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

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

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

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

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

Deadlines

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

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

Saying I do

Looking for a place to say your wedding vows?

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

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

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

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

City to use sump pumps to handle overflows

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

in the spring.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Relay for Life kick-off honors cancer survivors

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

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

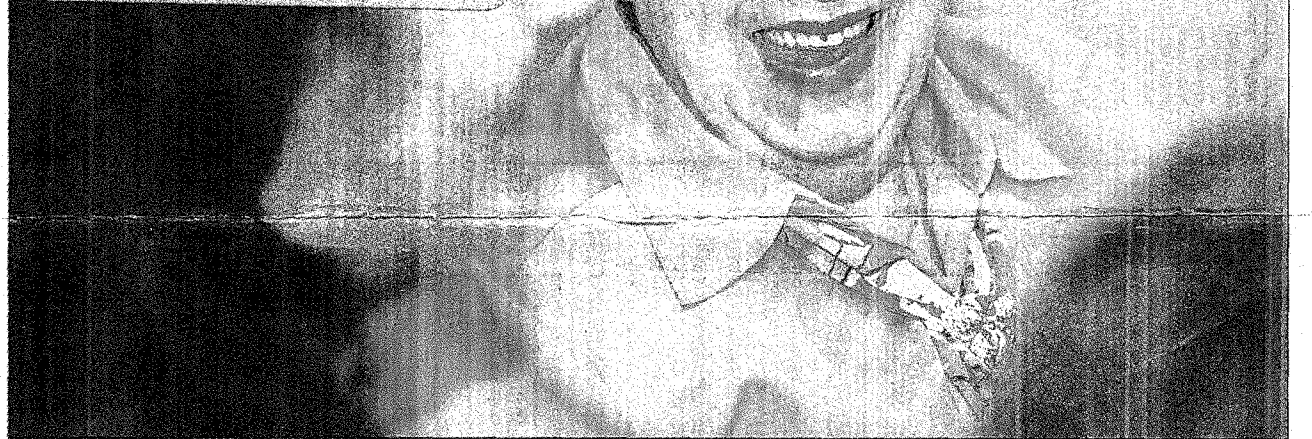
This is the 10th year for Westland's Relay for Life, a 24-hour event that will begin 10 a.m. Saturday, May 22, in Jaycee Park. There are a variety of activities over the 24 hours and teams have someone walking on the track throughout the event, signifying that cancer never sleeps.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Westland man ticketed for misusing library computer

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

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

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

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

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

"The officers stood behind him for

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

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

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

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

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

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Two men face trial in theft of coaxial cable

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

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

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



Doyle Thomas

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Relay organizers aim for 40 teams

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

keep it growing. People can start a team or just come out." Wearing a head band decorated with cloth birthday candles in honor of the theme of celebrating more birthdays, team development chair Lisa Hamlett encouraged people to form teams.

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

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

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Gebhardt seeks 2nd term as county commissioner

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



Gebhardt

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

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

Gebhardt became com-

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

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

As a Wayne County commissioner, she serves on the

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

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

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

RELAY

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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AROUND WESTLAND

Animal licenses

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

by the veterinarian - four months old.

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

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

SUMP PUMPS

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during storms.

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

million.

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Two Inkster men were arrested Friday morning for

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Five nominated for Westland ATHENA Award

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

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

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

to the Barbara Douglas Scholarship Program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reyez is a long-time

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

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

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

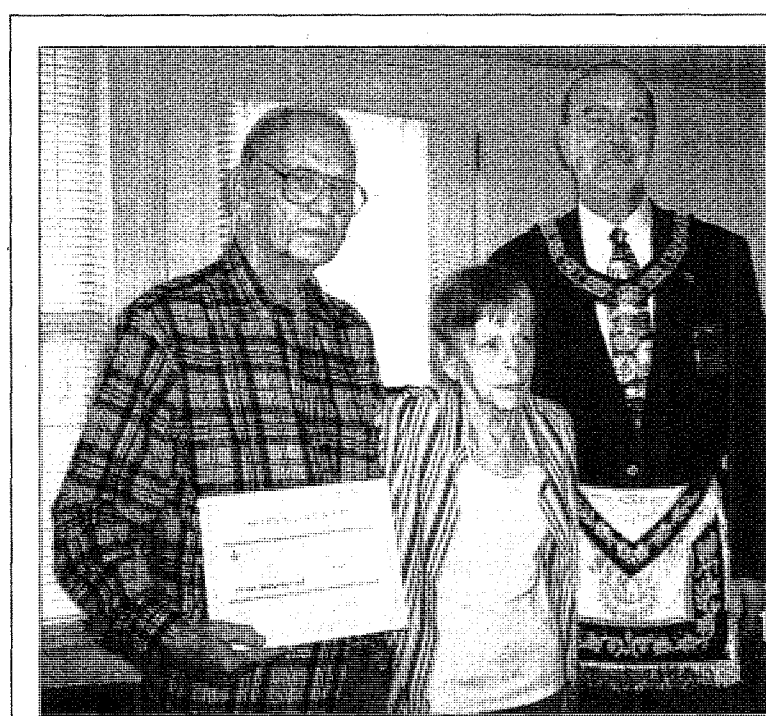
30 attendants, five mechanics and office staff. She is an expert with bus routing software and the excellence she demands from her mostly female staff is evident from the results of competitions and inspections. Two Wayne-Westland bus drivers won first- and third-place in the 2009 School bus rodeo, and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

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

need to become community leaders.

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

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



Golden anniversary

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

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Mom's book shares joy of special-needs son

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Broggi's writing is based



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

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

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

She's doing speaking engagements, including one to her EMU daughter's program. Alex attended and was front and center with a big grin.

"It was so endearing," she said of Alex, who signed books that day. His mental age is, around 8.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RESA eyes millage to help struggling districts

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Over the last few years,

WHO WOULD GET WHAT?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Collage Concert
March 13
The college's Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Improvisation, Choral Union, Synthesizer Ensemble and soloists perform at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, \$3 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Tickets available at www.scbxoffice.com or 734-462-4403.

Kids can discover their creative side
March 16
Open House for Kids on Campus Summer Camp programs at 5:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Parents and kids (grades 1-12) can meet instructors, see demonstrations, and sign up for summer sessions. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/koc or 734-462-4448.

Emmanuelle Boisvert and Pauline Martin in concert
March 19
Violinist Boisvert and pianist Martin perform as part of the Friday Evening Concert Series at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$20 per person (\$10 for students) available at www.schoolcraft.edu/music or 734-462-4403.

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

Exhibit and author visit explore 1967 riots
March 8-26
"Smoldering Fire of Civil Unrest" exhibit, on loan from the Detroit Historical Museum, weekdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center.
"Motown Burning" author John Jeffire speaks March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu or 734-462-4422.

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Blanchard, Engler push for new bridge

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

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

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

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

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

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

Engler said Michigan needs to work on a bridge plan and



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

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

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

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

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

Engler encouraged a "competition of ideas" during the state's current budget discussion. "You ought to think about how you can do a better job," he said.

