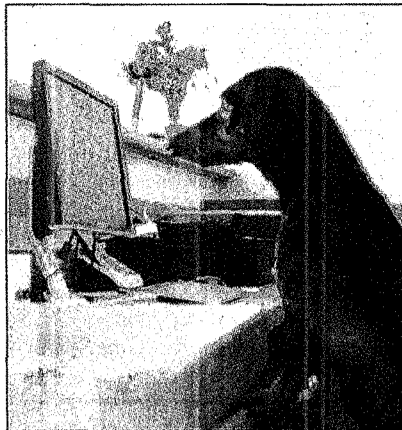


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## AROUND WESTLAND

### Ficano address

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will give his annual State of the County address



Ficano

Thursday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton's Cherry Hill Village. The program is slated to begin at 6 p.m., with Ficano giving his speech about 7 p.m.

According to Ficano's press secretary, Vanessa Denha-Garmo, his speech will be both reflective and forward thinking.

"It's going to be a culmination of last year's successes and this year's challenges and plans," she said.

Topics will include the expansion of the Cobo Center and the importance of keeping the North American International Auto Show here in Detroit.

"He will really be focusing on economic development," Denha-Garmo said.

Although the Village Theater holds about 300 people, the audience will be made up of invited guests. However, the speech will be broadcast live on the radio by WJR-AM (760) and on television by WWJ-TV (Channel 2). WJR's Lloyd Jackson will emcee the program.

### Hornet to a Saint

A sixth-grade teacher at Franklin Middle School has switched from being a Hornet to a Saint. Stacy McClure, a sixth-grade teacher at Franklin Middle School, home of the Hornets, is now a Saint after being appointed assistant principal at Stevenson Middle School in Westland.

The Wayne-Westland school board approved appointment of McClure, a Livonia resident, to replace Scott Burek, who was recently named principal at the school.

"I'm excited to have her on the Stevenson staff," said Superintendent Greg Baracy.

"It's a great place to be," said McClure, who thanked Baracy for selecting her for the position.

McClure has a bachelor's degree in social studies, with a minor in early childhood education and a master of science degree in educational leadership, both from Madonna University. She worked as a fourth-fifth-grade teacher at Taft-Galloway for two years before moving to Franklin Middle School in 2001.

She has served on the school improvement team, has been a science team leader, sixth-grade financial manager, NCA steering committee chair and extended year program coordinator.

### Digging 'em out

Heavy snowfalls can pose problems for firefighters who find fire hydrants buried in the white stuff. However, the 18th District Court has an answer: members of the Voluntary Work Program.

Judges Sandra Ference Cicirelli and Mark McConnell have agreed to provide workers to clear all of the city fire hydrants, allowing the fire department easy access, in case of emergencies.

"It has been a long, cold and snowy winter and the hydrants in some areas of the city are not visible," the judges said in a prepared statement.

As of this weekend, the work crew members are working Saturdays and Sundays to dig out the buried hydrants. They are defendants who are serving on the work program as part of sentences imposed by Cicirelli and McConnell.

## Last defendant in shootout goes to prison

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The last defendant in a botched drug-related robbery outside a Westland market was sentenced to spend 14 to 22 years in prison Thursday.

Detroit resident Demond Nigel Sanders, 29, was one of four men charged in the Aug. 12 shootout with what turned out to be Romulus police undercover offi-

cers in the parking lot of the now-closed Bob's of Canton-Westland. Sanders was the only defendant who didn't enter a guilty plea. He was convicted by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Michael Hathaway last month following a bench trial.

Sanders was sentenced to serve concurrent sentences for his convictions on charges of assault with intent to rob while armed, conspiracy to rob while armed and

conspiracy to possess more than 1,000 grams of cocaine. He was found not guilty of two other drug charges.

In custody since his arrest on Aug. 12, Sanders received 177 days credit for time already spent in jail.

Garden City resident George Joseph Boldizar, 50, Benjamin Bernard Pringle and Roberto Reed, both 32-year-old Detroit residents, had all entered guilty pleas for their roles in the inci-

dent that left a fifth man, Brian "Cheeseburger" Thomas, 28, of Detroit fatally shot. Thomas and Pringle were identified as the gunmen in the incident, Reed and Sanders were the drivers and Boldizar as arranging the drug buy.

During his one-day trial, Sanders took the stand in an effort to recant a written confession given

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## Bee good: Spellers star at annual event

For more on the annual spelling bees, turn to the Education Page on A4 and look for more photos in our online photo gallery at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a victory a year in the making and it took words like piecemeal, antonym and replenish to get her to the very last word in the annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling bee for Wayne-Westland schools.

Jane Awoh correctly spelled nozzle after going head-to-head with last year's middle school spelling bee champion.

"It feels great, I know my mom will be proud," said Jane, a sixth-grader at Marshall Middle School. "I've been planning it since fifth grade. I was runner-up last year in fifth grade."

This is the 29th year the district has held the spelling bee, named for Earle Chorbagan, a retired school administrator who with schools media specialist Earle Truesdell Smith proposed it after a regionwide spelling bee was discontinued in the 1970s. The spelling bees are held at Adams Middle School where Chorbagan was an assistant principal.

Chorbagan was on hand to present Jane and elementary spelling bee winner Melanie Bushway of Kettering Elementary with American Heritage dictionaries. This is the fourth year in a row a Marshall student has won the middle school spelling bee.

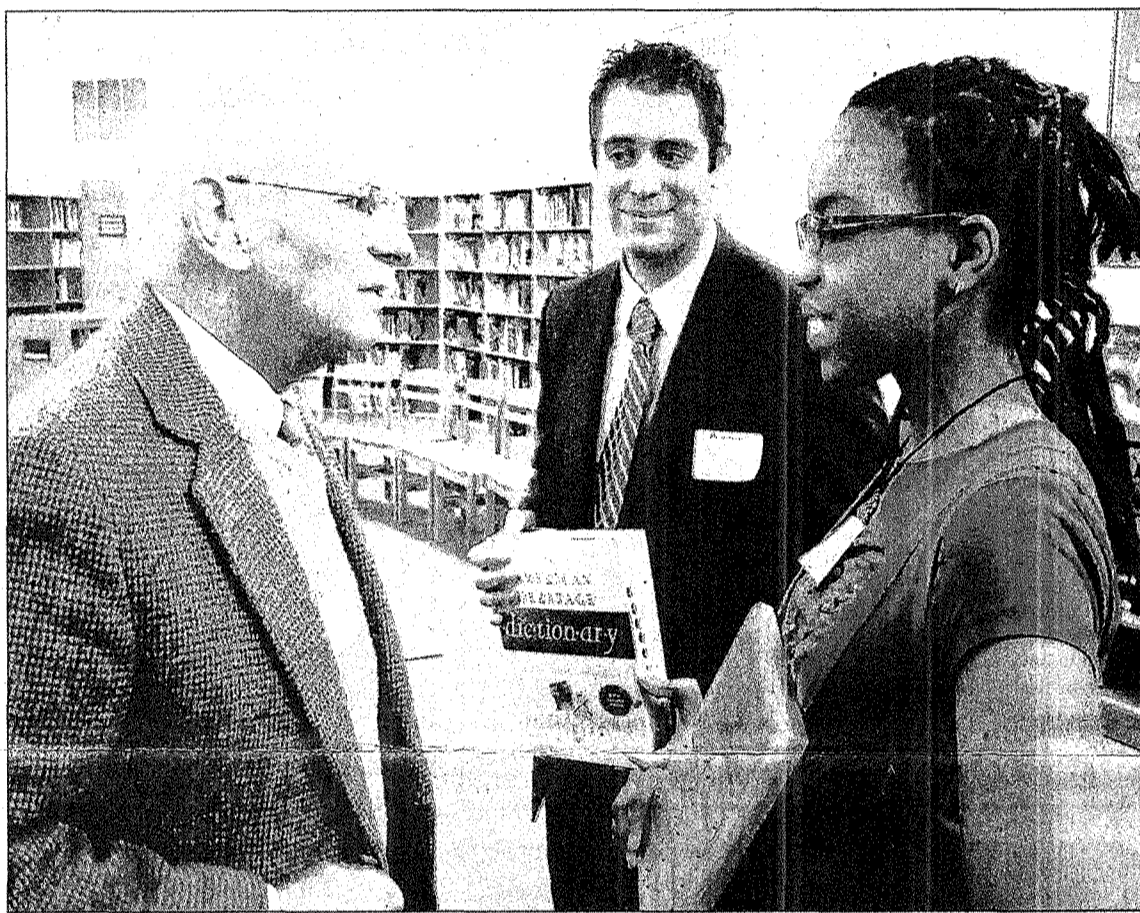
The final 13 rounds pitted Jane against Matthew Karpuk in an all-Marshall Middle School finale. Matthew was more than familiar with the spell-down, having won the elementary school competition in 2007 and the middle school spelling bee in 2008.

Going for a third straight win, the seventh-grader failed to correctly spell squawky, opening the door to Jane's victory.

"I hope to be back next year," said an obviously disappointed Matthew.

Jane's mother, Uchenna Awoh-Wilson, was at work and didn't

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Retired assistant junior high principal Earle Chorbagan and Marshall Middle School Principal Paul Salah congratulate Marshall Middle School sixth-grader Jane Awoh after she won the Earle Chorbagan Wayne-Westland Middle School Spelling Bee.



Kettering Principal Paula Hotaling congratulates fifth-grader Melanie Bushway after she won the Earle Chorbagan Elementary Spelling Bee. Watching are Earle Chorbagan (behind, from left, her mother Pam Bushway and grandmother Barbara Ptasnik.

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## Fake photographer gets probation for threats

A Wayne County Circuit Court judge has sentenced a Westland man to probation for interfering with the 18-year-old victim whom he assaulted while posing as a photographer.

Steven Wayne Milam, 29, was sentenced by Wayne County Circuit Judge Diane Hathaway to three years' probation last Tuesday after he pleaded no contest last month to charges he tried to intimidate, bribe or interfere with the young woman while the assault case was pending.

In October, Milam had been sentenced to three years' probation for fourth-degree criminal sexual assault. He was accused in June of approaching the girl on a Norwayne subdivision street, offering to pay her to pose as a model and taking her a few days later to Hines Park, where

she said he tried to undress her until her screams scared him off.

The new sentence stems from allegations that he tried to send a letter from jail in September to an ex-girlfriend in Garden City who, according to police, is the mother of one of his children. Milam was charged with asking the woman to write an anonymous letter to the 18-year-old victim, warning that she was being watched and threatening that "bad things" could happen to her and her family unless she dropped the charges. Milam also wanted the ex-girlfriend to warn the teenager that her picture and personal information could be posted on the Internet unless she heeded the warning.

According to Westland police Sgt. Michael Harhold, the letter never made it to the ex-girlfriend, it was intercepted by a

Wayne County sheriff deputy.

The new sentence will run concurrent with the earlier sentence.

Milam could have received up to 15 years in prison, if had he been convicted as originally charged with unlawful imprisonment, criminal sexual conduct with intent to penetrate, second-degree criminal sexual conduct, and impersonating a police officer.

The impersonation charge stemmed from allegations that he had told the teenager that he was a police officer and that she was in trouble for a crime he merely made up, authorities have said.

Milam still is wanted for a warrant out of Florida involving accusations he briefly kidnapped a young woman there. That case from early last year is pending.

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# Rotary's Mardi Gras wows crowd

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dr. Amanda Apfelblat was having a great time at the Westland Rotary's recent Mardi Gras Extravaganza. "I'm having an amazing time,"

said Apfelblat, of Michigan Chiropractic Specialists, major sponsor of the benefit held at the Wayne Ford Civic League. "It's the best Mardi Gras yet. "All of the people, the camaraderie." Some 150 revelers gathered for a New Orleans style dinner

and live and silent auctions. The Detroit Tigers suite for 10 and Red Wings suite for 10 were popular items among bidders, with proceeds supporting Rotary charities for work locally and internationally. "It's wonderful," said event

chairman Gary Bulson in between duties. "The money's going to be going to a worthy cause." Bulson was pleased with people's generosity in a tough economy, with many providing items for gift baskets. They ranged from baked goods to liquor to a baby item basket. "I'm happy regardless where they come in at," he said of money raised, still being added up this week.

Bulson noted city officials are good about supporting the annual fund-raiser, "They come out and support us regardless of the economy."

Westland Jaycees worked the bar for free, giving Rotarians time to socialize. Bulson appreciated them, and especially his co-chair, Mary Vellardita of C&M Printing and Imaging. Vellardita and business partner Dick Isham were at their Westland shop Saturday finishing up the program for that evening.

"She's been such a big help," Bulson said. Jim Godbout, Westland City Council president, was enjoying good food and good company Saturday.

"It's a nice casual atmosphere," said Godbout who liked the Cool 2 Duel Dueling Pianos, a first for Rotary. "It's a good turnout for a



Lou and Gina Toarmina of Westland enjoy their time at the Mardi Gras.



Mary McGaw (from left), event chair Gary Bulson and Dr. Amanda Apfelblat have a great time at the party.

worthwhile charity. It's just fun to be here."

The event's Bourbon Street sponsors were Westland Mayor William Wild, dentist Joseph Tseng, Juenemann Insurance

Agency, North Brothers Ford/Lincoln-Mercury and Pepsi. French Quarter sponsors were Ameriprise Financial-Antoinette Martin, C&M Printing and Imaging, Dario's Italian Eatery, Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli, Men on the Move, Superb Carpet Care and the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union.

North Brothers' Tom North contributed an additional \$275 to be one of five people remaining for the Royal Raffle's \$1,000 prize. North, a Rotarian, won the \$1,000 and returned it to the club which provides scholarships for Wayne-Westland graduating seniors and supports of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army as part of its charitable work.

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Tracy Woods	238	boxes, bags, totes
Faith Collier	336	dryer, weights, bags
Karrie Boudrie	346	boxes, bags, clothes
Theresa Bosworth	411	boxes, bags, totes
Chaquita McCroy	527	boxes, bags, totes
Adam Fockler	533	bags, totes, bike
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will be received until **1:30 pm** local time on **Wednesday, March 4, 2009** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education Office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

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Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents, beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Monday, February 9, 2009, by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248) 353-2950. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.** The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at the Hoover Elementary School Media Center located at 5400 Fourth, Wayne, MI 48184. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project sites and to answer any questions that bidders may have. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.**

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. The board shall not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is on the proposal execution form.

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**BEE**

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see her daughter win, but her elementary principal, Barbara Hastings, was and showered her with compliments.

"She very self-motivated and a wonderful person," said Hastings.

And like Matthew, Jane also is looking ahead to 2010.

"I'm planning for a repeat, definitely," she said.

In the elementary spelling bee, the fifth-graders handled words like souvenir, vibrato, popularity and gazelle. Melanie's opportunity to win came when Ryan Clemmons misspelled the word gestapo. She correctly spelled apricot and followed up with fiery to claim the championship.

"I've been studying for a long time," said Melanie. "I studied every night and sometimes at school."

"I've never seen a girl work as hard as this kid," said her mother, Pam. "She was fanatical."

Pam and husband Andy helped Melanie who started preparing for the classroom spelling bee in late November. Pam estimates her daughter spent more than 100 hours studying.

