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## AROUND TOWN

### New office hours

As she starts her second term as Wayne County commissioner, Joan Gebhardt has new office hours in the District 12 communities of Westland, Inkster and south Livonia.

To avoid any confusion, all three office hours will be held the same day - the third Monday of each month.

The new schedule is:  
• 10 a.m. at the YWCA of Western Wayne County, 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster.

• noon at Panera Bread, 35300 Warren Road, Westland.  
• 6 p.m. at Biggby Coffee, 11003 Middlebelt, Livonia.

"This gives the constituents the opportunity to have different times and different locations on the same day in order to meet with me," Gebhardt said. "I also wanted to give different area businesses the opportunity to be highlighted by hosting my office hour."

"Constituents are encouraged to visit my website at [www.waynecounty.com/district12](http://www.waynecounty.com/district12). Whether they are residents or business owners, they are certainly free to contact my office at (313) 224-0907 or by e-mail at [district12@co.wayne.mi.us](mailto:district12@co.wayne.mi.us)," Gebhardt said.

### Distinguished alumni

Wayne-Westland two high schools are on the hunt for outstanding graduates to honor as part of commencement in June.

John Glenn High School annually recognizes an outstanding graduate as part of its graduation ceremony.

The Faculty Council at John Glenn High School is asking the community to help in the selection process by nominating a John Glenn graduate who has earned distinction in his or her field of endeavor. The council feels "that successful graduates, such as these, could have a positive motivational effect on the graduating seniors as well as the school community and the faculty."

Nominations can be made by contacting Robyn Brennan at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185. The deadline is Feb. 25.

The Faculty Council will review all applications and select the nominee to be honored with this year's graduating class.

Wayne Memorial High School also is looking for nominees for its annual Distinguished Alumni Award.

"We have had many outstanding people graduate from Wayne Memorial," said Valerie Orr, principal.

To nominate a WMHS graduate for the honor, contact Pam Rawson at (734) 419-2206, or send nominations to her attention at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne, MI 48184. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 25.

The winner will be announced in May and the recipient will be honored at commencement on June 4.

## Residents show interest in W-W board vacancy

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Time is running out for residents to formally let the Wayne-Westland school board know they're interested in filling a vacancy.

People have until 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, to indicate in writing that they are interested in filling the vacancy.

As of Friday morning, five people had turned in documents indicating that they are interested in the position, according to Jan Teague in Superintendent Greg Baracy's office. The names of the candidates will not

be released until after the filing deadline.

"It's generated a lot of calls and I think because of the economy, people are asking things about the position, the pay and the office hours," Teague said. "I'm sure we'll have a couple more come in by Monday."

The school board will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, to interview candidates and select a new member to serve out the remaining 143 days of a term that had been held by Martha Pitsenbarger. The veteran school board member, who had already indicated that she would not seek re-

election in the May 3 school election, resigned Jan. 10 due to circumstance beyond her control. Pitsenbarger had been commuting from Myrtle Beach, S.C., where she had been caring for her husband, Jack, who is recovering from an illness cause by a bacterial fungus.

The person selected will serve only on the board until June 30 when the term expires.

Candidates must be a registered voter of the district, which includes the City of Wayne and portions of Westland, Canton, Romulus, Inkster and Dearborn Heights, and be at least 18 years old. They also must be a citi-

zen of the United States, resident of the State of Michigan and the school district and otherwise eligible to hold the office.

According to Teague, the school board will decide what questions will be asked of the candidates and how the interview process will take place. While the meeting is open to the public, the candidates will only be allowed in the board room after their interviews.

"The candidates will wait in the lobby and be called in, the board will

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Bonnie Roy (left) and Starr Moe are more than mentor and mentee. Roy was named Westland Youth Assistance Mentor of the Year, while Moe was named the Female Youth of the Year.

## Turning a life around

Youth Assistance recognizes those who make a difference

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kristopher Hoeft had left the Westland Friendship Center with his mother Wednesday evening, but decided to come back in one more time. He wanted Paul Motz and Michele Bracy to know he was available to help.

The Westland Youth Assistance Male Youth of

the Year, the 16-year-old is more than willing to help his community.

"The Youth Assistance program helped me a lot," said Hoeft. "I got into trouble, I made some poor choices and it turned into something good. It helped me turn my life around."

Hoeft shared the lime-light with Female Youth of the Year Starr Moe and her mentor, Bonnie Roy,

who was recognized as Mentor of the Year at Youth Assistance's annual awards program. The Southeast Michigan Community Alliance received the Agency of the Year honors, while Jon Albarracin received a special recognition award.