Blanchard encouraged candidates to make sure that they "love this state, and not just yourselves," he said. "Make sure you want to serve."

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

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NEWS BRIEFS

Child Safety

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

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

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

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

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

Census jobs

If you are out of work or looking for some part-time employment, the 2010 Census may be your answer. Contact their office currently located in Livonia at (734) 437-4120 to set up an appointment for a basic skills test required to apply for a Census Taker Position.

CFL bulb recycling

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

and IKEA at (734) 981-6300.

Craft Show

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

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

American Legion

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

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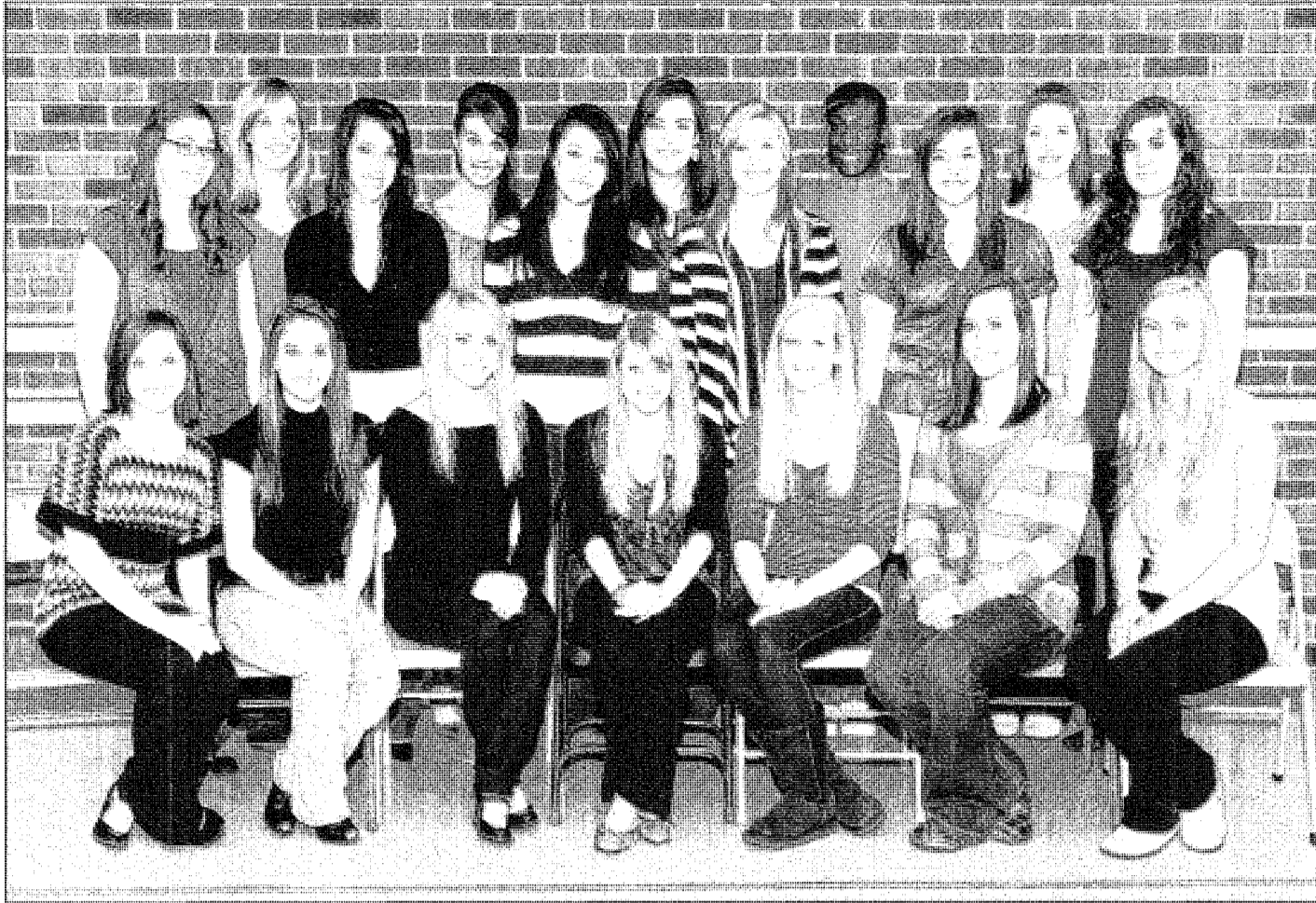
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Competing in the 2010 Michigan Junior Miss Program next month are Megan Griffes, Irish Hills (front row); Shelby Gardiner, St. Clair Shores; Bethany Dickerson, White Lake; Jordan Berry, Wayne-Westland; Angel Gagin, Livonia; Shaylin Laure, Vicksburg;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

19 vie for state Junior Miss honor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Trucks take over library storytime

BY SUE BUCK
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Some well-recognized types of trucks will enthrall preschoolers at the Garden City Library during the next preschool story hour series.

Registration starts March 1 at the Garden City Library, located in Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood, west of Merriman.

Assistant Library Director Janet Smith has packed in storytime, a video and a chance each week for children to actually see up close different types of trucks which they may have only seen as pictures in their storybooks.

"Trucks! Wreckers, Diggers, Dumpers and Pumpers" will be at 11 a.m. March 24-April 28. After class, children view the vehicles with their parents.

The highlight of the series comes April 22, when the children will head to the Department of Public Services yard on Beechwood for storytime.

Keeping up with current events, Smith signed up Ross Towing, the city's new towing contractor, to present the first storytime. Steve Hocking of Ross Towing will

be the first storyteller. He will bring a company tow truck. The stories that day are *How Many Trucks Can a Tow Truck Tow?* and *Good Night Engines*.

Other guest storytellers are the Garden City Fire Department on April 7 and Jack Barnes, director of the Garden City DPS, on April 14. A U.S. Postal Service truck and a school bus will also be featured at other sessions.

"I'm having fun picking books like *Hush*, *the Little Digger* and *Grandma Drove the Garbage Truck*," she said.

Smith packs in a lot during the half-hour series, keeping in mind the children's short attention span.

"With preschoolers, you literally have to change what you are doing every five minutes," Smith said. "In that amount of time, I will usually read two to three stories, do about five finger plays, do a circle game, do a flannel board or two, and get in a movie."

Children may attend any or all of the free programs. Parents may not accompany the children in the activity room.

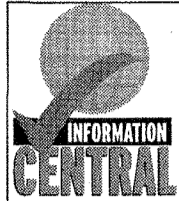
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The library has an interior design section full of books that are sure to propel you into action. Nate Berkus' "Home Rules" contains beautiful photographs and practical tips to help transform your home in the most pleasing way possible. Similarly, "The Nest Home Design Handbook" by Carley Roney and "The Better Homes and Gardens New Decorating Book" both contain useful information about ways to organize every room in your house.

For an introduction to the principles behind professional interior design, take a look in Tomris Tangaz's "Interior Design Course" and see if interior design is a possible career choice for the future.

