency, wide variances in the test parameters from year to year often make comparisons difficult. In 2011, the state began what are called "cut scores," which is a process most akin to the dreaded grading curve of the baby boomer generation. MEAP scores from 2009-12 show a deep drop in science scores after the cut scores were instituted.

Wayne-Westland and Garden City students are not alone in decreasing science scores. It seems all the state's fifth- and eighth-graders appear to struggle with science, based on the cut scores system. MEAP has never been a favorite among educators. It is administered in the fall of the academic year. That means teachers spend the start of each school year reviewing last year's material. Furthermore, while accountability in education is essential, educators are now admitting that they do what they heretofore had denied. Namely, they teach to the test.

That begs the question: Are students learning what they need to know, or what educators fear might be on the test? And if educators are in a quandary, where does that leave parents and other taxpayers who are trying to make sense of the scores? They aren't the only ones in a quandary. Educators also struggle to spin the test results to show their district's strengths. Unfortunately, this all results in incredible pressure placed on students to perform well on those tests. Gone is the thrill of learning something new.

If Snyder and his supporters who believe that public education, particularly in science, fails students and leaves them ill-prepared for a high-tech world, then why make attempts to gut public education in favor of the more costly charter schools? It is akin to the practice in past centuries of locking up a destitute man in prison — thus keeping him unable to work — until he pays his bills.

It's time for Snyder's administration to stop making public education and standardized tests, such as the MEAP, a political football to be tossed at will for whatever is the ideological whim of the moment.

Rather, the time has come for Snyder and the Legislature to support public education rather than demean it. The whims of politicians pose a greater threat to our children than low science scores on the MEAP.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### March is Reading Month. So what Dr. Seuss book do you like best?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



"Green Eggs and Ham." It's such a cute story about trying new foods. It's one that really stuck with me."

Jennifer Wakenell  
Livonia



"The Places You'll Go." When I was a senior, my calculus teacher read it to us. It's a good book for all ages and it's about the future."

Jennifer Drum  
Westland



"Hop on Pop." That was my favorite book when I was learning to read."

Sarah Drum  
Westland



"I love Dr. Seuss. My favorite is 'The Lorax,' it teaches kids about the environment."

Melissa Flores  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Vote disappointing

At the Feb. 25 Garden City Council meeting, my husband, Kerry Partin, was appointed to the Commission on Aging by Mayor Randy Walker. This appointment required a majority vote by our council. The appointment was passed, six in favor and one opposed (Joanne Dodge).

Needless to say, I was saddened and appalled by Mrs. Dodge's opposition to this appointment, which is an unpaid voluntary position. Why would she oppose the appointment of a man who has lived in Garden City for 41 years, who spends hundreds of hours supporting and promoting our great city through his Garden City Community Chat website, Facebook page and weekly podcast, who volunteers his time delivering Meals on Wheels to our senior citizens, who regularly attends and promotes community events and participates in numerous fundraising activities?

Kerry enjoys being involved in our community, simply because he cares so much about Garden City, the residents and business community. In my opinion, Mrs. Dodge seems to have forgotten why she was elected to the Garden City Council.

You would hope she would support an agenda item that is in the best interest of the senior residents of Garden City, wouldn't you? Well she didn't. Instead, Mrs. Dodge has displayed her own personal agenda and did not support her fellow council members or do right by the seniors in Garden City. Come election time, I hope the residents remember the actions taken by Mrs. Dodge.

I know my husband, Kerry, will do his best in his position to assist the Commission on Aging to fulfill their commitment to our seniors in Garden City. I am proud of Kerry and all that he does to support this wonderful community we have called home for more than 41 years.

Cheryl Partin  
Garden City

### 'No' on LPS bond

The Livonia Public Schools board must clean up the inside first — starting at central office — instead of attempting to dress up the outside by merely placing a Band-Aid on the real issues within LPS.

A \$195 million bond will not change the quality from within. It is time for these very people to lead our children by example. The Webster situation is appalling and unacceptable and certainly not the only mistreatment that is going on within this district. A \$195 million bond — including the \$50,000 for the cost of the election — is not how we want our tax dollars spent. The board has the audacity to ask the community to give and give — for 30 years — yet is unwilling to do what it right and has gone too far in allowing and supporting the mistreatment of families, ignoring all pleas for help and change until it is slapped in their face and there is nowhere to hide.

No way is this current district worthy of our hard-earned money. How

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outrageous to ask the taxpayers to endure such an excessive burden as the board chooses to spend such an exuberant amount of time and dollars researching their wants yet is unable and unwilling to the spend time to help families in the LPS community. They have not earned any trust or our vote with this example and attitude.

The community must stand up and stop this nonsense on May 7 by voting "NO" or the board will never put our families and children first.

K. Green  
Livonia

### Dear Gov.:

Please stop trying to help a city that does not want your help. Detroit has said they do not want you to interfere with the way they run the city. Please inform them that this was your last offer and they are now on their own.

You have got to stop and let them fail because they have never wanted anything from the state of Michigan but money. Do not give them any more money. They say they have a plan. Let them figure this out for themselves. If they can't fix the problems then let them ask for help. Any monetary help must but be tied to an emergency financial manager.

We have repeatedly saved this city from itself. Look at Cobo Hall. That was their jewel that they said they would never let anyone have. As a group, the counties have turned this awful eyesore and money pit into a thing of beauty and saved the International Auto Show from going anywhere else. But at no time will Detroit ever give anyone credit for what has happened.

We collectively tried to help and save their latest gem, Belle Isle. But they have refused any help and they claim we are being racist. Isn't that what they said about Cobo?

If you insist on saving this city it must done immediately before it becomes total chaos. Otherwise, please just walk away. "We" have had enough. I know that Detroit is supposed to be the Motor City but when was the last time a car was made in the city? Try devoting

your time to other cities that need or want help and will not vilify you for trying.

Stop trying to fix a city that does not want to be fixed.

Donna Matsen  
Farmington Hills

### Thoughts on guns

Guns do not pull their own triggers, knives do not throw themselves, and bombs do not assemble themselves. Why can't intelligent people absorb the fundamental fact that it is the human brain that seeks out these inanimate objects for evil? In the letter "Ask a teacher" (Jan. 24 edition), the writer, a teacher, stated that we need to expect more of our leadership and of teachers, too. I agree.

First, a good start would begin with rational and sensible discussion about school safety from both sides, instead of all the spewing of hot emotions we are buried under.

Next would be a return to the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic in our schools. We are slipping away from the correct use of the English language. In the letter, "sacred" was used to describe teachers, their profession and the safety of students. The adjective "sacred" means: dedicated to a deity or religious purpose.

I am sure the writer did not intend her use to be misleading, and I apologize if noting this seems picky to some. However, it is an example of the power of language and how we relate to and understand one another clearly.

Most would agree that teaching, nursing, firefighting, police work and similar professions carry a burden of great responsibility for the protection of others. But to designate any of these as sacred sets those professions apart as being more important than others. Certainly these are exceptional careers (and I was fortunate to have served 34 years in nursing) but to deem them above others is grossly unfair to everyone in the work force who does their job well, whether it be a truck driver or a hairdresser. And, they too, being part of society are responsible for the well-being of our young.

I do agree with the writer that most teachers are not capable of handling guns in the classroom, nor should we ask them to. They need to focus on teaching and maintaining order amongst the students, not worrying about keeping a firearm out of children's hands while at the same time having it available for instant and proper use against predators who assault the school.

But having schools designated as gun-free zones must be a palatable lure for madmen. And, if it's not a gun, it will be another weapon.

Until we as a local neighborhood can agree to work together civilly toward the common goal of safety for all, without infringing on anyone's constitutional rights, there is no hope for the protection of children or adults across the country.

Susan King  
South Lyon

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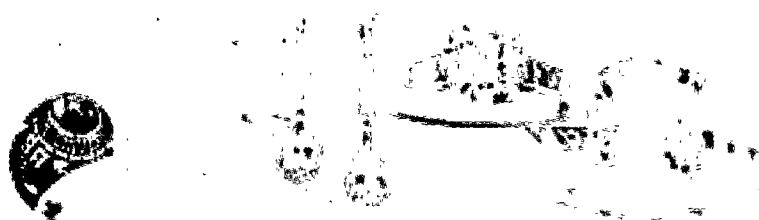
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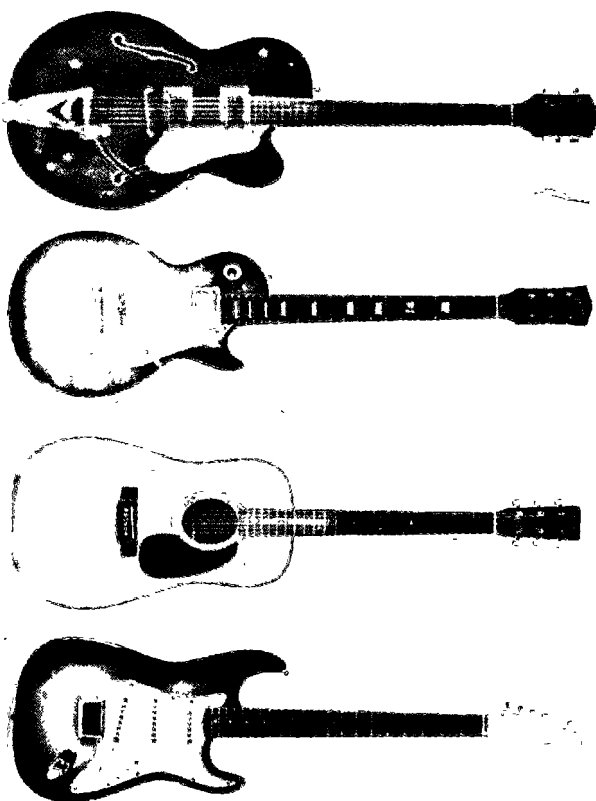
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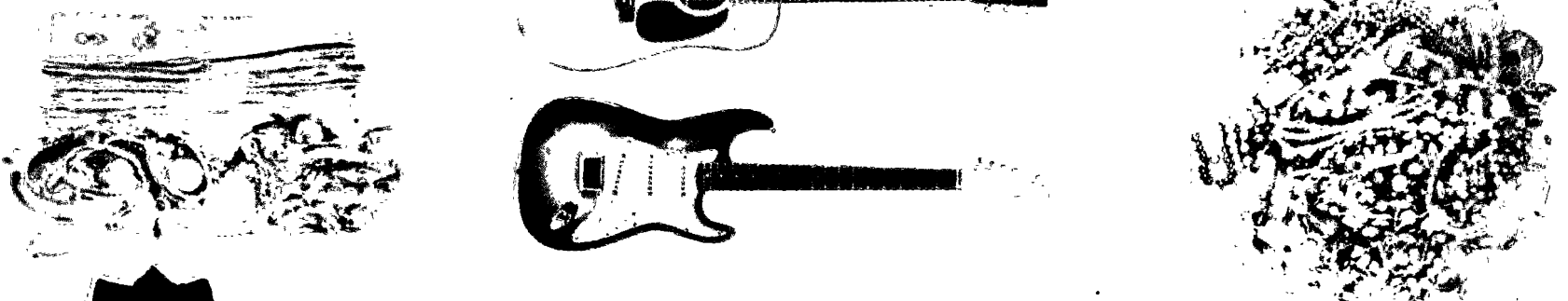
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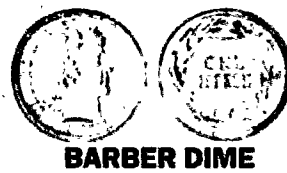
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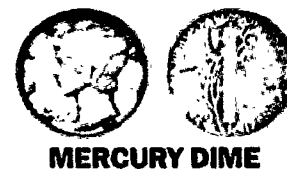
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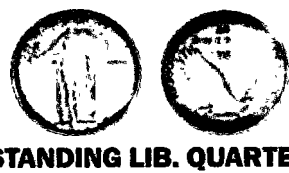
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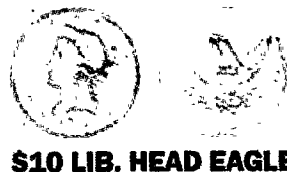
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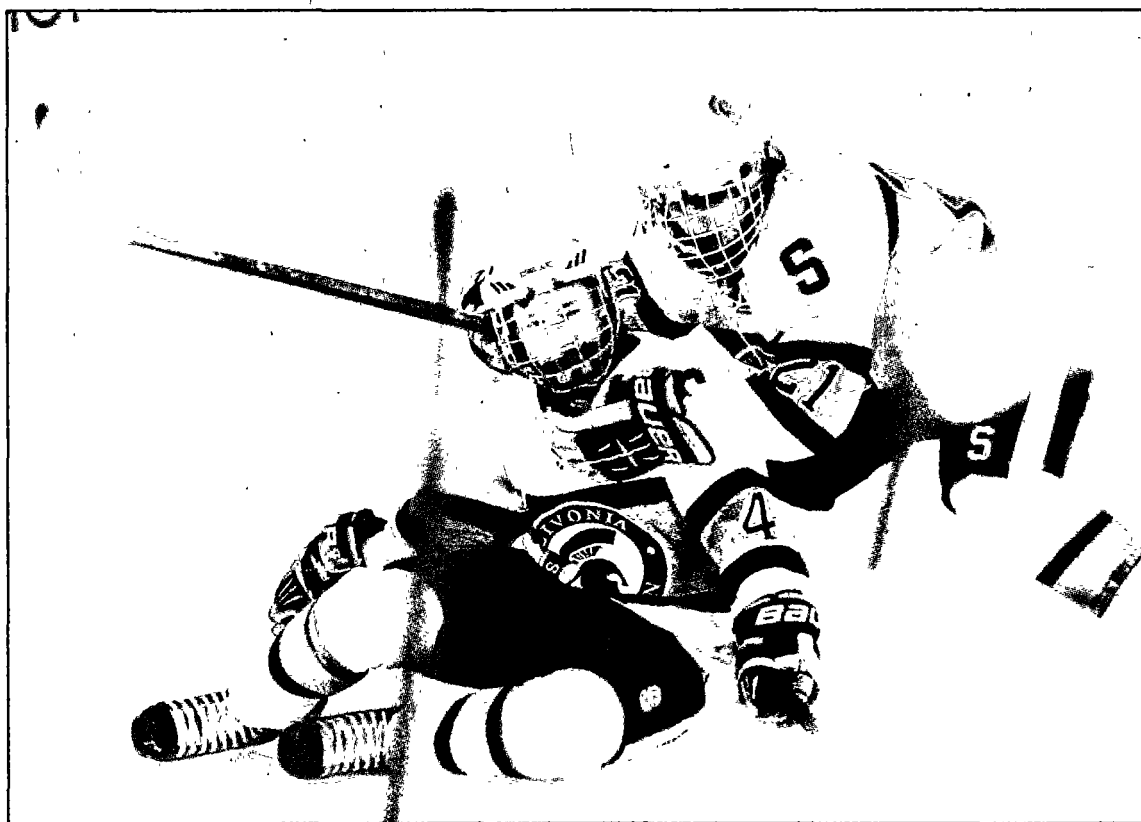
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Stevenson's Mick Sinclair (4) celebrates the game-winning overtime goal with teammate Dante Seychel in a dramatic 3-2 win Tuesday over Ann Arbor Pioneer at the University of Michigan's Yost Arena.

