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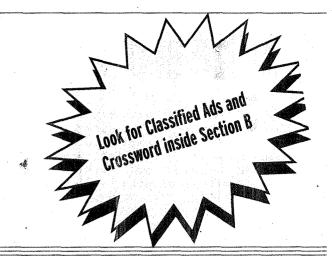
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### Chamber busy

The Westland Chamber of Commerce will host a Coffee Connection at Tim Hortons from 8-9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21. The restaurant is on Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill in Westland. Owners Moussa Zoarob and MarieJeanne Kouchoukian will be the hosts. There's no need for a RSVP for the breakfast and no charge.

The Westland chamber will also host Winter Fest Bowling on Feb. 20. For more information, call (734) 326-

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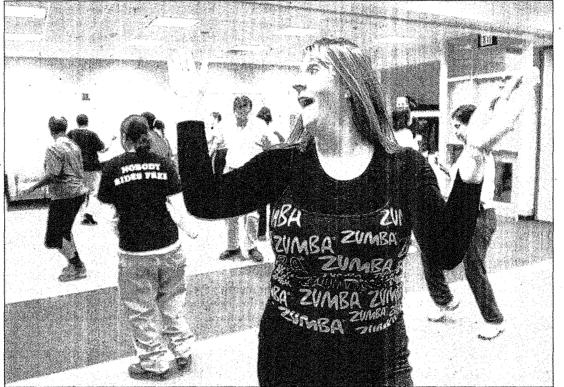
Air Force Staff Sgt. Michael Novack, a Westland native, is home on leave from Tokyo, where he has been stationed the last three years. He's in the lap of luxury thanks to FOURMIDABLE, a Bingham Farmsbased national real estate management company and leasing agent for the Fort Shelby Tower Apartments in downtown Detroit. A furnished apartment is provided to Novack and his family while they are in Detroit from Jan. 12 to Feb. 5.

"FOURMIDABLE and the Fort Shelby Tower Apartments came to my rescue, when I heard Michael was coming home," said Lauren Novack. "I live in a tiny flat that would not have accommodated all of us. I'm very grateful."

Michael enlisted at 17 and entered the Air Force upon graduation from high school. In 11 years, he has been stationed in South Korea twice, Okinawa and Tokyo, Japan and in Afghanistan, where he will be deployed again in the future. It was while he was in South Korea he met his wife, Bobby. They have a son, Lance, 2 1/2.

Lauren, who has not seen her son since 2005, says this homecoming will be especially emotional as she will meet for the first time her daughterin-law and grandson.

The sergeant hopes to meet some Detroit Lions, some of whom live in the Fort Shelby Tower Apartments.



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# Zumba class at library

Zumba instructor Lisa Davis-English keeps the energy high.

boosts fitness and fun

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The name Zumba Dance Party intrigued Geoffrey Smereck of Garden City.

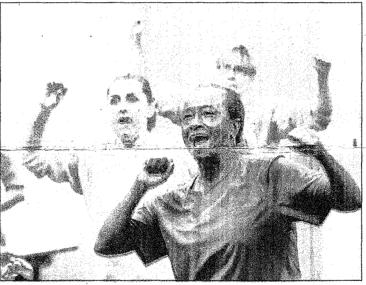
"Anything named like that has to be good," he said just before starting the dance class at the Westland library. "It's fun to do things with people."

Instructor Lisa Davis-English of Belleville put the 30 or so participants through their paces.

"It's a new dance fitness craze," she said. It was invented by Beto, the nickname for the Cuban man who's the inventor.

Zumba is 70 percent international and done with a variety of steps ranging from merengue to salsa. Davis-English threw in some rock and roll, noting it's up to the instructor how to change the class.

"Here you are more interested in finding the rhythm," the instructor said. Unlike programs like Jazzercise with a warmup



Connie Thomas of Westland, Tamela Monday of Garden City and Iola Harkness of Livonia dance to the Zumba beat.

and cool down time, the routine

is altered. "You have a little more liberty," said Davis-English, who took the course last summer to begin

teaching. There are now classes for kids and aqua classes, she

Please see ZUMBA, A2

# Westland policemen lifesavers at fire

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Two Westland police officers are being lauded for saving a woman whose motel room was on fire early Sunday.

Officers Bob Wilkie and Jason Brassfield were riding together on patrol at Michigan Avenue and

Merriman in Wayne shortly after midnight when they noticed a large amount of smoke. The officers continued west

on Michigan Avenue toward Venoy where they arrived at the Park Lane Motel, 32120 Michigan Ave., which was on fire. The officers noticed that one unit was fully engulfed in flames while the adjoining unit was burning and smoke filled.

They were the first responders and immediately assisted the residents," said Westland Deputy Police Chief Mark Engstrom.

Motel guests who had already left their rooms told the officers that the occupant of one room was still inside.

A 63-year-old woman was found to be inside the second unit, where the officers reported the door was burned off. The officers weren't able to enter due to large flames blocking the doorway, intense heat and smoke, along with downed wires.

"There were wires blocking the entrance. The officers tried to talk to her (the motel guest) to get her to jump through the fire but she didn't want to come through," said Engstrom. "The officers used a fire extinguisher to suppress the fire and she was able

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## Anderson discusses schools, state issues at forum

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Glenn Anderson is sympathetic to constituents who get the run-around with state agencies in Lansing.

"I have to admit there have been a lot of reductions, just because of the budget limitations," the Westland Democrat said Monday morning at a legislative coffee hour.



the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, due to building problems that briefly delayed

The coffee hour

was abbreviated and

held in the lobby of

the library's opening. Anderson talked

about school funding at the monthly forum, including the federal Race to

the Top program. Some school districts have rejected the Race to the Top money, he said, citing administrative costs that exceed the money received.

He'd heard, "Sign on with this, and we'll tell you about it later" in regard to the school program, and voted against authorizing it at the state level due to insufficient information.

Anderson was concerned about

charter school provisions as well as "cyber schools. There was just not enough information provided on whether that was something that would benefit kids."

A Wayne-Westland mother of two young daughters had questions about the 21st Century Schools Committee and the school closings and realignment planned for next

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## W-W seeking May 4 millage renewal

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland Schools voters will be asked to approve the renewal of 18 mills levied on nonhomestead property when they go to the polls on May 4.

The current 18 mills were approved by voters for 15 years in 1995 and are set to expire after this year. If approved by voters, the renewal would be levied beginning in July 2011.

'It was part of Proposal A. This is revenue that is automatically assumed by the state aid act and allows us to receive and not a increase in millage, our full revenues," said Gary Martin, deputy superintendent of administrative and business not asking for any more money. services. "This is procedural. It It's just a continuation,"

doesn't affect residents." The 18 mills is levied on

'We already pay this – we're not asking for any more money. It's just a continuation.'

MARTHA PITSENBARGER, board member

nonhomestead property - that's primarily commercial and industrial property and personal property although it would also apply to homes that are not primary residences such as rentals. Currently, the millage generates \$19.5 million for the district's general fund.

The 18 mills is a renewal Martin said.

"We already pay this — we're said board member Martha Pitsenbarger.

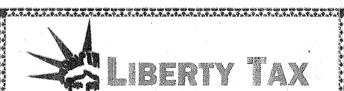
Each Michigan school district is required to levy the 18 mills on nonhomestead property, Martin said, adding that length of time for the millage varies from 15-20 years.

"The problem with running for a longer period of time is the effect of Headlee," said Martin, referring to the millage rollback provisions under state law.

When asked what would happen if voters don't approve the millage renewal, board President Skip Monit said the district would have to try a second time and keep trying until it was approved.

Without the operating millage, Superintendent Greg Baracy said the district would not be able to operate.

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# W-W board sets limit on public speaking, tweaks rules

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

People wanting to speak at a Wayne-Westland school board meeting will still get two opportunities on the agenda to address the board but they might need to talk a little faster.

The board voted Monday to adopt a public participation policy that includes a threeminute limitation on speaking at the meeting. Previously, the board had allowed speakers five

"This is a living document. It's not intended to limit speech but to let as many people speak as

possible," said board President Skip Monit, adding he wasn't sure why the board didn't have a detailed written policy previously. "It's common to have a policy."

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The board agenda includes an item early in the meeting for the public to speak on agenda items. After business items are concluded, the agenda has an item when the public can speak on general issues. Both items are limited to 30 minutes.

Along with limiting the time for speakers, the two and onehalf pages spell out rules for decorum and also a pecking order for being call on to speak

First priority goes to audience members with children who attend school in the district, with second priority going to those who live in the district without having students and school district employees.

Delegations who wish to speak to the board would be required to designate a speaker to present their views. If the board president finds that several audience members wish to express the same or similar views that another speaker has already presented; the president may recognize the next speaker.

Other provisions spell

out that audience members shouldn't expect the board to provide immediate answers to questions which would be referred to the superintendent.

Parent Sally Madison, who is unhappy with scheduled school closings, wasn't happy with the policy. "You are putting more restrictions on the community with this rather than better communication with residents, she said. "If you did that, we wouldn't need to ask so many questions."

Based on her concerns about the legality of the policy, board member Carol Middel said she suggested that it be reviewed

by the Michigan Association of School Boards which approved it, as did the district's legal counsel.

"I understand the reason to add to the existing policy. I was concerned over going to three minutes to five minutes," said Middel. "Since I took office, we have been very generous with our time and that will continue with smaller attendance."

Even at a heavily attended meeting on the recommendations to close schools, board member Martha Pitsenbarger said that the board didn't limit public comments to 30 minutes.

In fact, the board policy

allows some discretion including waiving it or particular provisions when judged appropriate.

"You should be focused on going in the right direction instead of finding ways to shut up the crazy Madisons," said Madison, who with her husband was one of three people to make comments on the policy. "You should educate yourselves on the right way and the wrong way to do things, then do the right thing. Then so many people wouldn't be upset."

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### **AROUND WESTLAND**

### **Weight Watchers**

The Friendship Center has a Weight Watchers program offered to members only. Meetings are 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Weight Watchers offers educational meetings to assist members in making better food choices and living a healthier lifestyle.

This program can help older adults control Type II diabetes, high cholesterol and other diseases where weight may be a factor. To participate in this program, you must be 50 years or older and a member of the Friendship Center — no exceptions.

The center also offers other programs that may help you realize your weight or lifestyle goal. Check out exercise programs for supportive classes to healthier living.

### American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the AMVETS Post 171 on Merriman Road between Avondale and Palmer. All vet-

erans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post 251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

### Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 22. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for \$6.

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

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

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for electrical lines, he said.

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actions," said Bell, adding the

female tenant suffered minor

injuries.

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# Theater holds auditions

Inspire Theatre announces auditions for Once Upon a Trunk, a musical comedy revue of the bygone days of vaudeville/Broadway/radio/movies. This is a lighthearted look at music and comedy bits that have shaped our culture.

IT is looking for men and women all ages who can sing, dance, or tell a good joke. Actors should come prepared to do cold readings and at least bars from a show tune. Nonsinging parts are also available.

This show will be taped for broadcast on access television.

Auditions are Monday, Jan. 18, and Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m. Plan on arriving a couple minutes and staying until 9:30 p.m. Direct any questions to director Len Fisher at inspire@inspiretheatre.com or call (734) 751-7057.

to jump through."

Once the woman was out of her unit, the officers went to the motel office and notified the manager, who was sleeping, about the fire. The officers were told there was another occupant in the unit directly behind the unit which had been engulfed in flames.

Wilkie and Brassfield began knocking on the door and front window of that unit with no response. Fearing the occupant had been overcome by smoke, Wilkie then kicked in the door and the officers removed a second female to a safe location. Wilkie, who joined the

department in 2002, and Brassfield, a Westland officer since 2005, continued to provide assistance as Wayne firefighters and police arrived.

"They are not firefighters. They stepped up when it was needed. We will recognize them internally but we'd like to give them some kudos," said Engstrom.

No cause has been determined for the fire which destroyed the woman's room, slightly damaged a second unit and caused smoke damage to other rooms, said Wayne Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Shawn Bell. The wires across the entrance to the

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school year. Anderson noted there's an excess of space in school buildings for WayneWestland, one of six school districts in his legislative dis-

"They have to answer to you," he said of local school boards. "The school board answers to you."

He said Lansing is relatively

quiet right now, leading up to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's final State of the State Address in early February. The state Senate and House will go to work on the budget after Granholm outlines her priori-

In response to another resident, he agreed consumer protection standards in Michigan have declined in the last 12 years. The state Senate tends to limit legislation on improvements, Anderson said.

"They don't support insurance reform," he said. The resident spoke of problems with a contractor.

"One of the things we've got to do is tighten up the licensing requirements." Anderson said of contractors.

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #385A, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval, Proposed Independent Retail Pharmacy, 2714 S. Newburgh Road, Parcels #078-01-0031-002 and -0032-002, West Side of Newburgh Road, North of Glenwood Road, Sujai G. Patel (Harry Lansu.Sr.).



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., February 2, 2010.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

> Ken Sharp, Chairman WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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She went to Indiana State University as a speech and theater teaching degree student, with a dance minor. She's using the dance more these days.

Smereck, an attorney, noted his lack of women's hips made some dance steps challenging. He was glad to come to the library on a cold winter night Tuesday.

He moved from Farmington

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Hills to care for his parents in Garden City, and began to worship at St. John's Episcopal in Westland.

"I rate this as one of the great libraries in the state." said Smereck, also in the library Chess Club. "Very friendly librarians. I just love

He's pleased in general with Westland's many activities: "It also provides some opportunities for fun stuff," he said of his neighboring city of Westland.

Tuesday's class belied the notion of libraries as quiet places with plenty of loud Latin music. Smereck agreed the workout is health-promoting. "It's a health issue as well as a mental health issue," he said.

Nearby was Amy Liebau of Livonia, who "just wanted to try it. I'm not very good at choreography," she said. "It should be interesting.

'It's not my cup of tea, but it's fun," she added at the end of the one-hour class.

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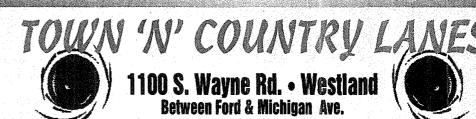
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# Library program boosts environmental knowledge

A program aimed at deepening environmental awareness through art is being hosted by the Westland library.

Five families have already signed up and another 15 are being sought to participate in the Action for Earth program, which includes two hands-on workshops run by the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.

To participate, families must have children in kindergarten through eighth grades. These families commit to: learning about environmental issues affecting Westland in two workshops presented in a

practical way by the AAHOM; bringing their creative side to the table in an art creation and collection workshop conducted by Project S.N.A.P. (Share, Nurture, Act, Preserve); and, coordinating a communitywide environmental project in conjunction with Earth Day

All of the events will happen over a four- month period, starting in late January and ending in late April. Project S.N.A.P. will create a giant mural from the artwork collected and present it to the Westland community in April.

The project will also include a community garden to be farmed on property at Cherry Hill and Merriman owned by DTE Energy. The produce will be distributed to low-income families.

Project S.N.A.P. which calls upon local libraries to serve as centers for education, art and other activities in educating and mobilizing citizens about the environment.

Westland Library Director Cheryl Napsha said she completely understands the program's reasoning in hosting the events at the library.

"More and more, people are using the library and seeing the real-life value in having a vibrant library at the center of the community. We are very happy to have been one of five libraries chosen for this program and think it will spur even more positive environmental change in the city."

The city of Westland also sees this as a great opportunity to build on recent efforts to make Westland a greener community, including the city's new curbside recycling program as well as Mayor William Wild's formation of

"This program is right up Mission: Green's alley. We are really excited about being involved in this innovative program," said Bruce Thompson, Westland planning director and head of Mission: Green who is the community liaison for the Action for Earth pro-

Families with children in kindergarten through eighth grade who are interested in the program and can commit to the four events can sign up at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway, calling (734) 326-

the Mission: Green committee. 6123) or by e-mailing Andy Schuck, reference librarian, at andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.

> To learn about ways, in addition to recycling, that Westland is becoming greener and things you can do to help the effort, see the Mission: Green Web site attached to the city's Web site at: http:// cityofwestland.com/ or call the planning director at (734) 467-3219.

Other libraries participating include the public libraries in Canton, Oak Park, Romeo and Dearborn Heights.

# Crackdown aimed at motorists who ignore train signals

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After five people died last July in a car-train collision in Canton, township police Wednesday joined lawenforcement agencies from Pontiac to Ann Arbor for a crackdown aimed at catching motorists who might ignore railroad signals and crossing gates as Amtrak Train 353 rumbled through.

Sure enough, Canton police Sgt. Pat Sullivan said officers ticketed a male driver who ignored flashing railroad signals and crossing gates that had started to come down on Hannan near Michigan

Avenue — the same spot where collisions, save lives and the fatal collision happened six months ago.

"It's very incredible," Sullivan said, adding that he believes the driver had even heard of the five deaths.

The special enforcement, aimed at ticketing any violators and reminding drivers of the dangers of ignoring railroad signals, is expected to occur periodically in hopes of saving lives by convincing motorists to obey laws.

"This is a great thing we're going to start doing," Canton police Lt. Scott Hilden said.

Michigan Operation Lifesaver - part of a national effort to end vehicle-train

reduce injuries - worked with Amtrak to coordinate Wednesday's special enforcement.

"These crashes are all preventable if people would just obey the laws," said Dave Cornelius, a retired Norfolk Southern police officer of 31 years who chairs the nonprofit Michigan Operation Lifesaver's enforcement committee.

All five people inside a Ford Fusion died last July 9 when a 19-year-old driver tried to beat Amtrak 353 at the Hannan crossing in Canton.

Hilden said local police planned to watch the Hannan and Haggerty crossings in Canton after the Amtrak train, with a Fox 2 Detroit television crew on board, left Pontiac on Wednesday morning.

Railroad safety issues aside, Hilden said motorists who are ticketed for ignoring crossing signals and gates also face penalties including \$150 in fines and three points on their driving record.

"That can affect your (auto) insurance," he said.

Cornelius called it baffling that drivers will try to beat on oncoming train.

When you start dealing with passenger trains or 6,000-ton freight trains, it's a whole different thing than two cars hitting each other out here in an intersection," he said.

Cornelius said a freight train moving at 55 mph can take a mile or more to stop — that's at least 18 football fields after the emergency brakes are applied. That makes it impossible for the crew to avoid motorists who believe they can beat an oncoming train.

He said railroad crews involved in fatal accidents never forget what they saw - even though they're not at fault for incidents involving

law-breaking motorists. Cornelius said police in many communities planned to join Wednesday's special

enforcement along with railroad authorities and other agencies.

According to national Operation Lifesaver statistics for 2008, there were more than 2.400 vehicle-train collisions that resulted in 286 deaths and 935 injuries numbers that have gradually declined over the years as better railroad signals have been installed. Some other Web

sites cite even higher statistics. Regardless, Cornelius said motorists approaching railroad crossings always need to remember three tips to survive: Look. Listen. And live.

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# Free art exhibit at Madonna University has a green theme

The Madonna University Gallery will host "The Green Show," a multi-media art exhibit that aims to educate people about the effects of their actions on the planet.