Maybe you've already explored the interior design books in the library. Don't forget about magazines that fly in monthly, offering constant, updated

information that you can take home and apply to your living spaces. Magazines such as *well* and *Metropolitan Home* can provide great inspiration for arranging and decorating, and others like *House Beautiful* or *Real Simple* are sure to have useful articles on the topic as well.

Redecorating with new paints, fabrics, and pieces of furniture is a fabulous, fun, but also expensive undertaking. Merely rearranging a room's furniture can produce a fresh outlook to a tired, old space, and it's totally free! So toss a couple of plastic plates under your couch legs (the most effortless way to push heavy objects) and get moving!

For more information about all your redecorating needs, visit the library's Web site (www.westlandlibrary.org), give us a call (734-326-6123) or stop by the reference desk.

Highlighted Activities

Everyone's Reading: Feb. 15-April 28, Book Selection: Scott Turow's "Presumed Innocent."

Stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book and find when book discussions and many other programs are scheduled. Or visit www.westlandlibrary.org or www.everyonesreadinginfo.org for more information. Enter our drawing to win tickets for the Scott Turow Author Appearance on April 14.

Stress Reduction Workshop: 7 p.m. March 2

Dr. Brian Brackney, chiropractor and member of The Foundation for Wellness Professionals, will be the featured speaker. Stress is the underlying cause of most illnesses. This talk will focus on the symptoms of stress, how stress affects the body's overall health, and what a person can do to relieve stress both at work and at home, so that they can feel better and enjoy life more. Call the library at (734) 326-6123 or stop by to reserve your seat.

Adult Poetry Group: 7 p.m. March 3, ages, 18 and up.

Interested in reading, discussing, and writing poetry? Please join us for one of our sessions, whether you're a first-time writer or a serious wordsmith. Sign up by inquiring at the Reference Desk. Check out our blog at Westland Poetry Group

Everyone's Reading Program Event - Movie Viewing: "Presumed Innocent" (1990), 2 p.m. March 6.

Stop by for a viewing of the movie adapted from Scott Turow's book, "Presumed Innocent." A prosecutor finds himself framed for murder when the deputy prosecutor he had an affair with ends up dead. Countless twists and turns and a shocking conclusion highlight this suspenseful thriller. This movie is rated R. Everyone age 18 and over is welcome. No

registration is required.

Extended! Friday Night Movie Extravaganza will continue through March, beginning March 12. No registration is required. This is an after hours program. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Job Seekers Lab: Every Tuesday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday 5-8 p.m. and Friday 1-4 p.m.

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job related activity? Stop by the library where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Chess Night: Every Thursday evening at 7:45 p.m. and Saturday at 1-4 p.m.

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

Information Central was compiled by Mary Beth Fixler, reference librarian. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

NEWS BRIEFS

Tax preparation

AARP tax preparation is being offered free at the Friendship Center. The program is aimed at low to moderate income people who are filing simple returns although there are no age or income restrictions. This site is a e-file site only. The site manager has discretion over what returns they are willing and able to complete.

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Call (734) 722-7628 for an appointment.

Open House

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Rattle with us
Time/Date: 11:30 - 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27
Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth "Rattle With Us" TEA Party is holding a health care information meeting. Dr. David H. Janda will present a seminar on preventative medicine. He will also address what parts of the proposed healthcare bills that are already in place and his viewpoint on why this new bill could create more problems than answers. Janda practices orthopedic surgery in the St. Joseph Mercy Health Care System. He also is the director of The Institute for Preventive Sports Medicine based in Ann Arbor. This event is free and open to everyone.
Contact: Online at www.rattlewith-us.com or call Sharon at (248) 486-5139

Bowling benefit
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28
Location: Westland Bowl on Wayne Road north of Ford in Westland
Details: The Changing Choices Foundation will hold its first annual "Bowling for Changing Choices" event. The event will include prizes, raffle prizes, a silent auction and live DJ music by Jimmy Barrios. Among the items are a \$100.00 Savings Bond and a "Silver" Detroit Lions Autographed Football including players Charles Johnson and Matthew Stafford. Ticket donation is only \$25. Bowlers will get three games, shoes, pizza and a free ticket for continued chance raffle drawings throughout the event. Tickets are

available at noon at on the day of the event or purchased in advance at the office of WMUZ, 12300 Radio Place, Detroit. The Changing Choices Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Plymouth dedicated to making a difference in the lives of people, especially teenagers that are struggling with destructive and addictive behaviors, relationship issues and choice making.
Contact: WMUZ at (313) 272-3434 or Barbara Jean at (734) 239-2752. To learn more about Changing Choices Foundation, visit the Web site at www.changingchoicesfoundation.org.

Toastmasters
Location: Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level of the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind the Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.
Details: Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.
Contact: For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.

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Contact: (734) 326-0078

Craft shows
Wayne AMVETS Post 171
Time/Date: noon-6 p.m. Saturday, March 13
Location: Wayne AMVETS 171 Post Hall, 1217 Merriman, between Cherry Hill and Palmer, Westland.

Details: The show will feature holiday crafts, homemade goods and collectibles. Vendor tables are available for \$20 each.
Contact: For more information, contact John at (734) 729-8930.

St. Linus
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday March 13
Location: St. Linus activity room, 6466 Evangeline, north of Ford and east of Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights
Details: St. Linus Spring Craft Show, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will feature homemade crafts to home base vendors, a 50/50 drawings and Tin Can raffle. There also will be a refreshment stand and raffles. Admission is \$1, children under 12 years of age are free: Ticket will be given for each paid admission to enter the Tin Can drawing.
Trainorama Extra 2010
Time/Date: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday, March 21
Location: Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Sponsored by the Redford Model Railroad Club. A special flea market for train buffs of all ages featuring scale model railroad equipment and supplies (new and used), toy trains (new and antique), plus a wide variety of railroad oriented antiques and collectibles (lanterns, dining car china and silverware, signs, paintings, station clocks, locomotive builder's plates, old train schedules, old railroad stock certificates, etc.) Admission \$5; children under 12 free with paid adult admission.
Contact: (313) 565-1027 or (734) 953-2546

Fish Dial-A-Ride
Location: Garden City, Livonia and Westland
Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A non-profit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are

unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive.
Contact: Call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Earth Angels
Details: Earth Angels, a children's non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.
Contact: www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

TOPS 869 meetings
Time/date: Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.
Location: Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.
Details: The group is for people age 18 and older.
Contact: The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

American Legion Post 251
Time/date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month
Location: 1217 Merriman Road, between Avondale and Palmer, Westland.
Details: All veterans, male and female with a honorable discharge are welcome to join.
Contact: www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607

Higher Rock Cafe
Time/date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.
Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.
Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will

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Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

EDUCATION

Willow Creek
Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland
Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.
Contact: (734) 326-0078

St. Damian
Location: 29891 Joy, Westland
Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.
Contact: (734) 427-1680, www.stdamian.com.