## Blades of Glory

### Sinclair's goal puts Spartans in Final 4

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Waste Management would have been proud of Livonia Stevenson's Mick Sinclair in Tuesday's MHSAA Division 2 boys hockey quarterfinal at the University of Michigan's Yost Arena.

The sophomore forward registered the biggest goal of the season as the Spartans pulled out a thrilling 3-2 double-overtime victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Stevenson, now 21-7-1 overall, will make only its third state semifinal appearance in school history when they face off against 22-5-2 Saginaw Heritage, which advanced with a 4-1 Elite Eight win over Grand

Haven.

Sinclair has had only a handful of goals this season, but the one he deposited on a rebound past Pioneer goaltender Karl Gage was certainly his most significant of his young career, the game-winner coming with 4:58 left in the second eight-minute OT.

"I just followed number 17, (Travis) Harvey, he was just going to the net so I just followed him up, the puck squared to me and I just buried it," Sinclair said. "I was just going to pick up the garbage for him."

Stevenson coach David Mitchell's message was plain heading into the first OT after Pioneer's Anthony Moran's third-period goal at 8:28 knot-

ted the game at 2-2.

"Keep it simple, keep it simple," Mitchell implored. "Pucks to the net, pucks get out, pucks get deep. You know what? We got a puck to the net and got a puck deep, and Mick Sinclair was there. And it couldn't happen to a more deserving and nicer kid. I'm so happy and proud for him."

Ironically, the Spartans were all over Pioneer during the first period, enjoying an 18-4 shot margin, yet trailed 1-0.

With Stevenson's defense getting caught pinching in, Pioneer's William Rudberg took advantage of a two-on-none break and scored at 9:26.

"After all the scouting

Please see SPARTANS, B3

## Stevenson's regional title 1st since '87

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

It's become a superstition in hockey — don't touch the trophy and until you win the trophy.

But even though the Livonia Stevenson boys hockey team remains three wins away from a first-ever state title, the Spartans had to admire **BOYS HOCKEY**

piece of hardware they captured Saturday night following a convincing 4-1 regional final win over host Trenton at Kennedy Arena.

It's been 25 years since the Spartans last won a regional — 1987, to be exact.

"This is the 43rd year of Stevenson high school hockey," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We make them (the players) aware of the history because we're trying to tie this team to the best."

The victory put Stevenson, 20-7-1 overall, into the state quarterfinals against 20-7-1 Ann Arbor Pioneer (see related story).

"It's been awhile, so we're just happy to get this and get the regional championship," Mitchell said. "For our administration, I can't say enough good things about them and for all the people that support Stevenson hockey."

Stevenson, which avenged a 4-3 overtime loss to the same Trojans on Jan. 23, went full throttle from start-to-finish.

Stevenson's Devin Kelly opened the scoring just 42 seconds into the game off an assist from Dominic Lutz.

Trenton, however, tied it at 5:29 of the same period on Andrew Sawyer's goal from Chase Stotler and Vinny DaBrowa.

But it was all Stevenson thereafter as Blake Battjes scored from Jake Kierdorf at 10:31 of the first, a goal that proved to be the game-winner.

"They (Stevenson) were pret-

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## Boys bowling MHSAA recap

Wayne Memorial's Kody Wojewski and Westland John Glenn's Steven White both reached the round of 16, but were eliminated in their first-round match play openers Saturday at MHSAA Division 1 Singles Bowling Finals held at Northway Lanes in Muskegon.

Wojewski, the 12th seed coming out of the qualifying block with a six-game total of 1,234, lost to fifth seed Jacob Kersten of Clarkston, 362-295.

White, meanwhile, fell top seed Brad Wozniak of Traverse City Central, 422-333.

The Glenn senior was the 16th and final seed coming out of the qualifying block with a 1,217, including a 235 high game.

Just missing the cut by one place and one pin behind White was Wayne's Shane Ram-baldo, who took 17th in qualifying (1,216).

Wayne teammate Conor Weber was 25th (1,178).

Jeff Piertryka of Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley was the Division 1 state champ.

In the Division 3, Livonia Clarenceville's Kyle Kissandi placed 10th in the qualifying block (1,149), but lost in the round of 16 to Sam Brandt of Fremont, 374-331.

Other Clarenceville finishers included Tyler Fox, 36th (1,046) and Matthew Thayer, 60th (852).

Adam LaRoe of Napoleon won the Division 3 title.

## Girls bowling MHSAA recap

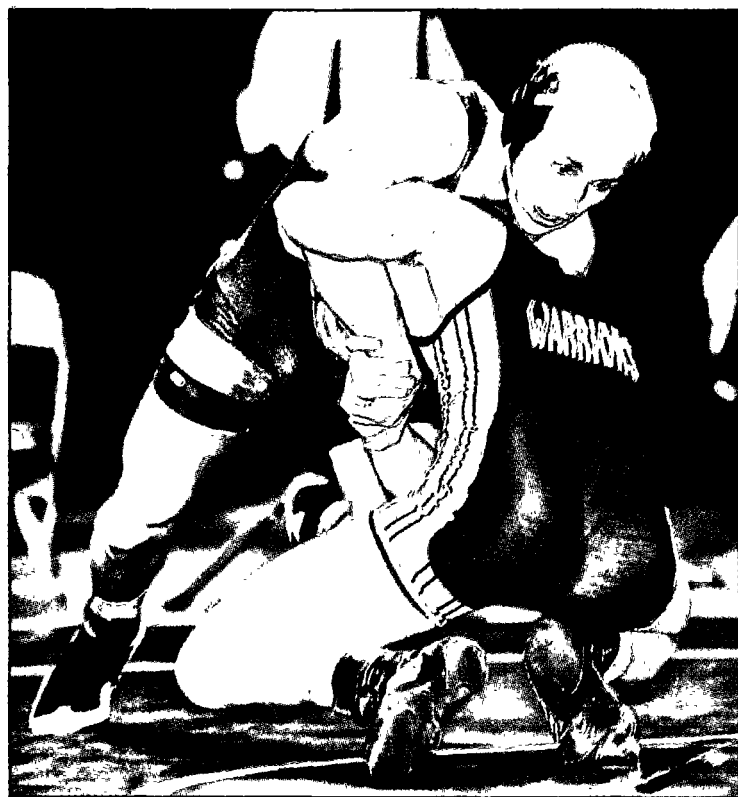
In the MHSAA Division 1 Individual Singles Bowling Finals held Saturday at Muskegon's Northway Lanes, Wayne Memorial's Kira Leach was the top area finisher in the qualifying block with a six-game total of 1,119 (31st overall).

Westland John Glenn's Olivia Cabildo (1,108) and Caity Lenard (1,042) finished 35th and 46th, respectively, in qualifying.

Barbara Lawson of Grand Ledge was Division 1 state champ.

At the Division 2 Singles Finals at Century Lanes in Waterford, Livonia Ladywood's Sabine Hutter placed 19th overall with a 1,118 total, three spots away from match play qualifying.

Laurynn Ball of Armada was the Division 3 state champion.



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

John Glenn's Travis Mann (top) became the fourth grappler in school history to win an individual state final when he decimated Brother Rice's Andrew Napieraj at 145 pounds.

## 'He's the Mann!'

### Glenn grappler champ

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

The first thing Westland John Glenn's Travis Mann did to celebrate his 145-pound Division 1 individual state wrestling crown Saturday at The Palace of Auburn Hills was head to the hotel restaurant with his parents.

"Oh, yeah, I chowed down for sure," said Mann, who capped a 32-3 season with a 10-4 decision over Birmingham Brother Rice's Andrew Napieraj in the finals. "Then we came home. I was pretty exhausted, so I fell asleep."

Mann is the fourth Glenn wrestler in school history to earn a state title and the first since 130-pounder Anthony Pavlich did it in 2010.

After pinning Howell's Hayden Hughes in the first round followed by a 8-5 second-round vic-

tory over Macomb Dakota's Alex Bozinovski, Mann faced the formidable Rocco Borg Oxford, who was sporting a 47-2 record going into the tournament.

Mann credited his stamina for winning a 5-3 semifinal match.

"When I was wrestling Rocco Borg he was up in the first period," Mann said. "But in the second and third he started gassing out and that's when I took advantage of him."

That one-point win put Mann in the finals.

"He wrestled smart, took one match at a time and had a big semifinal match where both I thought each other very well," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "You could tell they kind of knew each other."

And in his final high school match, Mann came through in the clutch.

"I got him (Napieraj) on his back

Please see MANN, B4

## Blazers claim spot in 'B' regional final

### Lady Rockets also eye final

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

It's been over two decades since Livonia Ladywood has captured a girls basketball regional title.

That could all change if Ladywood, now 16-7 overall, can beat 22-1 Flat Rock beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday on the Blazers' home court.

Thanks to 22 points from senior point-guard Andie Anastos, Ladywood rolled to a 61-19 regional semifinal victory Tues-

day over visiting River Rouge.

Flat Rock, meanwhile, defeated Ida in the first game of the double-header, 49-36.

"Flat Rock is big, very good and they do a lot of things well," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said. "But we also do a lot of good things well, so it should be a good game Thursday."

One thing Ladywood did extremely well Tuesday against Rouge (14-8) was play stubborn man-to-man defense.

The Blazers, who jumped out to a 34-12 at halftime advantage, allowed just four field goals the entire game and

held the Panthers without a made basket over the final two quarters.

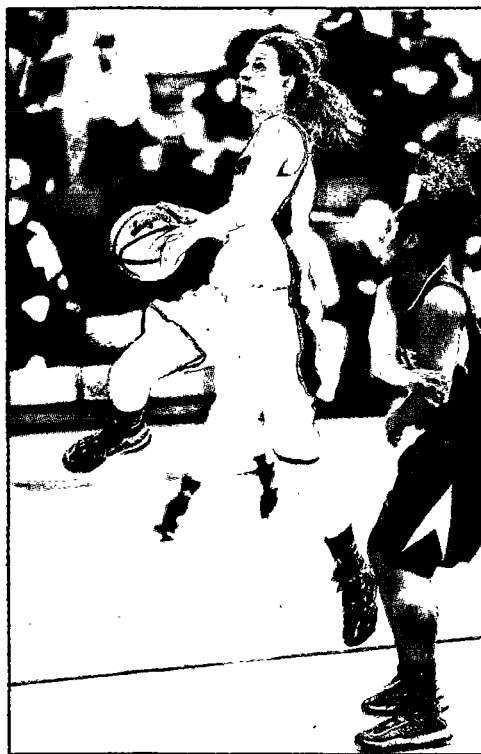
"We did a great job defensively," Coratti said. "Their point guard (from Rouge) was pretty good, but we made her feel pretty uncomfortable."

Senior forward Sara Even chipped in with nine points for the victorious Blazers, while Shelby Walsh and Cheryl Setlock added seven and five, respectively.

Star Harris scored eight for the Panthers.

Ladywood made 16-of-22 free throws, while Rouge connected on 10-of-20.

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DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Ladywood's Sara Even takes flight to the basket during Tuesday's Class B 61-19 regional semifinal win over River Rouge.

### Dynamo 1st

The Livonia YMCA Dynamo, an under-11 girls soccer team, posted a 7-0-1 record to win the second indoor session at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

Team members include: Andrea Abramson, Jamie Colling, Allison Esker, Emily Esker, Alexis Gibbons, Mandy Laiacano, Olivia Pelle, Julianna Racette, Riley St. Ledger, Abby Woods and Emily Woods.

The Dynamo are coached by Laura, Don and Lesley McDougall.

# Spartans make No. 1 King earn win

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson had reason to be proud of its effort against top-ranked and undefeated Detroit Martin Luther King in girls basketball Tuesday. The Spartans made the Crusaders (22-0) earn their 50-36 victory in a Class A regional tournament game at Southfield High School.

## GIRLS HOOPS

Stevenson was down at halftime, 30-19, but it held heavily favored King to just three points in the third quarter and got within five, 33-28.

The difference was still just eight points, 44-36, with a minute remaining when the Crusaders got some late run-out baskets off turnovers.