The show opens Friday and runs through Feb. 22. An

evening reception, 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, offers an opportunity to meet and talk with the artists. Singer/ songwriter John D. Lamb and poet John Jeffire will perform during the reception, and refreshments will

be served. Admission to the show and reception are free.

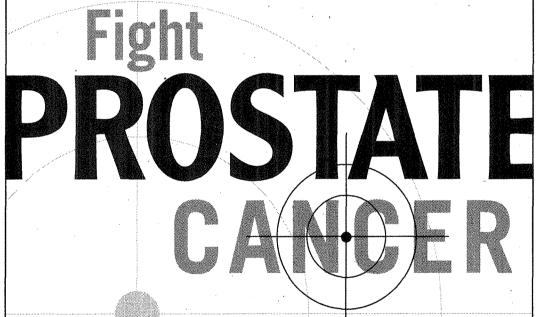
The exhibit was inspired by an Oprah Winfrey show that focused on the environment. The work of 11 local artists in such media as photography, painting,

sculpture and Intaglio, the show features images of nature by Mandy Getschman of Northville and Marat Paransky of Oak Park, as well as dolls made from trash by Tina Carter of Redford.

Madonna alumna Nancy Paton has been curating shows at Madonna for nine vears. She recently formed Other Dimensions in Art, a group that creates and organizes art exhibitions to help promote awareness

of important social issues. Past exhibits have addressed diversity, war, homelessness and poverty.

Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Madonna University is at 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.



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### Retail fraud

Police were called to J.C.
Penney, 35000 Warren, Jan.
5 after store employees reported stopping a Livonia woman for shoplifting 22 pieces of jewelry valued at \$619. The employees told police that they began monitoring the woman via closed circuit television after being alerted that she was removing merchandise from their packaging and concealing the items. She was stopped outside the store.

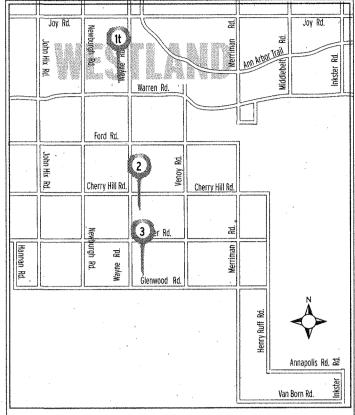
The woman told the officer that she suffers from emphysema and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease which required her to use oxygen. The woman was running low on oxygen in the tank she had with her, so the officer issued an appearance ticket instead of arresting her.

### Retail fraud

On Jan. 5, a Westland man was arrested for shoplifting at Kmart, 165 S. Wayne Road. A store employee told police the man was behaving suspiciously after entering the store. The employee said he watched the man remove a cell phone valued at \$80 from the packaging, hide it under his clothing and walk out of the

When stopped outside, the employee said the man tried to push him and pulled out a small folding knife. During the brief scuffle, the worker said the man threw the cell phone

### **POLICE BRIEFS**



to the ground.

Officers reported the man had minor injuries to each knee resulting from the scuffle. Asked why he was shoplifting, the officer said the man responded that he was an IV drug user and "trying to pay the rent."

The man was held on two warrants and cited for possession of narcotics paraphernalia after police found a hypodermic syringe and a spoon concealed in his jacket.

### Fraud

A resident of an apartment at 34900 Glenwood told police Jan. 5 that between Nov. 18-23 someone had used his Best Buy account to purchase over \$6,000 worth of gift cards. The purchases had been made in Georgia and Pennsylvania. There were no suspects but the man said he needed to document the fraud.

-By LeAnne Rogers

# Warren Rd. Maplewood Ford Rd. Ford Rd. Marquette Marquette Cherry Hill Rd. Cherry Hill Rd.

### Man nabbed, linked to home invasions

Garden City police arrested a 23-year-old Garden City man, suspected in several home invasions, after they found him in a garage in the 29400 block of Florence about 4:30 Jan. 11.

The police found him by following his shoe prints across about six yards on Florence.

about six yards on Florence. The police found jewelry and a syringe which filled with

heroin on the man.
In one incident on the same block, a resident said that he returned from a doctor's appointment about noon Jan. 11 and found a bedroom door open and some golf equipment in his kitchen.

Some golf clubs and a checkbook were stolen.

At another home on Florence,

the resident said that some money was stolen along with some personal papers. He discovered the theft about 4:30 p.m. Jan. 11.

### Stolen car

When a Newport, Mich., man got ready to return home about 9:30 a.m. Jan. 9, he discovered that his 2009 Chevy TrailBlazer was stolen from the driveway in the 32500 block of Kathryn where it was parked.

He told police that he was unsure if his spare car keys were in the car at the time. The police found no shattered glass at the scene.

### Stolen car

A resident in the 31900 block of Warren, said that he left his 2007 Chrysler running for about 10 minutes about 8 a.m. Jan. 11 in his driveway and when he returned to the car it was gone. It was not repossessed.

### Burglary

Someone cut off the padlock of an outside freezer at the Arby's restaurant located at 30049 Ford Road. An employee reported the theft about 9:30 a.m. Jan. 10.

The theft totaled about \$300. Stolen were: two cases of potato cakes, 30 pounds of corned beef, two cases of potato bites, one can of jalapeno bites and six boxes of chicken.

### **Retail fraud**

Was arrested about 4 p.m. Jan. 11 after he concealed cologne and car fuses in his clothing and didn't pay for the items at the Kmart store, 29600 Ford Road.

### Retail fraud

Though a manager at the CVS store at 29901 Ford Road tried to restrain and detain a shoplifter about 5:30 p.m. Jan. 11, the man and his accomplice got away.

The suspects, who were in their 20s, tried to steal two cans of Enfamil baby formula.

The police confiscated one of the suspect's coats which he lost during the struggle.

### Property damage

A resident in the 29700 block of Sheridan reported at 8:30 p.m. Jan. 11 that someone stole some change after they entered his 1995 Mercury Villager. He found his door partially open and became suspicious.

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The Ford Fusion was voted car of the year.

# Local Ford dealer: 'What a difference'

See related story, Strictly Business, A7

BY PAT MURPHY
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What a difference a year

Opening day of the North American International Auto Show is always a time of optimism. That was never more true than this week at press briefings and auto unveiling ceremonies preceding Saturday's official opening.

The country, the auto industry and metro Detroit needed a boost, according to Douglas North, president of North Brothers Ford in Westland. "And this is it," he said after an initial visit to Cobo Hall earlier this morning.

Last year was a downer, said North. The economy nose dived, automakers were talking about layoffs and bankruptcies and massive uncertainty shrouded the auto show and much of the year.

"This year is different," he said. "Everybody's enthusiastic, and there's a real buzz."

Most definitely, agreed Rick Hodges, general manager of Victory Toyota in Canton. "Everything is fresh," he said, "and customers (as well as the industry) have a lot more optimism."

And with good reason, according to industry analysts. The industry has pumped hundreds of millions of dollars into making long lasting, high mileage cars that excite customers. They predict sales in 2010 could

top 12.5 million compared to the disastrous 2009, when fewer than 10 million cars and trucks were sold despite the Cash for Clunkers incentives.

Nobody doubts that gas guzzlers are out and the country's love affairs with the automobile is far from smoldering. And sales aren't expected to approach the bumper years of earlier in the decade.

But customers will be pleased with all the fuel-efficient vehicles, insisted North, and that will translate into sales.

Ford vehicles were voted the car and truck of the year, he noted, referring to the Ford Fusion and the Transit Connect. "And we've got a lot of other exciting vehicles like the new Fiesta and Mustang."

Toyota won't be outdone, insisted Brian Jones-Chance, a sales representative who will represent Victory Toyota Saturday when the show opens to the public. "This will be my first auto show," said Jones-Chance, 23, who said he has been selling cars for less than a year. "But I'm excited."

The Japanese automaker is hoping the redesigned Prius and its new 2011 van will appeal to customers across the spectrum.

"I'm new to the industry," said Jones-Chance. But Toyota has some exciting vehicles from small hybrids up to the luxury Lexus, he said. "This will be an exciting year."

### **NEWS BRIEFS**

### Pool tournament

A Broomstick Pool Tournament for Charity will be held Sunday, Jan. 31, at Joe D's Bar, 29242 Ford Road, Garden City.

Signup starts at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per player (single eliminations). There will raffles and food with proceeds going to the Mayor's Committee for Underprivileged Children. Any questions, please call Kathy Cowan at (734) 525-7676.

### Tax preparation

As the new year starts, it's not too early to start thinking about taxes. The Friendship Center will once again host the AARP Tax Preparation program for all low- and moderate-income residents.

The program is staffed by volunteers and offered free. The Friendship Center is an

E-file site only. Appointments are required. Generally, the tax return service offered through AARP is for simple returns. Those individuals with lengthy returns, many rental properties or investments are encourage to have a CPA or professional firm complete their returns.

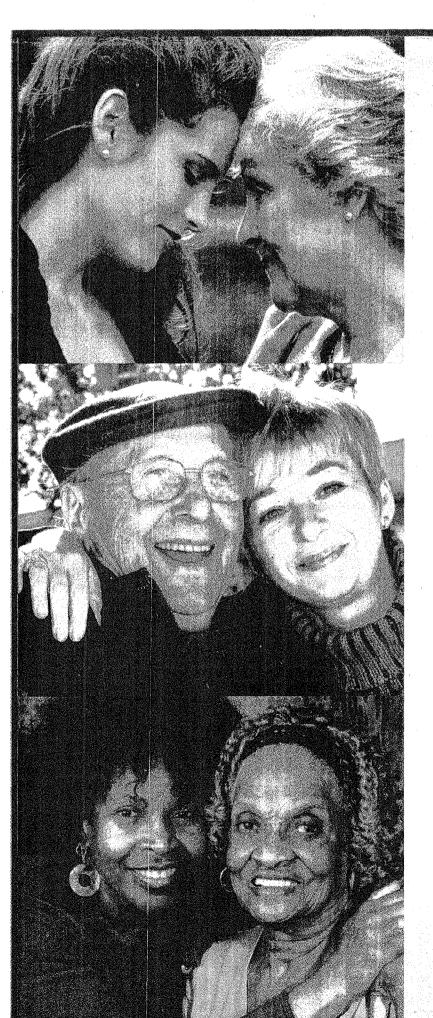
There is no age or specific income requirement. The site manager has discretion over what returns they are willing and able to complete.

This year, taxes will be done on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The preparers are only on site during the day the center offers the service so any tax question regarding a return must be taken by a staff person and returned by a preparer at their convenience.

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# **Help for Haiti**

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### Cash the best way to help relief efforts

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Plymouth Salvation Army officials know when disaster strikes, people in the communities they serve want to help.

That's why they want to make sure, in the wake of a 7.0-magnitude tremor that struck Haiti late Tuesday, people know just how to provide that help.

No numbers were available at press time, but one relief worker in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, was quoted saying, "There must be thousands dead," and International Red Cross officials said as many as 3 million people may have been affected by the quake and its aftershocks.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake registered 7.0 and was centered some 10 miles from Port-au-Prince.

It's the kind of disaster that, according to local Salvation Army officials, brings out the generosity in people wanting to help. And, according to Capt. Dan Hull, the corps officer in Plymouth.

"It's cash: money donations bkadrich@hometownlife.com are the best," Hull said. "This (313) 222-8899

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allows those aiding Haiti to purchase what they need. where they need it and when they need it. This also helps get cash back into the local economy."

According to Hull, people's first response is to donate clothing, a generous thought but one Hull said doesn't help in the immediate aftermath of the disaster.

"It needs to be shipped and stored, sorted and distributed and during a large-scale disaster, this is next to impossible," Hull said. "It's a good thought, but unfortunately not practical. Shipping is so very costly and as you hear on the news, you can't even get to the island right now."

Those wishing to donate can designate their gift to The Salvation Army in Haiti by going to The Salvation Army's Web site at www.salvationarmyusa.org or calling (800) SAL-ARMY. Those wishing to mail their gift can send it to The Salvation Army World Service Office, International Disaster Relief Fund, PO Box 630728, Baltimore, MD 21263-0728.



# Chamber leaders confident about new year, decade

BY JULIE BROWN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The food was good and the company equally up to par Tuesday at the Westland Chamber of Commerce annual meeting.

"An amazing year for the chamber," said local chiropractor Amanda Apfelblat, chair for the chamber. "The sense of community" made it great, she

"I think it's starting to turn and I'm seeing some slow but steady growth," Apfelblat said of the economy in 2010.

She highlighted such events as the sixth annual Restaurant Rally, with over 450 participants. The 2009 Holiday Taste Fest drew 500.

Kathy Hurt of Co-op Services Credit Union, outgoing chair, was thanked for her efforts. The chamber Board of Directors, Ambassador Committee and volunteers also drew rounds of applause.

Apfelblat cited collaboration with city of Westland leaders, along with new scholarship



Bruce Thompson, Westland planning director, and Mark Swieczkowski of Choice Insurance chat at the chamber gathering.

opportunities for Wayne-Westland students. The chamber helps businesses with legislative information, including Mayor William Wild's State of

the City address. She also mentioned the monthly networking opportunities, the chamber Web site and newsletter. "Without all of you, we could not continue to run smoothly," Apfelblat said.

Larger monetary sponsors were recognized at the lun-

cheon at Macy's Lakeshore Grill. They are: Ameriprise Financial-Antoinette Martin, Co-op Credit Union, Community Dental, Garden City Hospital, JMS and Associates, Michigan Chiropractic Specialists-Amanda Apfelblat, Men on the Move, Parkside Credit Union, Sigma Financial, TDS Metrocom, and Westland

Shopping Center.

The chamber board includes: Apfelblat and Hurt; Joe Lezotte of Sigma Financial; Rebecca Kelly of Sharon's Heating and Air Conditioning; Tim Weise of Garden City Hospital; Dan Martin of NovoPrint; Gary Bulson of Men on the Move; Cindy Candela of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools; Jeff Kavanaugh of Krazy Kopz; Ryan Mills of JMS and Associates; Ricardo Seir of Parkside Dental; Bruce Smolar of Community Dental Implant Group; Mark Swieczkowski of Choice Insurance; and Mary Vellardita of C&M Printing and Imaging.

### CITY OF WESTLAND **ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-26-17**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, SECTIONS 46-1(48), 46-1(49)c, and 46-1(49)d OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO AMEND THE RATES FOR MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL CHARGES

### THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That paragraph (a) of the portion of Section 46-1(48) of the Westland City Code entitled "Water consumption charges (Section 102-91)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

"(a) Per 1,000 gallons per quarter or any fraction thereof \$3.07"

Section 2. That paragraph (c) of the portion of Section 46-1(49)c of the Westland City Code entitled "Sewage disposal rates (Section 102-124)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

2. Industrial waste control charge (Section 102-124(b)):

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Charge
5/8	7.43
3/4	10.90
1	17.83
1/2	38.62
2	55.94
3	100.99
4	139.10
6	208.40
8	347.00
10	485.60
12	555.00
16	832,10
18	970.70
24	1,247.90
30	1,386.50
36	1,525.10
48	1,663.70

Section 3. That paragraph (d) of the portion of Section 46-1(49)d of the Westland City Code entitled "Minimum sewage disposal bills per quarter (Section 102-125)" shall be amended to "Minimum sewage disposal bills bimonthly (Section 102-125)" and provide as follows:

- d. Minimum sewage disposal bills per billing period
  - (section 102-125): 1. Metered premises:
  - Actual consumption multiplied by \$3.73 per 1,000 (no minimum)
  - Residential premises with no available water mains, bimonthly......\$82.00
  - 3. Residential premises not connected to available water mains, bimonthly..... Commercial premises with no available water mains,
  - per unit bimonthly..... Commercial premises not connected to available

Section 4. That all other provisions of Chapter 46 of the Westland City Code, except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

water mains, per unit bimonthly...

Section 5. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 7. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective

Adopted: January 4, 2010 Effective: January 14, 2010

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These vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 19th. The auction will be at 6375 N. Hix, Westland, MI, 48185. Starting bid is for towing and storage.

WESTLAND ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION

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YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	$\mathbf{v}$
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1999	Mercury	Sable	1

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION On January 19, 2010, the Westland Police Department will conduct

a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1996	$\mathbf{Ford}$	E-150/SW	White	1FBHE31H6THB66947
1997	$\mathbf{Ford}$	Explorer/SW	$\operatorname{Green}$	1FMDU32PXVUB10549
2000	Mercury	Cougar/2 Dr	Silver	1ZWFT61L1Y5648421
1996	Mercury	Sable/4 Dr	Black	1MELM53S2TG631919
1995	Ford	Aerostar/SW	Green	2FMDA5142SBA74806
1999	Mercury	Cougar/2 Dr	$\operatorname{Red}$	1ZWFT6039X5600276
1989	Honda	Accord/4 Dr	$\mathbf{Blue}$	1HGCA5541KA080748
1996	Ford	Taurus/SW	Green	1FALP57U4TG137443
1999	Chevrolet	Cavalier/2 Dr	Green	1G1JC1246X7184730
1991	Cadillac	Eldorado/2 Dr	$\mathbf{Blue}$	1G6EL13B3MU601646
2003	Ford	Crown Vic/4 Dr	Blue	2FAHP71W63X186746
1995	$_{\mathrm{Dodge}}$	Intrepid/4 Dr	Green	1B3HD56TXSF660778
1999	Dodge	Neon/4 Dr	Purple	3B3ES47YXXT506517

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 1 01/04/10

Presiding: President Godbout Present: Cicirelli-Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer,

Reeves. 02: elected J. Godbout Council President?

04: elected M. Kehrer Council President Pro-Tem. 05: Appr. bid for fire hose to W.S. Darley & Co.; amt. \$12,551.00. -Appr. bid for purchase of GMC Hybrid Yukon through Oakland

County Bid contact; amt. \$50,441.00. -Appr. continuing Agreement to Professional Services Contract with

-Adopted Ordinance 109-J-3 to amend Ch. 62, Art. VI, Sec. 62-283 & 62-284 and add Sec. 62-285 to 62-291 regarding possession of

dangerous weapons. -Adopted Ordinance 29-W-26-17 to amend Ch. 46, Sec. 46-1(49) c (2)

to amend rates for Industrial Waste Control Charge. 06: Appr.: minutes of regular meeting held 12/21/09.

07: Adopt. Prepared Resolution approving designated Overlay

08: Appr. City Clerk's Benefit Pkg., 1-1-10 thru 12-31-10.

09: Appr. Deputy City Clerk's Pay/Benefit Pkg., 1-1-10 thru 12-31-

10: Appr. Officials' & Mayor's Ofc. Pay Plan, 1-1-10 thru 13-31-10. 11: Appr. Contract for Budget Director from 1/19/10 thru 6/30/10; amt. not to exceed \$43,200, with contingencies. 12: Conf. appt of S. Durante to Planning Commission to fill

unexpired term, term to expire 7/7/2010. 13: Appr. checklist: \$748,085.50 & Prepaid: \$676,996.93.

Mtg. adj. at 8:13 p.m. Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout Council President

Eileen DeHart City Clerk, CMC

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# Westland-Garden City Strictly Business

# Local car dealers optimistic about sales in 2010

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Garden City and Westland car dealers are hopeful 2010 will be a good year for new car

"We're an extremely optimistic glass half full group," said Clarity Patton, quality and business development manager for Metropolitan Lincoln-Mercury in Garden City.