Melanie was following in sister Lexie's footsteps. She competed in the 2007 spelling bee where she was runner-up to Matthew Karpiuk.



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Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary fifth-grader Justin Zarzycki (far right) was the first speller in the elementary spelling bee.



Best friend Emily Dietz, a fifth-grader at Kettering Elementary, and Pam Bushway, mother of spelling bee champion Melanie Bushway, applaud after Melanie won the bee.



Middle School spelling bee winner Jane Awoh, a sixth-grader at Marshall Middle School finishes spelling her final work - nozzle.

Melanie, like Jane, received an American Heritage Dictionary. Both girls' names will be engraved plaques that will hang in their respective schools.

All of the grade-level winners also received dictionaries, prompting Barbara Ptasnik to tell her granddaughter, "You know I need a new dictionary at my house."

**SENTENCE**

FROM PAGE A1

to Westland police in which he admitted driving Boldizar and Thomas to the store at Warren and Merriman in exchange for \$1,000. The other two men arrived in a separate vehicle as part of the plan to rob another man of three kilos of cocaine which they were supposed to buy for \$60,000.

The drug seller was actu-

ally an informant for Romulus police. When the drug sale/robbery went bad, Romulus plainclothes officers emerged from nearby vehicles.

Sanders told police he fled when shots were fired and was arrested later that evening in Detroit. He told police that he knew of the planned robbery but changed his story on the witness stand. In his verdict, Hathaway made it clear he didn't believe Sanders' latest version of his role.

Pringle pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit armed robbery, conspiring to possess cocaine and felony firearm in return for a 15-year prison sentence.

Boldizar has been sentenced to 10-15 years in prison for conspiracy to possess cocaine. Reed also received a 10-year prison sentence for felony firearm, conspiracy to commit armed robbery and possession of cocaine.

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**Hockey Day comes to Modano Arena**

Westland's ice arena may be named after Dallas Stars great Mike Modano, but that's no bother to Detroit Red Wing great John Ogrodnick who will be on the ice Saturday, Feb. 14, as part of a Hockey Day in Michigan program.

Ogrodnick will be involved in a skills competition noon to 2 p.m. in which kids will skate to see whose the fastest skater, has the hardest shot and is the most accurate. Youngsters must preregister and only the first 10 skaters from the Mini-Mite, Mini, Squirt, Pee Wee and Bantam can register. He also will be signing

autographs 2-2:30 p.m.

A left winger, Ogrodnick was drafted 66th overall by the Detroit Red Wings in the 1979 NHL Entry Draft. He played 928 career NHL games, scoring 402 goals and 425 assists for 827 points. His best statistical season was the 1984-85 season when he set career highs with 55 goals (a Detroit record at the time), 50 assists, and 105 points.

Skaters who bring in the Red Wings drawings will pay only \$2 for open skating 2-3:20 p.m. and get a chance to win an All-American prize. All pictures will be displayed in the arena lobby.

Hockey Day is only part of a variety activities planned for the arena. Friday, Feb. 13, will be a Valentine Glow Skate 7:30-8:50 p.m. Bring a friend and skate to great music.

Hockey clinics also are planned for Monday, Feb. 16 — power skating at 9 a.m. and checking at 10:30 a.m. — followed by a buy one, get one free open skating noon to 2 p.m. A learn to skate class will be offered noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, followed by open skating 1-2:20 p.m.

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# EDUCATION

## Winners, runner-ups honored at WW's spelling bees

The buildup to annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee started in Wayne-Westland's elementary and middle schools with classroom bees in which fifth-, sixth- seventh- and eighth-graders tested their knowledge of words against each other.

The students spelled their way through school spelling bees with the winners and runners-up invited to the district spelling bee Thursday. Only the school winners competed in the district bee, but they and the runners-up were recognized for their efforts before the start of the competition.

"All of you are winners no matter what happens," said Greg Cooper, executive director of secondary education. "You're all great scholars at your schools."

Attending the spelling bees were:

Edison Elementary - Skylar Mass, winner, and Patrick Louis, runner-up.

Elliott Elementary - Christopher Lockard, winner, and Jalen Sims, runner-up.

P.D. Graham Elementary - Megan Harding, winner, and Lacey Krupp, runner-up.

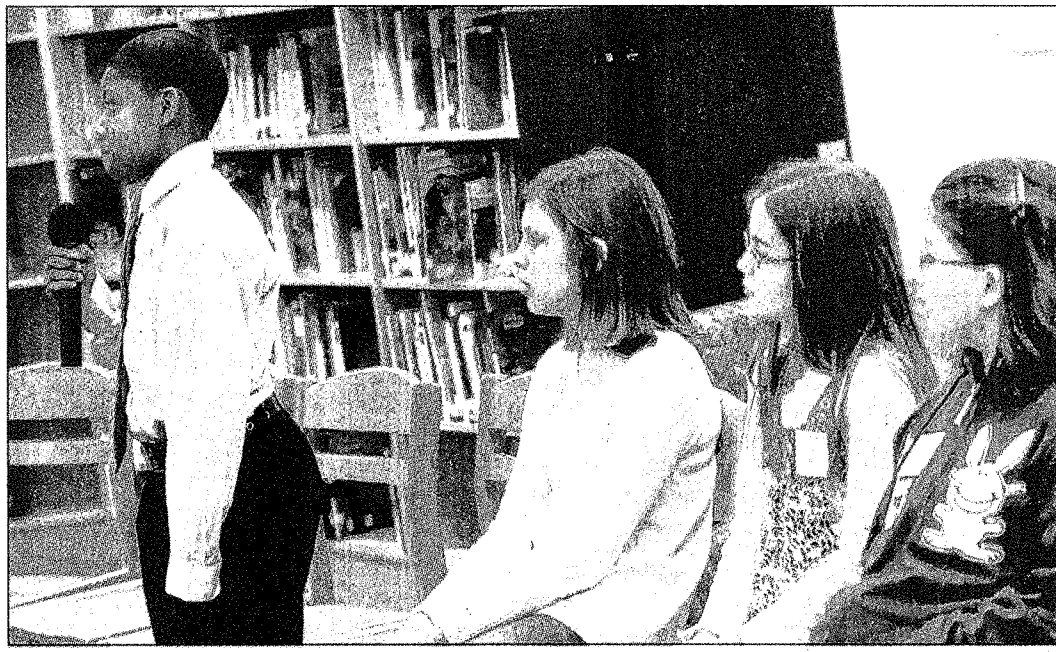
Hamilton Elementary - Hope Grondy, winner, and Andrew Mullen, runner-up.

Hicks Elementary - Tiero Hodo, winner, and Kyla Jones, runner-up.

Hoover Elementary - Jennifer Morgan, winner, and Hannah Goward, runner-up.

Jefferson-Barns Elementary - Jennifer Kennedy, winner, and Devon Page, runner-up.

Kettering Elementary - Melanie Bushway, winner, and Emily Dietz, runner-up.



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The elementary spelling bee "final four" were Tiero Hodo (from left) from Hicks Elementary, Ryan Clemmons from Madison Elementary, Melanie Bushway from Kettering Elementary and Rebecca Moylan from Patchin Elementary.



Adams Middle School sixth-grader Jordan Khalaf is congratulated by Wayne-Westland School Treasure Steve Becher at the beginning of the spelling bee. Jordan made it to the final six in the competition.

Lincoln Elementary - Calvin Mitchell, winner, and Bryan Drake, runner-up.

Madison Elementary - Ryan Clemmons, winner, and Kaylee Hutton, runner-up.

Patchin Elementary - Rebecca Moylan, winner, and Ilda Muca, runner-up.

Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary - Justin Zarzycki, winner, and Carol May, runner-up.

Schweitzer Elementary - Emelie Blair, winner, and Dasia Riley, runner-up.

Taft-Galloway Elementary - Erik Stetler, winner, and Jazmyn Bradford, runner-up.

Vandenberg Elementary - Arianna Calloway, winner, and Donae Dobbins, runner-up.

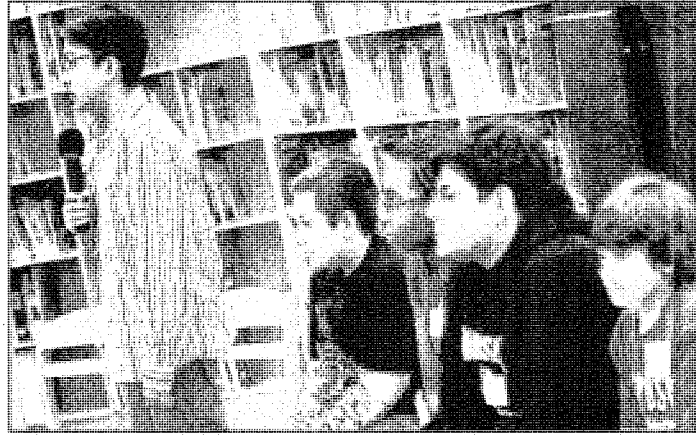
Walker-Winter Elementary - Tia Adams, winner, and Katarina

Cavins, runner-up. Wildwood Elementary - Valerie Vuljaj, winner, and Ethan Brandon, runner-up.

Adams Middle School - Jordan Khalaf, winner, and James Hickok, runner-up, sixth-grade; Jade Ellison, winner, and Denisha Rhan, seventh-grade, and Carlita Jones, winner, and Kyle Saavedra, runner-up, eighth-grade.

Franklin Middle School - Brandon Sigler, winner, and Emily Eichold, runner-up, sixth-grade; Adam Davis, winner, and Ian Montgomery, seventh-grade, and Mariah Hill-Carroll, winner, and Ty Weatherwax, runner-up, eighth-grade.

Marshall Middle School - Jane Awoh, winner, and Jacob Manning, runner-up, sixth-grade; Matthew Karpiuk, winner, and Chloe Sparkman, seventh-grade,



Going into the final stretch of the middle school spellers, Stevenson Middle School eighth grader Abhishek Roy spells his next word, looking on from left Franklin's seventh-grader Adam Davis, Marshall sixth-grader Jane Awoh, Marshall seventh-grader Matthew Karpiuk and Adams sixth-grader Jordan Khalaf.

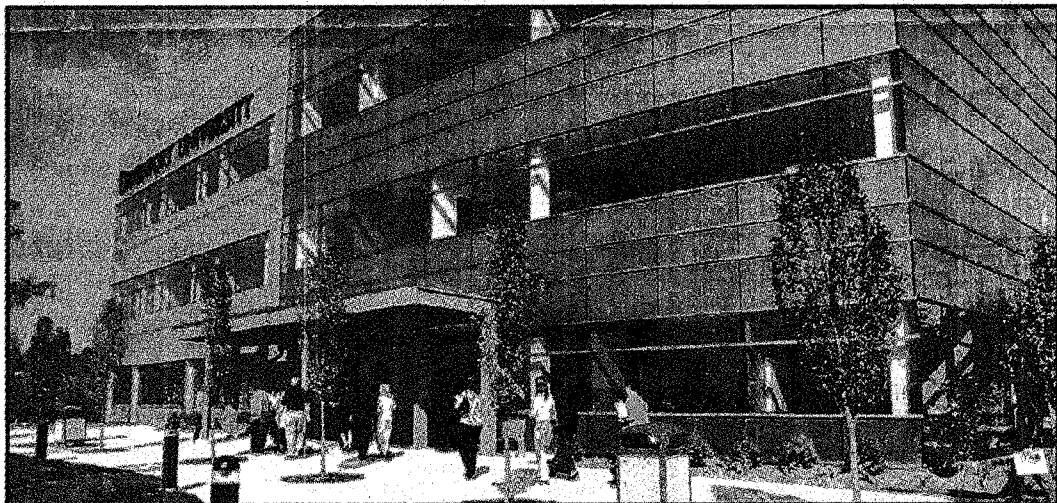
and Lorenzo Matthews, winner, and Emily Perkins, runner-up, eighth-grade.

Stevenson Middle School - Natalie Race, winner, and Sean Vichinsky, runner-up, sixth-grade; Shreya

Sutariya, winner, and Ayverly Smothers, seventh-grade, and Abhishek Roy, winner, and Laura Darnell, runner-up, eighth-grade.



Kettering Elementary fifth-grader Melanie Bushway spells her final word. To her left is runner-up Ryan Clemmons from Madison Elementary.



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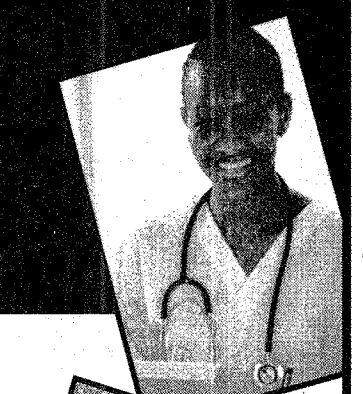
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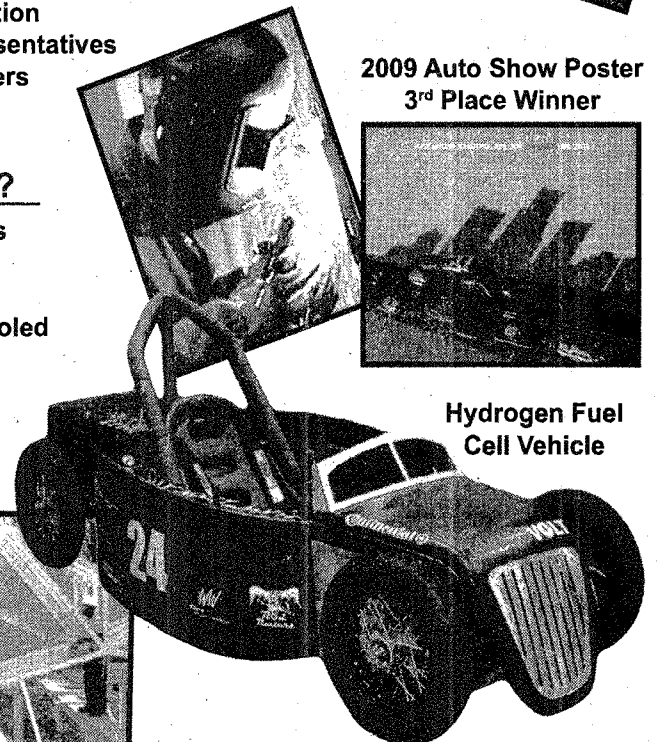
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AROUND WESTLAND

Coffee Connection

It's worth getting up early for. From 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Westland's Panera Bread, the Westland Chamber of Commerce will host its "Coffee Connection." It's an informal gathering of chamber members over coffee with no RSVP necessary, and no need to sign in when you arrive. Just bring plenty of business cards (and a couple of bucks for breakfast). Panera Bread is at 35300 Warren Road on the south side of Westland Shopping Center. For more information, call the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222.

In the footlights

The actors are prepared, the sets are painted, and the scenes are rehearsed. But then crisis strikes. Find out the rest of the story when Inspire Theatre presents "It Ain't Broadway, But It's Close," a musical review of some of the biggest Broadway tunes, on Friday, Feb. 13, and Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21 at the Warren Road Light and Life Church. A special Valentine's Day show/dinner theatre is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 14.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. nightly with the dinner/show beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$11 for show only and \$20 for the Valentine's Day dinner/show. Dinner Theatre tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information or to reserve tickets, call (734) 751-7057. Warren Road Light and Life Church is at 33445 Warren Road, between Wayne Road and Venoy.