"Mentorship is a two-way street," Youth Assistance

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## Taylor man faces sentencing in murder of Westland teen

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Taylor man will have to wait until next week to be sentenced following a guilty plea in the murder of a Westland teen last August.

The sentencing of Nicholas Jay Cottrell, 22, was adjourned Wednesday, Jan. 26. Instead, he will appear Thursday, Feb. 3, before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Ulysses Boykin to receive his sentence of 25 to 50 years in prison. Cottrell and co-defendant Justin Yoshikawa, 18, of Westland had been charged with first-degree murder, punishable by life in prison, in the killing of 16-year-old Carlee Morse of Westland.

Cottrell had agreed to testify against Yoshikawa, and during a preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court, said that he had followed instructions from Yoshikawa to lure the victim from the Westland apartment where she lived with her mother Aug. 20, and watched as Yoshikawa, who had been hiding in the back seat of his 1998 Ford Escort, strangled Morse with the rope and, after her death, attempt to break her neck.

"I froze, I couldn't believe what I was seeing," Cottrell

had testified. "I hadn't believed he would do what he did."

Cottrell also testified that the following day, he and Yoshikawa drove around until they found an isolated area where Yoshikawa put the victim's body, contained in black trash bags, into a Dumpster outside a church.

Morse's body has not been recovered and neither Cottrell nor Yoshikawa have been able to provide police with an exact location of where they left it.

According to Maria Miller in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Yoshikawa's attorney has requested a competency hearing. His review date is March 10.

Cottrell's mother, Tina Lowe, 49, also has been charged as an accessory after the fact and interfering in a police investigation in the murder.

Lowe is charged with telling a witness not to come forward with information about the murder. A witness eventually did provide police with information about Morse's murder that resulted in Yoshikawa and Cottrell being arrested.

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## Organizers prepare for annual Relay for Life

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the midst of a cold Michigan winter, it's hard to think about voluntarily spending 24 hours outside.

Organizers of the Westland-Wayne 2011 American Cancer Society Relay for Life are looking ahead to warmer weather as they plan for the event Saturday-Sunday, May

14-15 - a weekend earlier than last year.

"We decided to move to avoid a conflict with the Garden City Relay for Life," said Rhonda Temple, who is co-chairing the event with Councilwoman Meriem Kadi. "They are like our sister program. We tried to break off so that we can visit each other's relay."

The Westland-Wayne

Relay officially kicks off Wednesday, March 2, at the Wayne Recreation Center but teams are already organizing and getting their fund-raising under way. During the first 10 years of the local relay, an average of \$100,000 was raised annually putting the cumulative total over \$1 million.

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# AWARDS

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Director Paul Motz told the crowd. "You hear the mentors say they've learned as much as the kids have. By serving as a mentor, you demonstrate how beautiful life truly is. You are willing to give of yourself to show our youth how important they are and that they matter."

Deputy Director Michele Bracy describe Hoeft as "respectful, down-to-earth and mature for his age."

"While he made a mistake, he took responsibility for his behavior and was willing to do what was necessary to make things right," she said, adding that community service seemed to be his specialty. "He excelled at performing numerous community service projects, his supervisors always praised his impressive work and his willingness to go above and beyond what was expected of him."

"I'm shocked, but I'm happy I won," said Hoeft. "I'm glad I can help my community. I've continued to volunteer even after being done with the program. I call and if they have a volunteer opportunity, I'm there."

Hoeft added that the program helped him to open up and share his feelings rather than keeping them "bottled up inside."

"I can share a lot more, I can communicate with my family and my friends," he said. "It's helped me be more outgoing."

## GETTING HELP

For Moe, it was a couple of fights that had her mother turn to Youth Assistance for help. Other than that, "she made very good decisions," said Laura Moe.

"I think I really matured as a person," said Moe. "I respect other people and know how the feel."

Roy, her mentor, described her "as kind of quiet at first." Over the months, she "blossomed."

"I enjoy being with her," Roy said. "I've had a number of mentees in the last five years and I think I've had the most fun with Starr."

"She's always been such a sweet girl who just happened to run into a couple of knuckleheaded kids," added Motz. "Every few months we have to evaluate to see how it's going and Bonnie would say Starr is just perfect and I couldn't agree more."

Moe traded places with Roy in introducing her as Mentor of the Year. In a written statement, the teen praised Roy for "treating me as an adult and not as a



Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz (from left), 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli, Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, and State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, pose with Jon Albarracin (center) who received a special recognition award.



Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt (standing), D-Livonia, chats with Mentor of the Year Bonnie Roy, her granddaughter Veronica Cranick and Roy's husband Mike at the Westland Youth Assistance awards program.