"We pretty much fig-

ured nobody in the state gave us a shot at winning," Spartans coach Jen Knoph said. "We didn't think many people thought we could keep it close. We just told the girls, 'Anybody is beatable on any day,' and they truly bought into doing it for each other."

Junior Rachel Wilkinson scored 11 points to pace Stevenson (12-11). Junior Charlesann Roy

added seven, while junior Katelyn Foster and senior Mara Murray tallied six apiece.

"At the beginning of the year, we set a goal to win the district," Knoph said. "When we had practice Monday, they said they didn't think that was enough. They didn't want it to be over."

"We made a ton of turnovers, and we had a lot of opportunities that we

missed. We were still playing hard enough on the defensive end and believing enough that we just kept it tight. We were within three in the third quarter, so we were right there."

King senior Antania Hayes finished with 14 points, sophomore Janae Williams 13, junior LaShai Geeter 12 and sophomore Leah Mathis eight. "There's not one thing

to feel bad about," Knoph said. "(The Spartans) should be extremely proud of what they did. I think they shocked a lot of people. They probably even shocked themselves."

"That's a great thing to take into next season, because I have a lot of juniors on the team. What a way to go out, to play such a great game against such an awesome team."

# Hoop tri-fecta

## Glenn cages rival Zebras for 3rd time

By Brad Emmons  
Observer Staff Writer

Despite 81-53 and 78-62 wins, Westland John Glenn boys basketball coach Dan Young had to be a little leery playing rival Wayne Memorial for a third time this season.

But his Rockets didn't let their guard down, improving to 18-3 overall with a convincing 79-55 triumph in the Class A district opener Monday night at Romulus.

"It's hard, they have a lot of good players and we knew it was going to be tough," Young said of Wayne. "They're hard to guard and they really spread you out. The big kid (Rio Washington) is really good. Number 15 (Juawn Snipes), 12 (Josh Lowry), they're good players. And number 25 (Brian Williams) had 10 points in the second quarter, so they get on runs there. But we took care of our business and got through it."

Glenn's formula was simple - getting scoring from numerous players - as senior guards Richard Roberts and Nick Daniels led the way with 18 and 17 points, respectively.

Junior forwards Isaac Everette and James Pruitt chipped in with 13 and 12, respectively as well.

"I told our guys, 'Balance offensively, try and defend and rebound the ball when you can,'" Young said. "That's how you win state tournament time. It's not one

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guy scoring, it's multiple guys scoring, getting high assists. We turned it over a little too much, so we'll have to clean that up on Wednesday. But having four in doubles is very good. That's what I want to see."

Despite 16 turnovers, Glenn shot the ball extremely well going 26-for-44 (59 percent) while building a commanding 62-39 advantage.

The Zebras (5-15) trailed 18-8 after one quarter, but got as close as six, 31-25, with 1:41 left in the half on a three-pointer by Williams.

"The first half I thought we played pretty well," Wayne coach Mike Schuette said. "If we could have made some of our shots that would have brought it closer the first half. If we'd had gotten a few more loose balls that would have gotten it closer."

"The second half ... it wasn't that we played that much poorer, I think they (Glenn) stepped it up and played a lot more intense than they did the first half. As a result, they got the score where they wanted it. They were knocking down the shots from all over the place. It's hard to defend."

And it was tough to defend the high-flying 6-foot-6 Pruitt, who had three spectacular dunks on the night, including back-to-back alley-oop one-handers during the

final quarter.

Meanwhile, after going 12-of-27 in the first half, Wayne made only 9-of-33 attempts in the second half (27.2 percent).

"We didn't make that extra pass to hit the open man," Schuette said.

"Part of the problem all season has been not getting that extra pass, and panicking, when we didn't need to panic. I'm not saying that we did that today, but one more pass, or two more passes might have had a little bit more of a freed up shot for us."

Washington, a promising 6-5 sophomore center, finished with a team-high 11 points, while Williams, a junior, added 10 (all in the second period).

Lowry, a senior, and Parks, a junior, added eight apiece.

"The future ... I've got a good group coming back next year," Schuette said.

"So it's a lot of work this summer and see what happens. They work hard in practice. They're going to work hard in the summer. We're going to play as many games as we can and see what we can do."

Glenn, meanwhile, advances to the regional semifinal Wednesday at Romulus where they will face Inkster. (Game time is 5:30 p.m.)

In the other first-round district game, the host Eagles, ranked No. 2 in the state, manhandled Taylor Truman, 90-48.

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# Trojans roll in district opener

Despite being up 31-22 at halftime, Livonia Clarenceville boys basketball coach Justin Johnson could sense his team was far from being satisfied in their Class B district opener against South Lyon East.

"We did not play well, the first quarter-and-a-half we were sluggish," Johnson said. "We played well offensively, but missed a ton of shots. The third quarter we came out and played some defense."

Clarenceville ran the visiting Cougars out of gym in the third period with a 22-5 en route to a 70-47 triumph to advance to Wednesday's district semifinal at home against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Four underclassmen figured prominently in

the scoring as junior Jawan Nelson led the way with a game-high 19 points.

Sophomore Jermell Johnson added 12, while juniors Kimani Dooley and Jalen Bryant added 10 and eight, respectively, as the Trojans improved to 5-16 overall.

Stanislaw Trybula paced the Cougars (2-18) with 16 points.

Clarenceville made 12-of-20 free throws on the night, while East hit 12-of-23.

**BAPTIST PARK 73, LUTH. WESTLAND 47:** Anthony Kaminski and Daniel Eubank each scored 20 points to lead four players in double figures Monday as host Taylor Baptist Park (15-6) downed Lutheran High Westland (10-10) in the Class D district opener.

Kirk Thomas and Devante Schofield added 16 and 15, respectively, for the host Wildcats, who pulled away

in the second half. Nick Andrzejewski scored 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Warriors, who trailed by only seven at half, 34-27, before being outscored 22-7 in the third quarter.

Jake Davenport also added seven points in the loss. "We hung tough in the first half," Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft said. "Our defensive energy was good and we shot 50 percent (11-for-22) from the floor."

"We looked tired in the second half. We looked worn down. Our guys did not give up, but I just don't know how much was left in the tank. We've got to hand it to Baptist Park ... they were definitely the better team tonight. It was one of those nights."

**PCA 63, HURON VALLEY 28:** On Monday, Drew Ibach scored 16 points as host Plymouth Christian Academy (12-9) rolled to victory over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (7-13) in the Taylor Baptist Park Class D district. Daniel Jipping added 12 points and 10 rebounds for the victorious Eagles.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### CHS 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 DeRoo, 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@cmsenergy.com.

### Pom pon clinic

The state champion Livonia Pom team is staging a clinic for grades 3-8 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 and tryouts, visit [www.livoniapom@gmail.com](http://www.livoniapom@gmail.com).

### Football coaches

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

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

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Chris Kelbert at [ckelbert@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:ckelbert@livoniapublicschools.org).

### 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. Mon-

days; 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.

### 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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**GLENN 50, CRESTWOOD 34:** Westland John Glenn (22-1) made history Tuesday night at Saline with a Class A regional semifinal victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood (20-3).

The Rockets, getting 12 points apiece from senior

twins Raven and Raine Bankston, moved into their first-ever regional championship game where they will face Brownstown Woodhaven (21-3), which advanced with a 60-58 overtime win over the host Hornets.

Glenn, getting eight first-quarter points from Raven Bankston, jumped out to a 26-6 advantage and led 37-15 at halftime.

Senior forward Kierra Jordan chipped in with eight points for the Rockets, who hit 8-of-

13 free throws. Oreyana Curry contributed 13 for the Chargers, who made 10-of-12 foul shots.

"We actually did something different the second half," Glenn coach Eric Kovatch said. "We slowed things down and ran more offensive sets. We wanted to save some energy. It was a solid victory and now we have to get ready for Thursday because Woodhaven is a tough team."

Game time is 7 p.m. Thursday at Saline.

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# Gutsy Livonia Red gymnasts qualify

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

True grit carried the Livonia Red girls gymnastics team last Saturday in the MHSAA Region 3 meet at Plymouth.

Coach Kelly Grodzicki's squad earned an at-large bid to Friday's team state finals where it will join 12 other teams that finished in the top three at three different regional sites across the state.

It was a Centennial Educational Park sweep in Region 3 as Canton (145.900 points), Plymouth (140.775) and Salem (140.325) all earned automatic bids.

Livonia Red's score of 140.775 placed fourth, while securing berth in the team finals for the first time since 2008. (The state team finals start at 2 p.m. Friday at Plymouth.)

"Tears of joy filled my eyes when I received official call that we got

the wild card and would be the 13th team to be at the state meet," said Grodzicki, who had to wait for results from the other two regionals. "The girls were very pumped up and performed. Fight and determination was something this team had, and they definitely pulled through. I am very proud of these girls. They have worked very hard and wanted this very bad."

In Division 1, Red's Katie Kretzschmar qualified (top eight) for Saturday's individual state finals with a second on the uneven bars (9.15) and a fourth on balance beam (8.75).

In Division 2, Marissa McVey led the way as she placed sixth in the all-around (35.275), including a second on balance beam (9.225) and a seventh on bars (8.525).

Maggie McGowan also qualified on vault (9.0) with a sixth, but it was her courageous floor

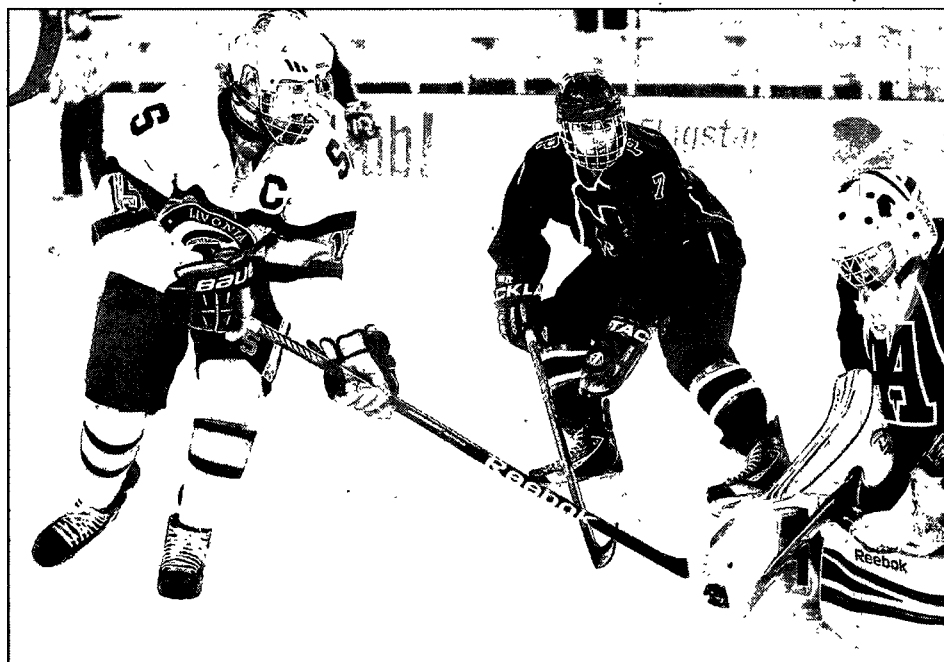
score of 9.05 (13th overall) which bolstered the Livonia Red's effort.

"Maggie was the highlight," Grodzicki said. "After falling in her last pass and suffering a possible injury to her ankle, she did not know what the outcome of the following events would be. She was immediately up on the vault and competed the remainder of the meet."

Meanwhile, Livonia Blue took sixth in the regional with a 136.725 team total as freshman Bri Rhoad tied for fourth in the Division 2 all-around (35.275), including a third on vault (9.1), seventh on floor (9.15) and eighth on bars (8.5).

Other Division 2 state qualifiers from Blue included Emily Chatterjee, who tied for fifth on bars (8.65) and Jamie Jasinski, who tied for eighth on beam (8.575).

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Stevenson's Dominic Lutz (15) puts the shot on goal, but it's stopped by Pioneer goalie Karl Gage as Calum Stripling (7) converges on the play in Tuesday's Division 2 quarterfinal at U-M's Yost Arena.

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reports told us not to skate with them, I think we planned to play a defensive shell, and we were going to see how the first 10 minutes would work ... we were on our heels the entire first period," Pioneer coach Paul Fassbender said. "It was ugly, but thanks to our goaltender Karl (Gage) he played phenomenal. We held on."

But the Spartans kept up their relentless pressure and Dominic Lutz buried his 40th of the season at the 55-second mark of the second period on a quick wrister with linemate Devin Kelly assisting.

Stevenson, then scored again to take a 2-1 lead at 6:05 of the same period

on a power play goal by Tyler Irvine, who turned and fired a shot nearly parallel to the goal line that eluded Gage on the short side at 6:05 with Lutz and Kelly assisting.

But after being badly outshot during the first period, Pioneer evened things out as the Spartans held only a 15-14 shots-on-goal advantage the rest of the way.

"Give them all the credit in the world," Mitchell said of Pioneer. "They didn't fold. They didn't back down. Their goalie had a heckuva first period and kept things in check, and they got a goal."

"We seemed to lose our legs a little bit they (Pioneer) get more momentum and pressure. It's playoff time and it's about surviving. It's not about winning pretty. You don't get style points for

winning so it was nice to get the win."

Pioneer had a power play chance in the first OT, but Stevenson fought it off and senior goaltender Connor Humitz (16 saves) was up to the task.

"As the game went on I really feel our legs and our conditioning really started paying off," said Fassbender, whose team finished 20-8-1 overall. "We're a very well-conditioned team. After the third period I really think we were stealing the momentum. We were more aggressive, but overtime you've got to get the breaks. We had the power play, which has been our go-to thing all year long — we've lived and died by it. We died by it today. It's a tough one to swallow."