Open House

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Westland 869 will hold an open house at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at the Adams Senior Village Community Center, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland. For more information, call Sandy at (734) 729-5648.

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour from 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month. LeBlanc also invites residents to join him

for refreshments and an informal fireside chat from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at the library. Residents who have any comments or concerns or needing more information, can contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517) 373-2576.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford on Monday, Feb. 9. He will be at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, from 9-10 a.m., then move to the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour.

The senator holds coffee hours on the second Monday of the month in Westland and Redford and the fourth Monday of the month in Livonia and Garden City. Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone toll-free at (866) 262-7306; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Surplus food

The City of Westland has

established the day, times, and locations that residents may obtain surplus federal food for the month of February.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

The pickup time and location for Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 9, or the second Monday of each month, at St. James United Methodist Church, which is located at 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. For more information, call (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers may collect their food at Taylor Towers and must contact their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

For the month of February, distribution will include beef stew, green beans, salmon, noodles, grape juice, trail nut mix, and possible additional items.

The program is administered by the Wayne County

Office of Senior Services. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hot line at (734) 595-0366.

Scrapbooking

A scrapbooking workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. The cost is \$35 per person for a full day and \$20 per person for a half day. For more information, call Karen Kopcak at (734) 634-3934 or Sandy Kopcak at (734) 721-4867.

Blues buster

The Westland Friendship Center has just the remedy for

the winter blues — a party! Tickets are on sale now for the Friendship Center's Winter Blues Bash Friday, Feb. 20. Kerry Price from the Windsor-Detroit Jazz Club will entertain with her signature blend of blues.

The buffet meal will include slow roasted beef in brown sauce, boneless breaded pork chops, wedged red skin potatoes with parsley, and there also will be raffle prizes. And one more thing — attendees must wear blue to enter, and any shade will do.

For more information, call (734) 722-7628. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland.

Anderson understands governor's upbeat tone

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jennifer Granholm acknowledged Michigan's continuing economic troubles in her State of the State address Tuesday, but offered an optimistic view that things will improve.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland), who represents Redford Township, understands the governor's approach.

"It was good speech," he said Wednesday in a call from the Senate floor. "One thing we have to do is assure people that things will get better. We are at such a low place in our economy."

Michigan unemployment is a nation-leading 10.6 percent, the auto industry is reporting record losses, foreclosures are up and people are leaving the state in huge numbers.

Anderson said his fellow legislators seemed more open to her ideas.

"I was really taken by the



Anderson

reaction to the speech by folks on both sides of the aisle, how many times they applauded her," he said. "What she said had more bipartisan support than I have seen since I've been here."

The governor looked mostly to the future, emphasizing Michigan's prospects as a producer of green energy technology from solar panels to wind turbines. She marked a goal of reducing electricity generated from fossil fuels by 45 percent by 2020.

"Certainly we'll never get close to that unless we set

goals," Anderson said. "It remains to be seen if we can. Renewable energy from wind turbines and solar panels is exciting. We are in a position to be a leader in the country and certainly in the region."

Granholm also pointed to the film industry's continued interest in Michigan since special tax incentives were approved last year. She announced major film production facilities for Detroit and Pontiac and a digital games manufacturer for Plymouth.

"There was a lot of good news about the film studios. Livonia has done a lot to be a one-stop source for the film industry," Anderson said.

The other major initiative announced by Granholm was

a major shrinking of state government under the leadership of Lt. Gov. John Cherry.

"It's very ambitious to go from 18 down to eight (state departments). I am concerned about some of those, in particular libraries, eliminating the department (Department of History, Arts and Libraries)," Anderson said. "I will be cautious on that. I believe libraries are very important for providing knowledge for our citizens."

Anderson said he will need to see the details outlined in the governor's budget report in a couple of weeks.

"This is just the broad outline. We have to wait for the nuts and bolts," he said.

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- #307 John McRoy
- #413 Nicole Smith
- #417 Angela Pittman
- #529 Angela Rollins
- #723 Phillip Stapleton
- # David Arnold
- #1113 Reba Alexander
- #1304 Phillip Stapleton

Misc. household items.  
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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
February 23, 2009**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 6:59 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the proposed changes to the Purchasing Ordinance (sections 35.02-35.08) as follows.

**Proposed Ordinance #09-**

**§ 35.02 PURCHASES OR CONTRACTS OVER \$8,000.00**

Any purchase or contract for supplies, materials, or equipment, the price of which exceeds, or is estimated to exceed, \$8,000.00 in value, shall require approval of the City Council after receiving sealed bids in accordance with this chapter. Products and services available only from a single source will not require sealed bids. The City Manager shall determine available source(s) for a product or service. (Ord. 99-016, passed 11-29-99)

**§ 35.03 PURCHASES OR CONTRACTS BETWEEN \$5,000.01 AND \$8,000.00.**

Any purchase or contract for supplies, material, or equipment, the price of which is, or is estimated to be, of a value between \$5,000.01 and \$8,000.00, shall require the approval of the City Manager after receiving sealed bids in accordance with this chapter. Products and services available only from a single source will not require sealed bids. The City Manager shall determine available source(s) for a product or service. (Ord. 99-016, passed 11-29-99)

**§ 35.04 PURCHASES OR CONTRACTS BETWEEN \$2000.01 AND \$5,000.00.**

Any purchase or contract for supplies, materials, or equipment, the price of which is, or is estimated to be, of a value between \$2,000.01 and \$5,000.00, shall require the approval of the City Manager after receiving three quotes or diligently attempting to obtain three quotes from qualified suppliers. Products and services available only from a sole source will not require three quotes. The City Manager shall determine available source(s) for a product or service. (Ord. 99-016, passed 11-29-99)

**§ 35.05 PURCHASES OR CONTRACTS BETWEEN \$500.01 and \$2,000.00**

Any purchase or contract for supplies, materials, or equipment, the price of which is, or is estimated to be, of a value between \$500.01 and \$2,000.00, shall require the approval of the Department Head after receiving three quotes or diligently attempting to obtain three quotes from qualified suppliers. Products and services available only from a sole source will not require three quotes. The Department Head shall determine available source(s) for a product or service. (Ord. 99-016, passed 11-29-99)

**§ 35.06 PURCHASES OR CONTRACTS \$500.00 AND BELOW.**

Any purchase or contract for supplies, materials, or equipment, the price of which is or is estimated to be of a value of \$500.00 or less shall require only the approval of the Department Head. (Ord. 99-016, passed 11-29-99)

**§ 35.07 FEDERAL, STATE, OR INTERLOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.**

Where there is a federal, state, interlocal government consortium conducting mass purchases of goods or services on a competitive basis, the city may purchase in collaboration with these units without complying with the competitive bidding practices of this chapter. (Ord. 99-016, passed 11-29-99)

**§ 35.08 EMERGENCY PURCHASES.**

(A) The City Manager, in case of emergency, may purchase directly any supplies, materials, or equipment not costing in excess of \$5,000 when immediate procurement is in the best interest of the City. The City Manager shall certify in writing that the emergency exists, and detail the reasons for he claimed emergency and why he is waiving formal bidding procedures. The City Manager shall file his certification and reasons for waiving bidding procedures with the City Clerk.

(B) For emergency purchases exceeding \$5,000, the City Manager shall meet the requirements of § 35.08 (A), and obtain City Council approval at its next regularly scheduled meeting. (Ord. 99-016, passed 11-29-99)

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of the City Clerk, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

ALLYSON BETTIS  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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**NAACP turns 100**



Thursday, Feb. 12, marks the centennial anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The NAACP was started in New York City by a diverse group of activists with the mission of ensuring "the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination." Today it remains the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the country.

Before the NAACP, there was the Niagara Movement. A group of young African Americans met in 1905 in Niagara Falls with the hopes of creating an organization that would take aggressive action to gain full citizenship for blacks. While the Niagara Movement did make some progress, it eventually floundered by 1908, due to its radical stance.

In August 1908, a race riot broke out in Abraham Lincoln's hometown of Springfield, Illinois, and several blacks were injured or killed by a white mob.

Many members of the white liberal press condemned the incident and were moved to action. A multi-racial group of activists came

together to discuss founding an organization that would fight for equal rights throughout the country.

On the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the National Negro Conference had its first meeting. In May 1910, the National Negro Committee had its second annual conference and voted to change its name to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Over the past century, the NAACP has had many accomplishments in fighting discrimination in this country. Its commitment to fighting bigotry will continue well into the future. To learn more about the history of the

NAACP, come to the Public Library of Westland. Stop by at the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or remotely search our online catalog 24 hours a day at [www.westland.lib.mi.us](http://www.westland.lib.mi.us).

**Highlighted Activities**

**District Coffee Hour:** 9 a.m. Feb. 9.

Join State Sen. Glenn Anderson with State Rep. Richard LeBlanc for their monthly district coffee hour. The library will open earlier, so you may stop by to ask questions and share your concerns with your local government officials.

**Fireside Chat:** 6 p.m. Feb. 9.

Join State Rep. Richard LeBlanc for an informal "Fireside Chat." He invites all Westland residents to join him at the library where you can express your concerns about issues that matter most to you. He will update you with news from the Capital. Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt will also be in attendance.

**Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the**

**library:** Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Whether you want to learn to knit or are an experienced knitter, all are welcome. Contact the library for more information at (734) 326-6123 or just drop-in.

**Computer Classes:** 11 a.m. Feb. 9, flickr - Storing and Sharing your Pictures Online; 11 a.m. Feb. 16, Powerpoint for the Beginner; 2 p.m. Feb. 16, Introduction to E-mail; 7 p.m. Feb. 16, Introduction to Microsoft Word.

Stop by the library for a complete description and requirements for all classes. All computer classes are hands-on. Space is limited. Register in advance at the Reference Desk or by calling 73 326-6123.

**Information Central** was compiled by reference librarian Andrea Perez. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

Robert Jackson	B074	bags, boxes, vacuum
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Ruth Jones	B189	boxes, bag, totes
Stacie Van Tuyl	B233	bike, bags, boxes
Petrice Johnson	B257	boxes, bags, totes
Rodney Ursery	B261	fish tank, boxes, sofa
Dale Marie Griffin	B267	boxes, bags, record player
Derek Odell	B269	boxes, bags, table
Samieyra Spicer	B387	dresser, mattress, toys
Connie Volpe	C009	restaurant equipment
Lola Yonko	C025	table, boxes, lamp
Stephen Mitchell	C034	bags, toys, crib
Carlette McKenzie	D025	boxes, bags, suitcase
Richard Surma Jr.	D033	lawn mower, sofa, saw
Linder Magwood	D042	fish tank, boxes, ac unit

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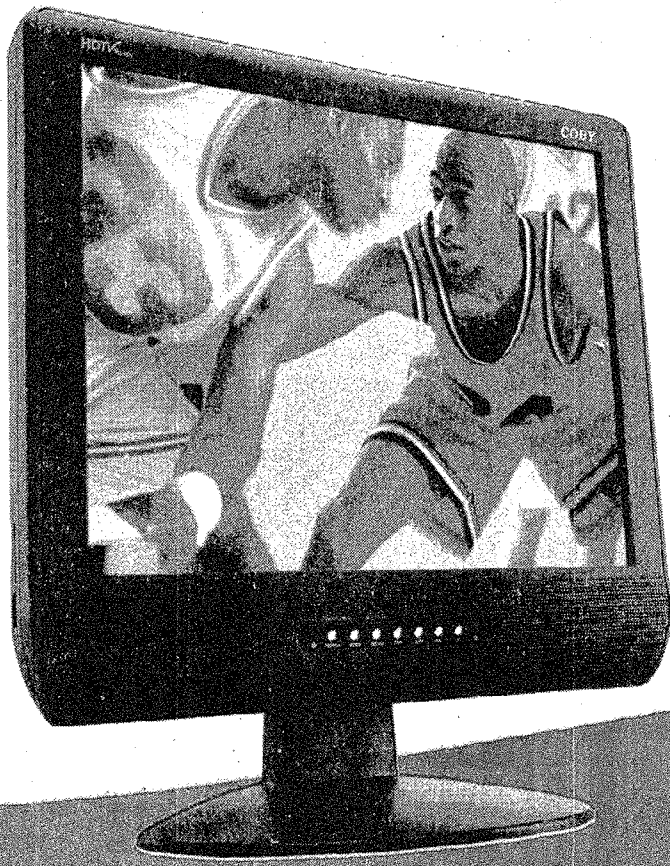
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Mark Hendrix	2069	dresser, truck cap, boxes
Antoine Turner	3031	tv, bags, totes
Erma Austin	3042	boxes, dresser, chair
Sarah Phelan	3073	dresser, box, totes
Justin Proch	4027	boxes, bags, totes
Patrick Knight	4043	boxes, bags, totes
Edwin Omev	5003	snow blower, boxes, dresser
Patricia Kowalski	5030	boxes, bags, totes
Jeannine Hayhow	5034	boxes, bags, totes
Carl Hicks	5069	boxes, washer, dryer
Julie Pyle	5083	mattress, tv, totes
Clearance Miles	5101	boxes, bags, totes
Ashley Morey-Gallagher	6042	chair, table, totes
Michael Shepherd	6049	tires, boxes, totes
Nancy Emmons	6091	totes, bags, vacuum
Steven Williams	6107	boxes, bags, mattress
Kristie Hartman	7003	totes, boxes, dresser
Nicole Blanchard	7054	bags, sofa, table
Jeffrey Stonecipher	7082	totes, dresser, boxes
Jeremy Hammonds	7084	chair, table, dresser
Brian Murphy	7118	totes, tool box, boxes
United States Steel Corp.	7131	table, boxes, totes
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# Schoolcraft College bails on Northville property purchase

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

After waiting for months, Northville Township officials learned Monday that Schoolcraft College officials have decided to scrap plans to build a \$30-million-plus public safety education building in the township.

The facility, which would have trained police and fire personnel, would have been located north of Five Mile Road and west of Ridge Road.

College officials announced several months ago their intentions to purchase the property and build the facility. However, after several months went by without township and college officials being able to agree on a sale price, the township set a deadline for next month for a decision from the college.

Mark Abbo received a letter Monday from Conway A. Jeffress, Ph.D., president of Schoolcraft College, about the decision to forego the property purchase.

"We are all aware of the deteriorating economic climate both here in Michigan and the rest of the United States as well," Jeffress said. "Our situation in Michigan is particularly bleak. Forecasters are predicting decreasing tax revenue (SEV) for colleges as well as the likelihood of decreasing, or at best, zero increases in state appropriations.

"As a result of this climate and rapidly escalating cost estimates (over \$30 million) for the Public Safety Project in Northville Township, Schoolcraft College has elected to withdraw its request to purchase and develop land at Five Mile and Ridge roads."

Jeffress said officials reached this decision, with the consensus of the college's Board of Trustees last Wednesday.

He went on to say that, "On behalf of the Board and myself, we appreciate the effort extended to reach agreement on a project which gave every indication of being mutually beneficial to both Schoolcraft College and Northville Township.

## TOWNSHIP REACTIONS

Chip Snider, township manager, said, "It had long been known that they (Schoolcraft College officials) were going to modernize their police academy facilities, which now exist in Garden City. This (new facility) was the fulfillment of that promise. In a business sense, this would have

put them at the same level with Oakland County is with their new facility in an effort to serve 42 Wayne County departments."