Youth Assistance Male Youth of the Year Kris Hoeft gets a hug from his girlfriend Corinne Canavan.

teenager." "She helped me, she talked to me, she's been an awesome person," she said. "She means the world to me. I can never forget what you have done for me."

Albarracin was "pretty sassy" and "heading down the wrong route" when he got involved in Youth Assistance. According to Motz, he was in the program for a while and took a break. It was his decision to come back and when he did, "the change was

tremendous." "He's a completely different kid, he exemplifies what we're about," said Motz. "He's turned his life around, he's made positive choices. He's a cool kid and we enjoy hanging out with him."

"I want to thank everyone involved, you all saved my child," said a tearful Kristy Albarracin. "You helped turn my son around ... and the Westland police who returned my call, I feel they were instru-

mental in me getting me my son back."

## IMPORTANT ALLY

SEMCA was honored for its more than five-year support of the program which "has been dedicated to helping Youth Assistance strengthen its position as a leading provider for at-risk youth and their families."

Bracy singled out Prevention Services Manager Theresa Webster for her help in Youth Assistance being licensed by the Michigan Department of Community Health and helping her and Motz become certified prevention specialists.

"SEMCA has been an important ally for the Westland Youth Assistance Program, we look forward to an ongoing relationship so our mentoring program can continue to provide assistance and support to youth and families in Westland," Bracy said.

"I enjoy all my contacts, especially Westland Youth Assistance," said Webster. "I'm so very proud of the work you have done, how far you have come and the work you do with the youth."

"Your program is one of our best programs, your model is the one that works," said SEMCA CEO Greg Pitoniak. "Your volunteers and mentors are making a difference."

In addition to the words of praise, the honorees also received recognition in the form of proclamations from state, county and local officials. Among them was Westland City Council President Pro Tem Michael Kehrer, who urged attendees to let city leaders know how important the Youth Assistance program is.

"Contact the mayor and council, let them know how great this program is," Kehrer said.

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# Sen. Anderson presses for passage of safe school bill

Sen. Glenn Anderson is hoping a forum held in Detroit last week held by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission will help get legislative action on an anti-bullying bill he introduced as a state representative.

The Westland lawmaker attend the forum which examined the issue of bullying in Michigan's public schools and workplaces. Also in attendance were representatives of the Michigan Department of Education, professors from Michigan State University's Social Work Department, and other experts who talked about the possibility of curtailing bullying in Michigan's schools.

In addition, students and adults provided testimony of personal experiences.

"The forum brought many different perspectives together to highlight the experiences of countless children who are bullied every day in our state," said Anderson. "I have fought to pass this legislation since I first introduced it as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives. While it has been an uphill battle, events like this help others to understand the seriousness of this problem and help spur other legislators to place a priority on addressing this issue."

Anderson first introduced anti-bullying legislation in 2005 and his bill has been dubbed "Matt's Safe School Law." The legislation was given its name to memorialize the tragic death of Matt Epling, an East Lansing student who committed suicide after being subjected to constant tormenting by older students while in middle school. Matt was only 14 years old at the time.

Matt's Safe School Law would require local school districts to adopt anti-bullying policies. The Michigan Department of Education has made available a model policy on which school districts can adopt, which closely mirrors Anderson's legislation. However, districts are not currently required to adopt this model policy or any policy.

Anderson's bill is Senate Bill 45 of 2011. It was referred to the Senate Committee on Education where it awaits a hearing before coming to the floor for a vote. Sen. Phillip Pavlov is the chairman of the committee and will decide if and when the bill receives a hearing.

"The bullying going on in our schools is unacceptable, and there is something we can do to end it," said Anderson.

# VACANCY

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determine if it will be alphabetically or a random drawing," Teague said.

School board members receive a monthly stipend in lieu of a salary. The amount per year is \$2,960 which includes both mileage and meetings.

Residents interested in serving on the board can drop off their documents in the superintendent's office at the district's administrative services building at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. Information about the appointment can be obtained by calling the superintendent's office at (734) 419-2010.

The appointment will be made less than 24 hours before the 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, filing deadline for the school election in two seats

— the vacant position and that of school board President Skip Monit — will be filled in the election. Both are four-year terms.

Candidates for the school election can submit nominating petitions containing a minimum of 40 up to a maximum of 100 signatures of registered voters in the school district or pay a \$100 fee in lieu of petitions and file an Affidavit of Identity.

Residents can pick up the necessary paperwork at the clerk's office in Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road, or at the clerk's office in Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road, north of Michigan Avenue.

For more information about filing for the election, call the Westland clerk's office at (734) 467-3185 or the Wayne clerk's office at (734) 722-2204.