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## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

### MHSAA REGION 3 GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS

March 3 at Plymouth H.S. TEAM STANDINGS (top 4 qualify for state finals): 1. Canton, 145.900 points; 2. Plymouth, 140.775; 3. Salem, 140.325; 4. Livonia Red, 140.075; 5. Grosse Pointe United, 138.500; 6. Livonia Blue, 136.725; 7. Saline, 134.850; 8. Northville, 133.175; 9. Adrian, 129.025; 10. Tecumseh, 120.175; 11. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 54.550; 12. Dearborn Fordson, 16.350.

#### DIVISION 1

(top 8 qualify for state) All-around: 1. Jocelyn Moraw (Canton), 37.15; vault: Melissa

Green (Canton), 9.4; uneven bars: 1. Moraw (Canton), 9.2; 2. Katie Kretzschmar (Red), 9.15; balance beam: 1. Maddie Toal (Canton), 9.55; 4. Kretzschmar (Red), 8.725; floor exercise: 1. Moraw (Canton), 9.725.

#### DIVISION 2

All-around: 1. Emma Abesinio (GPU), 36.625; 4. (tie) Bri Rhoad (Blue), 36.375; 6. Marissa McVey (Red), 35.275; 13. Maggie McGowan (Red), 34.000; 14. (tie) Shannon Diaz (Red), 33.975; 16. Jackie Dzulgot (Rd), 33.850; 17. Emily Chatterjee (Blue), 33.625; 18. Alex Zukowski (Blue), 33.600; 22. Sidney Grenier (Red), 33.300; 28. Catie McDougall (Blue), 32.125; 31.

Sarah Gosdzinski (Red), 31.775; 32. Olivia Ryktarszyk (Red), 31.725; 36. Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 31.450.

#### INDIVIDUAL EVENT RESULTS (top 8 qualify for state)

Vault: 1. Erica Lucas (Canton), 9.35; 3. (tie) Rhoad (Blue), 9.1; 6. McGowan (Red), 9.0.

Uneven bars: 1. Abesinio (GPU), 8.9; 5. (tie) Chatterjee (Blue), 8.65; 7. McVey (Red), 8.525; 8. Rhoad (Blue), 8.5.

Balance beam: 1. Abesinio (GPU), 9.275; 2. McVey (Red), 9.225; 8. (tie) Jasinski (Blue), 8.575.

Floor exercise: 1. Abesinio (GPU), 9.55; 7. (tie) Rhoad (Blue), 9.15.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### BOYS HOCKEY

(Thursday, March 7) (Division 2 Semifinals) Stevenson vs. Saginaw Heritage at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, March 9

MHSAA Division 2 finals at Compuware Arena, 10 a.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### REGIONAL PAIRINGS

#### CLASS A

##### at SALINE

Thursday, March 7: Westland John Glenn vs. Brownstown Woodhaven, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinal, 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at Detroit Western International vs. Southfield regional champion.)

#### CLASS B

##### at LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Thursday, March 7: Livonia Ladywood vs. Flat Rock, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at Lake Fenton vs. Parma Western regional champion.)

### BOYS BASKETBALL

DISTRICT TOURNEY PAIRINGS

#### CLASS A

##### at LIVONIA STEVENSON

Friday, March 8: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Monday, March 11 at Southfield vs. Detroit Western International district champion.)

#### at ROMULUS

Friday, March 8: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Monday, March 11 at Wyandotte vs. Dearborn district champion.)

#### CLASS B

##### at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Friday, March 8: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Monday, March 11 at Flat Rock vs. Dearborn Divine Child district champion.)

### BOYS SWIMMING

#### MHSAA FINALS

##### Friday, March 8

Division 1 prelims at Holland Aquatics, noon.

##### Saturday, March 9

Division 1 finals at Holland Aquatics, noon.

### GIRLS GYMNASTICS

#### MHSAA FINALS

##### at PLYMOUTH H.S.

##### Friday, March 8

Team finals, 2 p.m.

##### Saturday, March 9

Individual finals, noon.

### COLLEGE BASEBALL

#### (RussMatt Invitational at Auburndale, Fla.)

##### Thursday, March 7

MU vs. Olivet (2), 10:30 a.m.

##### Saturday, March 9

MU vs. Avila (2), 10:15 a.m.

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

#### (Tucson, Ariz. Inv. Games)

##### Thursday, March 7

MU vs. Univ. Great Falls, 11 a.m.

##### Friday, March 8

MU vs. Valley City St., 11 a.m.

##### Saturday, March 9

MU vs. Dickinson St., 5:30 p.m.

##### Sunday, March 10

MU vs. Pur.-N. Central, 11 a.m.

##### Monday, March 11

MU vs. William Penn, 1 p.m.

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ty quick today and that first goal made it pretty difficult playing from behind," said Trenton coach Mike Turner, whose team finished 15-12-1 overall.

"We drew even, we got some momentum going and that other (Battjes) deflection off the face-off ... I mean, that was it. We can't keep coming from behind all along. We hadn't been very good at doing that all year."

During the second period Stevenson amped up its game even more outshooting the Trojans, 23-8.

Jake Kierdorf's shot from the left point at 10:53 of the second period found the back of the Trenton net after the Trojans had just killed off a penalty. Battjes' assist made it 3-1.

And at 14:59, Lutz notched his 39th of the season from right side off an assist from Ray Chartier.

Neither team scored in the third, but Spartan senior netminder Connor Humitz stood tall, stop-

ping 23-of-24 shots on the night.

Meanwhile, Trenton's Nick Ramirez faced a total of 44 Stevenson shots.

"We went with the mentality that we just have to keep doing what we've been doing, keep hustling and working hard," Mitchell said.

"To say we brought our 'A' game? I don't know. I think that's judged by other people, but I always think we can do better. There's always things I think we can clean up on. Whether it was A, B or C, it was good enough for the victory and being it's the state playoffs that's what you want."

Trenton also took a total of six penalties, while Stevenson had only two.

"That hurt us and certainly put us behind," said Turner, who has 10 state titles under his belt. "They're too good of a team to play short-handed against and try and get back any momentum. Hats off to Stevenson. I hope they have a great finish and go a long way."

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## Whalers garner 4th in row

Plymouth Whalers goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic stopped 27 shots and his teammates displayed a balanced offense in Tuesday morning's 4-1 win over Saginaw.

The Whalers have won four games in a row (and 12-of-13) to improve to 38-17-5-4, good for 85 points and first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

Former Spirit captain Vince Trocheck scored his 47th goal of the year for Plymouth and added an assist. Trocheck now has 47 points and 53 assists for 100 points on the season and is second in the league scoring race behind Sarina's Charles Sarault (102 points).

Matt Mistele (32), Tom Wilson (23) and Mitchell Heard (12) also scored for the Whalers — who led 2-0 after one period and 3-1 after two.

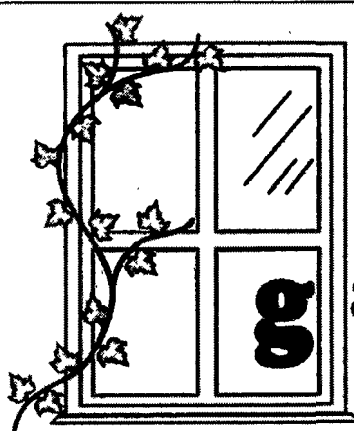
Nedeljkovic lowered his goals against average 2.11, raised his save percentage to 0.928 and has an impressive 17-2-1-1 won-loss record.

Andrey Alexeev scored the lone Saginaw goal in the second period, his eighth of the season.

The Whalers, who have qualified for the OHL playoffs for a current league record of 22 consecutive years, outshot the Spirit, 34-28.

Plymouth is off until 2 p.m. Saturday when they host Saginaw at Compuware Arena.

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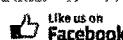
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# Rocket mat duo Gillies, Brandon 2nd at Palace

By Brad Emons  
Observer Sports Editor

While Travis Mann became the fourth Westland John Glenn wrestler in school history to capture a state title, two other Rockets were denied titles in a bittersweet ending Saturday in the MHSAA Division 1 Individual Finals held at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

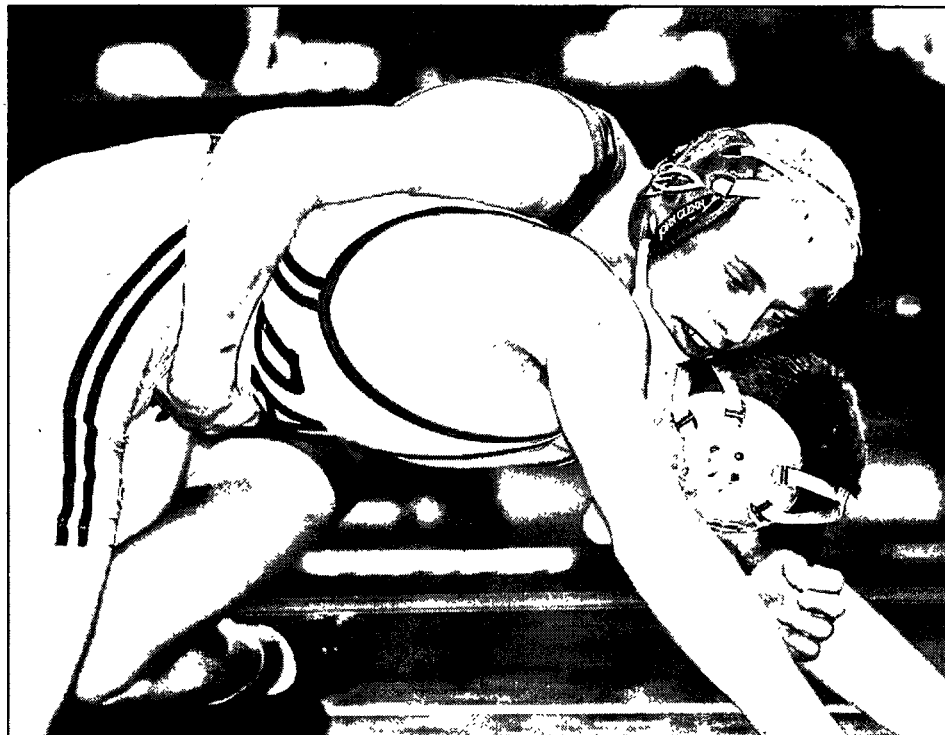
At 112 pounds, Rocket senior Kyle Gillies' bid for a perfect season was spoiled in the championship match by Davison's Lincoln Olson, 10-4. Gillies ended the year at 55-1.

Meanwhile, in the 215-pound finals, Glenn junior Jordon Brandon ran into to nemesis Brandon Sunday of Temperance Bedford, this time falling 5-4 in overtime in the third meeting this season between the two, all one-point decisions.

A two-time state placer, Gillies pinned Davan Daniels of Holland West Ottawa (1:22), decisioned Kyle Noonan of Rochester Stoney Creek (6-1) and pinned Grand Haven's Camden Bertucci (3:53) en route to the finals.

In the championship match, Olson took a 4-3 lead on Gillies at the end of the first period and went up 8-3 to start the third. Gillies was unable to make up the deficit.

"It was a one-point match (second period)



John Glenn's Kyle Gillies (top) went 55-1 this season with his only loss Saturday in the Division 1 final at 112 pounds against Davison's Lincoln Olson.

and they got into a little bit of a scramble and they called a penalty point and I don't know why," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "The ref said he grabbed the inside of the kid's shoe. I couldn't see, and Kyle said if he did, he didn't do it intentionally. There was nothing you could do about that and it kind of changed the match a little.

"That kid (Olson) that beat him was a defending (103) state champ. Kyle beat the kid (Bertucci) in the semis that placed

second when he placed fifth. Kyle had a great tournament. He lost to the defending champ and wrestled tough."

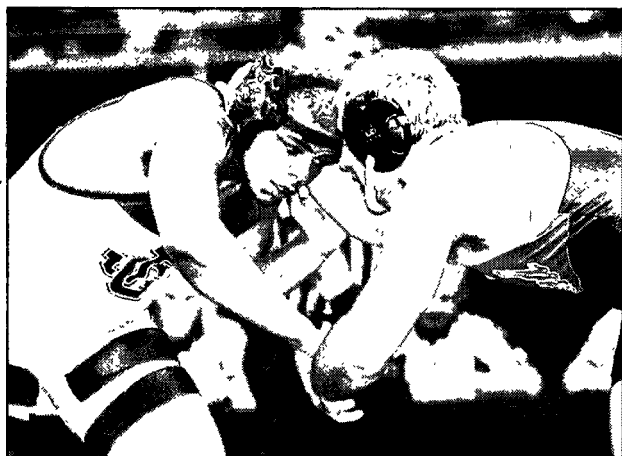
Gillies was all-time leader in wins at Glenn with 204.

"Obviously he's one of the best kids we've ever had," Polk said. "He walked in the door and won 40 matches his freshman year. It's nice to get those ninth-graders that you can count on. He was one of the best kids in your lineup and just never stopped for four years."

Brandon, who finished the year at 55-5, won major decisions over Joe Schudt of Warren DeLaSalle (16-6) and Courtney Meyers of Grandville (17-7) before edging Waterford Kettering's Matt Okaiye in the semifinals, 3-2.

In two previous meetings with Brandon, Sunday won 1-0 at the team regional and 4-3 in the individual regional semifinals.

In the state final, Sunday stayed alive when Brandon was penalized for stalling with 10 seconds left in the third



John Glenn's Jordon Brandon (left) was locked in another tight duel with Temperance Bedford's Brandon Sunday before losing 5-4 in OT in the 215-pound Division 1 state final at the Palace.

period, tying the match at 3-3.