Snider noted that township trustees had been enthusiastic about the possibility of having an academic building within the community's borders.

"I'm disappointed that Schoolcraft is unable to close

on the transaction," Abbo said. "However, it appears they're encountering the same pressures that most local units of government will be encountering and that's dropping property values, thus, reduced property tax revenues. So, they've got to be very cautious, as does Northville Township going forward, with monies that are spent in any way."

Trustee Margie Banner said, "We were certainly hopeful that they would come here (with the facility), and we were disappointed with their decision. We feel like we tried to work with them in the best way we could."

"We're disappointed that this isn't working out," said Banner. "We felt that they would have been a wonder-

ful anchor for that piece of property, and we would have welcomed them into our community with open arms. We would have been proud to have Schoolcraft College as a part of Northville Township."

Abbo said the property in question is about 40 acres.

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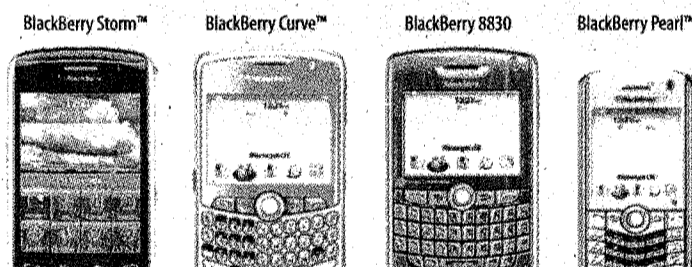
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# Despite current market, 401(k) is still a good investment

**Dear Rick: My employer just stopped the 401(k) match. I have been contributing the maximum. Should I continue to put money in? A friend recommended that I take the extra money and pay down my mortgage. I have a 5½ percent, 30-year mortgage. I figure that I will be working for at least another 20 years. Also, if I do contribute to my 401(k) plan, should I put it into the Stable Value Fund until the market comes back?**



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

down the mortgage as much as you are able to contribute into the 401(k). For example, if you contribute \$100 from each paycheck, all of it would be invested.

On the other hand, if you did not contribute, you would have to pay tax on the \$100, netting — after taxes, approximately \$65. The \$65 is the amount available to pay down the mortgage.

I know in today's difficult economic times, where 401(k) plans continue to drop, it appears to make sense to pay down mortgages. However, in your situation, with a 5½ percent mortgage, that money is costing you approximately 4 percent after taxes. The question is will investing in the long run earn more than 4 percent. I believe it will.

Since you are a long-term investor, I do not recommend the Stable Value Funds. The first lesson most investors learn is buy low, sell high. For long-term investors, this is a great buying opportunity. My advice is, despite the lousy market, continue to invest in your 401(k) plan and concentrate on long-term growth areas.

**Dear Rick: Our daughter just turned 18 and a friend said we should have a Medical Power of Attorney for her. She is single and**

**lives at home. Do we need a power of attorney for her?**

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medical decisions. The fact she is single and lives at home is relatively immaterial.

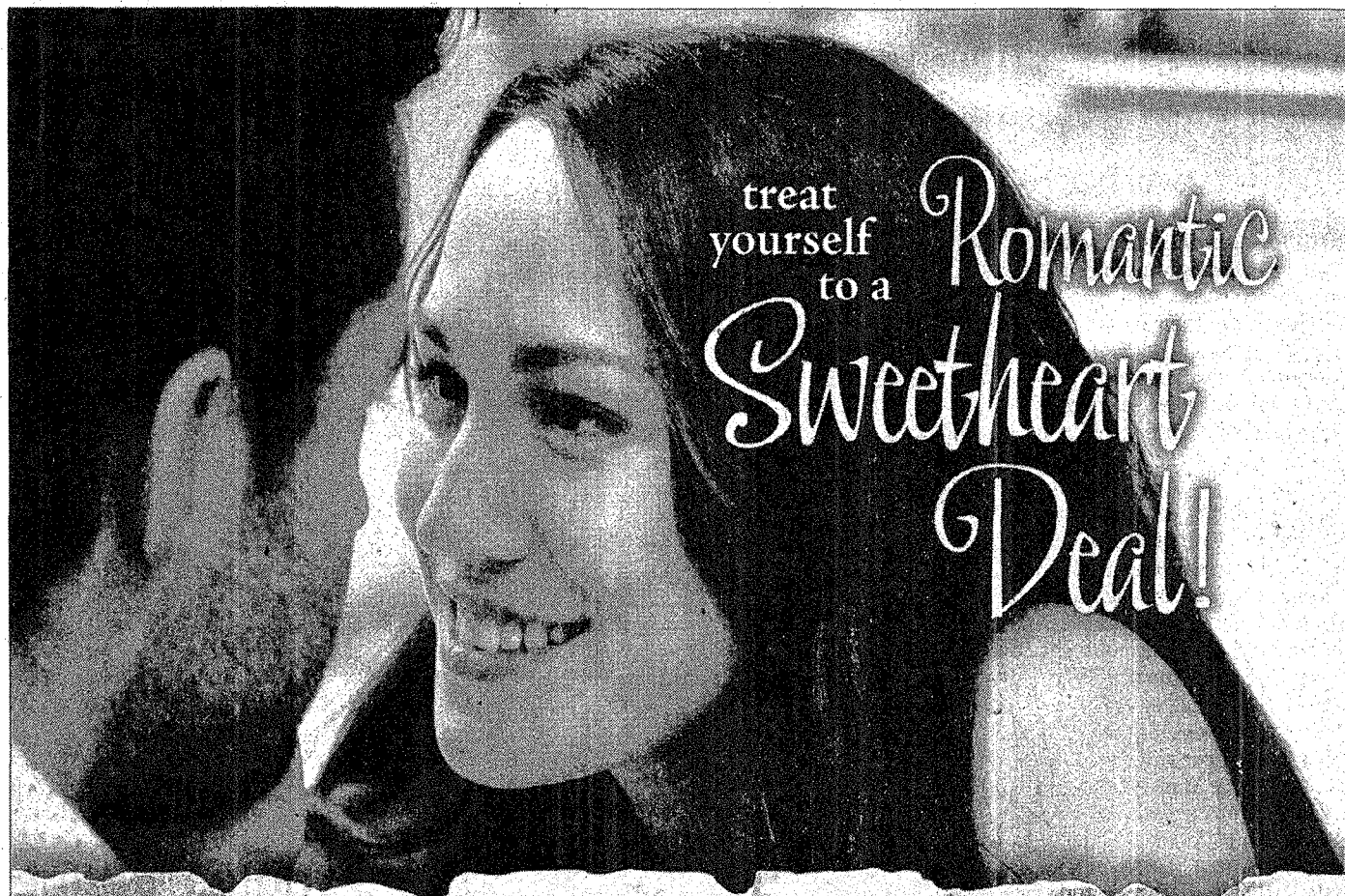
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It's always nice when an employer matches 401(k) contributions. However, that should not be the deciding factor whether to invest in a 401(k) plan. The benefit of a 401(k) plan is it allows you to save money for retirement on a relatively easy basis and provides some tax benefits. Whether an employer matches or not, I believe people should be contributing to a 401(k) plan.

It's an easy way to invest. If you had to write a check every week to add new money to your investment, most people would stop making the contribution. In a 401(k) plan, the money is automatically invested.

Another advantage of a 401(k) is you are not currently taxed on the money you contribute. All the earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis. This provides you with some tax breaks, now and in the future. For instance, if you stop contributing to your plan and use the money to pay down your mortgage, you won't pay



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# HOMETOWN LIFE

## Turf battle

Clarenceville's defense stymies RU

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

During practices leading up to Friday night's game against Redford Union, the message delivered by Livonia Clarenceville boys basketball coach Corey McKendry was pretty direct - play strong defense for 32 minutes to have a chance.

The host Trojans heeded McKendry's call, blanking the Panthers in the first quarter of the non-conference matchup to set the tone as Clarenceville registered a 52-38 boys basketball win.

"It was our best defensive effort of the season," said McKendry, whose team is 7-6 overall and has won six straight. "I told them in practice, all five guys needed to be guarding somebody all the time to have success. We helped each other a lot tonight. They (RU) do an excellent job and if you don't stay on them they'll make you pay."

RU coach Brett Steele, whose team falls to 8-4 overall, credited the Trojans for their defensive intensity.

"They obviously played very, very well," he said. "But we struggled shooting the basketball. We're just not a real good come-from-behind basketball team because we don't score as many points as some teams."

Clarenceville led 9-0 after one quarter, but RU closed the gap to 18-15 at halftime. The Panthers a point off the deficit in the

third, 28-26.

It was a 36-33 Clarenceville lead with midway through the final quarter when the Trojans started a 16-5 run to close out the ballgame. Key to the surge was senior forward Jeremy Gainer, who scored all six of his points in the final quarter.

"They were all over Jamie (Stewart), but Jeremy made two huge plays," said McKendry. "One was a 15-foot jumper from the top of the key and the other was a layup, following a lob dish by senior guard Darryl Whitaker."

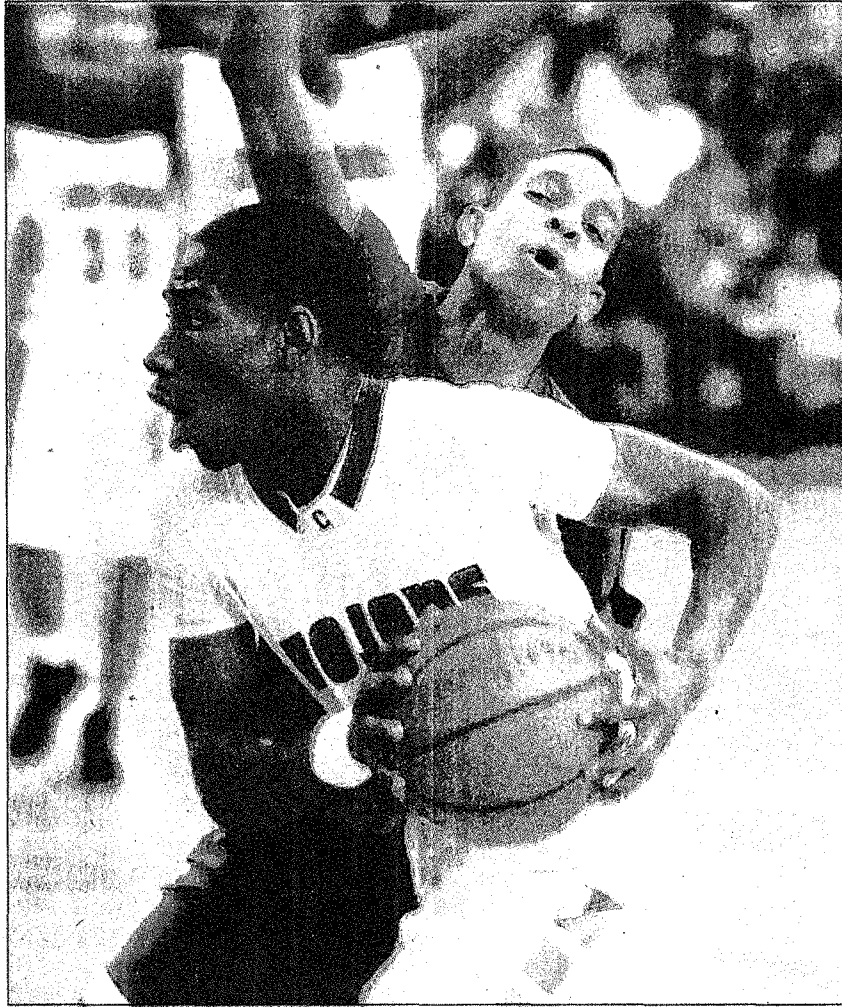
Clarenceville closed out the win by hitting 12-of-14 free throws in the fourth.

"They got down and had to start fouling us," McKendry said. "It was a great atmosphere, a packed house and two good teams battling out there. We just made more plays than they did."

Stewart, the senior guard who has been carrying Clarenceville on its current six-game winning streak, tallied 20 points for the Trojans to go along with 10 rebounds and six assists.

McKendry also cited the play of senior guard Nathan Clark (13 points, five assists) and 6-7 sophomore forward Jalen Reynolds (six points, 13 boards) as sparkplugs on both ends of the floor.

RU's top scorer was 5-9 senior guard Matt Macek (13 points). Anthony Wash added 11.



Clarenceville's Jamie Stewart goes to work against Quentin Peterson of Redford Union during Friday's non-conference game.

## GAME WRAPS

### KLAA boys basketball

**WAYNE 44, CHURCHILL 39:** The one-two punch of Daniel Hill and Robert Woodson scored 17 and 15 points, respectively, on Friday as host Wayne Memorial (8-4, 5-1) maintained its one-game lead in the KLAA's South Division with a boys basketball victory Livonia Churchill (4-7, 1-5).

Wayne remains one game ahead of both Plymouth and Canton.

Tony Frezell led the Chargers with 12 points, while junior forward Adam Bedell had 10 points and 15 rebounds.

Wayne led 19-17 at halftime and created some distance with a 14-7 scoring edge in the third quarter. The Zebras were 10-of-15 from the foul line.

"We played hard and we played well defensively, but we had a two-minute stretch where we had four or five turnovers," said Churchill coach Jim Solak, whose team was only 3-of-12 from the foul line. "We came out and played well and we'll take the effort, but that two-minute stretch did us in."

**CANTON 53, FRANKLIN 46:** Sophomore guard Dietrich Lever poured in a game-high 23 points Friday to lift the host Chiefs (7-5, 4-2) to the KLAA South Division victory over Livonia Franklin (4-7, 2-4).

Marlan Glenn added 13 points for Canton, which overcame a 21-15 halftime deficit by hitting some timely three-pointers to spark a 23-13 third-quarter run.

Jeff Poole paced the Patriots with 13 points, while Connor Leidal added six points and eight rebounds.

Canton was 12-of-17 from the foul line, while Franklin made 8-of-12.

**SOUTH LYON 45, STEVENSON 26:** Mike Fenney scored 13 of his 18 points in the decisive fourth quarter Thursday as the host Lions (8-3, 6-0) used a 21-7 run to beat Livonia Stevenson (7-4, 3-3) in a KLAA Central Division game.

Jordan El-Sabeh and Ricky Chrzasz each scored nine points for the Spartans, while Brian Rowe added eight. The Spartans played without leading scorer Bobby Naubert, out with a hand injury, and also lost starting center Kendal Snow to an injury late in the third quarter with South Lyon clinging to a 22-20 advantage.

Stevenson was 8-of-11 from the foul line, while South Lyon hit 13-of-21.

### Metro Conference

#### LUTH. WESTLAND 48, HAMTRAC 44:

It wasn't pretty, but Lutheran High Westland (9-4, 3-2) held off a late charge Friday by the host Cosmos (3-9, 2-3) for a Metro Conference victory.

The Warriors built leads of 24-17 after two quarters and 42-29 after three, but had to hold off a late charge by the Cosmos.

Gage Flanery and Josh Kruger scored 13 and 12 points, respectively, for the Warriors, who led 24-17 at halftime and 42-29 after three quarters.

Chris Taylor scored 14 for Hamtramck.