YWCA Preschool
Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.
Contact: (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

VOLUNTEERS

First Step
Details: First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.
Contact: (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

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

a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings.
Contact: (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208

VNA Hospice
Details: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.
Contact: (248) 967-8361, www.vna.org

Seasons Hospice
Details: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.
Contact: (800) 370-8592

Literacy Council
Details: The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area.
Contact: (734) 416-4906

Details: Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.
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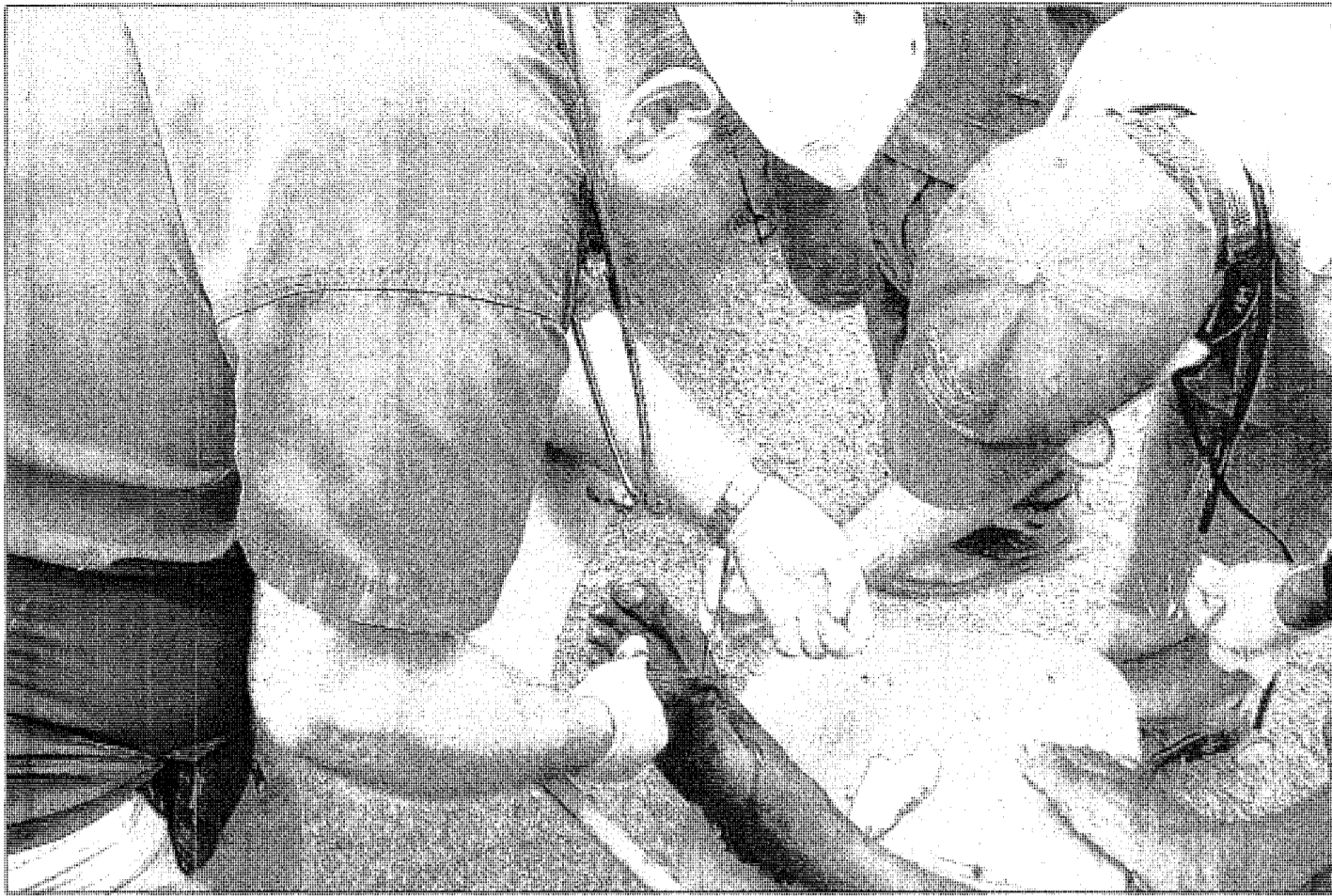
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Chapman stitches up a foot laceration, just one of the hundreds he tended to while in Haiti.

ER doctor helps 1,500 in Haiti

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

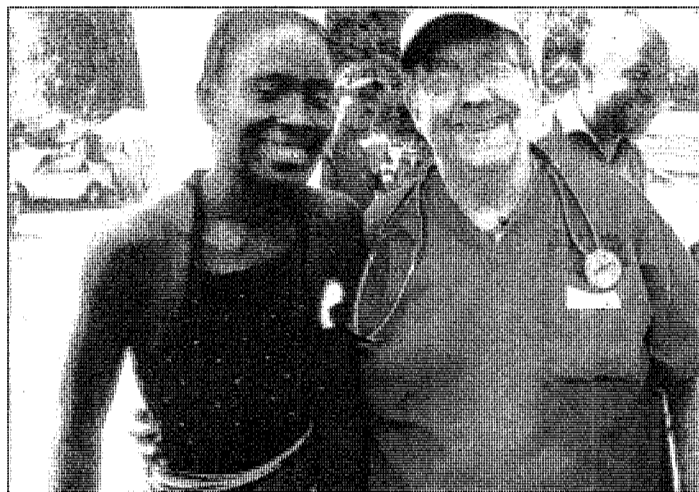
They camped at a mission compound about 20 miles north of town with about 200 other medical people, driving trucks from tent city to tent city where the victims are temporarily living.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Livonia bar raises funds to help employee with cancer

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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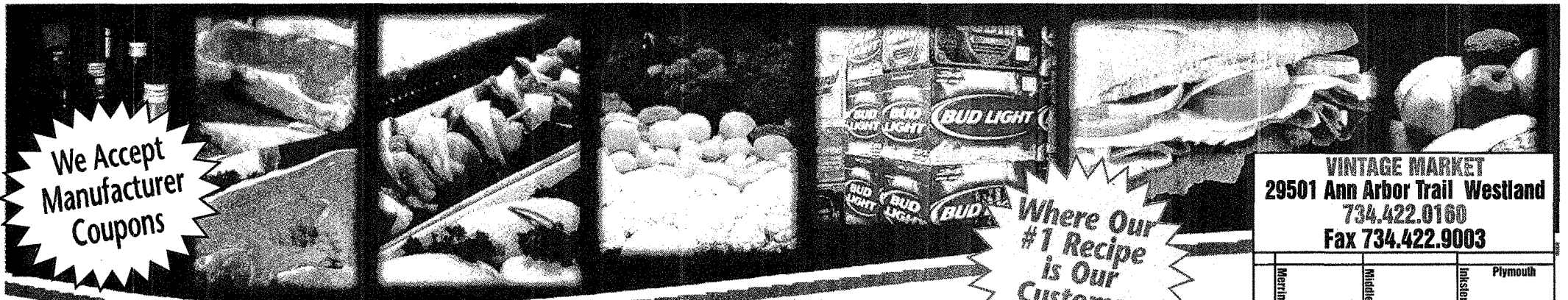
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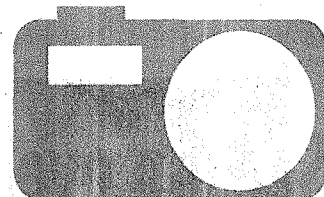
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Conference champs

Churchill stuns Zebras on Bedell's buzzer-beater

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and 1976.