Sunday ultimately won by getting an escape with 20 seconds left in the final overtime.

"He (Brandon) wrestled the perfect match," Polk said. "He did exactly what he was supposed to do. He was up 3-2, being offensive and gets hit for stalling because the referee wanted to put himself in the center of the mat. I still don't understand.

"I think we were the offensive wrestler. There shouldn't have been any cautions. There's history between those two kids. We scored the only take-down in the match. That kid (Sunday) had nothing but escapes and virtually took very few shots. For some reason

some of these officials want to put themselves in the middle of the match, make it exciting or whatever."

Polk said Brandon took the controversial loss in a sportsmanlike manner.

"I feel real bad for Jordon," the Glenn coach said. "He's just a warrior. The kid is so mentally tough. He's come such a long way in three years. He's physically gifted. He's very fast and very athletic. He's just got that winners' drive within him.

"I'm real proud of the way he took it. We all know what happened. A couple years ago the kid would have gone overboard and flipped out, but he's really matured."

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## Near-perfect

### Pats' Atienza falls in final, goes 58-1

By Brad Emons  
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What appeared to be a dream wrestling season for Livonia Franklin's Jordan Atienza came an abrupt halt in the MHSAA Division Individual Finals Saturday at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Atienza, a junior, had gone 58-0 before losing to Clarkston's Nick Vandermeer in the 152-pound finals.

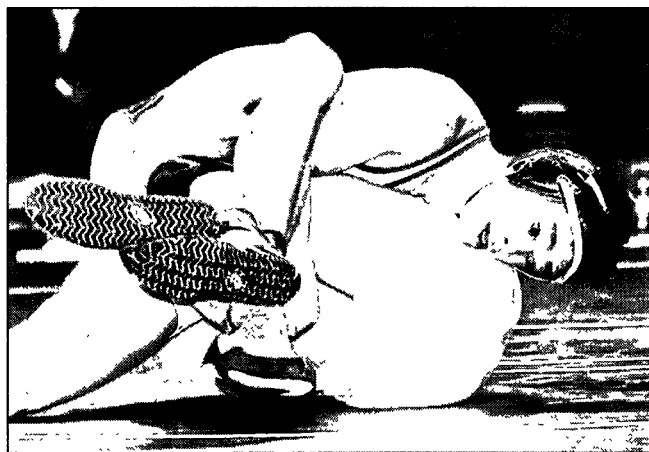
Despite leading 8-4 in the third period, Vandermeer averted disaster and turned it into a title, rolling out of a near-pin to score a pin of his own in 4:17 against the previously unbeaten Atienza.

Atienza reached the championship match with a 16-1 technical fall over Oxford's Wesley Maskill after scoring a 12-5 quarterfinal decision over Stoney Creek's Andrew Price and a 16-8 major decision over Dovon Jackson of Bay City Central in the first round.

"Jordan has been wrestling so well all year," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "He has been extremely dominant on his feet. The last match just got away from him. He got a couple of his moves countered early and it just threw him off his game."

Vandermeer, a senior, ended the year 44-5.

"I almost felt myself getting pinned," Vandermeer told the MHSAA's Second Half Coverage. "I was warned he throws with his upper body. I didn't expect to be rolling. I had to get out, but I was able to re-roll him and catch him pretty



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Franklin's Jordan Atienza (top) ended up 58-1 after suffering a heartbreaking loss in the 152-pound Division 1 state final to Clarkston's Nick Vandermeer.

much."

Chiola said Atienza will bounce back from the setback.

"Vandermeer is a very unorthodox wrestler – it just took Jordan out of his game a bit," the Franklin coach said. "I think this will just make him hungrier. The way he improved in one year was tremendous. He had a great year and should be proud of what he accomplished. It stings right now, but he's a tough kid and will rebound from this."

Meanwhile, Livonia Churchill senior Manny Haddad bounced back from a 4-3 first-round loss to Parker Tillman of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central to win his next five matches and place third in the 285-pound weight class.

Haddad finished 40-8 overall.

"One of the toughest things to do is lose in the first round and wrestle back

for third," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "We had Manuel Schubert, a (former) state champ, who lost in the first round and wrestled back to third and lost that match, so you can see how tough that could be."

"He (Haddad) lost that first match 4-3 and three of those points the ref called for stalling. After that match he got a resolve and wrestled a thousand times better than that first match. He was happy that he took third, but he was angry he lost in the first round, of course."

Franklin's Allen Steele (189), a senior, took sixth after falling to Clarkston's Chris Calvano in the semifinals, 8-2. Steele finished the year 51-4.

"Allen has been very motivated since coming up short at the state tournament last year," Chiola said. "I know his goal was to be state champ and when he lost in

the semifinals, I think it took a lot of the wind out of his sails. He was at a very competitive weight. There were probably eight kids that could have won it, or not placed at all. Every match was extremely close. Allen had a great year for himself and should be proud."

Wayne Memorial's Allen Parker (140) and Sam Ekanem (171), both seniors both earned eighth-place finishes in the their respective weight classes.

Parker finished 39-6, while Ekanem went 41-12.

#### Division 3, 4

In Division 3, Livonia Clarenceville's Aaron Bibik (160) garnered a fifth-place finish to finish year with a 46-10 record.

Bibik pinned Forest Courtright of Shelby in the first round (5:21) before being pinned in 1:58 by state runner-up Skylar Ley of Caro. Bibik then won three of his next four including an 8-0 major decision over Tristan Zienkiewicz of Farwell.

In Division 4, Lutheran High Westland's Zachary Francis (125) claimed fourth place overall to wind up 51-3 overall.

Francis, a junior, lost a 8-7 semifinal match to Matthew Elliott of Fife Lake Forest Area, and then downed Hunter Machus of Bronson in the wrestleback, 1-0.

In the third-place match, Decatur's Hunter Bell avenged a 4-3 quarterfinal setback to Francis with a 4-3 victory.

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#### PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

##### MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FINALS AREA QUALIFIERS Feb. 28-March 2 at Palace

**DIVISION 1**  
Travis Mann, Westland John Glenn (145), state champion: pinned Hayden Hughes (Howell), 3:28; decisioned Alex Bozinovski (Macomb Dakota), 8-5; dec. Rocco Borg (Oxford), 5-3; dec. Andrew Napieraj (Birmingham Brother Rice), 10-4. **Final record:** 32-3.

**Kyle Gillies, John Glenn (112), runner-up:** p. Gaven Daniels (Holland West Ottawa), 1:22; dec. Kyle Noonan (Rochester Stoney Creek), 6-1; p. Camden Bertucci (Grand Haven), 3:53; dec. by Lincoln Olson (Davison), 10-4. **Final record:** 55-1.

**Jordan Brandon, John Glenn (215), runner-up:** won by major dec. over Joe Schudt (Warren DeLaSalle), 16-6; won by major dec. over Courtney Meyers (Grandville), 3-1; dec. Matt Okaiye (Waterford Kettering), 3-2; dec. by Brandon Sunday (Temperance Bedford), 5-4 (overtime). **Final record:** 55-5.

**Jordan Atienza, Livonia Franklin (152), runner-up:** won by major dec. over Dovon Jackson (Bay City Central), 16-8; dec. Andrew Price (Stoney Creek), 12-5; won by technical fall over Wesley Maskill (Oxford), 16-1; p. by Nick Vandermeer (Clarkston), 4:17. **Final record:** 58-1.

**Manny Haddad, Livonia Churchill (285), 3rd place:** dec. by Parker Tillman (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central), 4-3; p. Jerron Thomas (Flint Carman-Ainsworth), 3:37; dec. Richie Roberts (DeLaSalle), 4-1; dec. Lamonte Baker (L'Anse Creuse North), 6-3; dec. Adam Ortmann (Bedford), 5-4 (OT); won by default over Miquel Correa (West Ottawa). **Final record:** 40-8.

**Allen Steele, Franklin (189), sixth:** dec. Jordan Corby (Port Huron), 7-1; dec. Josiah Thomas (Brother Rice), 7-1; dec. by Chris Calvano (Clarkston), 8-2; dec. by Nick Giese (Novi-Detroit Catholic Central), 3-2; dec. by Rodney Harvey (Battle Creek Lakeview), 3-2. **Final record:** 51-4.

**Allen Parker, Wayne Memorial (140), eighth:** dec. Jeff Fresh (Roseville), 13-6; lost by major dec. to Dominic Russ (Davison), 8-0; dec. Jacob Heaps (Port Huron), 7-0; p. by Dominic Trevino (Holt), 2:37; dec. by Carter Stoddard (Davison), 5-3. **Final record:** 39-6.

**Sam Ekanem, Wayne (171), eighth:** dec. Nick Verran (Grand Ledge), 9-5; p. by Mitchell Thomas (Hartland), 2:16; dec. Brandon Mattinen (DeLaSalle), 7-5; dec. by Devan Richter (L'Anse Creuse), 3-1; dec. by Shane Shadaia (Rochester), 4-2 (OT). **Final record:** 41-12.

**Jack Newa, Frankston (103):** won by void over Eddie Dickow (Sterling Heights Stevenson); lost by major dec. to Benny Gomez (Holt), 19-6; dec. by Mohammad Youssef (Plymouth), 6-2. **Final record:** 44-9.

**Chase Spanos, John Glenn (103):** dec. by Alex Hrisopoulos (Oxford), 3-0; dec. Sal Caruso (Dakota), 5-3; dec. by Jared Bennett (Rockford), 6-5. **Final record:** 25-16.

**Kody Roy, Livonia Stevenson (145):** dec. Garrett Hubbell (Caledonia), 6-3; p. by Napieraj (Brother Rice), 2:23; dec. by Hughes (Howell), 15-8. **Final record:** 44-9 overall.

**Dylan Morantes, John Glenn (285):** p. by Correa (West Ottawa), 1:52; dec. Josh Chameski (Hartland), 5-0; p. by Noah Hosking (Milford), 2:23. **Final record:** 47-11.

**DIVISION 3**  
**Aaron Bibik, Livonia Clarenceville (160), fifth:** p. Forest Courtright (Shelby), 5:21; p. by Skylar Ley (Caro), 1:58; dec. Bodie Austin (Williamston), 7-2; p. Zach Perrin (Durand), 2:58; lost by major dec. to Todd Olson (Dundee), 13-0; won by major dec. over Tristan Zienkiewicz (Farwell), 8-0. **Final record:** 46-10.

**DIVISION 4**  
**Zachary Francis, Lutheran Westland (125), fourth:** p. Jacob Soback (Rogers City), 3:30; dec. Hunter Bell (Decatur), 4-3; dec. by Matthew Elliott (Fife Lake Forest Area), 8-7; dec. Hunter Machus (Bronson), 1-0; dec. by Bell (Decatur), 4-3. **Final record:** 51-3.

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#### MANN

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for five (points)," Mann recalled. "He kind of kind shut it down after that and that's when I pretty much locked it in."

A three-time state qualifier, Mann took fourth at 152 pounds a year ago.

"He's just mentally stronger than most kids," Polk said. "He probably could have gone undefeated this year if

he really wanted to. He was the type of kid that always wanted to bump up for whatever weight class just to wrestle the toughest kid that every school had.

"We basically put him against the horse on every school's team. It didn't really matter where. There's not a lot of kids like that. He always chased the best competition."

One of Mann's three losses this season was to Livonia Franklin's Jordan

Atienza, the state runner-up at 152.

"When I cut down to '45 I knew I was used to big kids wrestling because I was at '52 last year," Mann said.

Polk said his newly crowned state champion always had the dedication.

"He works his tail off in the room," Polk added. "He's always a kid that is drilling a couple of minutes longer than everybody else. He's really focused in practice. He's

definitely a hard worker."

So what put Mann over the top during his senior year?

"I got a little bit faster on my feet," he said. "I went to a lower weight class. Last year I didn't stop eating junk food, but this year I didn't drink any pop. I did a real good diet and it was pretty easy."

He also credits his older brother Jimmy, a fifth-place finisher at the MHSAA finals as a 140-

pounder in 2009.

"He comes in the room sometimes because I didn't have that many drill partners," Travis said. "He always worked with me. He played a big part."

Mann, however, admitted he left something on the table and is up in the air whether he'll continue his wrestling career.

"I'm not too sure yet," said Mann, who had 106 career wins at Glenn. "I've got a couple offers for college, just trying to

decide right now. It's kind of negotiable right now.

"I feel like I could have done a lot better, but I did what I did and won a state title, so I'm satisfied," he said.

When he's away from wrestling, Mann likes to fish during the summer.

He'll also Get Vertical. "I'll drink pop for a little while, Mountain Dew for sure," the state champion said.



## Reserve tickets now for May prayer breakfast

Dr. Tony Campolo will talk about "The Choices We Face, The Decisions We Make" at the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, Thursday, May 2 at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, west of Newburgh.

The event is 7-8:45 a.m. and tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

Campolo is professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University, a former

faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, and the founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education. He has written more than 35 books.

The event also will feature a children's choir from St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia.

For more information, see [www.livoniaprayerbreakfast.org](http://www.livoniaprayerbreakfast.org). For tickets, call Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427 for tickets.