"Hamtramck did a nice job in the fourth quarter of pressuring the ball and creating turnovers which turned into easy baskets for them," Lutheran Westland coach Brandon Bekius said. "We responded with a couple big stops defensively and did what was necessary to win."

## Stevenson holds off late Churchill flurry for 3-1 win

Sager sharp in 3rd period

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a non-league game that didn't count in the league standings, but when Livonia Stevenson and rival Livonia Churchill take to the ice at Edgar Arena, it means everything.

After the two teams battled to a 5-5 draw in November, this one was a tighter checking affair with Stevenson holding off the Chargers, 3-1, thanks to Cole Rochowiak's empty-net goal, his 14th of the season, with 58.8 seconds remaining. Assists went to Tyler Vines and R.J. Kierdorf.

Stevenson improves 10-5-3 overall, while Churchill falls to 6-6-4.

"It shows both teams are getting better playing in their own end and staying with a system," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We could



Churchill's Steven Klisz (9) tries to skate around Stevenson's Justin Shureb (19) during Wednesday's battle at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

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## Pats squander chance to take control of division

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was another knock-down, drag-out affair Friday night with Canton still standing after Round Two with a 36-33 girls basketball win at Livonia Franklin.

The Chiefs, who lost the first meeting between the two teams on Jan. 20 by a 37-34 count, came out and answered the bell in must-win situation in the KLAA's South Division race by outscoring the Patriots 10-4 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Both teams are 11-2 overall and now tied for the lead in the South Division at 5-1.

Sara Schmitt, who led Canton with 10 points, nailed two free

throws with 2:47 left in the final period to give the Chiefs its first lead since late in the first quarter, 32-31.

Canton then made 4-of-6 four shots during the final 1:04 and got a key rebound from CarolAnn Sexauer (eight points) after a Kari Schmitt missed the second of two free throws.

That set up two more free throws for Sara Schmitt and a Robyn Mack foul shot with only nine seconds remaining to ice the victory.

"We did not do a great job of executing against their zone (defense) the last time and we were better at it tonight," Canton coach Brian Samulski said. "We not only had to be super patient, but be in the

### KLAA GIRLS HOOPS

right spots. The last time our guards got too narrow. We had to get wider we were able to get CarolAnn some shots. We've been working on that for 20 minutes every day since we lost to them the last time."

Franklin trailed 6-2 early, but got up by as many as eight, 17-9, on a pair of back-to-back fast-break layups by sophomore Chelsea Williams, who led the Patriots with 11 points.

The Patriots took a 29-26 lead in the final period, but went only 1-for-6 during from the field during the final eight minutes.

Canton also limited

Franklin's top scoring tandem, senior twins Brianna and Brittany Taylor, to a combined 14 points.

But junior forward Seneca Scott, making her first appearance since breaking her wrist on Jan. 6, gave the Patriots a lift with seven points and nine rebounds off the bench.

"The last time we got down nine in the first half and we had to battle our way back in the fourth quarter," Samulski said. "Tonight we were a little more solid the entire game. We know it's going to be a battle every time. Franklin is a great team and we made our free throws in the fourth quarter. The game comes to free throws, rebounding and defending."

Franklin's downfall was foul shooting (7-of-17) and some costly turnovers down the stretch.

"They (Canton) made less mental mistakes than we did," Franklin coach Dave McCall said. "Canton played well and did not make a lot of mental errors."

"When we were up two (in the fourth quarter) we were supposed to be running our sets up-top, burn the clock up ... and then we throw up a 25-footer. We also had layups, and instead, we'd dump off the ball. Our team free throw percentage is usually in the high 70s or low 80s and tonight we go 7-of-17."

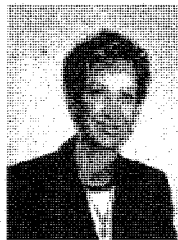
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# HOCKEY

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see them in the (KLA) crossover. We could see them three times."

Stevenson came out flying in the first period, outshooting the Chargers 15-4 and taking a 1-0 lead at 9:31 on Evan Malick's power play goal, his fourth of the year, on tip-in off a slap shot by Matt Fox.

"It was a bad (line) change while killing the penalty," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "We should have dumped it on the rush instead of dumping it after."

The Spartans increased their lead to 2-0 at 5:12 of the second period on Kierdorf's fifth of the season from Tim Pruchnik.

But the Chargers began to control play midway through the period and scored when Brent Mishowski, who had four goals in the previous meeting against the Spartans, jammed home a rebound at 8:10. Alec Snythe and Ryan Cioch drew assists.

"The first period they (Stevenson) were moving their feet and winning the battles, but as the game wore on we won our share," Mazzoni said. "We were too emotional to start the game. I don't know what it was. We tried to make it bigger than what it was."

"Then somewhere in the second period, and a good part of the third, we were down there. I thought we'd get the equalizer."

Shots were 9-9 in the sec-

ond period and Churchill applied heavy pressure in the third, outshooting the Spartans 12-5.

"When we got the 2-0 lead I don't think we sat back," Mitchell said. "Churchill's too good of a hockey team and too well-coached. They battle and battle. It was not us letting up. It was them taking it back to us."

Stevenson netminder Danny Sager, a junior, made a key save with 10 minutes to go on a deflection during a Churchill power-play. And with 1:40 to remaining, Dan Bostick nearly tied it for the Chargers when his shot rang off the post.

Sager made a total of 24 stops to preserve the win.

"Danny's a good kid who works extremely hard off the ice," Mitchell said. "He keeps improving and getting better. I'm very happy with the effort."

Churchill junior goalie Aaron Crouse, making his third straight start, also sparkled with 26 saves. He also thwarted Rochowiak on a breakaway at the end of the second period.

"Aaron (Crouse) was solid," Mitchell said. "He's been there since his freshman year and he's done well the last three games. He's gotten the opportunity and he's taken advantage."

Mazzoni also praised the Stevenson goaltender.

"Sager played well and they were disciplined in their defensive zone," the Churchill coach said.

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# Playoff-bound Blazers top Regina

Livonia Ladywood assured itself a spot in the Catholic League girls basketball-playoffs Thursday with a 58-46 triumph over host Warren Regina.

The Blazers, now 7-8 overall, moved into the third-seeded spot in the Central Division at 3-4 record with one game remaining (Wednesday at home vs. Farmington Hills Mercy). Marian is in first place at 7-0, while Dearborn Divine Child is second at 5-2. The top four Division finishers make the postseason Catholic League playoffs.

After trailing 24-18 at halftime, Ladywood the Saddlelites 25-10 in the third period to take command as senior Caitlin Sczyzka and freshman Cara Miller combined for 21 points.

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"We came out with a 1-3-1 half-court trap," Ladywood coach Pat Cannon said. "We got some turnovers and were able to score. We were also able to get back and defend as well."

Sczyzka finished with a game-high 20 points, 12 of those coming in the third. Miller added 15, nine of those during the same quarter.

Other contributions came from Molly Gacloch (eight points, eight rebounds) and Mary Fitzgerald (seven points, seven boards).

Katy Jakubek and Hannah Sabol tallied 17 and 16, respectively, for Regina (6-9, 2-5).

Both teams shot well from the foul line - Ladywood (11-

of-14) and Regina (17-of-21). **AGAPE 54, HURON VALLEY 40:** Dismal shooting Friday night cost visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-11, 2-5) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division game with Canton Agape Christian (7-7, 5-3).

Freshman Ayanna Martin (19 points, 12 rebounds, eight steals) and senior Brooke Purcell (16 points, 13 rebounds) did much of the damage for Agape.

"We had lots of opportunities tonight," lamented Huron Valley coach Kris Ruth, whose team trailed 13-6 after one period and 43-27 after three quarters. "We missed some easy layups and did not execute at the free throw line (5-of-17)."

Sophomore Katie Nell and junior Devon Linderman tallied 10 and eight points, respectively, for the Hawks.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 63, HANTRAMCK 24:** A 10-point performance by senior Allyson Yankee led Lutheran High Westland (5-7, 2-4) to a Friday rout

over the visiting Cosmos (0-12, 0-5) in a Metro Conference.

All 11 Warriors scored at least a point.

Dae'shovall Hall scored 22 of Hamtramck's 24 points.

**LUTHERAN N'WEST 41, LUTH. WESTLAND 40:** On Tuesday, Kristine Washburn scored 11 points to lead Metro Conference leader Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (9-4, 5-0) to a victory over Lutheran High Westland (4-7, 1-4).

Katey Ramthun had 14 points and seven rebounds, while Rachel Storck contributed 13 points and eight boards for the Warriors.

Lauren Gieschen chipped in with nine points in what Warriors' coach Bill Strang called his team's best performance of the season.

"Allyson Yankee (three points, six rebounds) showed the way with outstanding defense and senior leadership and determination," Strang said.

Cayla Van Gordon and Drue Tyler each scored nine for the Crusaders.

# Glenn's running game pays off in 52-49 win

Westland John Glenn got its fast-break going Friday night and the result was a 52-49 girls basketball victory over visiting Plymouth.

Chanel Payne led the victorious Rockets, now 6-8 overall and 2-4 in the KLA's South Division, with a game-high 18 points.

Nyah McReynolds chipped in with 12 as the Rockets led 25-20 at halftime.

"We pushed the ball like we wanted to do all season long," Glenn coach Mike Schuette

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said. "We got rebounds, pushed it up the floor and converted on the other end. Our defense prevented easy baskets and we rebounded pretty well."

Stacey Klonowski led the Wildcats (5-9, 3-3) with 14 points, while Shaakira Haywood added 11.

Plymouth made just 9-of-23 free throws, while Glenn hit 8-of-15.

**CHURCHILL 49, WAYNE 30:** Junior Alys Boldisar tallied 15 points Friday as host Livonia Churchill (7-6, 3-3) turned back visiting Wayne Memorial (2-12, 0-6) in a KLA South Division encounter.

Meghan Catalano chipped in with nine points for the Chargers, who trailed 7-6 after one quarter before getting untracked with a 16-6 second period run.

Junior guard Allie Coleman led Wayne with nine points, while freshman guard Holland Boertje added eight.

**SOUTH LYON 45, STEVENSON 31:** On Thursday, Kristin Short and Danielle Gotham scored 14 and 11 points,

respectively, to lead the Lions (12-1, 5-1) to the KLA Central Division win at Livonia Stevenson (5-9, 1-5).

Stevenson led 7-6 after one quarter before South Lyon took control with a 20-5 third-period run.

"A lot of the credit goes to South Lyon," Stevenson first-year coach Paul Tripp said. "We wanted them to beat us from 16-to-18 feet out. They shot the ball well in the second quarter."

Senior center Kaylee McGrath paced the Spartans with 10 points, 10 rebounds and four steals.

The Spartans were 7-of-9 from the foul line, while Stevenson made 7-of-9.

# Surging Wildcats defuse Rockets

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OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

## BOYS HOOPS

When purchasing an expensive piece of merchandise, your motto should be "buyer beware."

When playing Plymouth's boys basketball team these days, opponents' motto should be

"beware Beyer."

Plymouth sophomore forward Brennen Beyer tormented Westland John Glenn Friday night by muscling in 17 points to go with 10 rebounds in the

Wildcats' pivotal 65-55 home victory.

The win improved Plymouth's record to 8-4 overall and 4-2 in the KLA's South Division.

The Rockets fell to 6-5 and 2-4.

"Brennen rebounds with fire," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "He just snatches the ball. He's made a huge difference for us. Tonight there were about five times when he could have had and-ones, but he didn't get the calls. They were grabbing at his shirt and pulling on him when he'd go up for shots."

The Wildcats also received a solid game from Beyer's sophomore front-court mate Justin Moss, who tallied 19 points and nine rebounds. Another 10th-grader - guard Dan Nadratowski - added nine for the winners.

Glenn was paced by senior guard Austin Anderson, who

scored 20. But they were a hard-earned 20 as he went 9-for-30 from the field.

"We shadowed him like we did with Woodson the other night against Wayne," said Van Wagoner. "We made sure we gave him extra attention."

Dorian Prather contributed 17 points and nine rebounds for Glenn. Jeremy Langford scored just two points, but he yanked down eight boards.

Plymouth led 28-22 at the 'half. The 'Cats extended their advantage to 38-24 with 5:10 left in the third quarter on a Moss slam, but Glenn countered with an 11-0 run to get back in the game.

Anderson swished a 30-foot triple at the third-quarter buzzer to bring his team to within 44-38.

The closest Glenn got in the fourth quarter was 50-46 with five minutes to play.

# Bronco saluted

Western Michigan University senior Ashley Moccia (Livonia Stevenson) was named Mid-American Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Week. It's the first weekly award for the No. 54-ranked Broncos (5-2) and the first career weekly award for Moccia, who has notched 118 career wins. Moccia led WMU to a pair of come-from-behind victories over No. 56 South Alabama in the first round of the National Team Indoor Championships, Jan. 31, in Gainesville, Fla. At No. 2 doubles, Moccia and freshman partner Jenny Nalepa fought back from a 4-1 deficit to win 8-6 and help the Broncos secure the doubles point for a 4-3 victory. Moccia then came back after losing the first-set tiebreaker (1-13) win 6-7, 6-3, 6-3 at No. 4 singles over Katie Welch to clinch the match with the score tied at



3-3. Moccia's sister Amanda, a sophomore, also aided in the win by defeating Marie Boura at No. 5 singles, 6-1, 6-4. On Feb. 1, WMU lost its second match to the No. 7-ranked Gators, 7-0. On Friday, the Broncos edged Purdue, 4-3.

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# Division tiebreaker

## Win gives Franklin grapplers KLAA South crown

Livonia Franklin wrapped up a share of the KLAA South Division wrestling title Wednesday night with a 67-9 dual-match victory over Wayne Memorial.

The Patriots, who also beat host Walled Lake Northern in a crossover, 47-27, improved to 18-7 overall and won the South Division tiebreaker with a 4-1 mark over Westland John Glenn and Canton.

"I thought the guys responded very well to their challenge," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "The other odd part was when it was over we had to wait on results from Canton and John Glenn to see if we won the division. We put ourselves in the situation so we couldn't worry about it. We did what we had to do, and once I got the word on the bus home that we won the tiebreaker, the guys cheered. It was nice to win the division again after losing it last year."

Steve Tuvo (112 pounds), Erik Czech (119), Don Stratz (160) and Mike Modes (285) each recorded two pins on the night for the Patriots. Other double winners included Josh Billiau (145), Elvin Ferreira (152), Garrett Hay (171) and Cody Hay (215).

"We wrestled pretty sharp tonight, Chiola said. "We were without our 103 pounder and our job was to give up as few points as possible. We lost one

match by a decision and then the rest of the guys did their job. It was a weird way to have to wrestle and coach. Usually we just worry about winning - not about how we win."

Franklin returns to action at Friday at the four-team KLAA crossover to face host Northville. The other matchup pits Hartland and Waterford Kettering with the winners and losers following immediately after.

The four team crossover Friday at Livonia Stevenson pits the host Spartans vs. Livonia Churchill and Milford vs. Walled Lake Northern.

In action Friday at Brighton, it's the host Bulldogs vs. White Lake Lakeland and Westland John Glenn vs. Salem.

And Friday at Novi, it's the host Wildcats vs. Wayne Memorial and Pinckney vs. Walled Lake Western.

Starting times for all matches are 5:30 p.m.