She agreed the "good buzz" associated with Ford Motor Co. not taking government bailout money has boosted sales. "Lincoln and Mercury, we're a bright spot," Patton said, citing great service and products. "We're coming out of it pretty excited. We really think there is a lot of pent-up demand."

The Lincoln MKS, a fullsized luxury sedan, is doing well at Metropolitan. "The technology in that vehicle is amazing," she said. It has a V6 engine but good fuel economy.

Also doing well is the sevenpassenger luxury Lincoln MKT, giving an alternative to the Navigator "which is also still a wonderful Lincoln option that is available."

"We're optimistic and excited about 2010," Patton said. Quality, safety and fuel economy are a winning combination: "That's what our customers want and we've been able to give it to them."

Joe Himmelspach, general sales manager at Crestwood Dodge Chrysler Jeep in Garden City, agreed there is pent-up consumer demand.

"I'm certainly looking forward to a better year," Himmelspach said. "Hopefully as the year goes on more and more improves."

He said a lot of drivers have been hanging onto cars because of job losses or no overtime pay. "People are keeping their cars



Metropolitan Lincoln-Mercury in Garden City is all set for 2010. "We're optimistic and excited about 2010," said Clarity Patton, quality and business development manager for the dealership.

At his dealership, the Dodge Journey, a crossover vehicle, is selling. The Town & Country and Caravan minivans continue to sell.

"They get pretty good fuel economy," Himmelspach said. "They move people and stuff. You can haul all kinds of stuff."

He agreed the auto show in Detroit will spark interest in buying cars: "It always does."

He encourages potential customers to come in for an evaluation, noting some of the great deals. "With some of the deals that are out there right now we can get them in a new car."

Some are in the 36-month leases, he said, typical of the

time in which a buyer would want a new car.

 $Himmel spach \ said, ``Products$ are very good." His dealership added Chrysler and Jeep in 2009, and got through the bankruptcy which also hit General Motors. Those were "painful. I think that hurt sales," he said.

"I'm looking forward to a good year," he concluded. "I'm looking forward to a much better year. We did fairly well" in

At Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City, general manager Susan Ianni said, "It's going to be a better year, that's for sure." She anticipates a sales climb of-30-35 percent at the dealership.

"It's a great time to buy a car." Chevrolet's Camaro is a big seller at Gordon Chevrolet, a "super hot vehicle. You can't keep them in stock." The Equinox, a small crossover vehi-

than the TrailBlazer it follows. This fall, Gordon Chevrolet will get the Cruze to replace the Cobalt. "We're expecting that to be another hot seller," she said.

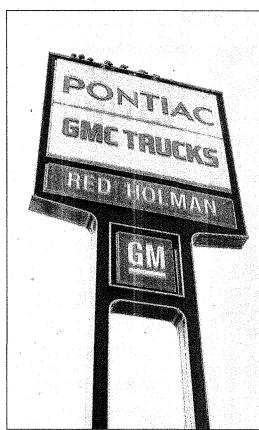
cle, does well. It's a little smaller

Ianni noted products are strong and anticipates an uptick in the economy. "I love being in a Chevrolet dealership. Chevrolet is a core vehicle. We're expecting big things."

She agreed the auto show, which will feature the Chevy Volt and others coming down



North Brothers Ford in Westland is offering deals to customers



the line, will spark excitement. There was a credit freeze in

2009, Ianni said, along with fear on customers' part. "That's going to subside this

year." People are thinking, "I'm

going to have a job and it's going to be OK." She sees improvement coming after winter.

'We're really excited. We're also glad we're a survivor," Ianni

### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

A Garden City doctor of chiropractic has been named Chiropractor of the Year by the Michigan Association of Chiropractors (MAC).

**Chiropractor of Year** 

The award is was given to Dr. R. James Gregg for demonstrating the highest level of commitment to his patients and the chiropractic profession. The award was given during the MAC Fall 2009 Convention and Exhibition at the Radisson Plaza in Kalamazoo. It was granted to Gregg for his "outstanding leadership, service and dedication."

Gregg has practiced in the city of Garden City since 1970. He is a graduate of Fordson High School in Dearborn and attended both Detroit Methods of Engineering and Henry Ford Community College before graduating from the Logan College of Chiropractic, St. Louis, Mo.

He has held numerous positions in chiropractic organizations, including president of District 1, secretary, treasurer, vice president, president and chairman of the board of the Michigan Chiropractic Council. He also has been a consultant to Medicaid, Department of Social Services, State of Michigan, chiropractic liaison for the chiropractic profession to Michigan Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and chairman of Insurance Relations committee of Michigan Chiropractic Council and as a state representative and cochairman of hospital affairs for the International Chiropractors Association.

Gregg was appointed to the Malpractice Review Board of the American Arbitration Association and the Michigan **Board of Chiropractic** Examiners.

Among the awards he has received during his career are the Hugh B. Logan Memorial Award for Educational and Clinical Excellence, Michigan Chiropractic Council Chiropractor of the Year, **Outstanding Service Award** from the Michigan Chiropractic Council, 1972-75, 1978, 1981-82, 1984-89 and the President's

Special Service Award, Michigan Chiropractic Council, 1979-80, and Michigan Chiropractic Council Hall of Fame Award for Professional Achievement, 1990.

He has written numerous articles for chiropractic publications and lectures throughout the United States of America and Canada to chiropractic associations, chiropractic colleges, laymen and professional health organizations and state government, on such subjects as chiropractic philosophy, staff motivation and training, chiropractic hospital programs, and practice management.

He is the president and CEO of Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers, serving the Detroit Metropolitan area with four locations — 1647 Inkster Road, Garden City; 33779 Five Mile, Livonia; 1079 S. Baldwin, Orion Township, and 5130 Coolidge, Royal Oak.

For more information, call the main office in Garden City at (734) 525-8422.

### Fondant Class

Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland will hold a Fondant Class noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at the shop, 8036 N. Wayne Road, south of Joy on the east side of Wayne Road. For information, call (734) 261-3680.

Cost is \$30 and includes all materials. Space is limited and pre-registration required. You will learn how to make a fondant cake like television chefs.

Each student will make a Happy Face Cake.

### New president at helm

RHM Fluid Power in Westland announced that Jeff

Verona has been



promoted to the position of president and chief operating officer of the corporation. Verona has been with

RHM for 34 years, serving most recently as executive vice president. Bill Tulloch, who has been president

for the past 14 years, will assume

the title of chairman and chief

executive officer. RHM is a 52year-old employee-owned firm that designs and builds fluid power systems and is a distributor of fluid power products.

### Make your business known

Your business could be featured on the boards at the Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland. Contact Bob Kosowski at (734) 722-7620.

Want to welcome customers to Westland with a sign at city entrances? Contact Brian Harnos at (734) 728-1770.

Want a presence on the Web? See your business on the city of Westland Web site, CityofWestland.com. Contact Craig Welkenbach at (734) 467-3198.

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'In today's economy, everyone is interested in cutting costs," said Rick Going, president of Kroger's Michigan Division. "The savings add up quickly for families and individuals purchasing multiple NAIAS tickets."

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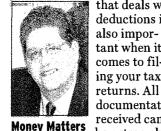
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# New year is a perfect time for net worth statement

ailboxes soon will be swamped with statements, 1099s, W-2s and other tax correspondence. It is important for taxpayers to save these documents, because they are essential for proper completion of 2009 tax returns.

Forgetting to include income from a 1099 will almost guarantee a letter from the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS is one government entity that one never wants to hear from.

One of the surest ways to draw IRS scrutiny is to fail to report income. Typically, what is on a 1099 or a W-2 is extremely important in completing an accurate tax return. In addition, documentation



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is audited. This is an opportune time to take stock at the beginning of the new year by doing a net worth statement. It is important to know your net worth because it can be used as a measuring

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your tax return

Knowing your net worth, which is nothing more than

that deals with assets less liabilities, and how deductions is it changes over the years is essential to financial planning. Knowing such things tant when it comes to filas whether you can afford to ing your tax retire or whether you should returns. All tax make gifts for estate planning purposes are directly related documentation received can to net worth. be extremely

One question I'm always asked is whether a home should be included in the net worth statement. I believe, generally, it should be part of a new worth statement. After all, equity in a home can be an important factor when it comes to retirement planning.

The problem with including the home, however, is that homes are hard to value. Remember, it's not what you think your house is worth, but what it can sell for on the open market.

If you choose to include the home in your net worth statement, be reasonable and honest when it comes to value.

Items not included in net worth statement are collectibles. My reasoning is that most collectibles are not as valuable as people think. Too many people attach sentimental value to a collectible, but in reality, if they went to sell the item, sentimental value is not a factor.

If, however, you have a collection of something that is not only easily valued but also easily sold, then it may make sense to include those items. There are many things that have value. The problem is finding a seller who will pay that value. Although the Internet and sites like eBay have changed the landscape, selling collectibles, memorabilia or artwork at a true value is sometimes difficult.

Just as it will take some time to obtain the value of your assets, you need to spend the same time with your liabilities. Mortgages, charge cards, personal loans - know the balances as of Jan. 1. In addition to knowing the balances of your liabilities, know the terms - interest rates, how interest is calculated, penalty provisions and whether inter-

est is tax deductible. Determining net worth creates a base you now can use for information, visit his Web site at comparison purposes. Should

you do a net worth statement every month? No. My general recommendation is every six

months. Any type of personal financial planning has to start with a snapshot of where you are starting from. A net worth

statement is exactly that. Over the next few weeks, sit down and spend an hour or so preparing your net worth statement. The results, whether good, bad or indifferent, will help to keep your financial house in order. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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### **NEWS BRIEFS**

**Annual Fairy Princess Ball** 

Celebrate Valentine's Day with your favorite princess at the annual Fairy Princess Ball. This year's event will take place on Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Bailey Recreation Center. There will be dancing to disc jockey ThirDimension, Dj Group, which specializes in providing all the songs girls love best. There will be traditional "top 40" tunes as well as special dances like the Bunny Hop, the Hokey

Pokey, the Cha Cha Slide, the Chicken Dance and many

There will be refreshments served by Fairy Godmothers. If Dad can't come, bring Grandpa, older brother, uncle, or a special family friend can accompany the princesses. All ages are welcome but pre-registration at the Bailey Center by Feb. 3 is mandatory.

There are two sessions -34:30 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. The cost is \$20 per couple, including entrance fee,

snacks, gifts and complimentary picture and \$7 per each additional daughter.

### Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) at the Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.



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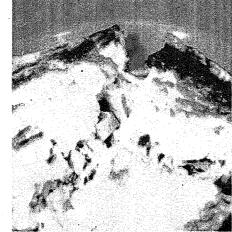
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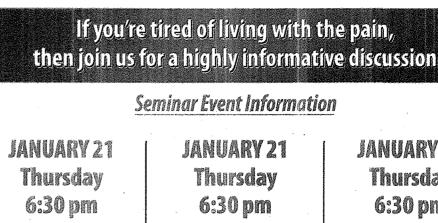
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### Hospital, H&R Block celebrate last baby of the year

It may be the first baby of the year who grabs the media headlines, but, according to H&R Block, it's the last baby of the year who yields the tax savings. Babies that were born before the stroke of midnight New Year's Eve saved their parents thousands on their 2009

The last baby of 2009 born at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in

Commerce Township was the daughter of the lucky mother, Ashley Anger of Westland. The baby arrived at 2:34 p.m. on Dec. 31. She weighed in at 3 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 21.5 inches. The proud new parents and baby received an H&R Block baby tote bag filled with baby essentials and a certificate for a free 2009 Tax Preparation at H&R Block.

"Timing is everything," said Brian Paris, H&R Block Novi district manager. "Babies that were born on Dec. 31 provide parents with a \$3,650 tax exemption for all of 2009. To get that same tax break, parents of babies born after midnight on Jan. 1, will have to wait until they file their 2010 taxes

In addition to the exemption, new com/lastbaby.

parents may qualify for two credits that could reduce their tax liability even more: Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit.

New parents also can look forward to other tax benefits, such as college savings plans and the Child Care tax credit. For more information about the tax benefits of having a child, visit www.hrblock.



Ashley Anger, with dad Kevin close by, holds Kendall, the last baby of the year born at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township.

### CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 109-J-3

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 62-283 AND 62-284, AND TO ADD SECTIONS 62-285 TO 62-291 REGARDING THE POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS OTHER THAN FIREARMS, THE POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION OF FIREARMS AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONFISCATION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS, FIREARMS, AND FACSIMILES USED, CARRIED OR IN THE POSSESSION OF ANY PERSON CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 62-282 TO 62-290 INCLUSIVE

THE CITY OF WESTLAND HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-283, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Sec. 62-283. Definitions.

(a) "Antique firearm" means either of the following:

- A firearm not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional center fire ignition with fixed ammunition and manufactured in or before 1898, including a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system or a replica of such a firearm, whether actually manufactured before or after the year 1898.
- A firearm using fixed ammunition manufactured in or before 1898, for which ammunition is no longer manufactured in the United States and is not readily available in the ordinary channels of
- As used in this article, the term "dangerous weapon"
  - Any knife, dirk, dagger, or stiletto with a blade which exceeds three inches in length.
  - Any club or karate stick.
  - Any mace or other aerosol repellant.
  - Any smooth bore rifle or handgun designed and manufactured exclusively for propelling by a spring, or by gas or air, BB's not exceeding .177
  - Any slingshot.
  - Any bow and arrow.
- As used in this article, the term "facsimile of a firearm" means any device or object made of plastic, wood, metal or other material, which device or object is a facsimile, replica version of, or is otherwise recognizable as, a pistol, revolver, sawed-off shotgun, rifle, machine gun, rocket launcher or other firearm, including, but not limited to, toy guns, movie and stage props, hobby models (either in kit form or fully assembled), starter pistols, air guns, and inoperative firearms or other devices which might reasonably be perceived to be a
- As used in this article, the term "firearm" means a weapon, other than one specified in Sec. 62-283(b)(4), from which a dangerous projectile may be propelled by an explosive, or by any other means.
- As used in this article, the term "pistol" means a loaded or unloaded firearm that is 30 inches or less in length, or a loaded or unloaded firearm that by its construction and appearance conceals itself as a firearm.
- As used in this article, the term "school" means a public, private, denominational, or parochial school offering developmental kindergarten, kindergarten, or any grade from 1 through 12.
- As used in this article, the term "school property" means a building, playing field, or property used for school purposes to impart instruction to children or used for functions and events sponsored by a school, except a building used primarily for adult education or college extension courses
- As used in this article, the term "Weapon free school zone" means school property and a vehicle used by a school to transport students to or from school property.

Section 2. That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-284, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Sec. 62-284. Possession of Dangerous Weapons other than Firearms.

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry any dangerous weapon, other than a firearm on or about his person.

Section 3. That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-285, of the

Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Sec. 62-285. Possession or Exhibition of Firearms or Facsimiles of Firearms.

- No person shall draw or brandish a facsimile of a firearm in a threatening, rude or hostile manner with the intent to frighten, harass, vex or annoy another
- Except as provided in subsection (c), a person shall not possess a firearm on the premises of any of the
  - A depository financial institution or a subsidiary (1) or affiliate of a depository institution. A church or other house of religious worship.
  - (2)(3)A court.
  - A Theatre. (4)A sports arena. (5)
  - A day care center. (6)
  - A hospital. (7)
  - An establishment licensed under the Michigan liquor control act, Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of 1933, being sections 436.1 to 436.58 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- Subsection (b) shall not apply to any of the following:
  - A person who owns, or is employed by or contracted by, an entity described in subsection (b) if the possession of that firearm is to provide security services for that entity.
  - A peace officer.
  - A person licensed by this state or another state to carry a concealed weapon.
  - A person who possesses a firearm on the premises of an entity described in subsection (b) if that possession is with the permission of the owner or an agent of the owner of that entity.

Section 4. That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-286, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Sec. 62-286. Possession of concealed firearms

### prohibited on certain premises.

- Subject to subsection (d), an individual licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the State of Michigan, or who is exempt from licensure under section 28.432a(1)(f) of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall not carry a concealed pistol on the premises of any of the
  - A school or school property except that a parent or legal guardian of a student of the school is not precluded from carrying a concealed pistol while in a vehicle on school property, if he or she is dropping the student off at the school or picking up the child from the school.
  - A public or private child care center or day care center, public or private child caring institution, or public or private child placing agency.
  - A sports arena or stadium.
  - A bar or tavern licensed under the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, being sections 436.1101 to 436.2303 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, where the primary source of the business is the sale of alcoholic liquor by the glass and consumed on the premises. This subdivision does not apply to an owner or employee of the business.
  - Any property or facility owned or operated by a church, 'synagogue, mosque, temple, or other place of worship, unless the presiding official or officials of the church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other place of worship permit the carrying of a concealed pistol on that property or
  - An entertainment facility with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more individuals that the individual knows or should know has a seating capacity of 2,500 or more individuals or that has a sign above each public entrance stating in letters not less than 1-inch high a seating capacity of 2,500 or more individuals.
  - A hospital.
  - A dormitory or classroom of a community college, college, or university.
- An individual licensed to carry a concealed pistol in the State of Michigan, or who is exempt from licensure under section 28.432a(1)(f) of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall not carry a concealed pistol in violation of R 432.1212 or a successor rule of the Michigan administrative code promulgated under the Michigan gaming control and revenue act, 1996 IL 1, being sections 432.202 to 432.226 of the Michigan Compiled
- As used in subsection (a), "premises" does not include parking areas of the places identified under subsection
- Subsection (a) does not apply to any of the following:
  - An individual licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the state of Michigan who is a retired
  - police officer or retired law enforcement officer. An individual who is licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the state of Michigan and who is employed or contracted by an entity described under subsection (a) to provide security services and is required by his or her employer or the terms of a contract to carry a concealed firearm on the premises of the employing or contracting entity.
  - An individual who is licensed as a private investigator or private detective under the professional investigator licensure act, 1965 PA 285, being sections 338.821 to 338.851 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
  - An individual who is licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the state of Michigan and who is a corrections officer of a county sheriff's department.
  - An individual who is licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the state of Michigan and who is a motor carrier officer or capitol security officer of the department of state police.
  - An individual who is licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the state of Michigan and who is a member of a sheriff's posse.
  - An individual who is licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the state of Michigan and who is an auxiliary officer or reserve officer of a police or sheriff's department.
  - An individual who is licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the state of Michigan and who is a parole or probation officer of the department of corrections.
- An individual who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction or guilty of a misdemeanor as
  - Except as provided by subdivisions (2) and (3), the individual is responsible for a civil infraction and may be fined not more than \$500.00. The court shall order the individual's license to carry a concealed pistol suspended for 6 months.
  - For a second violation, the individual is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00. The court shall order the individual's license to carry a concealed pistol revoked.
  - For a third or subsequent violation, the individual is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00 or both. The court shall order the individual's license to carry a concealed pistol revoked.