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

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

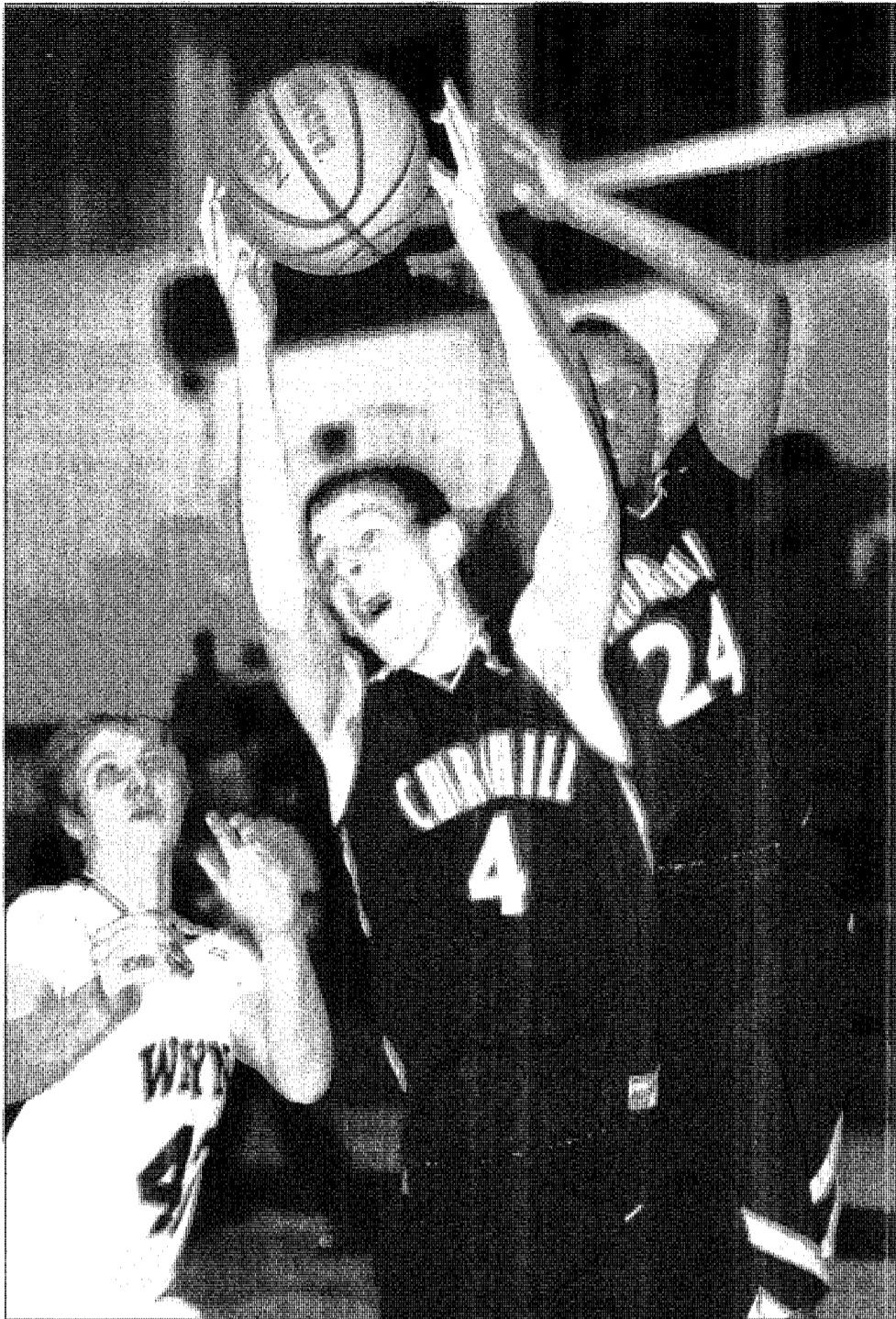
"He's only shot four or five all year, but he makes them in the practice, though," Solak said. "He does practice them and he's capable. Adam said during the timeout, 'I want it,' and Anthony made a heads-up play getting the timeout."

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

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

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

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

SIDELINES

Wydryck All-WHAC

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

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

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

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

Henry first-team

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

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

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

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

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

WYAA sign up

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

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

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

Registration fees will increase \$10 after March 29 (except for Colt and Palomino leagues). For more information, call (734) 421-0640, e-mail wyaa@wyaa.org or visit www.wyaa.org

Baseball clinics

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

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

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

Stevenson skates by Kettering for overall KLAA title

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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from Evan Malick and Kyle Gabrielson.

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

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

Shureb then added his 20th

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

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

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

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

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

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Irish leaves C'ville for Mott grid post

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

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

Irish posted an overall record of 24-23 with the Trojans. His best season came in 2008 when he was named

Observerland Coach of the Year as Clarenceville reached the Division 5 playoffs and finished 9-2 overall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



RENA LAVERTY

Tourney time

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

Rockets fall to Rockford

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

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

quarterfinal triumph at Kellogg Arena.

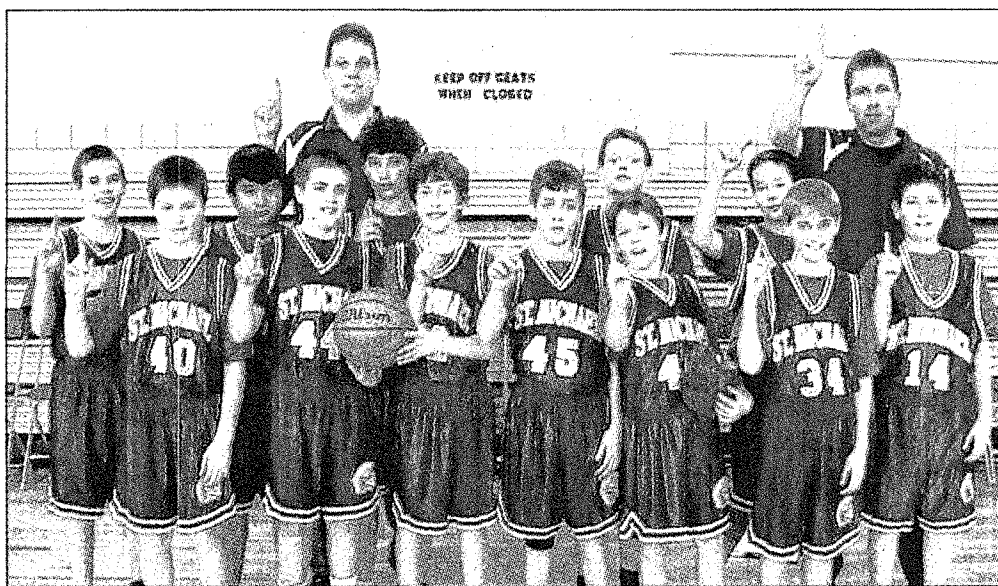
Glenn got victorious from Kyle Gillies (102), Steven Wakeford (112), Anthony Pavlich (130) and Mark Thompson (125). Losing one-point decisions were Joshua Austin (119), Dustin Gajowiak (285) and Mike Johnson (145).