### DUAL MATCH RESULTS

Feb. 4 at W.L. Northern  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 67**  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 9**  
 103 pounds: Wade Phillips (WM) won by void; 112: Steve Tuvo (LF) pinned Tristen Jarosiewicz, 1:39; 119: Erik Czech (LF) p. Darryl Ison, 2:26; 125: Justin Jacobsen (LF) p. Kyle Szalai, 0:28; 130: Ryan Haarla (LF) p. Michael Wallace, 3:34; 135: Nick Clendennin (LF) p. Terry McCartney, 1:29; 140: Tevin Hines (WM) decisioned Josh Hatfield, 13-6; 145: Josh Billiau (LF) p. Anwar Oliver, 1:22; 152: Elvin Ferreira (LF) won by technical fall over Brandon Whittenberg, 18-3; 160: Don Stratz (LF) p. Adam Kay, 0:48; 171: Garrett Hay (LF) won by tech. fall over Nate Cavanaugh, 17-2; 189: Zach Leuenberger (LF) dec. Dimitrus Renfro, 10-6; 215: Cody Hay (LF) p. Dylan Korzetki, 1:12; 285:

### WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 27

140 pounds: Josh Hatfield (LF) pinned Ryan Ferro, 4:40; 145: Josh Billiau (LF) won by major decision over Sean Savage, 19-4; 152: Elvin Ferreira (LF) won by void; 160: Don Stratz (LF) p. Mike Stewart, 1:55; 171: Garrett Hay (LF) dec. Patrick Roeser, 8-3; 189: Marco Smallman (WL) p. Zach Leuenberger, 0:51; 215: Cody Hay (LF) dec. Zach Leinenon, 5-2; 285: Mike Modes (LF) p. Alex Vansant, 3:57; 103: Jake Helka (WL) won by void; 112: Steve Tuvo (LF) p. Josh Budry, 0:45; 119: Erik Czech (LF) p. John Briggs, 4:43; 125: Hunter West (WL) won by void; 130: Trevor Slicker (WL) won by void; 135: Clayton Hughes (WL) dec. Nick Clendennin, 10-7.

### FRANKLIN'S DUAL MATCH RECORD: 18-7 overall

4-1 KLAA South Division (clinched title on tiebreaker).

### WALLED LAKE WESTERN 41

103: Tristen Jarosiewicz (WM) pinned Parin Kothari, 1:42; 112: Evan Yezbick (WL) pinned Michel Hood, 3:27; 119: Darryl Ison (WM) decisioned Alex Sklar, 7-5; 125: Michael Wallace (WM) p. Dan Rose, 1:46; 130: Brandon Lonnestater (WL) won by technical fall over Terry McCartney, 26-11; 135: Tevin Hines (WM) p. Gabe Costanzo, 3:34; 140: Sharif Hegazi (WL) won by void; 145: Devin Butler (WL) p. Anwar Oliver, 0:28; 152: Brandon Whittenberg (WM) dec. Joe Deverlutt, 13-7; 160: Eric Beck (WL) p. Adam Kay, 0:34; 171: Dimitrus Renfro (WM) p. Taylor Porras, 1:15; 189: Antonio Campbell (WL) p. Nate Cavanaugh, 0:39; 215: Karl Hamina (WL) p. Dylan Korzetki, 0:35; 285: Chris Bowie (WM) won by void.

### WAYNE'S DUAL MATCH RECORD: 11-10 overall, 1-4 KLAA South Division.

### LIVONIA STEVENSON 38

NOVI 25  
 Feb. 4 at Novi  
 152 pounds: Alex Engelbretson (N) decisioned Dan McCarthey, 5-3 (overtime); 160: Chris Arnold (LS) pinned Adam Troher, 1:42; 171: Josh Siebert (LS) dec. David Sparling, 7-4; 189: Jake Burns (LS) p. Adam Paul, 3:11; 215: Ben Forley (N) p. Derek Wenderlich, 0-46; 285: Rich Savig (LS) p. Joe Betto, 2:10; 103: Sheldon Randall (N) p. Ashi Ajhaji, 5:06; 112: Shabaig Sidhu (N) dec. Omar Mostafa, 14-8; 119: Ryan Pollard (N) won by major dec. over Corey Davis, 9-0; 125: Samer Shebak (LS) dec. David Plante, 6-4; 130: Clayton Caldwell (N) dec. David Plante, 5-1; 135: Mitch Gonzales (LS) p. Chris Coverly, 3:47; 140: Raz Markosian (LS) won by tech. fall over Glenn McLearn, 22-7; 145: Dustin Poisson (LS) dec. John Deleone, 10-9.

### STEVENSON'S DUAL MATCH RECORD: 18-17 overall, 2-3 KLAA Central.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 10**  
 Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
 Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Harper Woods, 7 p.m.  
 Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 10**  
 Franklin at South Lyon, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 13**  
 Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.  
 Luth. North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Wash. Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
 Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 8:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 10**  
 Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 5:30 p.m.  
 Clarenceville at B.H. Kingswood, 7 p.m.  
 Harper Woods at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.  
 Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 11**  
 Mercy at Ladywood, 7 p.m.  
 South Lyon at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 13**  
 Luth. Westland at Wash. Christian, 5:30 p.m.  
 Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 S. Lyon East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 10**  
 Ladywood vs. Plymouth-Canton-Salem at Plymouth's Arctic Pond, 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 11**  
 Franklin vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 6 p.m.

Stevenson vs. Northville, Churchill vs. Salem at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.  
**Thursday, Feb. 12**  
 Churchill vs. Stoney Creek at Trenton's Teifer Rink, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 13**  
 Stevenson vs. G.P. North at Trenton's Kennedy Arena, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 14**  
 Churchill vs. Anchor Bay at Kennedy's Kennedy Arena, 10:40 a.m.  
 Ladywood vs. B.H. Kingswood at Cranbrook's Wallace Arena, noon.  
 Stevenson vs. Wyandotte at Trenton's Kennedy Arena, 6:40 p.m.  
 Franklin at Dexter, 7:30 p.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 11**  
 Clarenceville, Hamtramck at Lutheran Westland, 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 14**  
 Kensington Conf. Journey at Salem, 9 a.m.  
 Metro Conf. Tourney at Harper Wids., 10 a.m.  
**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 10**  
 W.L. Central at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.  
 KLAA Crossovers at Central Division, 6:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS GYMNASICS**  
**Monday, Feb. 9**  
 Livonia Red at Salem, 6:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 10**  
 Livonia Blue at Canton, 6:30 p.m.  
**PREP BOWLING**  
**Monday, Feb. 9**  
 Ladywood vs. Divine Child at Royal Lanes, 3:30 p.m.  
 Clarenceville vs. N. Farmington at Country Lanes, 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 10**  
 (at Novi Bow)  
 John Glenn vs. South Lyon, 3:30 p.m.

Wayne vs. S. Lyon East, 3:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 11**  
 Clarenceville vs. Northville at Novi Lanes, 3:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, Feb. 12**  
 Clarenceville vs. Novi-Detroit CC-Mercy at Drakeshire Lanes, 3:30 p.m.  
**(at 700 Bowl-South Lyon)**  
 John Glenn vs. Novi, 3:30 p.m.  
 Wayne vs. Northville, 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 14**  
 Blazers Tournament at Super Bowl Lanes, 11 a.m.  
**GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER**  
**Friday, Feb. 13**  
 Napoleon Invitational, TBA.  
**Saturday, Feb. 14**  
 Bishop Foley Invitational, 3 p.m.  
 Ferndale Tournament, TBA.  
**GIRLS FIGURE SKATING**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 11**  
 Ladywood in Team Competition at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 4 p.m.  
**GIRLS SKIING**  
**Monday, Feb. 9**  
 Catholic League Finals at Mt. Brighton, TBA.  
**MEM'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 11**  
 Wayne CCC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.  
 Madonna at Aquinas College, 8 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 14**  
 Madonnas at Concordia, 3 p.m.  
 Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 11**  
 Wayne CCC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.  
 Madonna at Aquinas College, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 14**  
 Concordia at Madonna, 1 p.m.  
 Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 1 p.m.  
 TBA - time to be announced.

### BOYS SWIM RESULTS

Marecki, Cruce, Pesta, 1:30.35; 3. Stevenson, 1:35.67.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. K. Schoff (LS), 56.37.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Wingett (LS), 1:01.93; 2. Turlo (LS), 1:04.96.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (K. Schoff, Behler, Cruce, Marecki), 3:20.64.  
**Stevenson's dual meet record:** 6-2 overall, 4-0 KLAA Central Division.  
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**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Stevenson (Kellen Schoff, Joey Wingett, Michael Cruce, Ryan Scott), 1:43.32; 3. Stevenson, 1:45.67.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Chris Behler (LS), 1:54.99; 2. Daniel Schoff (LS), 1:56.21; 3. Brandon Bielicki (LS), 1:57.95.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Charles Turlo (LS), 2:06.33.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Jereme Pesta (LS), 23:17; 2. Scott (LS), 23:26; 3. Aaren Marecki (LS), 23:34.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Jeff Kinsvater (LS), 215.50 points; 3. Jack Beaudoin (LS), 151.65.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Cruce (LS), 56.26; 3. Behler (LS), 59.6.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. K. Schoff (LS), 50.45; 2. Pesta (LS), 52.31; 3. Mohamed Ghotseimi (LS), 53.6.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. D. Schoff (LS), 5:02.59; 3. Brandon Bielicki (LS), 5:22.52.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Scott, Pesta, Behler, Cruce), 1:31.68; 2. Stevenson, 1:36.35.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. K. Schoff (LS), 57.73; 3. Bryan Bielicki (LS), 1:01.77.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Adam Oxner (SL), 1:01.84; 2. Wingett (LS), 1:01.94.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Cruce, Behler, Marecki, K. Schoff), 3:23.05; 3. Stevenson, 3:34.49.  
**Stevenson's dual meet record:** 5-2 overall, 3-0 KLAA Central Division.

# Chargers ice Patriots, 9-1

Robert Louwers notched a hat trick and added one assist Friday as Livonia Churchill rolled to a 9-1 KLAA South Division hockey win over winless Livonia Franklin.

Louwers' goal with 2:17 left invoked the eight-goal mercy rule and the win for the Chargers, who improved to 7-6-4 overall and 5-1-1 in the division.

Brent Mishowski contributed a goal and two assists, while Jacob Otto also scored

twice for Churchill. Other contributions came from Drew Carlson and Steve Klisz, one goal and one assist apiece; Ken Masiarczyk, two assists; and Mike Kutek, one goal.

Tyler Barnes scored the lone goal for Franklin in the final period on an assist from Jordan Chisholm.

Alex Estes went all the way in goal for the Chargers, while Matt Slinder started for the Patriots before Alex Hawkins took over to start the second

period and finished up.

The Patriots, who trailed 7-0 after two periods, fell to 0-17 overall and 0-6 in the KLAA South.

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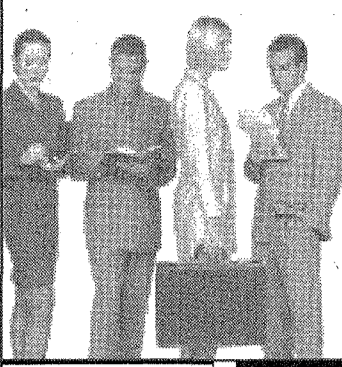
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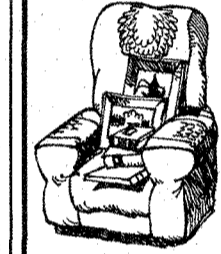
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# Discount shopping day helps community nonprofit groups

When Jill Engel recently e-mailed me to request help in promoting Parisian's Community Day Saturday, Feb. 28, I was only too happy to write this column. As community newspapers, the *Observer & Eccentric's* goal is to get the word out about activities in the neighborhoods.



Linda Chomin

Community Day allows nonprofits to raise money by selling \$5 discount books for projects. Shoppers receive \$10 toward any purchase in addition to 20 percent off coupons good for the one day from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. "It's our way of being able to be involved in the community," said Engel, Parisian special event coordinator. "They can come in and do a presale up to 10 days before the event if they're going to be out of town or can't make the sale that day. They're still supporting an organization and won't miss out."

Individual organizations as well as store associates sell the booklets. Last year, sales associates alone raised \$10,000 for each event in spring and fall.

"We don't keep any of that. We have guest speakers coming in to talk to the associates to rally them," said Engel. "As far as the nonprofits, the sky's the limit how much they can raise. It's however much effort they're putting into the event. It's still not too late to get involved even the last week."

Booklets sold for the career intern program at the Livonia Career-Technical Center support students from all three Livonia high schools.

"My students go out to internships four days a week and we have field trips over the semester to U-M Dearborn for team-building activities and for community service," said Mary Pat Benoit, career intern coordinator for Livonia Public Schools. "Last year, we raised \$700 to \$800 in one semester for 30 students. The program is important to give exposure to students about community service, exposure to groups out in the community."

## FIELD TRIP

Last fall, St. Robert Bellarmine School in Redford raised \$2,500. Fifth-grade students use the money to go to camp at the Howell Nature Center. Eighth-graders take an end of the year trip. The school holds an open house today at 7201 W. Chicago for anyone who'd like to learn more about the offerings for preschool to eighth-

grade students. Call (313) 937-1655.

"When they go to camp with peers and teachers and a few parents, it's an incredible experience," said Linda Sabak, who teaches seventh- and eighth-grade language arts. "They learn several valuable skills, bonding and teamwork. There are obstacle courses where they have to totally trust the people giving them instructions. Fifth-graders learn about each other through nature, hikes."

## AUTISM AWARENESS

Pat Conti can't say enough about Community Day which helps keep the Wayne County Autism Society going in a number of ways including keeping up the Web site, www.waynecountyautismsociety.net, that hosts a six-page resource guide. Last fall, they raised about \$1,900. The Redford woman's 34-year old son is autistic.

"This is the most wonderful thing. You never have to worry about losing money. We're even allowed to sell at the store where we make a lot of our money," said Conti, society president. "We send out fliers for meetings and use money for mailings, telephones, to send out information to people, and for our support group to get speakers to come in. I've been putting it on my credit card just to keep things going."

## PET FOOD HELP

Laura Zain not only sells booklets for her Tail Waggers USA but uses the coupons to go shopping. For information or to buy a booklet, call (734) 560-4660 or visit www.tailwaggersusa.org. The Livonia-based nonprofit sold 160 booklets in fall.

"It's not your typical coupon where you go in and save," said Zain. "It's a shopping extravaganza because everything they're offering the customers is phenomenal. Last fall, I went in and surfaced six hours later. We made over \$500 for our pet food assistance program. We pride ourselves on helping people help animals, Finnegan's Fund is for people who have had a difficult time feeding their animal because they're out of a job or laid off. We're focusing on that right now because there's such a huge need. One Livonia resident called and had never asked for help. She said her dog hasn't eaten for five days and she'd sold her car to pay two months rent."

For more information, visit www.communitydayevent.com.

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers. She can be reached at lchomin@hometownlife.com or (313) 222-2241.