Section 5. That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-287, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

### Sec. 62-287. Possession of firearms in a weapon free

- Except as provided in subsection (b), an individual who possesses a firearm in a weapon free school zone is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days, a fine of not more than
- Subsection (a) does not apply to any of the following:
  - An individual employed by or contracted by a school if the possession of that firearm is to provide security services for the school.
  - A peace officer. An individual licensed by this state or another
  - state to carry a concealed weapon. An individual who possesses a weapon provided by a school or a school's instructor on school property for purposes of providing or receiving instruction in the use of that weapon.

- An individual who possesses a firearm on school property if that possession is with the permission of the school's principal or an agent of the school designated by the school's principal or the school board.
- An individual who is 18 years of age or older who is not a student at the school and who possesses a firearm on school property while transporting a student to or from the school if any of the following apply:
  - The individual is carrying an antique firearm, completely unloaded, in a wrapper or container in the trunk of a vehicle while en route to or from a hunting or target shooting area or function involving the exhibition, demonstration or sale of antique firearms.
  - The individual is carrying a firearm unloaded in a wrapper or container in the trunk of the person's vehicle, while in possession of a valid Michigan hunting license or proof of valid membership in an organization having shooting range facilities, and while en route to or from a hunting or target shooting area.
  - The person is carrying a firearm unloaded in a wrapper or container in the trunk of the person's vehicle from the place of purchase to his or her home or place of business or to a place of repair or back to his or her home or place of business, or in moving goods from one place of abode or business to another place of abode or
  - The person is carrying an unloaded firearm in the passenger compartment of a vehicle that does not have a trunk, if the person is otherwise complying with the requirements of subparagraph (ii) or (iii) and the wrapper or container is not readily accessible to the occupants of the

Section 6. That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-288, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

### Sec. 62-288. Possession of concealed firearms by an intoxicated person.

- No person shall carry, have in possession or under control, or use in any manner or discharge a firearm under any of the following circumstances:
  - The individual is under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination
  - of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance. The individual has an alcohol content of 0.08 or more grams per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.
  - Because of the consumption of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance, the individual's ability to use a firearm is visibly impaired.

Section 7. That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-289, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

### Sec. 62-289. Transportation of firearms.

- Except as otherwise permitted by law, a person shall not transport or possess in or upon a motor vehicle or any self-propelled vehicle designed for land travel a firearm, other than a pistol, unless the firearm is unloaded and is 1 or more of the following:
  - Taken down.
  - Enclosed in a case.
  - Carried in the trunk of the vehicle. Inaccessible from the interior of the vehicle.
- Except as otherwise permitted by law, no person shall transport or have in his possession in any motor vehicle any pistol or facsimile of a firearm unless:
  - It is unloaded in both the barrel and the magazine: and
  - It is in a closed case designed for the storage of firearms in the trunk of the vehicle, or if the vehicle has no trunk, in a place not readily accessible to the occupants of the vehicle.

Section 8. That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-290, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

### Sec. 62-290. Carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent.

No person shall, with intent to use the same unlawfully against the person of another, go armed with a pistol or other firearm or dagger, dirk, razor, stiletto, or knife having a blade over 3 inches in length, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon or

Section 9. That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-291, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

### Sec. 62-291. Confiscation.

All weapons, firearms, facsimiles of firearms, slingshots, bows and arrows, guns, pistols, rifles, shotguns, pellet guns, BB guns, starter pistols and any other weapon, device or object used, carried or in the possession of any person contrary to the provisions of sections 62-282 to 62-290, inclusive, shall be subject to confiscation by the police department. Such confiscated items are hereby declared to be forfeited to the city unless, within 60 days after final disposition of the original violation, a court of competent jurisdiction orders that the items so confiscated shall be returned to the rightful owner. Upon expiration of this 60-day period, the confiscated items may be destroyed in such manner as determined by the chief of police.

Section 10. That all other provisions of this Chapter of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 12. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 13. Notice to be Published. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by

Section 14. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective on publication.

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### **OUR VIEWS**

# Bargaining is give and take by both sides

Like many other Michigan communities, Westland is facing the twin dilemma of decreasing revenues and increasing costs of doing business. The city administration is projecting a deficit of \$3.5 million for the fiscal year that begins July 1 - a shortfall that is projected at \$12 million for 2011-12.

That means the city needs to take look at how it does business and find ways to make up that revenue shortfall. Mayor William Wild has frozen pay for his appointees and staff along with reducing their car allowances. That sets an example for union-represented city employees, who the mayor is asking for concessions.

Last week, Wild made public comments about possible layoffs in the largest employees bargaining unit - the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which represents public services, clerical and parks and recreation employees - unless wide-ranging concessions were forthcoming.

This comes after a year of bargaining. The AFSCME contract is expired, unlike the police and fire unions who have two years remaining on their contracts including raises each year, so it was natural for the city to seek concessions there first.

We don't know the tone of the bargaining, but clearly the mayor didn't see progress being made toward his goals. Calls for concessions wouldn't be what employees want to hear.

That being said, it takes concessions by both sides to reach an agreement. Like many other workers in both the public and private sectors, city employees are likely to have to make concessions, especially those which can help maintain jobs. Conversely, the mayor and his staff need to take a hard look at city operations and start looking for other ways cut spending — employees can't be expected bear the total brunt of the budget cuts. Employees report making suggestions to cut spending, only to have those ideas ignored. Maybe some of those ideas need to be revisited and seriously considered.

Statewide, municipalities are making budget cuts and employees unions are having to accept changes that would have been unthinkable in the not so distant past. We urge the city administration and unions to put their heads together to solve Westland's looming financial problems.

### Local Red Kettle effort testament to community

In all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, you may not have thought you were doing a great deed putting a buck or two in the Salvation Army Red Kettle.

Those dollars and coins add up, however, with the Wayne-Westland corps surpassing its local fund-raising goal for the Red Kettles.

"We can't thank our communities enough," said Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander with wife Joanna. "We did really well this year."

The Red Kettle campaign had a local goal of \$135,000, which was surpassed at \$146,000. The mail appeal, which continues through the end of January, stands at \$15,000 collected of the \$20,000 goal. Donations payable to the Salvation Army may be made by mail at 2300 S. Venoy, Westland, MI 48186.

"There wasn't a lot of big dollar donations this year," Rose said. "More people are donating out of what they have." He and other bell ringers didn't see a lot of \$10 and \$20 bills put in kettles, but many donors put in smaller amounts.

Rose added that people know friends and neighbors who've lost their jobs, and that they themselves are a paycheck away from such circumstances. Residents dug deeply into their pockets this year, making the Christmas season and life beyond easier for those facing tough times.

Hats off to all the hardworking staffers and volunteers who manned bell ringing sites. Kudos as well to Westland Shopping Center and all the businesses large and small that made a successful Red Kettle outcome possible.

The Salvation Army has a long and proud tradition of serving those most in need. It's wonderful that our community came together with such a show of support for this worthy endeavor.



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Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Capt. Joanna Rose helps Zion Jackson in the corps' Media Center, which opened this past year. Generous people supported the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army's Red Kettle effort this Christmas, with the fund-raising goal surpassed.

### **Collect sales taxes**

Are we the only ones outraged at the cuts in state revenues for our cities, schools, etc.? Oh, yes, there were some demonstrations regarding school cuts, cuts in some city services and/or more pay cuts. Doesn't it bother you when the powers that be are trying to replace lost revenues, such as losses due to foreclosures, cutbacks in other areas because of loss of jobs and other economic-related slump issues, namely loss of tax revenues, by adding new taxes?

And, as many people are really hurting, NO ONE is reminding us that our government at both the federal and state levels fails to collect an ongoing 6 percent of sales from purchases made online or by mail. As a result of that, we continue to lose hundreds of millions of dollars regu-

Don't take our word for it, check with your legislators. They will explain to you all of the reasons for not doing so ... we call those excuses. And they may tell you that our income tax forms ask us to declare the sales tax on the aforementioned processes. Well and good, however, the fact still remains that we continue to lose hundreds of millions of dollars, regularly, because we fail to collect the 6-percent sales taxes.

Where is the outcry from the cities that continue to experience cutbacks in state revenues? Where is the outcry from all of the school districts that continue to lose state shared revenues and thus in some cases are forced to close schools, etc.?

Our legislators are looking for sources of revenue. Has anyone reminded them that they don't have to look very far? All they have to do is change the laws that are apparently preventing them from collecting all of the lost dollars from uncollected sales taxes.

The legislators are cutting social programs, big time. The most vulnerable people in our society are an easy target. They don't have the lobbyists or advocates to plead their case. So we allow legislation to pay our bills off the backs of the most vulnerable people. Whatever happened to everyone's moral compass?

Isn't there anyone out there who will be brave enough to address this issue regardless of political implications? Isn't there anyone out there who will stop the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars?

We just came from a Group Home of handicapped adults and were told by a staff person that they are going to get yet another cut in 2010. We are so outraged because we know of the money that is going down the drain; and when we did inquire, we were given the same list of excuses, which, we're sorry, but they are only excuses.

At this specific time in our state, we feel it is a moral issue. We pray that someone out there who will read this letter will also become outraged and deluge the offices of all the legislators and fight to bring back all of the hundreds of millions of dollars to our state of Michigan.

James and Mary A. Murphy

### No private experience

The tax and spend plan the Obama administration has been on in the last year is doing exactly what the experts

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said it would: halt the economy and send the jobless rate skyrocketing. Not one of Obama's cabinet members has ever held a real job with a private company. They have no clue on what makes the economy tick because they've always been paid by our tax dollars and have never had to tighten their belts like we do when times get tough.

Now Obama comes out with a new green-jobs program that will cost taxpayers \$2.3 billion. He predicts special tax credits for all of his faddish "energy savers" — jobs selected by EPA bureaucrats will create 17,000 new jobs. This is out of a total workforce of 153 million.

The average cost of these alleged new green jobs will be \$135,000 per job. It's sort of like the \$780 billion stimulus plan. half of which has supposedly saved 1 million jobs at roughly \$200,000 per job. Let us not forget that Obama told us that if we passed the stimulus, the unemployment rate would not exceed 8 percent; we've been at over 10 percent for months now

Obama's EPA is now going to penalize manufacturing America, or what's left of it — with tougher standards to reduce smog. Of course, smog has already fallen 25 percent in the last three decades. This little beauty could cost us up to \$90 billion annually.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar recently announced that he is closing down federal lands for oil and gas drilling. This with the price of oil hovering around \$83 a barrel and retail gas at the pump moving in the direction of \$3 per gallon, you have to wonder if anybody in Washington has any common sense at all. Phil Solarz

Westland

### Lead the way, LPS employees

I left the employment of Livonia Public Schools approximately two years ago. The reason for leaving was not because I don't believe in LPS. It was simply that I could see that education was suffering financially in this state and that it wasn't going to get better in the near future.

To all of you who went into education because you wanted to make a difference in children's lives and pass on your love of knowledge and learning to others, now is the time you can truly do that. Most of us know that the majority of kids do not get up and go to school every morning because they like to. In the lower grades that might be true, but as they move along in their academic careers it's about way more than that. Yes, there are those students who truly love learning and go to school to learn. There's nothing wrong

with that; I commend those students. The majority of students are going to school as a means to an end. They need the extracurricular in their lives. Think about the number of students who get good grades and stay out of trouble only so they can participate in sports, marching band or other after-school activities.

Secondary teachers, please think about how difficult it will be to teach students who feel that their whole reason for being there has been taken away. It might prove to be even more challenging than it is now. It is with that in mind that I propose the following: Each of the bargaining units needs to step up and renegotiate their contracts with the district that would include a 4-percent pay cut. That being said, each bargaining unit could stipulate that the reduction in pay would only occur if all bargaining units as well as central office administration followed suit. This would have the same effect financially on every employee and then it wouldn't be imposed on anyone if everyone didn't get on board. I realize that taking a pay cut of any kind is a sacrifice for everyone. Personally, we experienced a huge pay cut this past year as my husband spent eight months laid off, so I do understand what it means to take a pay cut. But isn't a pay cut better than the alternatives? Who will lead the way?

**Melanie Ricketts** 

Livonia

### Article was wonderful

On behalf of Timothy Lutheran Church and all of its members, I would like to give a very sincere thanks to your paper and especially to Sharon Dargay for the wonderful article in the Dec. 10 paper about our third annual cookie walk. Amazingly, we sold out of cookies in less than one hour! Unfortunately, that meant we had to turn people away at the door, and we apologize to everyone who showed up and didn't get any cookies. Next year we will definitely be baking more!

I would also like to thank everyone who put signs up in front of their houses and businesses advertising our cookie walk. Special thanks to: Community Choice Credit Union, Flower King, Lutheran High School and Wireless Toyz.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year for a bigger and better Cookie Walk!

Lori Barch

· Cookie Walk co-coordinator

### U.S. Senate disappointing

Never in my 49 years as an American am I more disappointed and frustrated with our so-called federal leadership.

The backroom deals and lobbying to get a Senate health care bill done at any cost is the most wasteful exercise I have ever witnessed. Actions of the past month have been dishonest, underhanded, immoral and it's depressing to watch my Michigan leadership go along with all the terrible actions of Harry Reid & Co. Washington has proven beyond the shadow of a doubt there is only a desire to get a health care bill done, but no desire to get it done right. I am ashamed of the U.S. Senate as it ignores the wishes of most Americans. You work for us, not the other way around.

Tom Lang

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BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK CORRESPONDENT

It's a brand new year and time to sing auld lang syne to some of your cosmetics. Saks Fifth Avenue will help customers find a brand new beauty regimen during Pretty Organized, Jan. 14-18 at Somerset Collection.

According to S5A Cosmetics Manager Sandy Waterfall, deep festive lip gloss and eye shadow shades from the holidays should give way to fresh faced beauty, with a focus on staying hydrated and protected during the dry months of winter.

"It's really about paring down and making sure you have all the necessities in your cosmetic bag," said Waterfall, of Royal Oak. "It's kind of the equivalent of cleaning out your closet."

Ext. 5261 To inspire customers to make a fresh start, Saks is offering a free Pretty Organized makeup bag with any cosmetics or fragrance purchase of \$50 or more.

The white clutch has three compartments, each with a zipper in a different shade of pink. Waterfall said it's perfect for filing beauty supplies for face, lips and eyes. Here are Waterfall's picks from Cosmetics on One.

### FACE

When it comes to skin care, moisture is the mantra in winter. Waterfall said several steps should come before foundation, all designed to hydrate.

"The key to this time of the season is to make sure you're really moisturized because it's so dry," Waterfall said. "Even women with oily skin tend to be dry this time of year, so it's important to moisturize not only in the morning but throughout the day."

Waterfall layers Estee Lauder Perfectionist Serum, which boosts collagen and gives skin a silky feel, and La Mer Moisturizing Gel Creme, made with a "miracle

broth" of sea kelp harvested off the coast of California. She also recommends Cle de Peau Smoothing Base for

"It's another step, but it helps your foundation to lay really nicely on your skin, and helps keep that moisture you just put on your skin stay locked in." Waterfall said. The fact that it's SPF 24 is a bonus.

"You definitely need that when you're out and about. In winter you're getting as many rays as you are in the summer if not more because it's reflected off the snow," Waterfall said.

For foundation, Waterfall loves Trish McEvoy's Beauty-To-Go Refillable Pen. "I don't wear foundation in the summer but this time of the year it's so challenging. I don't know any women who love their skin in the winter," she said.

Now that holiday parties have passed, it's time to leave those glamorous lipsticks in the drawer and focus instead on a naturally pretty pucker.

Just like skin, lips tend to be dry in winter so it's important to stock up on some serious

lip products and apply liberally. Waterfall loves Laura Mercier's Lip

Treatment Kit. The two-piece set includes a Lip Polish that exfoliates, and a Lip Conditioner that infuses lips with moisture. For lip gloss, Waterfall likes Chanel Glossimers because they don't take on a tacky feel in the cold. She recommends the universal color Rose Sand, with pink and coral hues that work with every skin tone.

If you can only pick up one new product for your pout, make it a tube of Kiehl's Since 1851 Lip Balm #1. Inexpensive and indulgent, it smooths and soothes, and tastes great in flavors like mint, cranberry, mango and coconut.

### **EYES**

Waterfall, a self-professed cosmetics junkie, said the "eyes" pocket of her Pretty Organized pouch is overflow-

ing.
"This is my favorite category," she said. Her picks include La Prarie Light Fantastic Brightening Eye Treatment, which can be used on the eyelids as a concealer and eyeshadow base, and under the eyes for highlighting.

'That too is a clicker pen. I love clicker pens," Waterfall said. "It's sheer but it does give you some luminosity. If you have redness on the tops of your lids or dark circles underneath it just remedies that and gives you an nice For the ever-important moisture,



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skin a silky feel.

Yves Saint Laurent throughout the She gushes over NeuLash Eyelash Enhancement Serum, an all-natural alternative to Latisse that delivers

Waterfall applies Hydra Seal Yeux by

healthy and fuller lashes in 30 days. "You put it on at nighttime, liquid liner right above each lash line before you go to bed. We sell a ton of it in the department," she

said. "Everyone in our depart-

ment uses it and we have these crazy long lashes." Her favorite mascara to draw all eyes to that fringe? Lancome Definicils.

collagen and gives "It's an oldie but goodie,"

### Make your feet go Vroom

WHITE LAKE — A love of classic cars and vintage travel trailers - and an extreme dislike for cold feet — sent Rhonda Gelstein on a mission to create unique, fun and warm slippers. In 2008, Vroomers opened for business in White Lake. The family-run operation makes stuffed slippers shaped like quirky camping vehicles, that retail for \$29.99.

"Vroomers has become a great passion of ours," said Rhonda Gelstein, owner of Vroomers. "Each family member plays a role, from packaging to promotion. Not only is the business itself fulfilling, but we have also been able to connect with many nonprofit organizations through our slipper donations. It's a lot of work, but we're having a blast!"

Rhonda is joined by her husband Mark and sons Logan and Tyler.

Vroomers styles include:

• Classic Car: Inspired by the iconic Nash Metropolitan of the 1950s and available in red, turquoise and yellow.

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• Silver Travel Trailer: Vroomers best-sellers evoke Airstream, Avalair, Avion, Boles Aero and Silver Streak trailers. a.k.a. Canned Hams.

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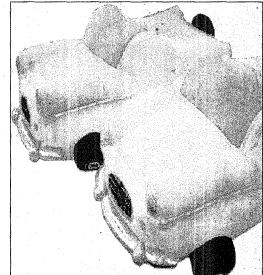
trailers in a zigzag design. • Bubble Car: Modeled after

micro cars, or bubble cars.

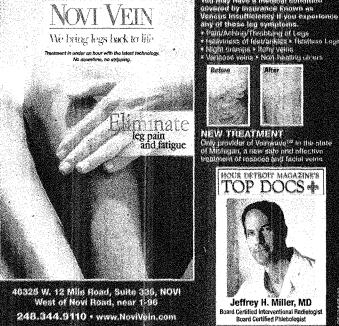
• First Robot: Designed as a way for the family to support the World-Champion Heroes of Tomorrow (HOT) Team #67 out of Huron Valley Schools, these robots are being designed with a nod to FIRST Robotics.