### RELIGION CALENDAR

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#### March

##### AUCTION

**Time/Date:** 12:30-2 p.m. March 10

**Location:** Redford Aldersgate United Methodist, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford Township

**Details:** All proceeds go to support the Food4U food bank that distributes food baskets monthly to 40-80 families

**Contact:** (313) 937-3170

##### CLASSES

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m., Thursday, March 14

**Location:** Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

**Details:** All classes are open to the public. A \$5 donation is suggested. Refreshments will be served at a 7 p.m. social gathering. Classes for the evening include "Secrets, Fantasies and Intimacy - Rekindling the Bond" with Julea Merlin; "Make Your Organization More Efficient Using Google Docs" (for MS Word/Excel users), with Chuck Eglington; and "Fiction and Fact: Stories and Reality about the Holocaust" with author Susanna Piontek and her husband, Guy Stern

**Contact:** (248) 478-7272; [www.uuFarmington.org](http://www.uuFarmington.org)

##### CONCERT

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

**Location:** St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Olivia Duval, soprano, sings a program of spirituals and art songs, accompanied by Wesley Fishwick at the piano. Admission to the concert is

free, although a free will offering will be collected. **Contact:** [www.stjohn-elca.org](http://www.stjohn-elca.org) or [www.wesley-fishwick.com](http://www.wesley-fishwick.com)

##### CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 22

**Location:** Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

**Details:** Josh Nelson, a popular performer and composer of modern Jewish music, performs. The concert is free and no reservations are required

**Contact:** (248) 851-1100, Ext. 3150

##### DISCUSSION GROUP

**Time/Date:** Miniseries shown 8-10 p.m. Sunday, through March 31; discussion from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, From March 6-April 3

**Location:** Kenwood Church, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** The church will offer a discussion group on the History Channel miniseries, "The Bible"

##### FILM

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

**Location:** Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

**Detail:** "The Economics of Happiness" is a film about a world moving in two opposing directions. On the one hand governments and big business continue to promote globalization and consolidation of corporate power. At the same time, individuals are demanding better regulation of trade and finance. Communities are coming together to re-build more human scale. There will be refreshments and a discussion after the film

**Contact:** (248) 354-4488;

[www.northwestuu.org](http://www.northwestuu.org)

##### FISH DINNER

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m. Friday through March 22

**Location:** St. Aidan Church Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Adult dinner includes two filets of salmon, cod or a combination for \$9. Child dinner includes one filet of salmon or cod or macaroni and cheese for \$5. Both the adult and child dinners include roasted potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, dinner roll, and dessert. Beverages included for adults are coffee, tea, milk, pop and water. For children they are milk, pop and water. The child's dinner is for age 10 and under. Side dishes of macaroni and cheese are available for \$2

**Contact:** (734) 425-5950

##### 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 office to register

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**BABIK, VIRGINIA (JINNY) M.**  
1954 - 2013

58, of Westland, Michigan passed away Friday (March 1, 2013) at home after an extended illness. Virginia was born July 19, 1954, to the late William and Maxine (Arnold) Rumpa. In 1972, she graduated from Garden City East High School. She was an administrative assistant for the Canton Police and Fire Departments. Virginia is survived by her husband of 33 years, Darryl E. Babik, Sr., daughter Julie Babik of Belleville, Michigan, son Darryl Babik of Ypsilanti, Michigan, two grandsons, Kayden Griffin-Babik and Dimitri Babik, sister Sandra (Gary) Rumpa-Mackey, nephew Andrew Mackey, niece Amanda (Jason) Bowker of Delaware, Ohio, and her beloved canine companions Toto and Dorothy. She was preceded in death by her sister Tammy Rumpa, in 2001. In honor of Jinny's love of animals the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Michigan Humane Society.



**LENZ, SANDRA ANN**

57, passed away Sunday, March 3. She is preceded in death by her parents, Mary and Raymond. Loving wife of 20 yrs to Kenneth. Beloved mother of Kelly Collins. Sister of Mary Kay Wiedman, sister in law of Janet Gourley (Robert) and Alan Lenz (Karen). Aunt to several loving nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends at Neely-Turowski Life Story Funeral Home, 45100 Warren Rd (btw Sheldon and Canton Center), Canton, on Friday from 3-9 pm, with a scripture service at 8 pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, 10:30am at St John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd. In state 10 am until mass begins. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. In lieu of flowers family suggests donations be made to the Michigan Humane Society or Salvation Army.



**THOMPSON, EVA C.**

Of Farmington Hills, March 4, 2013. The last of her generation of émigrés from Russia, to Canada and then the United States of America, she will be missed by her daughter Tracy Thompson Edwards, son in law W Randall Edwards, many beloved nieces and nephews, and three cats. A graduate of Wayne State University, she worked as an insurance underwriter, but the loves of her life were flowers, animals and especially the earth. She is preceded in death by: her husband, John E Thompson; parents, Dora and Chorton Chmiel; sisters Sophia Wyszynski, and Mary Shultz, and brother Harry Chmiel. Memorials and tributes may be made to your favorite animal rights organization. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, March 6, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. Interment Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.  
[heeney-sundquist.com](http://heeney-sundquist.com)



**TRAME, ELIZABETH ANN**

March 3, 2013, age 61. Beloved wife of Richard O. Loving mother of Kristin. Dear daughter of Lyman (Oddie) Shell. The family entrusted care and services to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton Chapel, (734) 981-1700. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at: [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com)



**BROWN, DOROTHY W.**

Age 99, March 3, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Ralph W. Brown. Loving mother of Dorothea (Joe) Prince, R. Paul (Patricia), Kenneth (Sandra) and the late Kevin. Grandmother of 15. Great grandmother of 13 and Great-great grandmother of one with one on the way. Survived by one brother and three sisters. Visitation Friday 3-9 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia. Funeral Saturday, in state 10 am until the time of service at 11 am at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Rd. in Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Concordia Lutheran School, 9600 Levee, Redford, MI 48239.

**LOMSKE, HAZEL D.**

Age 92 of Kalamazoo, March 3, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Paul R. Loving mother of Michelle (Fred) Pulve, Nancy Vandenberg, Cynthia (Dennis) Claramunt, Steven (Cecile) Lomske and the late Paul Jr. (daughter-in-law Sharon). Dear grandmother of 11, Great grandmother of 18 and great great-grandmother of one. Visitation Fri. 2-8 PM and Sat. 10 AM until the Sat 11 AM Funeral Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 6401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Interment Detroit Memorial Park-West. Memorial contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy. To share a memory, please visit:

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A young Peter Ostrum portrays Charlie Bucket, the boy who finds a golden ticket in the 1971 film, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

**L**ike Charlie Bucket, the role he played in the 1971 movie, *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, Peter Ostrum has found his "golden ticket" — and it moos.

Ostrum, a veterinarian and former childhood film star, loves working with cows on dairy farms in upstate New York. And although he enjoyed his early film experience — a topic he'll talk about when he introduces the *Wonka* movie this weekend at the Redford Theatre — the senior partner at Countryside Veterinary Clinic in Lowville, N.Y., says he is exactly where he wants to be.

"We travel from barn to barn. I start my mornings at 7 a.m. and I just walked in the door," said Ostrum, talking by phone from his home at around 9 p.m. recently.

"My interest and my expertise is working with dairy cattle, mainly Holsteins, some Jersey. I like the animals, yes, but it's the relationships that you build with your clients that are probably the most meaningful. You become part of their business enterprise and in many cases, a part of their family. You work with the

## From actor to veterinarian

Willy Wonka fans, animal lovers get rare treat at film screening

same client time and time again. It's a trust you build up between each other that I find pretty satisfying."

Ostrum got his first taste of veterinary medicine while working with horses during high school. For a brief period in college he explored his chances for re-establishing an acting career, just in case he wasn't accepted to veterinary school. An industry insider told him the *Willy Wonka* credit looked nice on a resume but wouldn't open many doors.

"After that conversation I thought I'd better work as hard as I possibly could to get into (graduate) school," said Ostrum, who earned his vet degree from Cornell University. "It was good advice. The Jodie Fosters and Ron Howards are few and far between. There are a lot of starving actors and it's not because they don't have talent."

"Getting a part in a film, it's like the perfect storm. I was in the right place at the right time. Usually it's out of your control."

### Fresh face

Ostrum, who grew up in suburban Cleveland, Ohio, was involved in children's theater at the Cleveland Playhouse. When casting directors for *Willy Wonka* began searching for child actors to fill several roles in the film, they contacted the Playhouse and other theaters known for their children's programming.

"My name was given to the casting agent and that started the process," Ostrum recalled. "The other kids in the film had

### WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

**What:** A film screening and actor appearances  
**When:** Doors open 6:45 p.m., autographs from 7-8 p.m., show starts 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 8-9; doors open 11:45 a.m., autographs from noon to 1 p.m., matinee starts 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9.

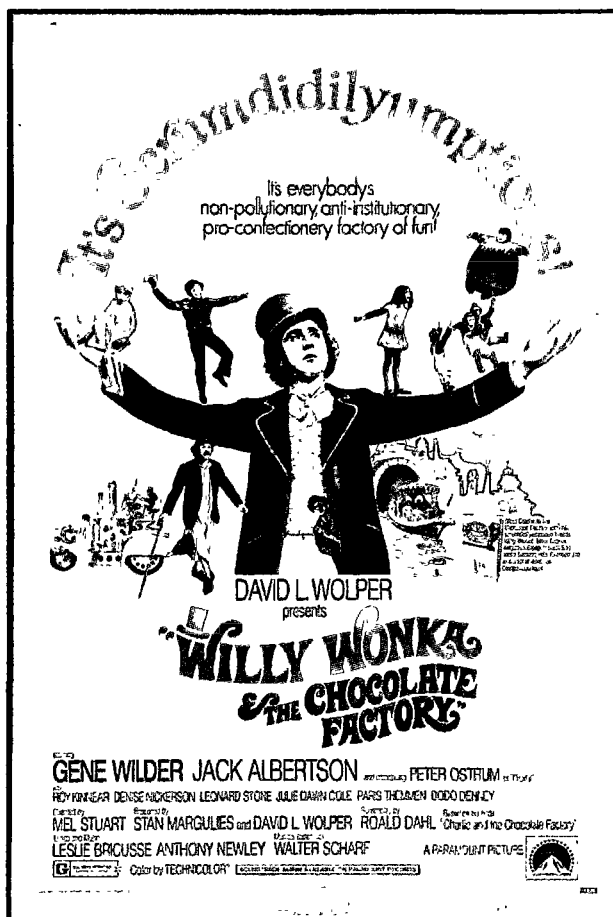
**Where:** Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, Detroit

**Details:** The 1971, 100-minute film stars Gene Wilder and Jack Albertson. Peter Ostrum, who played Charlie Bucket and Paris Themmen, who played Mike Teevee, will introduce the film, meet fans and autograph photos and customer-provided items for \$20

**Tickets:** \$5  
**Contact:** (313) 283-0225; (248) 615-3651; redford-theatre.com

done quite a bit — Broadway, commercials, television — and I didn't have any of that in my background. I was a fresh face and no one knew who I was."

He was cast in a lead role as Charlie Bucket, one of several children who find golden tickets hidden in candy bars. The tickets allow them to tour Willy Wonka's spectacular chocolate factory. The story is based on the book, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, by Roald Dahl. "The director had a



A poster announcing the 1971 film, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

clear vision of what he wanted. He had some great people in the film — Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson — and it worked. We had no idea when we were filming that 42 years later we'd still be talking about it."

### On the set

Ostrum was 12 and in seventh grade, when he got the part. He turned 13 years old during filming, which took five months to complete in Munich, Germany. Teachers in Ohio sent school assignments to him. He and other child

actors were expected to be in school a total three hours a day during filming.

"It had to add up to three hours. You'd go back and forth as they needed you on the set," he explained. "Filming is a long process. It's a lot of work. The novelty wears off pretty quick."

His fondest memories are of Albertson, who played his grandfather in the movie and who took him "under his wing" and served as a mentor. Ostrum said he also had a good relationship with



Peter Ostrum is a veterinarian, working primarily with dairy animals, in upstate New York. Ostrum, who played Charlie Bucket in the film, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," will be on hand when it screens this weekend at the Redford Theatre.

Wilder, who played Willy Wonka. The former child actors from the film also get together once or twice a year. Paris Themmen, who played Mike Teevee, will join Ostrum at the screening, meet and greet and autograph session at the Redford Theatre.

Ostrum, who is married and has a daughter in college and son in high school, said he is too busy with his veterinary practice to make many personal appearances in connection with the movie. For many years he preferred to stay out of the spotlight. "If people find out about (the film), that's great, but it's just part of who I am. It is what it is. I don't brag about it."

Two years ago, Ostrum found himself in front of the cameras again as one of the featured veterinarians in a reality series, *Vets on Call*. Sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health and shown on YouTube, the series gives viewers a glimpse into the life of a dairy veterinarian. Ostrum is shown examining cows, diagnosing and advising farmers.

"I found my niche," he says in one episode. "It's great fun."

## Mystery drama shows local talent, sites

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

John Bosley wants you to see his feature film next week and then post your thoughts on its Facebook page.

"The director of *Paranormal Activity* did this with his film and his career was launched," said Bosley, lead actor and writer-director of *The House That Jack Broke*. "I would rather have audience members post their real feelings about the film on our Facebook page, then to have glowing reviews written by critics. What matters to me the most is what the audience thinks."

He's confident viewers will enjoy his film, which included a local cast and crew, and was shot in fall 2011 throughout southeastern Michigan. It will debut at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 14 at the Main Art Theatre, located at 11 Mile and Main in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are \$9.25 general admission, \$7 for senior citizens, \$2 and over, and for students. Get tickets in advance at landmarktheatre.com. For more information, call the theater at (248) 542-5198.

*The House That Jack Broke* tells the story of Jack and Anne Peterson, a newlywed couple whose marriage begins to unravel when the FBI investigates the husband's connection to a double murder.

"I didn't want to do the usual 'who dunnit' type mystery. I wanted to explore how a discovery into someone's past effects the rela-



John Bosley, (right) directs Grover McCants of Farmington Hills and Erika Hoveland of Royal Oak.