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

MHSAA DIVISION 1 TEAM QUARTERFINAL RESULTS Feb. 26 at Kellogg Arena ROCKFORD 34

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 28
215 pounds: Jake Dorulla (R) pinned Gerald Powell, 2:27; 285: Joe Stefanski (R) dec. Dustin Gajowiak, 5-4; 103: Kyle Gillies (WJG) dec. Tyler VanRooyen, 4-2; 112: Steven Wakeford (WJG) won by major dec. over Nate Rojas, 14-5; 119: Jake Scholten (R) dec. Joshua Austin, 7-6; 125: Jake Byers (R) p. Steven Shak, 2:47; 130: Anthony Pavlich (WJG) p. Trent Boyer, 3:22; 135: Mark Thompson (WJG) dec. Drew Scogg, 9-3; 140: Travis Mann (WJG) p. Peter Nugent, 2:40; 145: Austin Scogg (R) dec. Mike Johnson, 5-4; 152: Bruce Carlstrom (R) won by major dec. over Danny Croft, 12-1; 160: Jake Banaszak (R) p. D'Vonteono Anderson, 1:0; 171: Zach Banaszak (R) dec. Zach Redden, 4-0; 189: Kameron Jones (WJG) won by void.

Dual match records: Rockford, 21-5; John Glenn, 32-8.
Other D-1 quarterfinal results: Novi-Detroit Catholic Central 57, New Baltimore Anchor Bay 13; Hartland 47, Romeo 21; Oxford 31, Holt 27.



CYO hoop champ

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

High voltage

Chargers jolt Salem in Kensington semifinals

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

struggle for them. That was the difference."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Both teams started the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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C'ville reaches Metro finals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(6-13).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parker Millington scored a team-high 14 for Milford.

LUTH. WESTLAND 69, GREENHILLS 58:

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

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

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

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

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

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

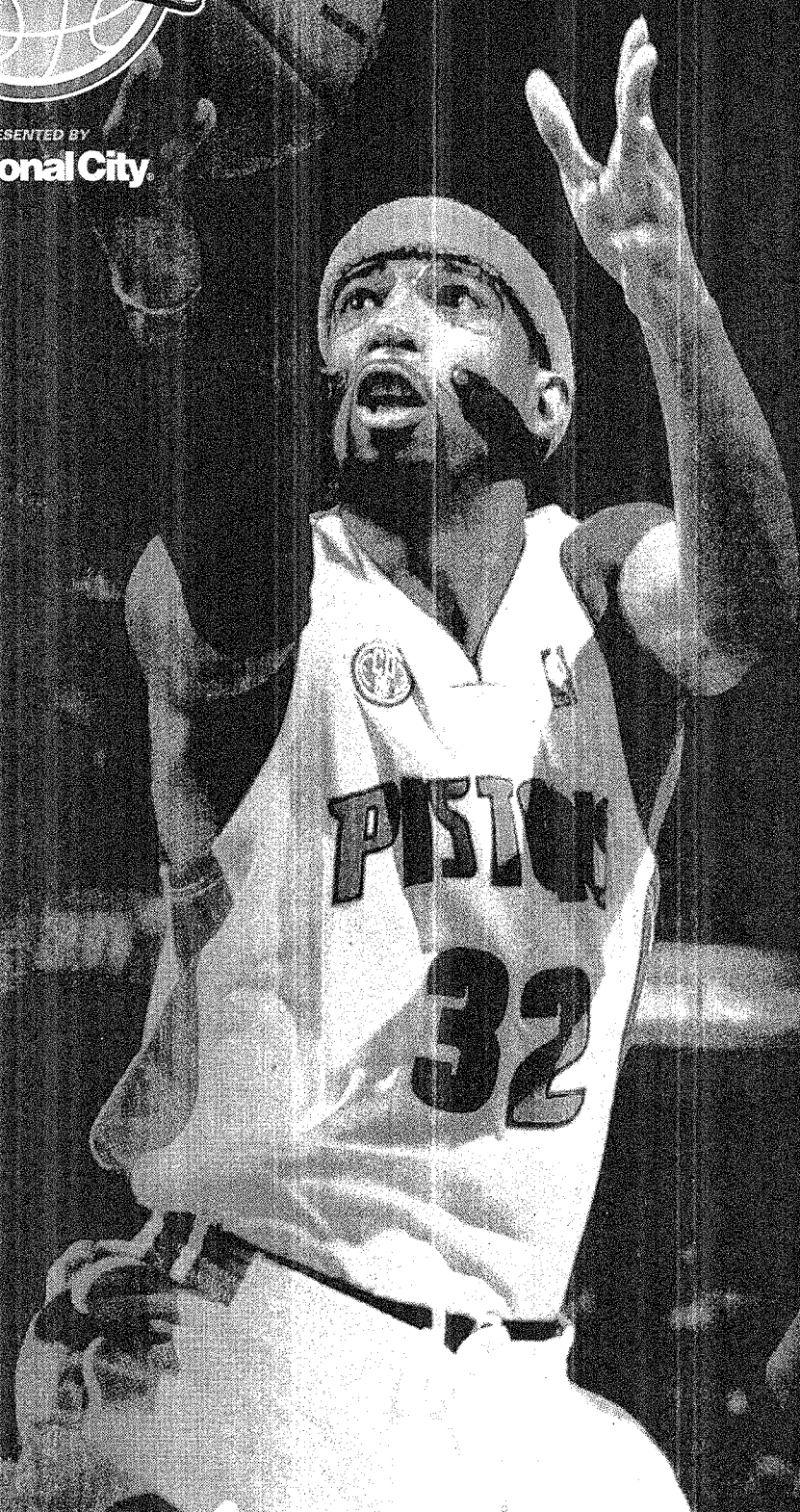
Tom Deboves topped Mount Carmel with 14 points, while Cody Parker added 11.

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

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



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Sweet victory

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

All Crusaders

Herring lifts MU women to 70-54 quarterfinal win

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

"The key was full-out 40 minutes of intensity," said Herring, who also had seven rebounds and three assists.