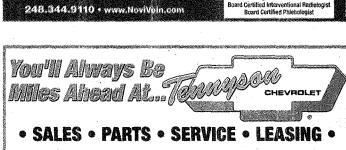
Vroomers keep feet comfy and warm and start the day off with a smile. One size fits many (6 to 11) and is designed for teens and adults. Slippers feature non-slip bottoms and cozy fill. They can be ordered on-line at www.vroomersonline.com.

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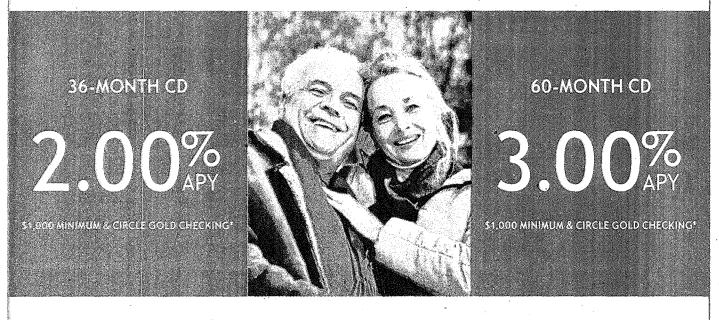
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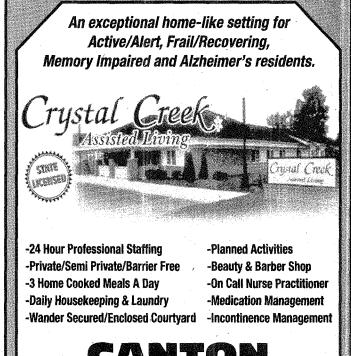


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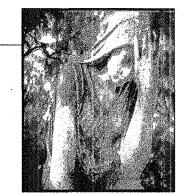
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# HOMETOWN LIFE



# Patriot girls earn hard-fought win vs. Rockets

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Maybe the two-hour JV game was a sign of things to

And Tuesday night's varsity girls basketball game between host Westland John Glenn and Livonia Franklin proved to be a long, drawn-out affair as well.

In a game that featured a total of 84 turnovers and 45 fouls called, it was Franklin that emerged the winner with a 57-43 triumph.

The Patriots, last year's state Class A runner-up, overcame the sterling 27-point effort of Glenn senior forward Michelle Vanover, who was one of three Rockets who fouled out in the final quarter.

Franklin countered Vanover's effort with a more balanced scoring attack as junior point-guard Chelsea Williams, who also fouled out, finished with 14.

Brittany Milican and Amanda Borieo chipped in with 11 apiece, while Senneca Scott wound up with nine.

The Patriots, who never trailed after jumping out to a 9-0 lead after just 2 minutes and 22 seconds of action,

improved to 5-2 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA's South Division.

"It was a fist fight, two-hand checking on the ball, moving screens - you're going to get tons of turnovers in a game called like that," said Franklin coach Dave McCall, who drew a second-half technical. "You had to play through the inconsistencies of the officiating and our girls kept their composure. You've got to get physical right back and we held in there. They didn't let the refereeing affect them. They did what they had

Glenn coach Mark Anderson agreed with McCall's comment that "it was a fistfight."

"We both had the gloves on and we should have ducked because they (Franklin) hit us with a couple of jabs," said the first-year coach, whose team is 2-5 overall and 1-1 in the KLAA South. "They (Franklin) are well coached and I'm impressed. The problem is that we sent them to the free throw line (19-of-35). We came to play, but we got careless with the fouls and they got to the

Franklin won despite committing 43 turnovers (to

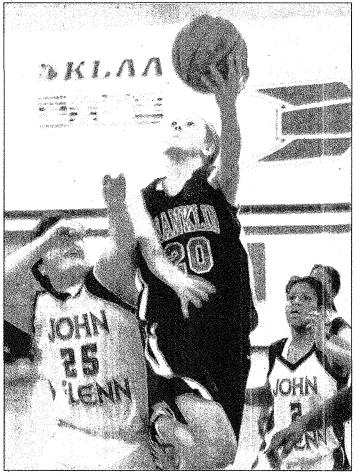


John Glenn's Michelle Vanover goes in for two of her game-high 27 points in Tuesday's 57-43 KLAA South setback to Livonia Franklin.

Glenn's 41).

The Patriots led 25-19 at halftime thanks to a short jumper by Williams in the kev at the buzzer. Franklin then stretched its lead to 40-30 after three quarters by hitting

Please see HOOPS, B3



Franklin's Chelsea Williams (20) goes up with the left hand over John Glenn's Samantha Fox (25) during Tuesday's KLAA Central Division clash.

# Redemption

### Glenn boys bowlers rule invitational

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After forfeiting a tournament triumph due to a minor MHSAA rules violation last month at the White Lake Lakeland Invitational, Westland John Glenn bounced back Saturday to capture the Livonia Ladywood Invitational held at Canton's Super Bowl.

Sparked by the tournament high cames of 258 each by senior captain Kyle Hamlin and freshman Jordon Hornes, the Rockets led all 26 schools with a pin total of 3,905, including Baker games of 190, 215, 226 and 280.

Flat Rock was a distant second with 3,761, while Hartland took third with

Glenn's three-game match play total was 2,994, while its Baker set was a combined 911.

"Back in December all I could do was try to get the boys to accept the fact that we could take a positive out of the negative," Glenn coach Ron Brusseau said. "We wanted to take the experience of winning that tournament into the next

tournament - sort of a 'been there, done that' attitude, and boy, did they."

Glenn struggled in the first match game with a 944 series, but came back strong with a 1,004 and 1,046 to take a 17-pin lead going into the Baker sets (alternating shots).

"Although our Baker game has bitten us in the past, coach Steve (O'Harris) and I have given this a priority and showed today," Brusseau said. "All I kept telling them as they went on was to 'leave no doubt."

Glenn's 280 Baker game currently ranks third in the state and the 226-280 two-game Baker set is an MHSAA high for the season.

Among the Glenn individual scorers included: Hamlin, 258-226-178; Hornes, 258; senior co-captain Chris Harper, 159-224-216; sophomore John Cleavenger, 201-208; senior Derrick Ammons, 200; sophomore Tommy Ruark, 186; freshman Steven White, 192; and sophomore Thomas Brusseau,

Please see BOWLING, B3



John Glenn bowler John Cleavenger gets a high-five from teammates after rolling a strike in Tuesday's 20-10 dual match setback to Salem at Super Bowl in Canton.

# 16-0 Lady Ocelots survive tussle vs. Delta, 62-58

It was close encounters of the third kind Saturday as the top-ranked and unbeaten Schoolcraft College women's basketball team survived with a 72-69 victory at home over Delta Community College.

The Lady Ocelots, shooting a season-low 32.9 percent from the field, improved to 16-0 overall and 7-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan CC Athletic Association.

It was the lowest shot percentage since last year's NJCAA Division II championship final against Kirkwood (Iowa) as Schoolcraft made only 3-of-18 from the threepoint range (16.6 percent).

Schoolcraft held a 61-47 lead with 6:06 remaining before the Pioneers (6-8, 3-3) rallied to make it close.

Antania Shepherd, who had 14 points, nailed four free throws and Angie Burrell (12 points) added two more during the final minute to preserve the Lady Ocelots' 34th straight conference victory.

### **COLLEGE HOOPS**

Kimberly Bee contributed 14 points and 14 rebounds, while April Goins also had a doubledouble with 10 and 10. Burrell dished out five assists.

The Lady Ocelots have now won 45 straight home games, including 39 in a row in the conference. They have won 66 of their last 68 conference

Gracie Baumgartner led Delta and all scorers with 22 points. Kayla Knieper added 16 points and eight rebounds.

Schoolcraft outrebounded Delta by a whopping 65-42 margin. The Lady Ocelots' other two

close encounters came Nov. 29 against Owens Technical College (Ohio), 66-65; and Dec. 12 against St. Clair

County, 62-58. AQUINAS 76, MADONNA 70: A 25-7 run midway through the second half Saturday by host Aquinas College (12-5, 2-0) proved to be too much for the Madonna University

(4-10, 0-2) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference encounter at Ford Fieldhouse in Grand Rapids.

Junior Tabatha Wydryck led the Crusaders with 17 points to go along with nine rebounds. Senior Kim Olech (Plymouth) added 15 points and 10 rebounds for her second double-double of the season.

Sophomore Erin Bentley and freshman Shantelle Herring added 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Joslyn Narber led all players with 23 points for the Saints, who rallied from a 56-40 deficit with 13:03 remaining.

Taelor Sanders and April Feldpausch added 12 points apiece.

### **SIDELINES**

### Langford nominee

Westland John Glenn's Jeremy Langford, an All-Observer and All-State running back, has been nominated as an Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year.

Langford, who rushed for 1,936 yards and 23 touchdowns for the 8-2 Rockets, is among a select group of players who are eligible to be selected as a national Red Zone Player of the Year and be honored in a full-page feature in a national print publication.

For the ninth straight year, Old Spice is recognizing high school football players who go above and beyond the call of duty, particularly in the Red Zone.

The program honors athletes who are able to elevate their play and step up when the heat is really on. These athletes embody leadership, performance and desire, and serve as examples to their teammates on and off the

High school coaches across the country are naming one player from their team as their Player of the Year.

Langford, who recently committed to Michigan State, is also eligible to be named one of 50 national Players of the Year. The top 50 players nationwide will be named Red Zone Players of the Year and will receive a plaque and other awards.

### **Brown traded**

Plymouth Whalers general manager and Coach Mike Vellucci announced the acquisition of 19-year-old center Phil McRae from the Untario Hockey League's London Knights in exchange for 18-year-old left winger Tyler J. Brown of Westland.

The Whalers also gave up their third and fourthround round picks in 2010, along with fifth and eighth round picks in 2012.

Brown, who had six goals and eight assists, is currently in his third season in the OHL after being Plymouth's eighthround choice in the 2007 OHL Draft.

He is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and played for the Detroit Belle Tire AAA Organization.

### Free throw contest

The K of C Free Throw Championship for ages 10-14 will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at St. Michael's Gym, 11311 Hubbard (off Plymouth Road), Livonia.

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# Glenn grapplers 4th at CC Invitational

Six of the state's top-10 ranked wrestling teams in Division 1 collided in Saturday's Novi-Detroit Catholic Central with the host Shamrocks coming away with the team title.

CC, rated No. 3, scored a team-high 218 points followed by No. 4 Rockford (172), No. 7 Oxford (143), No. 5 Westland John Glenn (134.5) and No. 9 Canton (134).

Tecumseh, ranked eighth in Division 2, placed sixth with 108.5, while Howell, rated 10th in Division 1, was eighth with

Glenn had three grapplers reach the finals including Dustin Gajowiak (285 pounds), Josh Austin (119) and Steve Wakeford (112).

Kyle Connors of Tecumseh decisioned Gajowiak for the heavyweight crown, 5-2, while Austin lost to Alec Mooradian of CC by a major decision, 9-1. Meanwhile, Howell's Alex Calandrino

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won on a technical fall over

Wakeford, 19-3. 'We did OK," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "It's a good measure at the halfway point, and if your not happy with your performance, it's time to make some changes.

"I don't think many of our kids we're satisfied considering we didn't have one champ. It's time to turn things up a few notches."

Anthony Pavlich (130) added a third for Glenn when he decision Chuck Joseph of CC, 8-3, in the consolation final.

Mark Thompson (135) contributed a fourth.

Meanwhile, Travis Mann (145) and Kameron Jones (171), both bounced back from firstround setbacks to earn fifths and finishing 5-1 apiece on the

Kyle Gillies (103) added a sixth.

### Warriors capture 5th

Lutheran High Westland, led by lower weight MVP Laith Francis, scored 122.5 points to finish fifth in Saturday's 16team Madison Heights Bishop Foley Invitational.

Francis, the 125-pound champ, posted two pins and one technical fall en route to the

The Warriors also posted two other individual champions including Justin Palka (130), and Craig Kowalsky (189), each scoring three pins.

Sean Rowe (140) earned runner-up honors, while Matt Sankey (145) and Adam Seta (103) placed fifth and sixth, respectively.

### Spartans finish 1-4

Short-handed Livonia Stevenson struggled in Saturday's Macomb L'Anse Creuse Duals losing four of five matches.

Richmond, ranked No. 1 in

Division 3, captured the team title with the host Crusaders earning runner-up honors.

Stevenson, now 7-9 overall, got its lone win against Grosse Pointe South, 60-18. The Spartans lost to L'Anse Creuse, 45-24; Marlette, 40-27; Woodhaven, 39-30; and Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 44-28.

Andrew Schramm (189-215), Jake Burns (171), Jake Mailloux (145) and Charlie Kokenakes (140) each finished 4-1 on the day for the Spartans.

Ash Alhaj (119) went 3-2, while Danny McCarthy (189) finished 2-2.

"It was a tough weekend of wrestling," Stevenson coach Dan Vaughan said. "We went into the tournament without four starters and we had to void two more after the first round when my 152 and 160 wrestlers were removed from the tournament with injuries and no replacements. Our JV team was competing in the Southgate JV wrestling tournament.'

Brandon "The Beast" Noble.

# Hollandsworth, York propel Spartans' win

The Livonia Stevenson girls basketball team made it three wins in a row Tuesday with a 72-53 KLAA Central Division victory over host South Lyon

Senior forward Emily Hollandsworth had her "coming out" party with a careerhigh 22 points and 15 rebounds as the Spartans improved to 3-4 overall and 2-0 in the divi-

Sophomore guard Jorden York added 18 points, while junior center Kristen Balhorn chipped in with nine points and 13 rebounds for the victori-

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ous Spartans.

"It was a fast-paced game," said Stevenson first-year coach Jen Knoph, whose tem led 39-30 at halftime. "They (East) played full-court man-to-man the entire game and kept bringing in fresh legs.

"We did a great job of seeing the floor. It was a great overall team effort and Emily (Hollandsworth) was fantastic."

Katie Grunewald and Taylor Jones paced the Cougars (16, 0-2) with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Stevenson was 16-of-29 from the foul lien, while East made

CANTON 51, CHURCHILL 16: The stateranked Chiefs (7-1, 2-0) pulled away in the second half Tuesday to down visiting Livonia Churchill (4-3, 0-2) in a KLAA South Division clash.

CarolAnn Sexauer led Canton with 16 points, while Yuki Krolicki and Kari Schmitt each chipped in with eight.

Canton led 8-0 after one quarter and 19-7 at the half before outscoring the Chargers 16-0 in the third

"It was a very competitive game

for a half," Churchill coach Chad Jenkins said. "It was one shot and done for them. We played good defense and didn't allow fast-

Churchill was 5-of-6 from the foul line, while Canton was 2-of-8.

PLYMOUTH 56, WAYNE 38: In a KLAA South Division matchup Tuesday, Tori Davis tallied 15 points and Stacy Klonowski added 12 to lead the Wildcats (2-5, 1-1) past host Wayne Memorial (1-5, 0-2).

Jane Thayer and Jaylyn Hammac scored 12 and 10, respectively, for the Zebras, who couldn't overcome a 30-21 halftime deficit.

Plymouth was 9-of-18 from the free throw line, while Wayne made

# Inter-City Baptist girls clip Hawks, 52-42

Kerryanne Claypool's gamehigh 21 points carried Allen Park Inter-City Baptist to a 52-42 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division victory Tuesday night over visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

The host Chargers broke open and made some nice adjusta close game at halftime with a

14-4 third-quarter run.

"We came out solid tonight as a I saw great things in the first half." said Huron Valley coach Kris Ruth, whose team fell to 3-3 overall and 2-3 in the MIAC Red. "We did a great job beating their pressure in the first quarter ments on defense. Then we came consistent basketball."

out flat in the third quarter." Junior Katie Nell led Huron Valley with 19 points and Claire

Wood notched 10. "We panicked in the press, which we handled well in the

first quarter, and did not run an offense," Ruth said. "We need

Inter-City is 3-3 overall and 3-1 in the MIAC Red. S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 41, LUTH, WESTLAND

27: Senior Aneisha Bussey poured in a game-high 24 points Tuesday night to lead Southfield Christian (3-3, 2-3) to a lopsided MIAC Blue Division triumph over visiting Lutheran Westland

Rachel Storck topped the Warriors with 10 points and seven rebounds.

# Westland's 'Beast' eyes title defense

Westland resident Brandon "The Beast" Noble will be defending his pionship in a rematch Friday night against Monroe's John "Jonny Blaze" Rennert during FightXC's Night of Champions.

Undefeated in four mixedmartial-arts contests, Noble will be making the first defense of his title on Jan. 22 at Crystal Gardens of Southgate in one of five championship matchups.

Noble and Rennert, who have legitimate friction between them, had a lot to say in the buildup to their rematch.

"I pounded him in the first round pretty good the last time we fought," Noble said. "I felt like he gave up after I took him down, and I don't see that changing."

The recollection of Rennert, a two-time state champion in judo, was a little different.

"I controlled the match the whole time, except for one slipup that cost me," he said. "I'm the better fighter, and I'm not going to lose to the

same person twice."

Ironically, both fighters had similar predictions as FightXC welterweight cham- to the way they expect their rematch to end.

"I'm going to charge him right off the bat, and I'm going to knock him out," Noble said. "I'm better than him."

Likewise, Rennert predicts a knockout of his own.

"I plan to knock him out in the first round," Rennert predicted. "He's going to sleep. I'm going to take that belt, take my pictures and call it a day.

Also defending their respective championships will be Deven Brown, Dominick Sindone, Brandon Maddox and Paul Maffesoli. FightXC middleweight champion Adam Trombley will be competing in a nontitle, catch-weight fight.

Tickets for "Night of Champions" range from \$25 for general admission tickets to \$45 for cageside seating. There are also specials for VIP tables.

For more information, or to purchase tickets (734)

## Salem's Macari scores two goals in 5-3 division win

They might be calling him "Super Mario" following Salem's 5-3 KLAA South Division boy hockey win Tuesday over Livonia Churchill at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Mario Macari, a senior forward, recorded two goals and added one assist as the Rocks improved to 5-4-3 overall and 2-1-1 in the KLAA South. Josh Jarvela chipped in with

a goal and assist, while Garrett Berg and Wes Carr also added goals for Salem, which led 2-0 after one period and 4-2 after 34 minutes.

Mike Woynick had a goal and assist for the Chargers, who slipped to 5-6-1 overall and 2-3-1 in the KLAA South.

Churchill went only 1-for-9 in

the power play.

"We beat ourselves," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said.

Salem goaltender Steve Manser made 22 saves, while Churchill's Aaron Crouse had 25 stops.

"We played pretty well tonight," Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "We competed pretty hard for the second night in a row which is something we've been working on, just the consistency of our play."

PLYMOUTH 8, FRANKLIN 0: Outshooting their opponents 51-15 Saturday, the host Wildcats (10-2-1, 3-2-1) rolled to a KLAA Kensington Conference win over Livonia Franklin (0-10, 0-3) at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Taylor Currier led Plymouth with a

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pair of goals, while Justin Bauer and Ryan Renault contributed a goal and two assists each. Sean Smiatacz also had two assists

Other Plymouth goal scorers included Pat Smiatacz, Tyler Lazorka, Colin Wright and Nick Schultz.