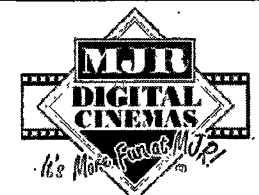
Debra Christian's house just off Napier Road in Superior Township, doubles as the home of fictional characters Jack and Anne Peterson, in the film, "The House That Jack Broke."

tionships of the people around them," Bosley said. "I also don't like long, slow, talking movies, so I wanted to write it in such a manner that it felt like the pace of an action movie, yet was about relationships and mystery. I wanted it to be a story with many differ-

ent layers that all come together for a grand climax at the end."

Bosley, who lives in Midland County with his wife, is a self-taught filmmaker and scriptwriter who learned the craft by reading books and test-

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## LOCAL

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ing out techniques by trial and error. He devotes his time exclusively to his own projects and is focused on perfecting his skills as a screenwriter and director, but he isn't working alone.

"I really believe that this film couldn't have happened without the efforts of the cast and crew of this film. I can spend all the time I want to on a script, but it takes the hard work and talent of other people to make it a reality," Bosley said. "Acting talent from people like Erika Hoveland, (of Royal Oak) by far the best actress in the Great Lakes area, and unforgettable performances by actors like Grover McCants, were what made this film come alive."

McCants, of Farmington Hills, owns a production company that creates music videos, political advertising and oth-



Grover McCants of Farmington Hills plays the lead detective in the independent film, "The House that Jack Broke."

er projects. In his spare time he enjoys acting. He performed in *To Kill A Mocking Bird* on the Farmington Players' stage two years ago and has worked as an extra in many Michigan-made films. His role as lead FBI agent in *The House That Jack Broke* is his first feature film appearance.

"I'm excited about this," McCants said. "I saw John as a young man with a vision and I wanted to be part of that vision."

He also portrays a swim coach in a student film that will premiere March 28 at the Detroit Film Theatre.

"I just have fun. There's not a lot of money in this business, but it's fun. When they can't afford Morgan Freeman, they come to Grover," he said, with a laugh.

Bosley plans to take *The House That Jack Broke* on tour, with Maine and Los Angeles, Calif., high on his list of screening locations, rather than submit it only to

film festivals. He said general audiences don't attend film festivals and that the tour allows him to bring the film to viewers.

*The House that Jack Broke* is set in Maine, but was shot at several locations in the Detroit area, including Debra Christian's house on Napier Road in Superior Township. It doubled as the Maine residence of the fictional Petersons. The crew also shot at the homes of Kelly Karnesky in Livonia and James Sands, executive producer, in Royal Oak.

"The one location that stands out the most is the Hamtramck correctional facility. We used a long hallway in that facility to double as our FBI headquarters hallway," Bosley said. "It's the same hallway that was used in the production of *Machine Gun Preacher*. We also shot our airplane scenes at the Canton-Plymouth-Mettetal Airport."

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## Fresh takes on family recipes

### Creamy Chicken Enchilada Soup

Updating familiar family recipes is a great way to turn them into new family favorites.

"Cooking with broth, in place of water, is a quick way to boost flavor in a dish," said Chef Amanda Freitag, judge on the Food Network series *Chopped*. "When giving recipes a makeover, I like to use College Inn Broths, which are made from premium ingredients like plump chicken, tender beef, and farm-grown vegetables."

Amanda Freitag's tips on cooking with broth:

- Lighten up mashed potatoes by substituting chicken broth for milk or cream and butter.

- Add flavor to rice and couscous by cooking with broth, instead of water.

- Freeze unused broth in an ice cube tray for future use.

These recipes were winners in the College Inn Ultimate Recipe Challenge contest, and are sure to be a hit at your family table. For more recipes, visit [www.collegeinn.com](http://www.collegeinn.com). College Inn Broth can be found at all major grocery retail stores.



### Cherry Bomb Meatloaf Sliders

Submitted by Richard S.

Servings: 4 to 6

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 55 minutes

#### Sauce:

- 1 cup chopped dried cherries
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 4 cloves garlic
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- ½ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce
- Salt, to taste

#### Meatloaf:

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- ½ cup panko bread crumbs
- ¼ cup finely chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons minced onion
- 2 tablespoons pickle relish
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- Salt and ground pepper, to taste
- ½ cup beef broth
- 1 egg, lightly beaten

#### Spread:

- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 4 slices smoked provolone, chopped
- 2 teaspoons chopped chives
- ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 12 Hawaiian or Portuguese sweet dinner rolls, sliced

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.

2. To prepare sauce, combine cherries, chicken broth, garlic, balsamic vinegar and tomato paste in medium saucepan. Cook over medium heat 15 minutes or until thick and bubbly. Remove from heat and pour into food processor;

process 2 minutes, drizzling in olive oil and hot sauce until fully emulsified. Season with salt, if desired. Set aside.

3. To prepare meatloaf, break up ground beef into large chunks in medium bowl. Mix in the bread crumbs, parsley, onion, relish and garlic; season with salt and pepper, if desired. Add beef broth and egg, mixing until combined.

4. Place meatloaf mixture diagonally into a 9- by 13-inch baking pan, making a long log (15 inches long by 2 inches wide). Smooth the top and bake 30 minutes. Brush with 2 tablespoons of sauce to glaze. Bake an additional 15 minutes and remove from oven. Let meatloaf rest 10 minutes before slicing.

5. To prepare spread, combine cream cheese, provolone, chives and Worcestershire sauce in a small bowl, stirring to create a thick spread.

6. To serve, cut meatloaf into twelve, 1-inch-thick slices. Place each slice onto an open roll and top with 1 teaspoon each sauce and spread.

### Creamy Chicken Enchilada Soup

Submitted by Pamela V.

Servings: 4 to 6

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 45 minutes

#### Soup:

- 4 to 5 boneless, skinless chicken thighs (1 pound)
- ½ cup canola oil, divided
- ½ teaspoon salt, divided
- 2 soft corn tortillas, sliced into ¼-inch strips
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 ½ teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ¼ cup lime juice
- ¼ teaspoon lime zest
- 1 quart chicken broth
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can (4 ounces) diced green chilies, drained
- 4 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese

#### Toppings:

- Fried tortilla strips
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 green onions, sliced into ¼-inch pieces

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.

2. Place chicken in 8- by 8-inch glass baking dish. Brush with 1 tablespoon oil and sprinkle with ¼ teaspoon salt. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until no longer pink inside. Shred cooked chicken meat with 2 forks and set aside.

3. Heat remaining oil in small skillet. Add tortilla strips in 2 batches; fry until golden brown, about 2 minutes each batch. Drain on paper towel-lined plate. Sprinkle with ¼ teaspoon salt and set aside. Reserve 1 tablespoon oil for Step 4.

4. Heat reserved 1 tablespoon oil in Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onions and cook until translucent, about 3 minutes. Add garlic and cook 30 to 60 seconds, stirring constantly. Do not brown garlic. Add chili powder and cumin; stir and cook 15 to 30 seconds.

5. Quickly stir in lime juice, lime zest, broth, tomatoes, and diced chilies. Bring mixture to a boil, and reduce heat to simmer. Add cream cheese. Simmer until cream cheese is melted.

6. Stir in shredded chicken, cook about 5 minutes.

7. Ladle into individual soup bowls, and garnish with tortilla strips, cheddar cheese and green onion.

### Savory Honey Mustard Poached Pears and Figs

Submitted by Pamela V.

Servings: 4 to 6

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 25 minutes

- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 cup water
- ½ teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 3 tablespoons honey, divided
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 bay leaves
- 4 pears (firm variety such as Bosc), peeled, halved and cored
- 6 ounces dried figs, stems removed
- ½ cup chopped hazelnuts
- ½ cup crumbled blue cheese or goat cheese

1. Trace diameter of large saucepan onto parchment paper. Cut out and set aside.

2. Combine broth, white wine, water, mustard, 2 tablespoons honey, lemon juice and bay leaves in large saucepan. Bring to a boil, whisking occasionally. Reduce heat to low and simmer 5 minutes.

3. Add pears, core-side-up, and figs; cover with vented parchment paper so pears stay fully submerged.

4. Simmer 20 minutes until pears are fork-tender.

5. Toast hazelnuts in small, non-stick sauté pan over medium high heat, about 2 minutes or until fragrant, stirring constantly. Quickly remove nuts from pan onto a separate plate.

6. To serve, remove pears from poaching liquid and place onto individual salad plates. Drizzle with remaining 1 tablespoon honey and sprinkle with nuts and cheese.

— Courtesy Family Features



Savory Honey Mustard Poached Pears and Figs



## Sign of spring: Home Expo in Canton great place to get spruce-up ideas

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Annette and Michael Popa of Canton came to the right place Saturday, March 2.

"We come pretty much every year to see what's new," she said of their attendance at the 12th annual Canton Home Expo at the Summit. They just did some waterproofing with a business at a previous Expo.

"We're starting to paint stuff," Michael said of their home. The Popas like to get new ideas. "It doesn't hurt being free," he said. "There are a lot of vendors here."

That will help them freshen up their home interior.

John Weyer of Canton, Canton's building official, was busy at the Saturday-Sunday event, but took a moment to talk. It draws some 5,000-6,000 people, he said. This year, there were about 20 new vendors for a total of around 130.

"The workshops are really popular," Weyer said. "Home Depot does a lot with the kids."

"People enjoy the entertainment of it, too. It's really a one-stop shop."

There are exhibitors from Ohio, Weyer said, as well as Chelsea and Brighton. "Geographically, we're pulling from a bigger audience. It truly has grown to a Southeast Michigan venue."

It helps Canton Township staff with issues of permits, inspections and code compliance, working with contractors. Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor," broadcasts from the event each year, and was instrumental in getting it going.

N.A. Mans Lumber and Mill Work, in Canton and Trenton, has been in business since 1900. It was represented Saturday by Chris Degiulio of Dearborn, who works in the kitchen department, and Dottie Kelly of Canton, in inside sales support.

"A great company to work for," she said. "We've been coming to this (Expo) since it started." Owner Doug Mans is active with the Canton Chamber of Commerce, which with the Observer & Eccentric and

others helps bring the show to town.

Kelly is a cancer survivor and recalled the support her employer gave. "It was my family. My family lives in Philly."

"And they take care of their customers the same way," Degiulio added.

They've been busy with kitchen and bath work. "People are coming in because they're thinking of spring," he said.

"We're seeing a big interest in interior remodeling," especially in the last six months, he said. "The economy, we feel, has turned the corner." Consumers are more confident.

"This is an exciting venue," he added of the Home Expo. "It's a hometown feeling." Younger people are also visiting, along with older familiar faces.

John Sarnecky of Canton is owner of Canton Construction. He's been busy following last year's March 15 and July 1 hail storms, and noted approaching insurance claim deadlines. "It's a win-win for the customers as well as us," he said of the exterior damage repair work.

"This show is wonderful," Sarnecky said. "We've been with this show since day one." Outside the Summit doors, the company's apprentices were building cedar furniture, done with the township building department's help. One company staffer uses a chainsaw for carving.

"It's good exposure and it's very reasonable," Sarnecky said of the Expo. His firm had a busy winter. They do additions, basements, kitchens, baths and exterior work including roofing, siding and gutters. Company president is his wife, Marissa, and they've been in business 16 years.

Also busy was Susan Glessner of Livonia, with Baldwin Landscape Group in Plymouth. She does landscape design construction. "I'd like to get some business in the Canton area," said Glessner, who's also doing her own home landscaping. "We're right next to it."

Baldwin Landscape Group has been busy. "They're enjoying their homes more," she



PHOTOS BY AMY COLLIGAN

This is the 12th year for the Canton Home Expo, held at the Summit.



Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor," broadcasts live from the Canton event.

said of customers. "I don't think the landscaping hurt as much as the other industries."

She said women are in her field as designers but less often in construction. "I love what I do. If you can go to work every day and be happy, that's huge," Glessner said.

The show also gave Canton resident Kristina Wittner and others with the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors a chance to meet and greet. She's been in Canton since 2004 and emphasized you don't need to live in Canton or be new.

Wittner joined "so I could meet more people so I could socialize." She's the interest group leader, and likes the exposure the Home Expo gives.

Her group has around 96 members. "There's something for everybody," said Wittner, noting it's mostly women, but also has lots to do for couples and families.

"Whatever you're interested in," she said.

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## Be leery on home offer

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: I am looking to sell my house and have been approached by someone who guarantees the sale of my home within a certain period of time. What do you think?

A: Make sure that the company you are dealing with is reputable by asking for references. Be sure you get a written listing agreement outlining the



Robert Meisner

nature and extent of the guarantee, and, before you sign it, have an experienced real estate lawyer review it to be sure that you are adequately protected with respect to the sales price, among other things. If it sounds too good to be true, it may well be!

Q: I am the landlord of an apartment building and require carpeting in each of the units. However, one of my tenants has a wheelchair and indicates that they cannot navigate the carpeting. They want me to allow the installation of a wood floor. What do you think?

A: There are obviously disability discrimination issues involved in this request and your response. While each case has to be evaluated on its facts, I would allow the installation of the wood floor with two provisos: (1) appropriate cork noise-attenuating underlayment is required; and (2) the handicapped owner agrees to minimize any noise within the unit that might disturb the unit owner below. Typically, wheelchairs have rubber wheels that will not generate noise on a wood floor, but if that is a concern, it can be a requirement of approval. Finally, I would facilitate a conversation between the handicapped tenant and the tenant in the unit below so that they can address any problems that may arise in an amicable fashion. If there is still a concern about noise transmission, there could be a requirement that the wood floor be carpeted over when the handicapped tenant departs as part of your lease.