"This is the first real game that we played a full 40 minutes. Our team showed it. We came out on top, never lost our lead. We showed great composure and chemistry with the entire team."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Lady Ocelots rally to win crown

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHOOLCRAFT '96, DELTA '04: Schoolcraft College (26-1) connected on 12 three-pointers, avenged its only loss of the season Wednesday with a lopsided MCCA Eastern Conference semifinal playoff triumph over visiting Delta College (14-13). The Lady Ocelots, who ran their

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

MICHIGAN INTERSCHOLASTIC SWIM COACHES ASSOCIATION MEET AREA FINISHERS
Feb. 13 at EMU's Jones Natatorium
200-yard medley relay: 1. Saline (Josh Ehrman, Mike Fisher, David Boland, Adam Whitener), 1:38.04; 7. (tie) Livonia Stevenson (Kellen Schoff, John Loria, Adam Dabkowski, Brandon Bielicki), 1:41.97; 51. Westland John Glenn, 1:50.48; 52. Livonia Churchill, 1:50.5.
200 freestyle: 1. Mike Wyalda (Grandville), 1:40.2; 42. Danny Schoff (Stevenson), 1:51.97.
200 individual medley: 1. David Boland (Saline), 1:56.58; 46. Jake McNamara (Stevenson), 2:09.22; 58. Bryan Bielicki (Stevenson), 2:10.09; 82. David Vincentini (Churchill), 2:12.98.
500 freestyle: 1. Matt Mandell (Grosse Pointe South), 21:64; 5. Aaren Marecki (Stevenson),

22:24; 25. Paul Gutu (John Glenn), 23:05; 27. Brandon Bielicki (Stevenson), 23:09; 47. Joey Wakeford (John Glenn), 23:47; 56. Dabkowski (Stevenson), 23:69.

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

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

100 freestyle: 1. Wyalda (Grandville), 46:08; 7. Marecki (Stevenson), 48:54; 9. K. Schoff (Stevenson), 48:67; 41. Brandon Bielicki (Stevenson), 51:11; 51. Mohamed Ghotemi (Stevenson), 51:85.

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

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

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

100 backstroke: 1. Stephen Sobczak (Dexter), 52.66; 5. K. Schoff (Stevenson), 55.31; 13. Ferrara (Stevenson), 57:06; 14. Joey Wakeford (John Glenn), 57:15; 24. Bryan Bielicki (Stevenson), 58:11.

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

400 freestyle relay: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer (Tyler Hampton, Seiji Osawa, Kyle Gunderson, Grant Cole), 3:12.17; 8. Stevenson (K. Schoff, Ghotemi, Dabkowski, Marecki), 3:19.92; 37. John Glenn (Wilton, Gutu, Jake Ferguson, Joey Wakeford), 3:33.57; 49. Livonia Franklin, 3:36.34.

CHAMPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NEIGHBORS

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

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

Provenzano said she was inspired to create the outreach



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

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

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

PRIZE PATROL

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

those people are excited," Provenzano said.

FROM GARDENING TO BALL

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

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

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

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

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

recreation efforts statewide.

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

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

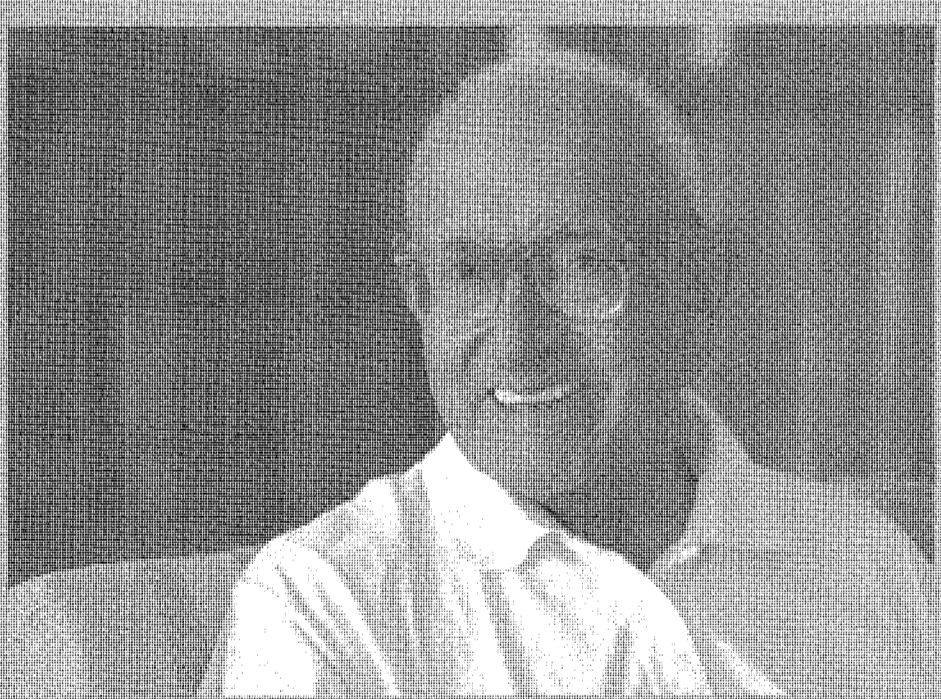
"We're lucky enough to end up with some surplus items throughout the year," she added, referring to the prizes given out.

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

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

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

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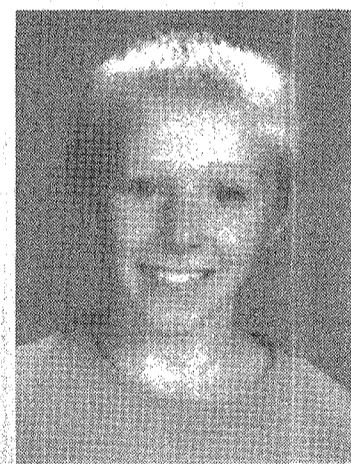
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Drawings begin at 9pm - You need not be present to win.



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Trust fund is set up in Brien's name.

For more information, call (734) 421-2300

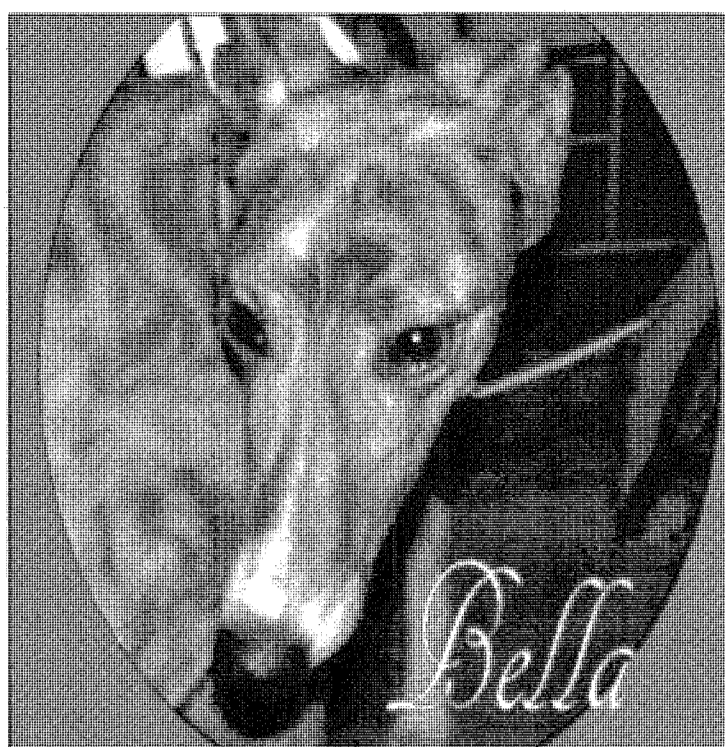
ADOPTABLE GREYHOUNDS

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

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

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

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



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

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Poker fund-raiser

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

Proceeds will benefit the club.