Franklin starting goaltender Travis Ferrier started the first period and faced 14 shots before going down with the flu. Matt Slinder came on and five

Plymouth netminder Zach Vojcek stopped all 17 Franklin shots to earn the shutout.

"We're a young, struggling team playing teams in our conference that are mature and are very, very good teams," Franklin coach Scott Wirgau said. "I'm proud of what we're doing." The Patriots are seeking their first

win since Feb. 23, 2008. They've lost "They're trying to play a smashmouth form of hockey in the corners with kids that are two years older and in some cases 45 pounds heavier." the third-year coach said. "We're not supposed to beat up on those teams." CHURCHILL 5, CLARKSTON 2: Mike

Woynick's two goals and two assists propelled Livonia Churchill (5-5-1) to a non-league win Saturday over the host Wolves (4-6) at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills It was 1-1 after one period as Tom

Carey scored unassisted for the Chargers at 4:22 followed by Adam Frank's power-play goal for Clarkston at 16:00 from Nick Heinrich and Sean Hancock.

"The shots were 11-4 in our favor after first period, but it was a tie score because Clarkston worked hard and was very disciplined," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said.

In the second period, Churchill took a 3-1 lead on Woynick's goal from Scott Hamill at 10:07 followed by Christo Papaioannou's goal from Woynick and Yanni Kefallinos at 11:36.

Frank then sliced the deficit to 3-2 just 1:20 in the final period from Adam Bruderick, but Churchill put it away on Woynick's goal from Papaioannou and Joe Williams at 8:52 followed by Jake Otto's empty netter with 37 seconds left with Williams and Woynick draw-

Churchill netminder Aaron Crouse stopped 26-of-28 shots, while Jon Williams of Clarkston had 22 saves.

LADYWOOD 7, REGINA 4: Julie Bushart and Emann Freij each tallied two goals Saturday as host Livonia Ladywood (4-5, 3-5) earned the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League win over Warren Regina (1-7, 1-7).

Kaitlin Gaule, Lane Kolpacke and Hannah Periera also added goals for the victorious Blazers, who led 2-1 after one period and 4-1 after two periods.

Assists went to Kelsey Campbell and Rana Freij, two each; Bushart, Eman Freij, Periera, Kolpacke and Brittany Galvin, one apiece.

played the first 40 minutes, allowing

finished up and gave up one. The two

combined for 14 saves.

for Regina, making 32 saves.

all three goals before Marissa Ellswood

Kelsey Erne went all the way in goal

Danielle Morrow, Lisa Perzanowski and Brianna Gandini scored goals for the Saddlelites. Ladywood goaltender Jessica Pavela

Ladywood vs. Northville at Novi Ice Rink, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 Franklin vs. Plymouth at McMorran Arena, 4 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING Saturday, Jan. 16 Stevenson Invitational, 9 a.m

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL** Thursday, Jan. 14 Luth. South at Huron Valley, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15 Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m. Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m Luth. Westland at Univ.-Liggett, 7 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 15 Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m. Ladywood at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 7 p.m Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Baptist Park at Huron Valley, 7:30 p.m. **PREP HOCKEY** 

Friday, Jan. 15
Churchill vs. Anchor Bay
at McMorran Arena, 6 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Traverse City Central at Traverse City's Howe Arena, 5 p.m at Compuware Arena, 2:30 p.m. Stevenson vs. Traverse City West at Traverse City's Howe Arena, 3 p.m Churchill vs. Port Huron Northern

Garden City Novice Tourney, 9:30 a.m. Brighton Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Luth. Westfand Tournament, 10 a.m. BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING Thursday, Jan. 14 Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15 Wayne Memorial Invitational, 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 Wayne Memorial Invitational, noon. Lakeland Invitational, 1 p.m. GIRLS GYMNASTICS Saturday, Jan. 16
Farmington Invitational, 9 a.m.
PREP BOWLING Thursday, Jan. 14

Ladywood vs. Warren Regina at Drakeshire Lanes, 3;30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 16
Ply.-Canton-Salem Tourney
at Super Bowl (Canton), TBA. Divine Child Tournament at Cherry Hill Lanes, TBA. GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER Saturday, Jan. 16 Wyandotte Invitational, 10 a.m. Ladywood Invitational, 2 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 16 Schoolcraft at Henry Ford GC, 3 p.m. Indiana Tech at Madonna, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 16

Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 1 p.m.
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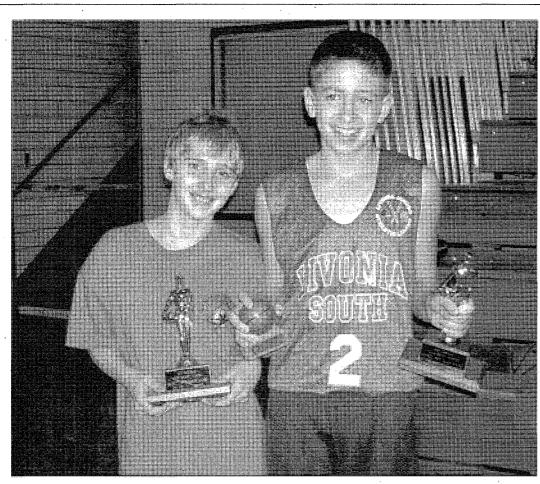
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### **Hoop Shoot** winners

Livonia's Troy Branton (left)

and Robert Jiga have advanced to the Elks Hoop Shoot state finals Jan. 30 in Midland after winning the Southeast District competition, Jan. 2, in Flat Rock. Branton, a sixthgrader at St. Michael's Grade School, captured the Boys 10-11 division after making 19-of-25, including 4-of-5 in a shootoff. Jiga, a seventh-grader at Emerson Middle School, made 22-of-25, including 5-of-5 in a shoot-off, to earn the Boys 12-13 division title. In the local competition held Dec. 5 at the **Livonia Community Recreation** Center, Jiga advanced by making 20-of-25, while Branton

# Zebras escape Plymouth

### Wayne hangs on for 48-46 KLAA South triumph

Wayne Memorial was in "survivor" mode during Tuesday's 48-46 KLAA South Division boys basketball win over host Plymouth.

'We knew it would be tough because Plymouth takes care of the ball, they box out on the boards and they took at least four-to-five charges - all in the first half," said Wayne coach Wayne Woodard, whose team improved to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA South. "Plymouth is a well coached team. We knew it would be a battle.'

After Wayne missed a free throw with 20 seconds remaining, the Wildcats (4-3, 1-1) had a chance to tie it at the end of regulation, but a mid-range shot fell off.

Wayne senior center Daniel Hill and senior guard Reggie Reeves paced the Zebras, who

It wasn't too hard to Gage

who was the difference maker in

Lutheran High Westland's 77-45

Michigan Independent Athletic

Conference's Blue Division boys

basketball victory over visiting

Southfield Christian.

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led 29-23 at halftime, with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Plymouth junior forward Pat Salo led all scorers with 20 points. Junior guard Mike Nadratowski added 11.

Wayne was 13-of-19 from the foul line, while Plymouth was only 5-of-16.

STEVENSON 53, S.L. EAST 36: On Tuesday, senior Kyle Bambach came through with a team-high high 20 points as Livonia Stevenson (5-1, 2-0) notched its fifth straight victory by downing visiting South Lyon East (1-5, 0-2) in a KLAA Central Division encounter.

With leading scorer Bobby Naubert on the bench saddled with foul trouble throughout the game, Bambach, Jordan El-Sabeh (nine points), Frank Sopko (eight) and Jonathan Campbell (eight) all delivered key baskets.

in improving to 3-4 overall and

The 6-foot guard drained 13

Austin Baglow chipped in 11

of his game-high total in the

third period to spark a 21-8

3-3 in the MIAC Blue.

Warriors' run.

"I thought Kyle (Bambach) was phenomenal," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. "He stepped up as a leader and led us to victory.

"And it seemed Jordan hit some timely shots when South Lyon East closed in.'

Stevenson led 24-18 at halftime and 37-27 after three quarters before putting it away with a 16-9 fourth-

Blake Jones scored 20 to pace the Cougars, while Drew Mapley added

Stevenson was 5-of-5 from the foul line, while East made only 6-of-15.

JOHN GLENN 69, FRANKLIN 60: Senior forward Jeremy Langford scored 17 points Westland John Glenn (3-4, 2-0) used a 24-11 third-quarter run Tuesday to subdue host Livonia Franklin (2-5, 0-2) in a KLAA South Division clash.

Brett Hudy and Austin Omagbayi chipped in with 13 and 12 points, respectively, for the victorious Rockets, who were tied 27-all at intermission.

PLY. CHRISTIAN 73, HURON VALLEY 46:

Tuesday, host Westland Huron Valley

Lutheran (4-2, 2-1) proved no match

for Plymouth Christian Academy (3-

The Hawks fell behind 13-3 after

one quarter and never recovered.

In an MIAC Red Division game

Marcus Davis added eight for Glenn, which connected on 8-of-11 free throws

Senior guards Mike Gadsby and Andy McCaffery led the Patriots with 14 and 13, respectively. Senior forward Jack Chinavare added 10. Franklin was 13-of-18 from the

foul stripe.
CANTON 61, CHURCHILL 48: Dietrich Lever and Kevin Weiss each tallied 17 points to propel the Chiefs (3-4, 1-1) to a KLAA South Division triumph Tuesday at Livonia Churchill (3-3, 0-2)

It was 32-all at halftime before Canton went on to outscore the Chargers 12-6 in the third period and 17-10 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Senior center Adam Bedell led Churchill with 15 points, while Reynard Allen added nine.

They doubled us up on rebounds and we made 12 turnovers the second half," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "They got after us. We need to find a way to get back on track."

KENNEDY 69, CLARENCEVILLE 33: In a

non-conference game Tuesday, host

match for unbeaten Taylor Kennedy

Ryan White and DeAngelo Clark

tallied 15 and 13 points, respectively,

Livonia Clarenceville (0-7) was no

### PREP BOWLING RESULTS

LIVONIA LADYWOOD INVITATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT Jan. 9 at Super Bowl (Canton)

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Westland John Glenn, 2,994 (3 games) and 911 (4-game Bakers); 3,905 (total); 2. Flat Rock, 2,977 784-3,761; 3. Hartland, 2,818-753-3,571; 4. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 2,780-764-3.544; 5. South Lyon, 2,859-646-3,505; 6. Marshall, 2,706-790-3,496; 7. Salem, 2,700-782-3,481; 8. Farmington-Harrison (A), 2,778-702-3,480; 9. Waterford Kettering, 2,743-727-3,470; 10. Canton, 2,708-729-3,437; 12. Livonia Clarenceville, 2,741-641-3,382; 16. Plymouth, 2,634-690-3,324; 18. Wayne Memorial, 2,652-626-3,278; 21. North Farmington, 2,538-609-3,136; 23. Farmington-Harrison (B), 2,413-659-3,072 (26 schools).

Individual winner: John Leroux (Flat Rock), 232-244-255-731 (3-games series totals). BOYS AREA INDIVIDUAL SCORERS

John Glenn: 3. Kyle Hamlin, 258-226-178-662 (high game); 18. Chris Harper, 159-224-216-599; 74. John Cleavenger, 201-208-409; 122. Jordon Hornes, 258 (high game), 126. Derrick Ammons, 200, 129. Steve White, 192; 136. Tommy Ruark, 186; 145. Thomas Brusseau, 163. Clarenceville: 11. Cody Kissandi, 202-170-

238-610; 23. Chris Diaz, 194-212-176-582; 38. Jason Bertera, 168-212-168-548; 90. Garet Hintzman, 175-184-359; 107. Corey Coughlin, 167-160-327; 146. Kyle Kissandi, 161.

**Wayne:** 29. Mike Grandowicz, 158-229-179-566; 42. Kellen Collison, 151-198-195-544; 53. Zack Huffman, 192-175-152-519; 110. Jeremy Brown, 169-157-326; 123. Scott Franklin, 224; 147. Mike Gabriel, 160; 155. Tony Lave, 144. GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Warren Regina,

2,532-680-3,212; 2. Waterford Kettering, 2,486-678-3,164; 3. Dearborn Divine Child 2,388-647-3,035; 4. Canton, 2,409-616-3,025; 5. Westland John Glenn, 2,410-601-3,011; 6. Wayne Memorial, 2,323-685-3,008; 7. Marshall 2,303-690-2,983; 8. South Lyon East, 2,332-598-2,930; 9, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, 2,253-635-2,888; 10. Flat Rock, 2,312-554-2,866; 11. Ladywood (Blue), 2,309-526-2,835; 12. Farmington Hills Mercy, 2,252-576-2,828; 15. Salem, 2,188-562-2,750; 16. Farmington 13. Salem, 2,186-562-2,730; 16. Farmington-Harrison, 2,203; 507-2,710; 19. Plymouth, 1,988-548-2,546; 20. Livonia Clarenceville, 1,972-562: 2,534; 21. North Farmington, 1,956-468-2,424; 24. Ladywood (White), 1,716-367-2,083 (25

Individual winner: Courtney Shadik (Regina), 187-210-191-588. GIRLS AREA INDIVIDUAL SCORERS

**John Glenn**: 7. Natalie Brown, 175-205-159-539; 25. Julianne Ayers, 153-176-166-495; 29. Alysson Kassab, 161-164-159-484; 42. Khiry

Sparks, 137-176-145-458; 60. Alyssa Bradke,

136-162-126-424. **Wayne**: 14. Chelsey Preiss, 184-157-175-516; 20. Stephani O'Harris, 154-196-151-501; 40. Chelsea Morneau, 166-137-179-461; 57. Brianna Everett, 115-166-157-438; 101. Tiffany Markham, 146-138-284; 130. Deanna Boston, 123.

Ladywood (Blue): 2. Jessica Stamper, 145-205-22-572; 35. Kerry LaValley, 158-171 146-475; 54. Katherin Bedenis, 144-155-142-441; 60. Marissa Ley, 136-141-157-434; 77. Brigitte Hutter, 154-133-100-387.

Clarenceville: 13. Bridget Moritz, 158-189-170-517; 48. Amber Cummins, 148-154-148-450; 80. Kaycee Chappell, 107-125-133-365; 90. Ashley Bishop, 109-120-101-330; 95. Natalee Kay, 78-95-137-310.

Ladywood (White): 65. Taylor Buckley,

128-136-166-430; 78. Emma McCoy, 140-110-134-384; 82. Courtney Delonis, 139-114-112-365; 102. Grace Prosniewski, 71-110-100-281; 110. Meghan Riney, 89-87-80-256. BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS SALEM 20 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 10 Jan. 12 at Super Bowl (Canton)

**Salem scorers**: Ryan Clark, 227-223-450; Shawn Schmit, 241-163-404; Evan Ross, 202; Kevin Williams, 163; Kyle Newcomb, 155; Tyler Foley, 150. Team totals: 966-887-1,853 (16 points); Baker games: 182-192-374 (4 points) John Glenn scorers: Jordon Hornes, 173-217-390; Chris Harper, 180-185-365; Kyle Hamlin, 190-147-337; Thomas Brusseau, 181; Steve White, 160; Tommy Ruark, 156; John Cleavenger, 154. **Team totals:** 878-865-1,743

(4 points); Baker games: 239-167-406 (6 Dual match records: Salem, 4-2 overall, 3-0 KLAA Central Division; John Glenn, 6-1 overall, 4-1 KLAA Central.

GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 21
SALEM 9
Jan. 12 at Super Bowl (Canton)
John Glenn scorers: Alysson Kassab, 179186-365; Natalie Brown, 159-183-342; Alyssa
Bradke, 177-131-308; Khiry Sparks, 162-135-297; Julianne Avers 154: Megan Redmond, 115 Team totals: 831-750-1,581 (17 points); Baker games: 155-131-286 (4 points). Salem scorers: Ashley Kretschmer, 160-

176-336; Kristin Larkins, 165-149-314; Emily Simmons, 146-149-295; Rachel Amodio, 133-134-267: Kristen Peltz, 130-132-262. Team totals: 734-740-1,474 (3 points); Baker games: 134-169-303 (6 points):

Dual match records: John Glenn, 6-1 overall, 4-0 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 2-5 overall, 0-4 KLAA Central.

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### Salem upsets Rockets

The Rockets' quest for an undefeated season went down the drain Tuesday as Salem earned a 20-10 KLAA Central Division win at Super Bowl in Canton.

Glenn captured the first Baker Game 239-182, but the Rocks rallied to win the second, 192-167.

"This team has prided themselves for their ability to overcome a bowler or two having a bad day on the lanes," Brusseau said. "As a bowler, you expect to have those days. But from a coach's perspective you never expect your entire team to have a bad day all at once. And that is what happened."

Glenn's top scorer was freshman Jordon Hornes with a 217.

"The Keggle Middle of the Road oil pattern is being used in all MHSAA Tournaments." Brusseau said. "This pattern has a unique transition that bowlers must be aware of the subtle changes and make the required adjustments. Tonight proved to be too much of a challenge, even to me as the coach, and for that I'll take the blame. I was just as lost as they were for a solution."

Glenn now stands 6-1 overall and 4-1 in the division.

"Anyone who bowls knows that you have your good days and bad days," Brusseau said. "My job as a coach is to correct their problems, tonight I failed them. It's early in the season, I will use this as a learning tool. We will rebound and learn from it. That is what practice

### Glenn girls triumph

The Rockets fared must better than the boys scoring a 21-9 triumph over Salem. Glenn captured the first

Baker, 155-134 and the second, 169-131. The Rockets also won both match games, 831-174 and 750-740.

Notable scorers for the Rockets, now 6-1 overall and 4-0 in the KLAA Central, included Alysson Kassab (186-179), Natalie Brown (183), Alyssa Bradke (177) and Khiry Sparks (162).

"Strikes were a tough to come by for the girls today,". Glenn first-year coach Jim Bowles said. "Fortunately, they brought their 'A' spare game highlighted by Natalie Brown's all spare game for a 183. It was a very tough match which finished with a nail-biting 10-pin victory."

### Senior Gage Flanery poured points and Marc Rosin added for the victorious Eagles. Eric Jipping topped the Eagles in a team-leading 30 points 10 for the victorious Warriors. Damien Quarles led the Trojans, with 18 points. Don Mullett and Mick Tuesday night as host Lutheran Collin Cline led the Eagles (1-Noel added 13 and 10, respectively. who trailed 43-19 at half, with nine Westland scored early and often 5, 0-4) with 16 points. Matt St. John paced Huron

Road woes continue for Madonna men

Flanery sparks Warriors to victory

Losing its fifth straight road game, the Madonna University men's basketball team fell Saturday to host Aquinas College, 74-67, at Ford Fieldhouse in Grand

Junior guard Bryan Slaughter led the Crusaders, who slipped to 3-14 overall and 0-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Freshman guard Kevin Henry and junior center

### **COLLEGE HOOPS**

Ryan Waidmann added 13 and 12 points, respectively. Senior center Leroy Allen grabbed a team-high eight rebounds. Matt McDonald scored 19 points to pace the Saints (11-7, 1-1), who trailed 37-33 at halftime.

John Lierman added 16 points, while Jamell Hatchett and Matt Weiss

contributed 15 and 10,

respectively. The Saints shot 26-of-50 from the floor (52 percent), including 6-of-15 from threepoint range. They were 16of-24 from the foul line (61.5 percent).