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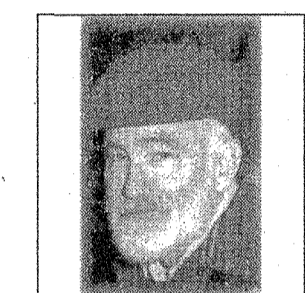
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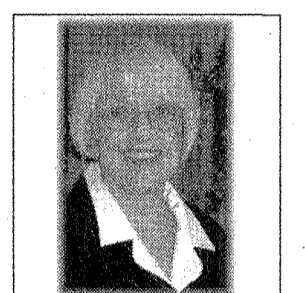
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**BROCK AUSTIN, JR.**

Age 81. Of Lincoln City, OR and formerly of Livonia, MI. Died January 14, 2009. He was born November 20, 1927 in Tennessee. The son of Brock, Sr. and Jennie (Street) Austin. He retired from Churchill High School where he was a custodian. He loved fishing. His favorite spot was Green Lake at Interlochen, MI. He is survived by his loving wife Jane; sister Sally (the late Winfield Day). Also survived by step-daughter Janis (Don) Taylor; grandchildren Thomas Taylor, Mitchell (Jim) Barton; great-grandchildren Matt and Nichole Taylor, Jimmy and Katie Barton, niece Lynn (Bill) Black, nephews Jeff (Diane) Day, Patrick (Sharon) Day. A memorial service was held at Lincoln City Episcopal Church. His family and friends will hold a memorial celebration of his life this summer at Interlochen, MI.



**SHIRLEY ELIZABETH BISHOP**

We regretfully announce that Shirley Elizabeth Bishop died unexpectedly of natural causes in her home on Wednesday, February 4, 2009. She resided at 6001 Crystal Avenue, Benzonia Township 49617. A well-known painter in Northern Michigan, Shirley was born on November 26, 1935 in Ann Arbor, MI, to parents Harold Joseph Dawe and Marjory Edith (Scott) Dawe. Shortly after, they moved to Port Huron, MI, where she was the oldest of four girls, and her father was a Doctor of Research Chemistry, and her mother, a homemaker. She attended Port Huron Junior College and Central Michigan University. Shirley was married to Robert Richard Bishop in Port Huron on June 30, 1956. They eventually lived in Livonia, MI and had four children, 14 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. A perennial volunteer, Shirley worked in many local and state elections. She ran many successful campaigns for her husband to Livonia City Council and Treasurer over a period of 20 years. Ran friends successful elections to State House of Representatives, ran a phone center for Governor Milliken's re-election. She was president of the Livonia Historical Commission for seven years during which she developed "Greenmead", a 103-acre historical site, and a re-creation of a 1800s Livonia intersection called "Livonia Historical Village". She worked for 10 years in clothing design, and she managed production for Sonia-Stuart/Lorizoni labels, which made one-of-a-kind hand knit or crocheted sweaters with overlay designs, trimmed blazers and knit ensembles. Upon retirement, Shirley and Bob relocated to Northern Michigan, a long favorite vacation spot and where her mother was born and raised in Frankfort. Typically, she rapidly became involved in the community, and was President of the Crystal Lake Art Center between 2000-2005. She also taught many art classes, and was the current chair of the Capital Campaign Committee to raise money for the renovation of the US Coast Guard Station in Frankfort into the new home for the Crystal Lake Art Center. She attended and loved St. Philip's Episcopal Church, where she has done the newsletter for the church for 10 years. She was a member of the Periwinkle Garden Club, and acted as treasurer as well as handled their newsletter. In 2002 she was invited to join the sisterhood of the P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization), which works to better the lives for woman through the promotion of educational opportunities, but she found the emotional support and friendship she shared to be priceless. Shirley was perhaps best known for her passion for art. She began painting when her youngest was in high school, about 1980. She was inspired by the natural beauty of her surroundings. The shapes and moods of Northern Michigan moved her to savor the interplay of form, light and color, which compelled her to put what she saw onto paper. Shirley is survived by her husband, Robert. Her daughter, Elizabeth Kelly and her husband Sean, and their three children, Rafferty, Caitlin, Liam. Her son Michael Bishop, and wife Cathie, and his children Craig and his wife Melissa, and their daughters Samantha and Juliana; Jamie, Karla and her daughter Kairi, Michael, William, and Brooke. Her daughter Melanie Bishop, and her sons Conrad, Robert and Jackson Tomasatis. Her daughter Stephanie Bishop and her husband Davo Scheich, and their children Ian and Ava. Her sisters: Nancy Noble and her husband Richard, Kate Dawe, and Margaret (Meg) Minnich and her husband William. The funeral will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Beulah, Michigan, with Rev. Skip Comer officiating. There will be a luncheon following the service. A viewing will be held on Friday, February 6, from 2-4 pm and 6-8pm at the Jowett Family Funeral Home, 7223 South Street, Benzonia. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations made to the building fund for the new Crystal Lake Art Center on behalf of Shirley Bishop. <http://www.crystal-lakeartcenter.org>. Jowett Family Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Benzonia, is handling the arrangements.

**MATT CERGOLO**

Age 41. He lost his long-battle with cancer on February 1, 2009. He loved much and fought hard who is now starting his new occupation as our personal angel. Survived by his loving wife, Amanda and children Hunter (age 3) and Alison (age 1). He is also survived by his mother Loretta; his sisters Celeste Mason, Mary Crowe, Christine Harris, Cali Cergol, and his brother Mark Cergol. Predeceased by his father Rudy Cergol. Memorial Service Monday 10 a.m. at Lake Cross Baptist Church, 35 Airport Rd., Waterford 48327. We love you but are sad no longer as you walk with angels.

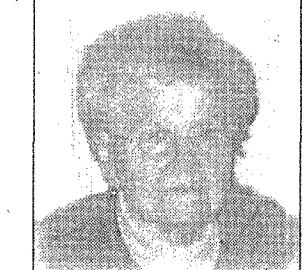
**BARBARA ANN HUGHEY**

February 5, 2009. Age 64. Loving mother of Clyde (girlfriend Jaime Wiegand). Devoted grandmother of Steve and Rachel. Also survived by her longtime companion H. Hildreth Buterbaugh and the mother of her grandchildren, Linda Kroll. Funeral service Monday 12noon A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Sunday 2-8pm. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorial tributes to The American Cancer Society, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076 or Habitat for Humanity, 150 Osman St., Pontiac, MI 48342. View obituary and share memories at [www.desmondfuneralhome.com](http://www.desmondfuneralhome.com)



**ROBERT BRUCE HUGHES**

March 9, 1950 - January 30, 2009. In loving memory of a man who lived the fullest of life and accomplished all his dreams with his family. A man who loved, who cherished and gave the greatest of compassion. He is survived by his wife, Faye Hughes of 40 years and his children Leslie Hughes, Michelle Tapp (Ron Cook), Rene Hughes and Douglas Hughes (Stacie Hughes). His greatest joy were his grandchildren Kirstie Tapp, Alyssa Florn, James Toms, Tristin Hughes, Paige Tapp, Trevor Boone, Kyle Ferguson, Tatum Hughes, Riley Little and Gage Little. Brother of Nancy Hughes, Judy Matyscik, Gary Hughes and the late Rosemary Bradley and Frank Hughes. He will be forever loved and always remembered. Services were held at Risko Ferguson Family Funeral Home, 2401 S. Wayne Rd., Westland on Monday, Feb 2.



**STELLA KROPIELNICKI**

Age 88. February 5, 2009. Wife of the late Stanley. Dear mother of Patricia (Timothy) O'Leary, Stanley (Judith) Kropielnicki Jr. and the late Ted Kropielnicki. Grandmother of Lynn, Robert, Bryan, Erin, Kevin, Adam, Timothy and Thomas. Great-grandmother of ten. Funeral Service was held Saturday at St. James Church, Novi. Online condolences: [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com).

**NORA C. LAHTI**

Age 72. Of Westland, MI. February 5, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

**MILTON E. "GUS" NUERENBERG**

February 4, 2009. Age 82. Beloved husband of the late Helen. Dear brother-in-law of Rita (Ronald) Dziadzio. Loving grandfather of Allyson, Paige, (Goddughter Mary and Gary Imhoff) Victoria, Collin (Caren and Tim Fifer), Sean (Kelly Meising), (Jim Collins), (Patrick Collins.) Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held Thursday February 5, 2009, 5-8pm and Friday February 6, 2009, 2-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills. Funeral was held Saturday February 7, 2009, In State 9:30am with Mass 10:00am at St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



**ALLEN A. PIWOWAR**

Feb. 4, 2009. Age 60, of Canton. Survived by his loving wife Gayle; children Eric, Nicole, Robyn and Scott; parents Walter J. and Mary Helen Piwowar. Also survived by siblings; Gordon, Karen, Martin, Susan and Jean Ann as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. Visitation Saturday and Sunday 2-9pm, McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. In state Monday 10am until time of Mass 10:30am, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton. [www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)

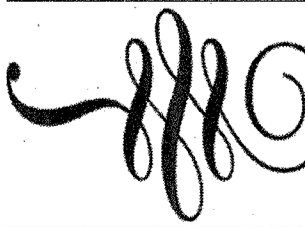
**LYNNE GAIL (BALSOM) REARDON**

Devoted mother, loving sister, doting aunt. Aged 66 years. Born September 30, 1942 in Detroit, MI to Albert and Margaret (Logan) Balsom. Died January 30, 2009 after battling Cancer at the Residence at Arbor Hospice. Survived by daughter Tracy Reardon (Jennifer Goodhue) of Willis; sister Barbara Ann Denton of Brighton; nephews Chad (Valerie) Denton and Adam Denton, both of Howell; niece Taylor (Austin) Epp, of Holly; and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and other extended family members in Essex, Ontario, Canada as well as many friends. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the American Diabetes Association or the Humane Society of Michigan.



**JOAN M. SMITH**

February 3, 2009. Age 77 of Plymouth. Dear wife of the late Ed Smith and former wife of Charles Gallagher, of Hamburg, MI. Beloved mother of Terry, Mark, and Craig Gallagher. Long time realtor with Real Estate One in Plymouth. Visitation Monday 3-9 pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (Btwn Sheldon & Beck). In state Tuesday 10 am until 10:30 am. Funeral Mass at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. Entombment United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth.



**DANIEL STASIK**

Age 77. Beloved father of Tracey Stasik, Joseph Stasik, Danette (Robert) Delgado & Daniel Stasik. Loving grandfather of Krystle Stasik, Adam Stasik & Cheryanne Delgado. Dear brother of Dorothy Rogers and Josephine Sczempek. Visiting Tuesday 3-7 pm. Funeral Services Wednesday 10 am at Charles R. Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (btw 6-7 Mile). Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery.

**B. BENSON "BEN" WRIGHT**

Age 94, of Prescott, AZ, died at 8:30 am, on Monday, January 19, 2009 in Phoenix, AZ. He was born on Friday, October 2, 1914, in Ithaca, OH. Mr. Wright had moved to Prescott, Arizona seven years ago from Rochester, Michigan where he had lived for 50 years. He graduated from Arcanum High School in Ohio and was a member of the Moose Lodge in Muncie, IN and had been an avid bowler for his entire adult life. He had served in the US Navy during WWII. He was a member of the First Congregational Church in Rochester, Mich. He married Grace Pearl (Davies) Wright on June 27, 1942 in Montpelier, IN. He was the son of the late Archie Edward Wright and the late Reva Jeanette Wright. Survivors include son, Edward (wife, Carol) Wright of Prescott, Ariz.; daughter, Beverly Goubeaux of Greenville, Ohio; brother, Doyle (wife, Georgia) Wright of Perrysburg, Ohio, seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: wife, Grace Pearl (Davies) Wright; father, Archie Edward Wright; mother, Reva Jeanette Wright and brother, Bob Wright. Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 West Windsor Street, Montpelier, Ind. Funeral service will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 11:00 am Friday, April 24, 2009. Interment will be at Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier, Ind. Memorials to: First Congregational Church, 1315 N. Pine Street Rochester, MI 48307. WALKER & GLANCY FUNERAL HOME in charge of arrangements. Online Condolences may be sent to [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com)

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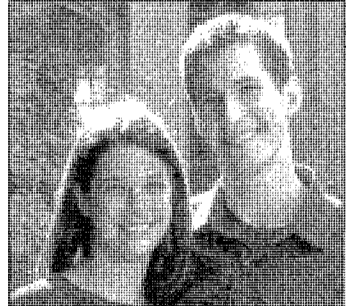
## MILESTONES

### Waldman-Dunham

Sheri Waldman and Delores Williams of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Marissa Helene Waldman, of Ann Arbor, to Cory James Dunham of Ann Arbor, son of Roberta and Robert Gora of Willis, and Toni and James Dunham of New Boston.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2007 graduate of University of Michigan College of Pharmacy. She is employed at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System as a clinical pharmacist.

Her fiancé is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in 2004 from University of



Michigan College of Engineering and his master's degree in 2006 from University of Michigan College of Engineering. He is employed at Soar Technology in Ann Arbor as a software engineer.

The couple plan to wed in August 2009 at the Toledo Zoo.

### Pritula

Nicholas John Pritula and his wife Diane Mary (Thibodeau) of Livonia celebrated 50 years of marriage on Saturday, Feb. 7. They were married on that date in 1959 at Precious Blood Church in Detroit.

The Pritulas have lived in Livonia for 43 years. They have four children, Lynn Quist, Mike, and Mark, all of Livonia, and Nicholas of South Lyon; and five grandchildren.

Nicholas Pritula worked at Ford Motor Company and Diane was a homemaker and owner of Headlines Hair Salon before their retirement



10 years ago. They have been parishioners at St. Maurice Church for 45 years, and enjoy spending time at their cottage in Traverse City with family and friends. They celebrated their milestone anniversary with family.

# NEIGHBORS

## Mutual admiration society

### Students and seniors get back as much as they give

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

They came running into the assisted living building at Botsford Commons Senior Community in Farmington Hills. Outside the roads were snow-covered and treacherous but inside the fifth-grade students from the Clarenceville school district were anxious to spend time with the seniors. A community service program brings them together once a week. The children learn about giving back from seniors who regularly volunteer in the school district, which includes portions of Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford.

Sherry Hamilton travels to Botsford Elementary in Livonia once a month even though multiple sclerosis has confined her to a wheelchair. There she listens and helps students with reading skills. It's activities like this that earned the seniors the 2008 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Michigan Center for Assisted Living. In the past, they've made pillows for Children's Hospital of Michigan, scarves for Livonia Goodfellows and blankets for preemies at Hutzel Hospital; collected food for the needy; and shredded newspapers for animal shelters.

"It keeps you young," said Hamilton, 63. "They're all really great kids, all very polite. They remind me of my four grandkids."

For Helen McGillen, 85, the students' visit brought back memories of the 25 years she taught second and third grade at Botsford Elementary in Livonia. Each week for six weeks, students from a different elementary school in the Clarenceville district come to make crafts and play Wii bowling



Shirley Ansama plays the game Candoo. She looks for hidden words with special glasses as Dillon Robinson (right) looks on.

and games. McGillen was showing students how to attract birds with peanut butter and seeds.

"It brings back all the years of being a teacher. I had some of their parents," said McGillen. "Today we're making peanut butter bird feeders to give the birds a treat in the middle of winter."

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Every aspect of the intergenerational program teaches children about doing good deeds. When Barbara Smith and Jennifer Ballou met they already shared a common belief about the importance of volunteering. The health teacher is always looking for community service projects as is Smith, the recreation program coordinator at Botsford Commons. They already had a connection that made it easy to bring the two together. Anna

Smith, Barbara's daughter, is a student of Ballou.