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

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 5-9, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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| 44732 Crestmont Dr    | \$155,000 |
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| 48696 Fifth Ave       | \$243,000 |
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| 46882 Hendrie Ct      | \$315,000 |
| 8636 Holly Dr         | \$125,000 |
| 39858 Lynn St         | \$121,000 |
| 110 Madison Ct        | \$283,000 |
| 47196 Northgate Dr    | \$210,000 |
| 45289 Patrick Dr      | \$167,000 |
| 2219 Preserve Cir E   | \$143,000 |
| 3649 Shepherd Ln      | \$188,000 |
| 3663 Shepherd Ln      | \$191,000 |
| 4405 Southbridge Dr   | \$126,000 |
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| 32117 Rush St      | \$30,000 |
| 28527 Sheridan St  | \$26,000 |

#### LIVONIA

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| 14243 Alexander St     | \$68,000  |
| 36686 Ann Arbor Trl    | \$110,000 |
| 31675 Bretton St       | \$112,000 |
| 10055 Camden St        | \$131,000 |
| 36237 Club Dr          | \$30,000  |
| 14619 Country Club Dr  | \$101,000 |
| 18072 Curtis Ct        | \$206,000 |
| 18221 Deering St       | \$45,000  |
| 9951 Doris St          | \$88,000  |
| 28564 Elmira St        | \$60,000  |
| 11848 Farmington Rd    | \$85,000  |
| 17006 Farmington Rd    | \$123,000 |
| 14346 Garden St        | \$113,000 |
| 31171 Hillbrook St     | \$170,000 |
| 37708 Howell St        | \$134,000 |
| 37954 Jamison St       | \$146,000 |
| 9271 Lathers St        | \$95,000  |
| 18600 Laurel Dr        | \$430,000 |
| 14301 Lyons St         | \$110,000 |
| 37263 Myrna St         | \$155,000 |
| 17710 Myron St         | \$207,000 |
| 18994 Myron St         | \$150,000 |
| 37612 N Laurel Park Dr | \$150,000 |

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| 34649 Navin Ave      | \$250,000 |
| 14151 Newburgh Rd    | \$145,000 |
| 29659 Oakley St      | \$128,000 |
| 34855 Pembroke Ave   | \$270,000 |
| 33468 Payburn St     | \$160,000 |
| 37582 Schoolcraft Rd | \$97,000  |
| 17327 Starwich St    | \$130,000 |
| 37080 Vargo St       | \$165,000 |
| 32458 Washington St  | \$140,000 |
| 18907 Woodring St    | \$175,000 |
| 14155 Woodside St    | \$131,000 |

#### NORTHVILLE

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 16894 Abby Cir        | \$400,000 |
| 44676 Broadmoor Cir N | \$420,000 |
| 16314 Brookwood Ct    | \$275,000 |
| 19547 Dartmouth Pl    | \$105,000 |
| 631 East St           | \$515,000 |
| 50352 Livingston Dr   | \$325,000 |
| 17892 Maple Hill Dr   | \$343,000 |
| 49831 Parkside Dr     | \$380,000 |
| 15496 Prestwick Cir N | \$502,000 |
| 39765 Rockcrest Cir   | \$117,000 |
| 50576 Teton Ridge Rd  | \$623,000 |

#### PLYMOUTH

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 1393 Carol Ave     | \$203,000 |
| 1641 Lexington St  | \$355,000 |
| 42045 Micol Dr     | \$120,000 |
| 651 N Evergreen St | \$188,000 |
| 8889 Oakview St    | \$165,000 |
| 730 Penniman Ave   | \$273,000 |
| 49479 Pointe Xing  | \$112,000 |
| 12457 Woodgate Dr  | \$156,000 |

#### REDFORD

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| 11347 Appleton | \$12,000 |
| 9069 Fenton    | \$55,000 |
| 17302 Fox      | \$62,000 |

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| 18201 Fox             | \$30,000 |
| 13486 Garfield        | \$71,000 |
| 9615 Hemingway        | \$65,000 |
| 17403 Indian          | \$80,000 |
| 18257 Indian          | \$35,000 |
| 17341 Lennane         | \$64,000 |
| 19957 Lennane         | \$14,000 |
| 11356 Lenore          | \$66,000 |
| 26539 Margaretta      | \$64,000 |
| 14209 Minock Dr       | \$90,000 |
| 9075 Seminole         | \$65,000 |
| 15033 Sumner          | \$58,000 |
| 9940 Tecumseh         | \$55,000 |
| 26303 W Six Mile Rd   | \$80,000 |
| 26309 W Seven Mile Rd | \$15,000 |
| 15918 Wakenden        | \$37,000 |

#### WESTLAND

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| 36027 Abbey Dr       | \$128,000 |
| 6722 Caribou St      | \$92,000  |
| 34454 Cherry Hill Rd | \$24,000  |
| 36555 Deerhurst N    | \$88,000  |
| 1314 Easley Dr       | \$40,000  |
| 2203 Emerson St      | \$4,000   |
| 31015 Fernwood St    | \$25,000  |
| 33624 Glen St        | \$45,000  |
| 29128 Manchester St  | \$22,000  |
| 7627 Melvin Ave      | \$79,000  |
| 142 N Parent St      | \$29,000  |
| 643 N Wildwood St    | \$113,000 |
| 30635 Nelson Cir     | \$135,000 |
| 501 Pattinbill St    | \$120,000 |
| 319 S Christine      | \$69,000  |
| 38255 S Rickham Ct   | \$68,000  |
| 1831 Short Ave       | \$23,000  |
| 30839 Stephen Ct     | \$107,000 |

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 22-26, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### BEVERLY HILLS

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| 32458 Sheridan Dr      | \$145,000 |
| 31459 Sleepy Hollow Ln | \$360,000 |
| 30760 Vernon Dr        | \$215,000 |

#### BINGHAM FARMS

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| 23170 Hickory Hollow Cir | \$265,000 |
|--------------------------|-----------|

#### BIRMINGHAM

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 2757 Dorchester Rd | \$182,000 |
| 1552 Henrietta St  | \$351,000 |
| 2738 Manchester Rd | \$273,000 |
| 1640 Maryland Blvd | \$223,000 |
| 1299 Pilgrim Ave   | \$425,000 |
| 1423 Ruffner Ave   | \$130,000 |

#### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| 6968 Cedarbrook Dr      | \$191,000   |
| 648 Deauville Ln        | \$445,000   |
| 1122 E Glengarry Cir    | \$1,441,000 |
| 2007 E Hammond Lake Dr  | \$175,000   |
| 65 Hillsdale Rd         | \$335,000   |
| 3341 Kernway Dr         | \$249,000   |
| 1840 Long Pointe Dr     | \$405,000   |
| 542 Newburne Pointe     | \$145,000   |
| 4212 Ramsgate Ln        | \$435,000   |
| 3873 Shellmarr Ln       | \$415,000   |
| 758 Tennyson Downs Ct   | \$570,000   |
| 3721 Thornbriar Way     | \$325,000   |
| 41 Vaughan Ridge Rd     | \$390,000   |
| 999 W Glengarry Cir     | \$785,000   |
| 801 W Long Lake Rd # G5 | \$41,000    |
| 4041 W Maple Rd # E102  | \$51,000    |

#### COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| 296 Annon Dr        | \$167,000 |
| 4333 Racewood Dr    | \$200,000 |
| 5999 Strawberry Cir | \$330,000 |

#### FARMINGTON

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| 23921 Fairview Ct         | \$250,000 |
| 23080 Gill Rd             | \$380,000 |
| 30789 Shilavassie Rd # 9B | \$35,000  |

#### FARMINGTON HILLS

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| 27028 Arden Park Cir     | \$142,000 |
| 29983 Ardmore Dr         | \$160,000 |
| 29820 Briarwood Ct       | \$315,000 |
| 32374 Craftsburg Cir     | \$169,000 |
| 34300 Gloucester Cir     | \$160,000 |
| 21670 Hancock St         | \$88,000  |
| 23755 Haynes St          | \$60,000  |
| 25370 Leestock           | \$156,000 |
| 21390 Magnolia Ct        | \$150,000 |
| 29944 Minglewood Ln      | \$126,000 |
| 30045 Minglewood Ln      | \$135,000 |
| 30412 Ramblewood Club Dr | \$145,000 |

#### FARMINGTON HILLS

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 29124 Shenandoah Dr   | \$220,000 |
| 35266 Valley Forge Dr | \$183,000 |
| 27653 W Echo Vly      | \$55,000  |
| 23720 W Newell Cir    | \$110,000 |
| 28728 Wintergreen     | \$465,000 |

#### LATHRUP VILLAGE

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| 18769 Saratoga Blvd | \$130,000 |
|---------------------|-----------|

#### MILFORD

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 2846 Canterbury Ct | \$773,000 |
| 54184 Derek Dr     | \$230,000 |
| 961 Geneaire Way   | \$308,000 |
| 2865 Hidden Pkne   | \$115,000 |

#### NOVI

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 27555 Belgrave Pl    | \$231,000   |
| 27665 Cromwell Rd    | \$218,000   |
| 50292 Drakes Bay Dr  | \$1,225,000 |
| 51188 E Bourne Ter   | \$240,000   |
| 51332 E Bourne Ter   | \$268,000   |
| 27520 Harrington Way | \$245,000   |
| 27583 Harrington Way | \$249,000   |
| 23189 Inverness Ct   | \$495,000   |
| 26995 Ladbroke St    | \$224,000   |
| 21866 Meridian Ln    | \$234,000   |
| 41641 Tera Ln        | \$140,000   |
| 49603 Timber Trl     | \$367,000   |

#### SOUTH LYON

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| 23300 Clarkshire Dr | \$330,000 |
|---------------------|-----------|

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| 408 Jean Rd          | \$180,000 |
| 61171 Ladbroke Dr    | \$260,000 |
| 20990 Laser Ln       | \$320,000 |
| 575 N Hagadorn St    | \$95,000  |
| 61091 Palamino Ct    | \$267,000 |
| 61091 Preckness Blvd | \$258,000 |
| 61141 Saddlecreek Dr | \$310,000 |
| 53596 Valleywood Dr  | \$25,000  |
| 640 Woodland Dr      | \$206,000 |

#### SOUTHFIELD

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| 27070 Bradford Cir         | \$114,000 |
| 28520 Everett St           | \$45,000  |
| 29745 Farmbrook Villa Ln   | \$59,000  |
| 15600 George Washington Dr | \$50,000  |

#### WHITE LAKE

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| 9355 Buckingham St  | \$340,000 |
| 804 Sunnybeach Blvd | \$100,000 |
| 9261 Thornside St   | \$99,000  |
| 8035 Wildwood Ln    | \$214,000 |
| 8063 Wildwood Ln    | \$217,000 |
| 8223 Wildwood Ln    | \$222,000 |

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**ACROSS**

1 Kid's ammo  
4 Dart about  
8 — Express  
12 Yes vote  
13 Geologic time divisions  
14 Pavarotti piece  
15 Glue  
17 Flat-fixer's tool  
18 Veinlike deposit  
19 Schmoozes  
20 Admires oneself  
23 Machine part  
24 Theirs, to them  
25 Deprives of wind  
29 Groove on  
30 Fragrant  
32 Common pronoun  
33 Pried  
35 Door opener  
36 Palm (off)  
37 Labels  
39 Splice, in botany

**DOWN**

42 Heavy hydrogen discoverer  
43 Lighten, as a burden  
44 Memorable first  
48 Similar  
49 Falco or Sedgwick  
50 Back when  
51 Interpret tea leaves  
52 Special influence  
53 Embroider

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

|          |          |      |
|----------|----------|------|
| SLAG     | AFAR     | DOE  |
| IAGO     | TONE     | IDA  |
| AVOW     | LONGHAIR |      |
| MAGICAL  | RILES    |      |
| LOS      | QED      |      |
| BALDS    | UTTERED  |      |
| OBI      | ENS      | OLE  |
| PEBBLED  | BACKS    |      |
| YUK      | MOW      |      |
| KNEES    | FAKE     | FUR  |
| HOLSTEIN | IOTA     |      |
| ATM      | ELAN     | GRIT |
| NEO      | RITA     | HALE |

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8 Kind of party  
9 Vaccine type  
10 Pottery flaw  
11 Wild oxen of Tibet  
16 Dots in "la mer"

19 Social asset  
20 Husks  
21 Tumbledown building  
22 As a result  
23 Mediocre grade  
25 Sea floor  
26 Football's — Swann  
27 Frame of mind  
28 Periscope sites  
30 Leopard feature  
31 Place to surf  
34 Miff  
35 Boxing win  
37 Grill  
38 Ward off  
39 Duff filler  
40 Long-handled tool  
41 Three oceans touch it  
42 Karachi language  
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|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 1 | 2 |   | 6 |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | 5 |   | 2 |   | 6 |
| 4 |   | 5 |   |   | 3 | 1 |   |   |
|   | 4 |   |   |   |   | 8 | 1 |   |
|   | 9 |   | 5 | 8 |   | 6 | 7 |   |
| 6 |   | 8 | 1 | 7 |   | 5 | 9 |   |
| 1 |   |   | 7 | 9 |   | 6 | 2 |   |
| 2 |   | 9 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 7 |   | 6 | 3 |   |   | 8 |   |   |

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| A | E | F | I | O | O | C | L | K | B | I | S | T | P | I |
| X | D | E | V | T | T | A | W | G | T | R | S | S | S | I |
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| H | C | E | G | H | C | M | H | L | B | F | H | D | F | M |

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|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 2 |
| 1 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| 3 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 1 |
| 6 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 9 |
| 2 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| 2 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| 8 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 7 |
| 9 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| 5 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 6 |

**Word Search**

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| A | E | F | I | O | O | C | L | K | B | I | S | T | P | I |
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| U | U | H | Q | Z | E | A | T | G | S | E | I | L | L | B |
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