MU made 27-of-62 shots from the field (43.5 percent) and were 8-of-11 from the line (72.7 percent).

The Crusaders committed only nine turnovers.

### DELTA CC 83. SCHOOLCRAFT 50:

Ryan Praski tallied 15 points, while Jason Knieper and Derico Sanders each added 11 Saturday as visiting Delta Community College (9-9, 1-4) defeated host Schoolcraft College (2-13, 1-5) in an MCCAA Eastern Conference

Freshman guard Ron Pummill (Garden City) led the Ocelots, who trailed 40-24 at halftime, with 15 points. Freshman center Cameron Mitchell (Redford Thurston) added 13 as Schoolcraft suffered its seventh straight setback.

7-of-14 shots.

The fourth quarter became a war of attrition as both teams reached the double-bonus in free throws.

Vanover made 9-of-15 shots from the floor and 9-of-12 free throws (but Glenn was only 13of-23 as a team).

"She's been a great player for us and we don't really run anything through her because she has such a feel for the game," Anderson said of his senior. "She plays within the

offense."

A basket by Onialese Warren with 1:29 left in the second quarter got Glenn to within two, 21-19, but the Rockets would get no closer.

"Glenn did not quit," McCall said. "They fought to the end."

Anderson, meanwhile, would like to take back the first 2:22 of the game.

"We were prepared for their press, but we were not prepared for the quickness of their press," the Glenn coach said of Franklin. "It set us back 9-0 and it was hard to fight out of

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### **JAN. 14-20**

### St. John Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17 Location: Gill Road between Grand River Avenue and Freedom Road, in Farmington

Details: Pianist Wesley Fishwick, cellist David Levine and The Adventure Club Cello Quartet play music by Scandinavian composers; The program includes works by Grieg, Sibelius, Gade and Carlberg. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served during intermission, including Swedish meatballs, Danish pastries, and glogg. Contact: (248) 474-0584

St. Theodore Catholic Church Time/Date: 8:30 am - noon, Sunday,

Jan. 17 Location: 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, beverages. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

Contact: (734) 425-4421

### St. Thomas a' Becket Parish Time/Date: Mass at 2:30 p.m., Sunday,

Jan. 17 Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Fellowship and refreshments follow Mass sponsored by Widowed Friends

**Contact**: Pat at (734) 895-6246 Way of Life Christian Church Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16

Location: 9401 General Drive, Suite 100, Plymouth Township. **Details**: "Wholeness for Matters of the Heart" Women's Fellowship. Pastor Helen Canty, author of "Eclipse of the Heart," is the guest speaker. The

premise for this book and the reason for this session is to expose the danger of living a life of heart pain and never dealing with it. By no longer ignoring the pain and dealing with the reality it brings in their lives, people can move forward to live fuller and

more content. Contact: (248) 552-9415

### JAN. 21-27

Congregation B'nai Moshe

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Havdalah service, 7 p.m., Jan. 23, silent auction, kosher wine and cheese tasting and gold party where guests sell unwanted gold jewelry; \$10 at the door Location: 6800 Drake between Maple and 14 Mile in West Bloomfield

Contact: (248) 408-7275 St. John Neumann Parish Time/Date: 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22 Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton Details: Rick Cucchi, Director of Liturgical Music, will give an organ concert on the parish's Wigton Pipe

Organ. The concert will feature works by Leon Boellmann, Marcel Dupre, John Bull, Alec Rowley and Richard Purvis. Several of Cucchi's organ students also will perform. One student will accompany the silent film, "One Week with Buster Keaton." Contact: (734) 455-5910

JAN. 28-FEB. 3

First Presbyterian Church of **Farmington** 

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31

Location: 26165 Farmington Road at 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

> **Details**: The deacons at the church offer a wellness seminar in response to the poor economy that is creating anxiety, depression, stress and desperation in many people. Paul Melrose, executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan, will discuss how to work through this difficult time and relieve stress. The focus will be on ways to understand emotional and physical responses and to explore coping skills, including faith.

Contact: (248) 474-6170 Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Time/Date: 8 p.m., Jan. 29 Location: 40000 Six Mile, at Haggerty,

**Details:** John Tesh will perform at a celebration of Lutheran Social

Services of Michigan's 75th anniversary. Tickets are \$35 for general admission and \$75 for the VIP

John Tesh

Northville

reception, starting at 6 p.m., that includes food and drink, valet park-

ing, preferred concert seating and a silent auction.

Contact: Order tickets online at www.lssm.org or by phone at (313) 823-7983, or mail orders with checks, payable to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, to 8131 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214, Attention Development

### **ONGOING**

### **AWANA**

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414° Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills **Details**: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade Contact: (248) 426-0096.

### Classes/study

Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

**Details:** Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through

age 5 Contact: (248) 348-7600 **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday

of the month **Location**: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads,

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun

Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@ att.net.

### Livonia Unity Time/Date: Monday movement

Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@ energeticarts.org. Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at (734)

464-9491

Merriman Road Baptist Church Details: Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over.

Contact: (734) 421-0472; leave your name and phone number and some-

Trained tutors available for day or

one will contact you **New Life Community Church** 

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615 Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly,

Redford **Details**: Scripture study Contact: (313) 534-9000 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday

and 10:30 a.m. Thursday

Location: 26701 Joy Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concern-

Contact: (313) 274-3820. Seeds of Mercy Mission Home Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Friday Location: 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington

ing Christianity. Led by interim pastor

Larry Hoxey

**Details:** Bible study Contact: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234 **United Methodist Church of Wayne** Time/Date: noon and 7 p.m.

Wednesday Location: 3 Townsquare, Wayne **Details:** Celebrate Recovery Bible Study is a Christ-centered and Biblebased 12 Step Recovery Program Contact: (734) 721-4801 **Ward Presbyterian** 

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile. Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study Contact: (248) 374-5920 Clothing bank

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second

Wednesday Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and

Haggerty **Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship

Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www. CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@ cantoncf.org

### Fellowship dinner St. James Presbyterian Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday

of the month Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford Details: Cost is \$8 and includes din-

ner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals **Contact**: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Films **Kenwood Church of Christ** 

**Time/Date**: 10 a.m. Wednesday Kids Matinees and 4 p.m., Saturday family movie

Location: 20200 Merriman, Livonia **Details:** Guitar Praise game precedes the film on Saturday. Children in second grade or younger can play prior to the film; those in third grade and up can play after the movie. Pizza will also be served following the movie. All events are free

Contact: (248) 476-8222

### Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday Location: 14175 Farmington Road.

Livonia Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through

kindergartners Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel** Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

### Prayer Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden

Details: Prayer, spiritual healing and

outreach Contact: (734) 427-3660 Nardin Park United Methodist

Church **Time/Date**: 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington

**Details:** Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together. as well as responding to personal

requests Contact: (248) 476-8860 St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday **Location**: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church **Details:** Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at

(734) 464-8906 St. Michael's Church of Livonia .Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday

Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia **Details**: Parish prayer and Eucharistic

Adoration. Benediction service follows Contact: 734) 261-1455 **Singles** 

First Presbyterian Church Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville **Details:** Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5 Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.

singleplace.org

### **Ward Evangelical Presbyterian** Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville **Details:** Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation

Contact: (248) 374-5920

### Support

**Detroit World Outreach** Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems. drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244 **Farmington Hills Baptist Church** Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday

August Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile

of the month except January, July and

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: (248) 433-1011 Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday **Location**: 2055 Merriman, Garden City **Details**: Metro Fibro-Myalgia support

group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com;

or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768 St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

morning

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia **Details**: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

Contact: (734) 421-8451. St. John's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 10 a.m., the first and third Friday

Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth **Details:** St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association

Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-

Thomas a' Becket Church Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday

**Location**: 555 S. Lilley, Canton **Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members to lose weight and keep it off

Contact: Margaret at (734) 838-0322 **Unity of Livonia** 

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia **Details**: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: (313) 387-9797. www.oa.org Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m., praise and worship; 8 p.m. small aroup discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts) Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville **Details**: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care

Contact: For child care call (248) 374-7400. Visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

Thrift store St. James Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford Contact: (313) 534-7730 Way of Life Christian Church Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m., third Saturday

from October through May Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth **Details**: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives

**Contact**: (734) 637-7618

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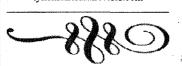
ANASTASIJA BUSS Age 93 of Farmington Hills died January 10, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Karlis, deceased in 1987. Dear mother of Maiga (George) Friess and grandmother of Robert (Brenda), Richard (Amy) and Leslie (Randall) Allman. Dear great grandmother of Arianna and Thomas Allman, John, Ryan and Caroline Friess and Braedon and Casey Friess. Anastasija is also survived by sister Zelma Valters, brother Dr. Gunars (Austra) Valters ing in Latvia. Born in Latvia July 30, 1916, Anastasija with her husband and daughter escaped to Germany when the Russian Communists took over Latvia in 1944. In 1951 they came to the USA, first to Milford, Nebraska and one year later to Detroit, Michigan. Several years later, Anastasija became a US citizen. Family will receive friends at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills 4-8pm on Thursday, January 14. Funeral service at 11am Friday, January 15, at St. Paul Latvian Lutheran Church, 30623 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Visitation begins at Church at 10am. Memorial tributes may be made to St. Paul's

Latvian Lutheran Church.



### CLARA HERMANN

Died January 10, 2010, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Rochester. She was 86 years old. Clara was born August 11, 1923, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Irene (nee Conant) and David McNair. Clara married Robert Hermann, February 14, 1948. She was a secretary for Swift and Company in Chicago for many years. Clara was a member of First United Methodist Church in Birmingham since 1964, where she was involved in several committees, including missions, social committees and work camp projects. She was a volunteer for Readings for the Blind and enjoyed hiking, camping and needlework but especially enjoyed spending time with her family. She will be deeply missed by all those who knew and loved her. Clara is survived by her children, Carol Hermann, James Hermann, Lynn (Lowell) Rodd and Bonnie (Al) Fisk and grandchildren, Micheal Chastine, Joseph Hermann and Ryan and Randy Rodd. Clara is preceded in death by her husband, Robert and siblings, Ruth Schmidtke, Elaine Gunderson, Dave McNair, Jr., Roy Watson and Earl Watson. Services were held yesterday at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham. Memorials appreciated to Readings for the Blind, a division of Leader Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 5000, Rochester, Michigan 48308-5000 or Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, Michigan 48076. Condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com



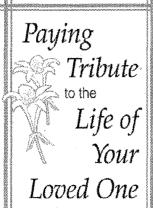


### MARJORIE JEAN

of Redford, died on Monday, January 11, 2010 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Born May 13, 1924 in Detroit, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Dorothy D'Dwyer) Nunn. She graduated from St. Cecilia High School in Detroit with the Class of 1942. She then graduated from Siena Heights College in Adrian with the two-year Secretarial Class of 1944. She and her husband, Donald Kluck, were married June 7 1947. They have lived on Hazelton since July, 1951. Before becoming a wife and mother, she worked at Pennsylvania Centeral Airlines (later known as Capital Airlines) at Detroit City Airport and then on Washington Blvd. in downtown Detroit. Marjorie was a USO hostess during World War where she met her husband. Marjorie was a member of the St. Hilary Rosary Altar Society and the Red Hat Society. She also volunteered each week at the Redford Inter-Faith Relief, the Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Friends of the Rouge. She was also the President of the Sienna Heights Alumnae Association. Marjorie was a Cub Scout Den Leader for her sons as well as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader for her daughters. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons: David (Tessie) of Whitmore Lake, Daniel (Vicky) of TN and two daughters Suzanne (George) Cromwell of Farmington Hills and Nancy (Joseph) DeMaria of Dearborn; 15 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Marjorie was pre-deceased by her youngest son, Joseph (Debbie) of Howell. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:00am Saturday, January 16, in St. Hilary Roman Catholic Church, Redford. Burial will be at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Howell. The family will receive friends from 5-9pm Thursday and 1-9pm Friday at he Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Road, in Redford. No flowers, donations to American Cancer Society or your favorite charity. Her family and friends will miss

### nis most remarkable woman dearly.

HAROLD J. MCDONALD Age 83, January 10, 2010. Beloved husband of Virginia. Dear father of Daniel, Michael, Mary McCarron, James, Virginia, Stephen and Joseph Loving grandfather of Kristin, Jamie and Dusty. In state Thursday 9:30am until a 10am Mass at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman Road, 2 blocks north of Ford Rd.). Memorials suggested to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or ARC of Western Wayne County. Arrangements by Santeiu and Son.





JOSEPH PETERS (NUNN) KLUCK Age 83 of Westland, January 9, 2010. Beloved husband of Irene for 56 years. Loving father of Joan (Richard) Strain, John (Lydia) and Lisa (Bruce) Glancy. Dearest grandfather of Ricky (Kristin) Strain, Danny, John Michael Jessica, Ryan, Andrew, Nathan and Isabelle. Brother of Jean (Bruce) McLean and Joan (Jim) Haller. Mr. Peters was a WWII Naval Veteran. Family entrusted care and services to Griffin Funeral Home "Memorial Tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com



JESSIE J. SHINN Passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2009. She was born January 26, 1931 John L. Marsh & Peachie P. Hensley in Farmersville, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert J. Shinn, two sisters & two brothers. She is survived by her seven children: Robert Shinn, Floyd Shinn, Edward Shinn, Anna Samuels, James Shinn, Teresa Obst & Wanda Shinn, She is also survived by a brother Richard Marsh & two sisters, Patricia Martin & Vanessa Koehler. She leaves a legacy of 21 grandchildren & 22 great-grandchildren. She was an amazing woman & will be missed by those who knew her & loved her. Jessie will be cremated & funeral services will be held in early spring at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

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# Church honors Livonia couple for commitment to service

BY SHARON DARGAY ONE STAFF WRITER

In his 36 years as a church elder, Hayward Burton chaired a missions committee, performed 13 weddings and a dozen funerals, and taught numerous Bible classes.

Meanwhile his wife, Sandra, created a neighborhood Bible study program, taught Sunday school for 40 years and started a weekly chicken soup ministry for hospice patients.

Together they visited missions overseas, welcomed missionaries into their home and cared for foster children in addition to their own five youngsters.

"It takes a love of God and his people, not just church people, but people in our community," said the Rev. Larry Stephens, pastor of Livonia Church of Christ, describing the couple's commitment to service and the church. "I've known them for 34 years myself, but they have been very special people to a lot of people. They had been involved 36 years and we felt that kind of longevity needed to be honored."

### **PAYING TRIBUTE**

The congregation will celebrate the couple at a dinner and program at 6 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17, at the church, 15431 Merriman. The presentation will include a video with messages from members of the church and singing.

"I'm flattered. That's the result in a nutshell," said Hayward, who announced his retirement as an elder two months ago.

Sandra said she felt a bit embarrassed by the attention. "We're only doing what we should do as servants of the

Lord," she said. Hayward and Sandra grew up in the Church of Christ and joined the Livonia con-

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THE REV. LARRY STEPHENS, pastor of Livonia Church of Christ

gregation in 1955. They've been married 57 years.

Their interest in supporting overseas missions grew after Hayward graduated from Michigan Technological University in 1951.

"I graduated into the U.S. Army — that was during the Korean War — and spent a year in training and was commissioned. Instead of being sent to Korea, I was sent to Germany," Hayward said. "Our church, the Church of Christ, was active in mission work in Germany at the time. I was stationed (with Sandra) in Frankfort, the center of missionary activity. I believe that's where my interest grew."

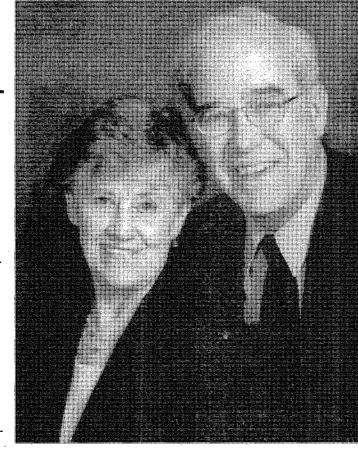
"We didn't intend to be missionaries, but we intended to support it. We were just really impressed with that phase of service to the Lord," Sandra added.

### **INCLUDING WIVES**

Hayward, who served as a deacon for 10 years before becoming an elder, volunteered to chair the Livonia church's mission committee, a position he held for 26 years. When Hayward visited church missions in Kenya, he made sure that Sandra accompanied him. He wanted to make sure the missionaries' wives overseas weren't "ignored."

"I felt that the missionary wife ought to be ministered to as well. She had as much responsibility for the success of the mission as the missionary had," Hayward explained.

Pastor Stephens and his wife, Diane, served the church in Kenya for 23 years before joining the Livonia



Hayward and Sandra Burton will be honored by the Livonia Church of Christ on Sunday, Jan. 17.

congregation. Diane said the Burtons' visits were a "huge encouragement."

"Sometimes an elder or minister would come to visit, but we thought it was special that Sandra came, too. I could talk with her. It was very sweet," Diane recalled. "Our children look at them (the Burtons) as their third set of grandparents.

When the Stephens occasionally returned home on furlough from Kenya, they'd often stay with the Burtons.

"They were always so gracious, the essence of hospitality," Pastor Stephens noted.

Hayward, who also served on the board of Rochester College and Oak Hills Home for unwed mothers, said his service to the church never seemed like a sacrifice.

"I felt as a member of the

church I needed to do what I could do. And the thing I was best suited to do was to be an elder, teacher and in charge of mission activities."

A manufacturer's representative, Hayward, 80, continues to work at the business he founded in 1959, the H.V. Burton Company. Sandra takes homemade chicken soup to Angela Hospice residents every Monday.

She started the ministry 10 years ago, after her mother received in-home hospice

She went through eight weeks of hospice volunteer training and also worked directly with patients.

"It's been such a blessing for me," she said. For more information about

the tribute dinner call (734)

Adat Shalom Synagogue Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., week days Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

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Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just

north of I-96, Livonia Contact: (734) 522-6830 **Due Season Christian Church** 

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m., Tuesday Bible study

Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services **Contact**: (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Faith Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages. Starting Sept. 13, Sunday service time changes

Location: 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia

**Contact**: Visit www.livonfaith.org Garden City Presbyterian Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music; 10 a.m., youth Sunday school and nursery care; 8:30 a.m. adult Sunday school; 6 p.m., informal gathering with scriptures and

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Contact: (734) 421-7620

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Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City Contact: (734) 427-3660

**Grace Lutheran Church** 

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service, and 10:30 a.m., contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at Location: 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township

Contact: (734) 637-8160

His Church Anglican Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m., at Madonna

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University Campus, 36600 Schoolcraft,

Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; (248) 442-0HCA

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday. 9 a.m., Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday worship in the chapel

Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livonia Contact: (734) 427-1414

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# Green-friendly show: Club makes art using old, junky cameras

**O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Ralph Krawczyk Jr'.s camera doesn't save images to a memory card or upload directly into a computer, but he likes the Polish toy polystyrene camera just fine, thank you. Combined with Krawczyk's creative eve and 120 medium format film, the AMI WZFO brand camera produces exhibit-quality works.

Krawczyk, a Redford resident, isn't surprised.