"Barb and I started talking and she helped me put it all together," said Ballou. "We've both seen benefits. For the students, we've talked on the bus and back at school and they don't realize they're learning and working. They realize you can help people and it's not difficult. It's important to give kids the experience. For kids who might have trouble in school, it's important for them to succeed and have confidence in themselves."

#### WATCHING, PARTICIPATING

Soon the 22 students split into four groups and head off to one of four rooms. Florence Morris and Virginia Robison sat on the sidelines as students took turns bowling. Morris rested on her walker and wished she were able to exercise. Robison said the oppor-

tunity to interact with students was enough for her. Otherwise she "wouldn't have any company."

"We try to get residents involved but they seem to be having more fun watching than playing Wii," said Smith.

Crafts and games were another story. The activity turned into a mutual admiration society of sorts.

"I have a lot of fun playing with the kids," said Shirley Ansama. "They're laughing and talking. My grandkids are in California and Florida."

Rosemary Sieger doesn't have grandchildren so she was especially enjoying playing Cadoo, a board game with Ansama and the students.

"They're smarter than we are," said Sieger.

Norma Shapiro came over from the independent living area of the Commons but wasn't planning on playing.



Helen McGillen and Tiffany Nguyen share a laugh as they assemble bird feeders.



Norma Shapiro and Abigail VanMeter make bookmarks at Botsford Commons in Farmington Hills. The craft items will go to the library at Botsford Elementary in Livonia.

"I can't compete with the kids," said Shapiro.

Not true, said Cameron Bishop, 10. "They just beat us."

"It's fun having fun with other people not your age," added Aya Zeid, 10.

Jett Saenz thought it was "really nice to play with seniors" as well.

"It's more fun than kids," Jett said. "It reminds me of my grandparents."

Rebecca Schofer has three grandparents but they all live far away. Makenzie Tatro misses spending time with her grandpa, who now lives in a Redford nursing home.

"I like hanging out with them," Makenzie said. "I don't see my grandpa very often."

The hour and a half was almost

over and the students were about to get back on the school bus. But before they left they shared snacks they'd brought for the seniors. Abigail VanMeter was glad she came.

"I was very excited this morning knowing I was doing something good for the community and helping seniors out," Abigail said.

Robert Ankiel, 10, had made two bookmarks which would be donated to the library at school.

"I think it's good fun for the kids," said Sean Davidson, a teacher at Botsford Elementary. "They brought fruit and veggies and cupcakes. It's teaching them not only community service but social skills."

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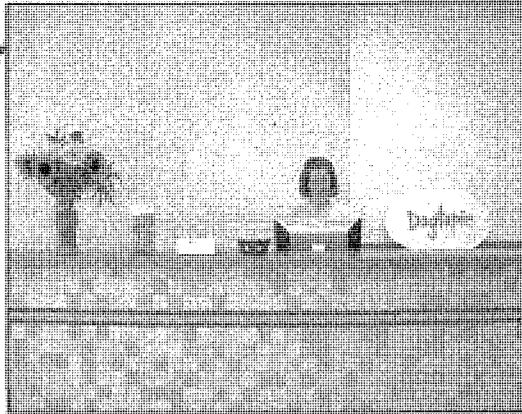
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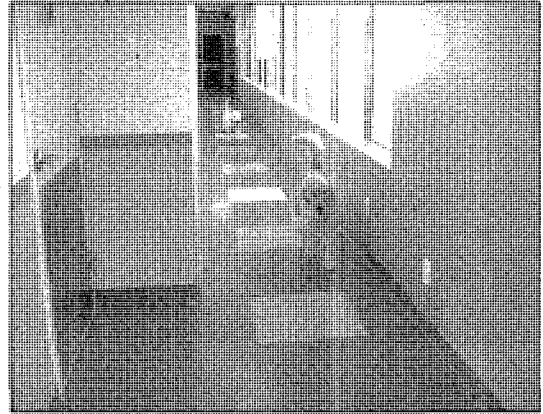
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Renee Miller behind the front desk in the lobby at Dogtopia in Livonia.



# Happy tails abound at new doggie day care



Scout and Marshmallow (background) have fun playing in one of the halls at Dogtopia in Livonia.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Ozzie greets everyone who comes in the door of Dogtopia in Livonia but so do several of Renee Miller's dogs. The new business is heaven on earth for canines. An open environment allows them to play with their friends all day long. For the owner, doggie day care offers peace of mind knowing their pet isn't sleeping away the day at home or, worse, chewing up the sofa.

Miller is the first to say it's nice to be able to bring her four-legged friends to work, but since not everyone can she'll see that their dogs not only have fun but receive any medications as well as lunch if requested. The Canton business owner and her staff even offer a spa for grooming in addition to overnight stays. Miller never uses the K word. Dogtopia isn't a kennel, but a place where dogs can experience companionship day or night. Miller and her husband, Rick, wouldn't have it any other way. One of the reasons the couple opened the franchise is because they would never leave their dogs in a kennel. Instead, dogs sleep in crates.

"There's someone here 24 hours a day," said Renee Miller. "Every room has outdoor access to a 1,400-square-foot area with a 6-foot vinyl fence. They can go out three to four times a day and we never leave any dog alone. A Web cam in every room allows owners to watch their dog on the

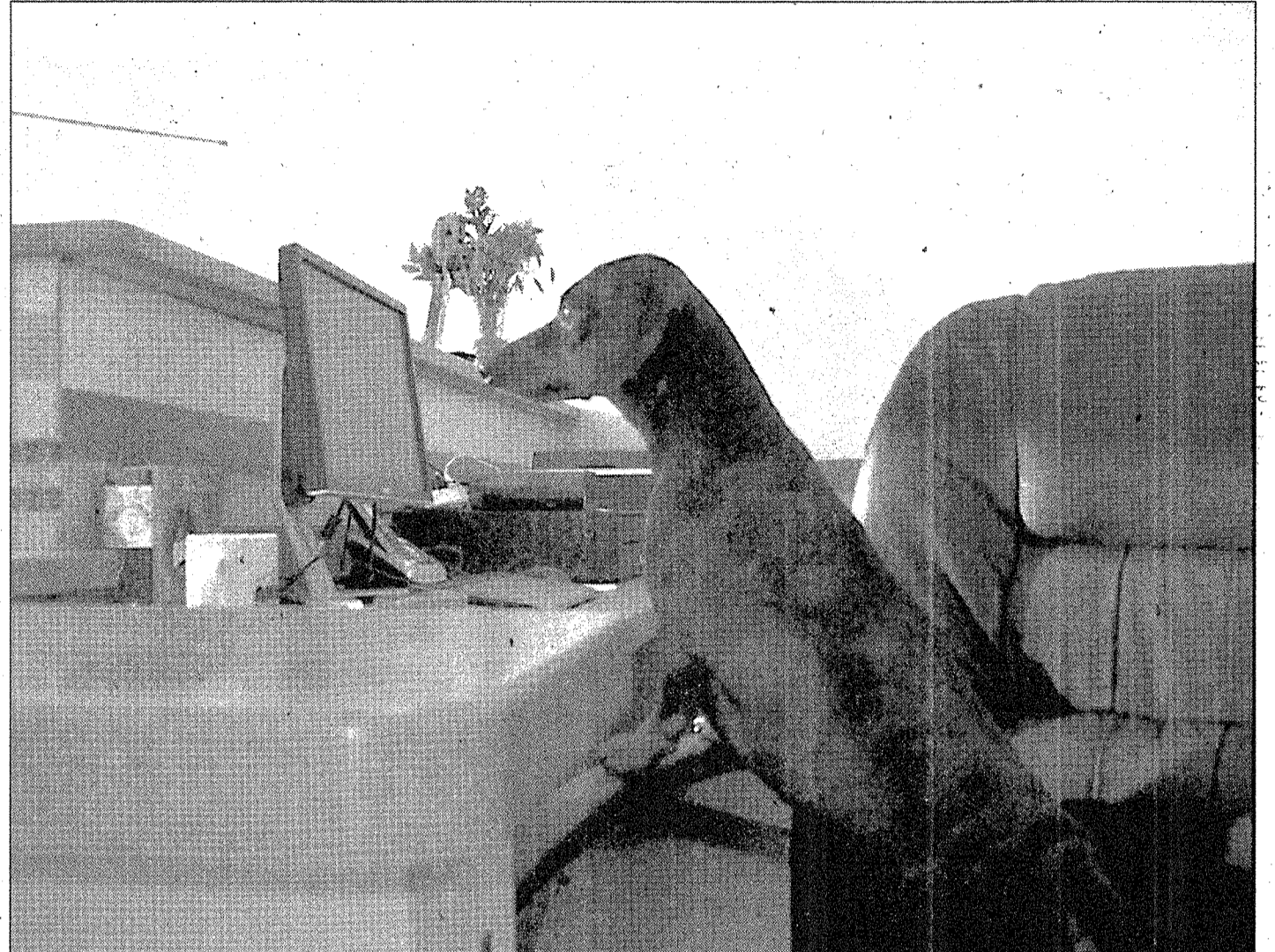
## DOGTOPIA GRAND OPENING

**What:** The doggie day care and spa is having a party to celebrate the opening of Dogtopia's new facility.  
**When:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14  
**Where:** Dogtopia, 38741 Ann Arbor Road, between I-275 and Hix, Livonia  
**Details:** No charge. For information, call (734) 462-WAGS (9247) or visit [www.dogdaycare.com](http://www.dogdaycare.com) and click on Livonia.

Internet."

To show off the facility, the Millers are throwing a grand opening party on Valentine's Day Saturday, Feb. 14. Everyone's invited to see the new digs. Among those joining the Millers for the special day are the Michigan Greyhound and Pug rescues, Three Dog Bakery in Plymouth, Pet Supplies "Plus" Canton, Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup, Walk This Way Dog Training, and Humane Society of Huron Valley which is especially close to Renee's heart. Miller volunteers at the facility and presently fosters Ginger. The butterscotch-colored dog is calling Dogtopia home until someone adopts her.

"I first started thinking about opening a business when I was volunteering as a dog walker. I put in 760 hours in one year. My passion's always been dogs. I wanted to find some way to work with dogs in the community," said Miller,



Samba helps check in guests at Dogtopia in Livonia.

who does animal law pro bono. Miller is a part-time patent attorney at Sommers Schwartz in Southfield.

The couple visited three Dogtopias in Maryland before purchasing the franchise. They were impressed by the community service projects, such as collect-

ing items for the military dogs working in Iraq and Afghanistan offered by the company ([www.dogdaycare.com](http://www.dogdaycare.com)). Soon they were applying for a veteran's loan through the Small Business Administration. In June, they found the building and hired Shaw Construction in Livonia to gut and renovate the space. Bright colors add

to the cheery atmosphere.

"I think it's a great way to combine our love of dogs with finding a way to make money. We always wanted to start a business," said Rick Miller, who's an electrician by day. He did all of the

wiring in the building. "We put a lot of hours in. I didn't realize what they meant by sweat equity but we're forging ahead. People love their pets and we love ours."

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## Controversial treatments for autism

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Biomedical treatment for autism is controversial. For that reason Heidi Scheer is telling her story at the first international conference on the disorder which stole her son from their family at 15 months. It was then she says Gannon started to fade into his own world.

Scheer ran on the platform of defeating autism for Mrs. Michigan USA 2008. She continues to speak on the neurological disorder whenever the opportunity presents itself, as 1 in 150 children are affected.

The conference came about after she asked Dr. Phillip DeMio, president of the American Medical Autism Board, to talk at a meeting of the Autism Society of America, Macomb chapter. DeMio and the AMAB are presenting the weekend event that offers separate sessions for physicians and families of children with autism.

Gannon stopped responding to his name and his speech came to a halt more than six years ago. Devastated, Scheer began researching treatments and found many children with autism have food sensitivities.

The Commerce Township mother removed gluten from his diet even though the speech therapist told her there was no scientific evidence it would work. In three weeks Gannon's 3-year battle with diarrhea ended. He spoke his first sentence and behavioral problems such as biting other children began to subside.

With further research, Scheer discovered DAN (Defeat Autism Now), a project of the Autism Research Institute to educate parents and clinicians about biomedically-based research and safe and effective treatments.

Gannon underwent a variety of alternative therapies from supplements to chiropractic, chelation (removal of heavy metals from the body), and hyperbaric oxygen therapy to treat underlying causes of symptoms. Today Gannon, age 8, can speak fully. He is above grade level academically. Scheer's advice to parents is never give up.

"I want parents to know there is help," said Scheer who still is uncertain if vaccines caused Gannon's problems. She believes some children have stronger immune systems, like her older son Carson, and are not affected by certain additives such as mercury. Daughter Ella



Gannon Scheer is now 8 and above grade level academically.



Heidi Scheer holds son Gannon who stopped speaking and faded into his own world at age 15 months.

though had 23-days of diarrhea after her 6 month vaccination.

"I'm not saying I'm totally against vaccines, but parents should be diligent about seeing what's in the vaccine. I also have a problem with the schedule of how closely vaccines are given."

DeMio, an M.D. near Cleveland, became concerned about vaccines after his son developed autism by age 2. He admits biomedical treatment is still controversial but continues to help parents find ways to help their children. He believes children can regress with exposure to vaccines and dental work. Vaccination is one of the topics at the conference.

DeMio's son lived on feeding tubes for several years. He'll talk about diet.

"It takes a period of time to help the kids," said DeMio. "I have one teenager, 14, who has just turned a corner. He's almost close to normal now. There is hope for kids with autism, but just like kids at the oncologists some get better, some don't. I've maybe had four who haven't gotten better from modifying or stopping vaccinating, keeping them on strict diets and a variety of treatments."

"At the conference parents can learn about what's out there. Many children with autism have problems with the gastrointestinal tract. They might as well be starving. What you eat and drink affects brain chemistry. Our son went backwards and lost all of his function. It was very devastating. Over a couple of months I

tried to get help for our son. There are only about 10 practitioners around the country. Over 1 and 1/2 years I started feeling comfortable to start treating our son. I went through a residency of sorts and opened this practice in 2004. It culminates in the last year starting the American Medical Autism board to certify physicians in biomedical treatment of autism."

DeMio says treatment for autism is parent driven. Each child is different so parents must search out and investigate appropriate therapies for their child. DeMio put his son on a wheat- and dairy-free diet and doses him with 30 supplements a day. Hyperbaric oxygen treatments also helped. All of these will be discussed at the conference.

"Boyd Haley, a chemist, is doing brain research and thinks autism is affected by mercury, aluminum, live viruses. He and

I have a sharp edge to our presentations because he's angry about what happened to his son and I to mine," said DeMio. "We have speakers talking about a variety of things. Parents are the driving force for this. They have to go out of their way to find out about this. I encourage people to get some sort of guidance. We'll have Mary Tocco talk about vaccine safety. I'm not against vaccines. Some forms are safe, some are not for a certain person. The decision is between a parent and a doctor to vaccinate. Children are given up to 14 vaccines in one day. I've never had that many in my life and I'm 50 but we're going to have as ethical and unbiased a conference as we can. We've gone out of our way but do believe certain scientific beliefs shouldn't be put on everybody."

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