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

Bowling for Braille

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

Deadline to sign up is March 7.

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

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

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

Guest artist

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

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

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

Reduce stress through breath, focus on present

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

Her new CD represents more than 30 years

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

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

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

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

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

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

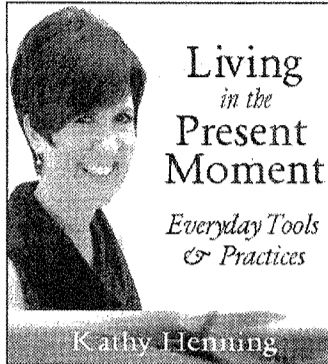
• March 3, 23 and 31 at The Sanctuary Chiropractic & Wellness Spa, 35275 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

• Holistic Healer & Wellness, March 2 and 16, 21194 Van Born, Dearborn Heights.

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

A special "for women only" program runs March 4 and 18 at All About Women's Health, 31209 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Register for classes by calling (734) 674-6965.



The cover of Kathy Henning's meditation CD.

Advertisement for 'Guide to Employment' featuring various job listings and contact information. The ad includes a large header 'Guide to Employment' and a grid of job opportunities with details like 'Help Wanted-General 5000', 'Medical Assst/Receptionist', 'Auto Sales - Used Cars', etc. It also includes a sidebar with 'Net a new job!' and 'www.hometownlife.com'.

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

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

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

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

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REUNION CALENDAR

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

Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965
45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com.

Detroit Cooley High School Class of 1960
50th Reunion May 1 at Crown Plaza-Metro Airport. Call (248) 625-4598 or (734) 464-1692 for more information.

Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1962
Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960
50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960
50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Farmington High School Class of 1970
Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblheh@aol.com.

Garden City High School Class of 1960
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City East Class of 1964
Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen Berry at karber@comcast.net or Teri Friedman at sweet112001@yahoo.com.

Garden City West Class of 1970
40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.


Oak Park High School Class of 1980
30th reunion, July 2-4; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

Redford Union Class of 1960
50-year reunion, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more information contact Mike and Carol (Geroeff) Pontius (248) 446-9948 or e-mail to mikecarol91500@att.net. Or call Tena (Fear) Keith at (248) 437-6827.

Warren Fitzgerald Class of 1974
35-year reunion, 6 a.m.-midnight, March 20, at Crank's Enchantment Banquet Center, 46915 Hayes, at 21 Mile, in Shelby Township. Tickets are \$30. Call Louise DeLuca at (248) 496-8916 or Lisa Zientek, (586) 291-7998.

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

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



CITY OF GARDEN CITY BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

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

Tuesday	March 2, 2010	9:00 a.m.
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The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the assessment roll:

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

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

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

Tentative ratios for the 2010 tax year are:

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

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

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

ALLYSON BETTIS
TEASURER-CLERK

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

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves

48: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 02/1/10.
-Traffic Control Order: 2010-01-Install (2) signs "NO PARKING" w. side of Affeldt.
-Appr. bid for SWQIF Footing Drain Disconnect Program to Bidigare Contractors, amt; \$2,027,752.70.
-Appr. grant app. from MDNRTF for "Central City Park Restoration Plan" City's share \$150,000.00.
-Intro. of Ord. 218C, an ordinance to provide for issuance and sale of junior lien revenue bonds to pay for improvements to water & sewer system.
-Declared emergency to intro. & adopt Ord. 218C, an ordinance to provide for issuance and sale of junior lien revenue bonds to pay for improvements to water & sewer system.
-Adopted Ord. 218C, an ordinance to provide for issuance and sale of junior lien revenue bonds to pay for improvements to water & sewer system.
-Adopted Prep. Res. to use NSP funds to purchase 2 properties.
49: Appr. Spec. Land Use for prop. Independent Retail Pharmacy, 2714 S. Newburgh, PID #078-01-0031-002 & -0032-002, w. side of Newburgh, n. of Glenwood.
50: Conf. appt of M. Tockstein to Board of Review to fill partial term, term to exp. 12/31/12.
51: Appr. checklist: \$1,399,863.43 & Prepaid: \$1,755,527.56. Mtg. adj. at 8:27 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk, CMC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

William Gabriel
City Controller

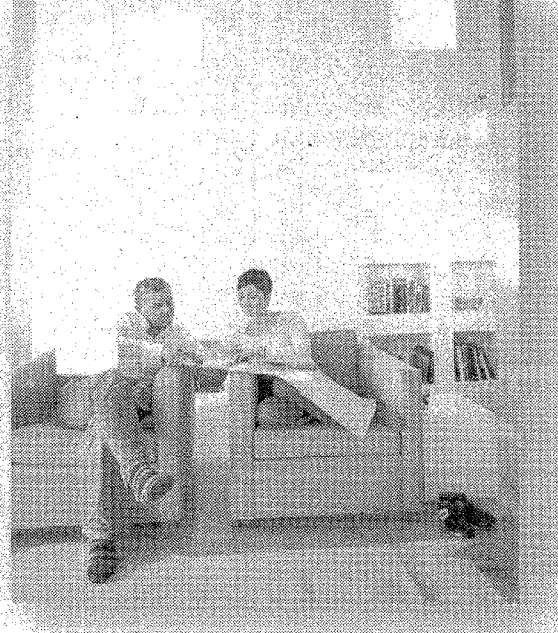
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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eileen DeHart, City Clerk

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**Look for Hometown Life Woman on March 4, 2010
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NEW FACES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

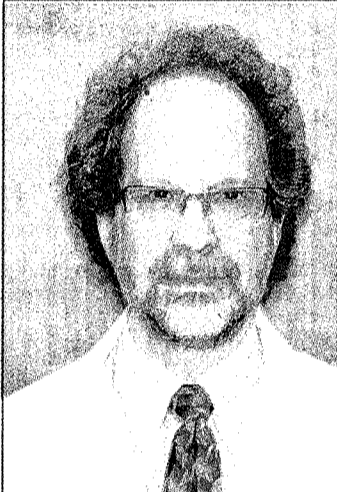
St. Amour is board certified in emergency medicine and a member of the American Osteopathic Association, American College



Bruce St. Amour



Mohammed Ogaily



Michael Rosen

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

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

MARCH

St. Mary Mercy

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

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

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

Hydrocephalus Association

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

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Teens and drugs

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

The second session will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified. It will include a recovering teen speaker. The programs are free and open to the public. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided. (734) 973-7892, e-mail teensusingdrugs@gmail.com or visit http://www.teensusingdrugs.org.

APRIL

St. Mary Mercy

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

ONGOING

Fitness classes

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

Overeaters Anonymous

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

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

Breast cancer support group

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

Caregivers support group

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

Metro Fibromyalgia

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

Wayne metro caregiver support

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

Parkinson Support

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

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

CPR classes

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

Arthritis support group

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

Tai Chi classes

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

Recovery, Inc.

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

Low vision support group

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

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