"Shooting with a re-use camera isn't necessarily more challenging than shooting with a digital camera ... it requires a little more thought and consideration in terms of composition and exposure conditions," he said. "The results of what you shoot are not immediate but they are generally more reward-

His work, as well as images from 10 fellow members of the Crappy Camera Club of Ann Arbor are on display through Jan. 30 at the Re-Art Gallery, in the Recycle/Reuse Center, 2420 South Industrial Highway, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-6288.

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"Cheap Shots ll, Recycled + Reloaded" features 22 images by local photographers — both hobbyists and professional from Washtenaw and Western Wayne counties — that show what can be done with hand-me-down equipment, thrift shop finds, and plastic toy cameras.

Krawczyk, a graphic designer for an engineering software company, uses photography as a creative outlet to help relax and share his view of the world with

"I became involved with the Crappy Camera Club through a few friends and via Flickr back in August 2006. I wanted to learn more about film and shoot with film cameras," he said. "I really appreciated the images that I saw on Flickr which were produced with film cameras versus what you got when you shoot with a digital camera ... film images have more mood and soul."



"Niobe," by Mark O'Brien, one of the founders of the Crappy Camera Club.

### **FILM FUN**

Mark O'Brien, one of the club's founders, says members aren't "anti-digital." They just have a passion for film.

The three-year-old club has produced several shows using toy and other simple film cameras.

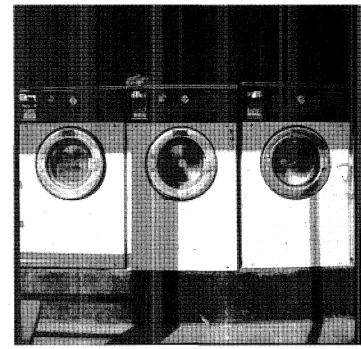
"We like using older ones and junky ones. With this show the rationale is that all of the cameras used were obtained in thrift shops or are second hand. It's our way of recycling the technology. And the frames are recycled. It's basically an attempt to be more green," O'Brien explained.

Cameras run the gamut from pinhole to box-style, disposable to 35 mm. Some were considered professional cameras 30 or 40 years ago.

"You can't adjust much on them," O'Brien described the simple box style versions. "The image you get is based upon interesting things the lens does and the fact that some people just have a good eye. You can get some awesome images."

Cheap Shots ll, Recycled + Reloaded includes a wide variety of subject matter, in both color and black and white.

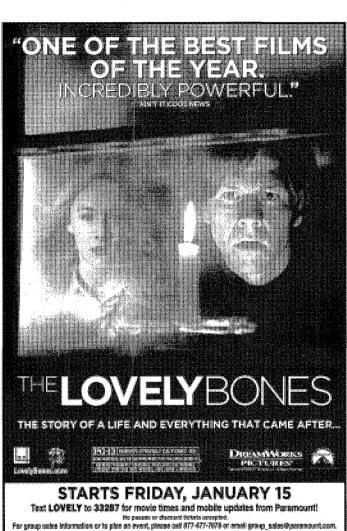
"The nice thing about it is it's all done with film," O'Brien said. "There's no digital involved. The other thing about using old cameras is that they all have character. You can have 10 cameras that do the same thing and they all look different. That's part of the charm. They're pieces of art on their own."



"Three" by Ralph Krawczyk Jr. of Redford

The club's Flickr Web site, www.flickr.com/groups/krappy has about 100 members. Meetings at 7 p.m. the first

Tuesday of the month draw about 25 members. Check club's Web site at www.crappycameraclub. org for details.



### COMEDY

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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays Contact: (248) 327-0575; www. gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www. ticketmaster.com

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

**Details**: Show Up, and Go Up, open call, free w Contact: (313) 887-8532, www.iazzcafedetroit.com Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays,



The Stand-Up Dads perform "clean" comedy at Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Dewaine Griffin, through Jan. 16; Bill Dwyer, Jan. 20-23; Tom Cotter, Jan. 27-30

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

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle Time/Date: Brandon Vestal. through Jan. 16; Clinton Jackson, Jan. 21-23; Andy Pitz, Jan. 28-30

### Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak Contact: (248) 542-9900, www. comedycastle.com Village Theater at Cherry Hill Time/Date: 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton

**GET OUT** 

Details: Three members of the Stand-Up Dads will perform. The group features Dan St. Paul, who has appeared on VH1 & Comedy Central: Tim Bedore, a frequent guest on NRP's "Marketplace" and A&E's "Caroline's Comedy Hour:" Milt Able, who has more than 15 years standup comedy experience; and Kelly McDonald, who has appeared numerous times on NBC's "The Tonight Show." Billed as a "clean comedv show," the Stand-Up Dads may deliver some adult-themed humor and subject matter. Tickets are \$27 for adults and \$22 for seniors and youth Contact: (734) 394-5460; can-

tonvillagetheater.org ART

**Costick Center** 

Time/Date: Jan. 15-Feb. 26 Location: 28600 W. 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills Details: "Metallics: Photography by Janna Bissett"

Contact: (248) 473-1856 Lotus Arts Gallery Location: 995 West Ann Arbor

Trail, downtown Plymouth Details: January artist of the month is Ronnie Wood. His painting and drawing subjects. range from musicians to family

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

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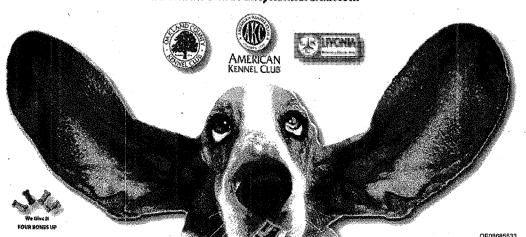
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## Try these simple swaps, recipes

Taken from the book, The Biggest Loser Simple Swaps, these five swaps are easy changes that will help you start living a

Swap white pasta for spaghetti squash: A cup of cooked spaghetti squash has 40 calories and 2 grams of fiber.

· Swap sandwich spread for avocado: A few thin slices of avocado add rich flavor and creamy texture along with good fats

• Swap traditional fat-free yogurt for fat-free Greek-style yogurt. It has the same number of calories as regular yogurt, but has twice the protein and half the carbs. • Swap pizza crust for portobello mushrooms: With a hearty texture and rich flavor, the average portobello (3 ounces) has

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### AVOCADO AND APPLE CHICKEN SALAD

2 cups cooked skinless chicken or turkey cut in 1-inch pieces (about 12 ounces)

1 cup diced sweet red apple

½ cup thinty sliced celery

¼ cup lightly toasted pecans, coarsely chopped

½ cup roughly chopped flat leaf (Italian) parsley

% cup chopped red onion

1½ tablespoons chopped mint (about 10 leaves)

1½ tablespoons chopped jalapeño pepper

½ teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice 1teaspoon olive oil

1 fully ripened avocado, halved, pitted, peeled and diced

4 cups mixed baby salad greens

In large bowl, combine chicken, apple, celery, pecans, parsley, onion, mint, jalapeño, salt, lemon juice and olive oil; toss gently. Add avocado; toss gently until all ingredients are combined, leaving some diced avocado visible while mashing some. Serve over mixed greens garnished with more avocado, parsley and grapes, if desired. Yield 8 servings (about 6 cups)

Courtesy of www.theamazingavocado.com

### SLICED AVOCADO AND ORANGES WITH TAHIN YOGURT SALCE

1 medium (8 ounces) avocado, peeled and sliced

·2 medium (7 ounces) seedless navel oranges, peeled and segmented

4tablespoons Tahini Yogurt Sauce

1tablespoon chooped parsley or fresh cilantro for gamish

1 teaspoon lightly toasted sesame seeds, for garnish

Arrange avocado slices alternately with orange segments on four salad plates. Drizzle 1tablespoon Tahimi Yogurt Sauce over each salad. Garnish with parsley or cilantro and sesame seeds and serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

Courtesy of "Positively Ageless" by Cheryl Forberg, R.D. (Rodale, 2008)

### TAHEN YOGURT SAUCE

3/4 cup fat-free plain yogurt (preferably Greek-style)

¼ cup tahini (sesame paste)

¼ cup Dijon mustard

2 tablespoons water

2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

1teaspoon lemon juice ½ teaspoon ground cumin

Combine all ingredients in food processor or blender.

Process or blend until smooth. Sauce should be the consistency of thick cream. Makes

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### SPACHETTI SQUASH WITH AVOCADO PESTO

1 medium spaghetti squash (1/2 to 2 pounds) washed, halved lengthwise and seeded

½ ripe avocado (4 ounces), pitted and diced ¼ cup fresh basil leaves or Italian parsley

1tablespoon chopped chives

2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

1teaspoon minced garlic



¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

½ cup hot water

2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil or parsley (optional)

Preheatoven to 375°F. Lightly coat a baking sheet with olive oil cooking spray. Pierce outside of each half of squash a few times with a fork. Place squash cut side down on baking sheet and bake for about 45 minutes, or until very tender when tested with a fork.

Meanwhile, place avocado, basil or parsley, chives, Parmesan, garlic, salt, black pepper and hot water in blender and process until smooth, turning blender off and on occasionally and adding a tablespoon or two of additional hot water if needed. There will be between  $\mbox{\scaleharge}$  and  $\mbox{\scaleharge}$  cup of pesto. When squash has cooled, use fork to rake the spaghettilike threads of squash into a serving bowl. Discard skin. Drizzle pesto over squash and garnish with fresh basil or parsky if desired. Makes 6 servings.

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### Steps to follow for a healthier you

Whether you're looking to shed a few pounds, lose a significant amount of weight, or just maintain a healthy weight, you have to make some changes in your eating habits and lifestyle. But those changes don't have to be overwhelm-

Cheryl Forberg, R.D., is the nutritionist for the TV show The Biggest Loser, and co-author of The Biggest Loser Simple Swaps. Forberg says that "A lot of people are afraid that creating a healthier lifestyle will be too hard or too expensive, or that it will require too much time and effort."

But swapping one unhealthy food or habit for a better one is where it can all begin.

"You don't have to change everything at once it begins with small, manageable steps,"

Forberg says. You might swap a daily glass of fruit juice for a piece of whole fruit, she adds, or swap sandwich spreads for avocados.

"Avocados have many nutrients," Forberg says. One fifth of an avocado — about three slices — is a typical serving and has only 50 calories and contributes nearly 20 vitamins, minerals and beneficial plant compounds to your diet. With their good fats that support health, avocados serve as a great substitute for foods high in saturated fat.

These mouthwatering recipes are a great way to make one simple swap — and get one step closer — to a healthier you.

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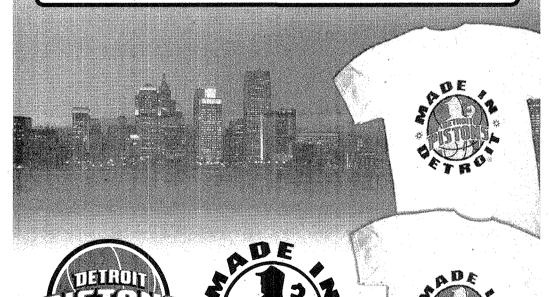
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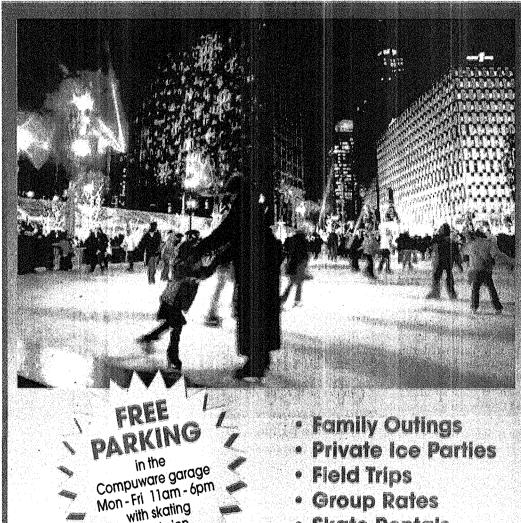


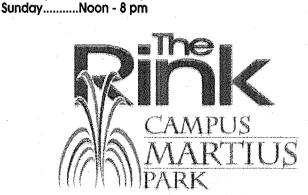
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•Preventing damage such as scratches, chips, cuts, burns, stains, gouges and scrapes to the cosmetic surfaces of your home

•Regular cleaning using manufacturer-recommended products and techniques

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•Replacing consumable parts, like light bulbs, filters and batteries in smoke detec-

·Understanding and adhering to the manufacturer's recommended maintenance routine for appliances and other mechanical components.

Your new home likely has mechanical systems that are different from those of your last home. Take advantage of builders' homeowner orientation programs to make sure that you are familiar with the systems in your home and understand how to maximize their efficiency for your family's comfort. Know where the main safety shut-offs are for water, electricity and gas.

Building materials expand and contract over time because of changes in temperature and humidity, necessitating ongoing maintenance. Caulk, for example, dries, shrinks and cracks, diminishing its effectiveness until it no longer provides a seal against moisture and air infiltration. Maintaining caulking will be a routine task throughout the life of your home.

Likewise, you can expect some minor cracking in concrete flatwork, such as driveways and patios. Concrete cracks can result from



shrinkage during curing, temperature changes or even soil movement. While cracking cannot be prevented entirely, you can minimize cracking by following these steps:

•Maintain good drainage

away from concrete slabs •Fill low spots or settled areas near concrete slabs

•Seal cracks with concrete caulking

•Remove ice and snow as soon as possible

•Protect concrete from deicing agents •Keep heavy vehicles (such

as a moving van or dump truck) off concrete slabs

Beautiful yards are the result of years of caring and work, and require consistent attention to flourish. But whether gardening is a passion or a chore for you, consider planting native plants rather than exotics for best results. Cover soil as soon as possible to prevent erosion, and always maintain proper slope away from your home to ensure good drainage.

Finally, familiarize yourself with the warranties you receive with your new home, and be sure to activate manufacturer warranties by completing and mailing any registration cards. Besides activating your warranty, this step allows the manufacturer to contact you in the event of a product recall. Retain all warranty documents, and make sure recommended maintenance is up to date.

Here are some additional tips from the organization:

1. How often do forced-air furnace filters need to be changed?

At least every three months during the heating season. 2. What part of the faucet

usually needs to be replaced when you have a water leak? The washer.

3. Should you run hot or cold water through your garbage disposal?

Cold water.

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4. How often should the moving parts of garage doors be oiled? Every three months.

5. What tools can you use to unclog your drains?

A plunger and a plumber's snake. 6. What tool can be used to

unclog a toilet? Coil spring-steel auger.

These are the area residential real estate clos

7. What faucet part needs to be cleaned every three to four Aerator — the screen inside

the end of the faucet. 8. What can you use for trac-

tion on icy sidewalks, steps and driveways?

Cat litter or sand — never use salt because it damages

the pavement. 9. Where should the fire in

your fireplace be built? On the andirons or grate, never on the fireplace floor. 10. What will prevent soot and add color to the fire in your fireplace?

Throw in a handful of salt. 11. Where should your fire-

wood be stored? Outside, away from your house and not directly on the

12. What helps keep unpainted concrete floors easy to keep clean?

Concrete sealer. 13. What should you use to

clean unpainted concrete floors? A solution of 4 to 6 tablespoons of washing soda in a gallon of hot water. Mix scour-

ing powder to the solution for

tough jobs. 14. When can you clean

9846 Forest Ridge Dr

hardwood floors with water? When the floors have a poly-

urethane finish. 15. Do hardwood floors need

to be waxed? Hardwood floors that do not have a polyurethane finish probably will need to be waxed

paste "spirit" wax. 16. What is the best polish for vinyl floors?

periodically. Use liquid or

Water emulsion wax. 17. When is basement condensation at its maximum? In new homes because gal-

lons of water went into the concrete of basement walls. 18. Why should noisy water

pipes be fixed promptly? The condition that causes noisy pipes may be accompanied by vibration that can cause fittings to loosen and

leak.

19. Why should frozen pipes be thawed slowly?

Frozen pipes should be thawed slowly to prevent the formation of steam, which could cause the pipe to burst.

20. How often should your roof be inspected? A qualified roofer should

inspect your roof every three years.

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# BIA honors top industry pros

**Building Industry** Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present its economic forecast luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 3, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke Ave. in Sterling Heights.

Featured guest speaker is David Crowe, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. He will address the economic issues facing the home building industry during 2010.

In conjunction with this event, industry awards will be given to BIA's 2009 President Darshan S. Grewal of Singh Development LLC and the other award honorees.

Registration fees are \$40 for **BIA** or Apartment Association of Michigan members with advance reservations made by Jan. 22; \$60 for members after Jan. 22, and \$75 for guests. Registration fees include entry to BIA's Builders & Remodelers Trade Show at the same location from 10 a.m. to noon. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

Award honorees will be recognized at the event. They include President Darshan S. Grewal, and the distinguished award winners:

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### Court rules that premises are 'in reasonable repair'

Q: I am a landlord and have just heard about a recent case regarding spiders in a leased unit which should be of interest to landlords. Do you have any information on it?

A: The Michigan Court of Appeals recently released an unpublished decision which while not binding on any other court, may have important ramifications for landlords. The case expanded upon a recent Michigan Supreme Court decision regarding parking lot slip and falls.

The case is Redman vs. Leete, decided July 30, 2009. It involved a tenant who claimed that a spider bit became



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ill. She later moved from the house. She sued the landlord for negligence alleging that the landlord failed to keep the premises for the use intended and in reasonable repair. The court held that spiders, like snow and ice, were a seasonable condition and that their presence in the house did not make the premises "unfit for living." The court explained that since the tenant lived in the house for 11 months and was able to sleep, eat and live on the premises, the tenant was unable to establish that the premises were unfit. Nor did the court feel that the existence of the spider was a defect in the premises, i.e., that there was something in the property he could repair to eliminate the spiders since the spiders did not cause damage to the premises; the premises were "in reasonable repair." Nor did the court feel that the spiders caused decay, damage or a serious defect to the premises which were provisions in the lease for which the landlord could have been held responsible.

Each case must be decided on its own facts but this is a step in the direction of helping landlords deal with these issues.

Q: I am transferring to the Des Moines area and want to know what the real estate economy is like, and, what is going on in the downtown area, since I will be working there in terms of residential construction.

A: The downturn in the economy has not hit Des Moines as much as many other cities because it is the home of many insurance companies, banks and credit card companies. Also, there is a great deal of construction in the downtown area, including conversions of old buildings to condominiums and apartments, as well as the development of new condominium projects. There is also additional road construction which is making it easier to traverse the area. I would suggest that you contact a local realtor and shop around the downtown Des Moines area, although West Des Moines and its environs are also burgeoning with new construction and development.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track. second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates. com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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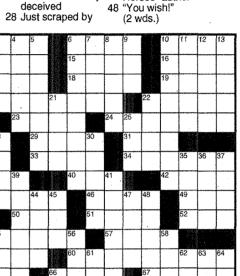
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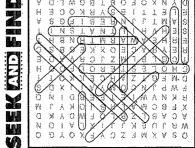
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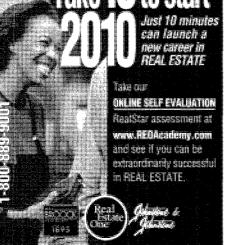
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