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# RELAY

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Held in Westland's Jaycee Park, the 2010 relay drew more than 34 teams that raised money and kept someone walking throughout the 24 hours, symbolizing that cancer never sleeps.

Westland has set a goal of raising \$111,000 this year, and Temple is hoping to attract at least 39 teams. There is some fluidity on teams as people change teams or new teams are formed.

Temple's team is Alyssa's Angels, formed in memory of her 6-year-old daughter who died of leukemia in 2006.

"She was with us in 2006 at our first relay. Alyssa got a strep infection — she had undiagnosed leukemia," said Temple. "She was sick over the weekend

and then gone in about six hours (at the hospital)."

Alyssa died about a month after that 2006 relay and the following year a relay team, Alyssa's Angels, was formed in her memory.

"It was family and friends. We get new team members through other family and friends," said Temple. "A couple of community members decided to join us. It's a wonderful support group."

Members of existing teams or anyone interested in forming or joining a team are invited to attend the Relay for Life kick-off on March 2. Registration is 6:30 p.m. with the program following at 7 p.m. Contact Marie Matuszak at marie.matuszak@cancer.org or (248) 663-3404 for more information.

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# Rotary Club says thanks for member's generous gift

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Don Douglass has done a lot during his 44 years as a member of the Westland Rotary.

Although he's not a charter member — he joined in 1967, a year after the club formed — he is the longest serving member. He has met every single member of the club and has lived through every president, including some twice. He has seen every one of the club's fund-raisers develop and attended them.

He has watched Rotary International and the Westland Rotary change, and was there when women were allowed to join the organization in 1987.

But there's one thing the Canton resident hasn't done — serve as the club's president. And with good reason. A former teacher, counselor and high school assistant principal with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, he spent his summers Up North.

"I tried to attend all the meetings except during the summer," said Douglass. "I was secretary, treasurer, but never president because I was

gone in the summer."

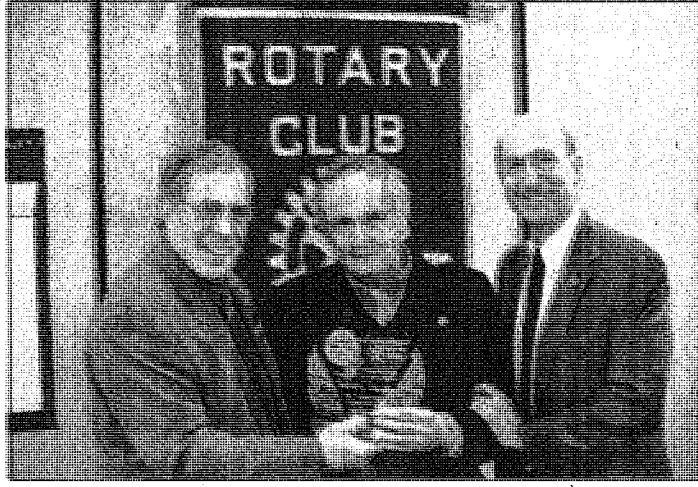
Douglass was honored by the club at its luncheon meeting Thursday for his decision to set aside an undisclosed sum of money in his estate for the club to use.

"He has set an example of service above self in everything he has done," said club President Jeffrey Juenemann. "He believes in the work of Rotary and believes in its goals and now he has given the club a monetary gift that can be used locally. With Don, we have a bright future for our club."

"The amazing thing is what Rotary is about," said Michael McCullough, a Trenton Rotarian and a past Rotary International director. "You have the opportunity to see ordinary people do extraordinary things. Don, you fit that description. You step up, you see a need and do the deed."

McCullough compared Douglass's donation to the \$355 million grant Bill Gates has provided to fight polio.

"You believe in Westland Rotary, you want to incite and excite," he said. "It's not about the money and what the money can do. You know the



Michael McCullough, a Trenton Rotarian and a past Rotary International director (left), and Jeffrey Juenemann, president of the Westland Rotary (right), honor Don Douglass for his many years of service as a Rotarian and for the money he has set aside to benefit the club.

money is a tool to be of service to the community. I believe you've set the example for other folks."

A Paul Harris Fellow for his support of the Rotary Foundation, Douglass finds it hard to name one thing that has been the best thing about Rotary over the past 44 years. While he help set up scholarships at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn high schools, he

remembers the club donating a commercial washer and dryer to Wayne-Westland's clothing bank, standing on street corners collecting money and the work the organization has done to eradicate polio worldwide.

Rotary International has taken on the polio project. According to Douglass, it's down to few countries like Pakistan.

"I'm glad to be part of doing something good for the world, whether it's eradicating polio or providing clean water," he said. "Three thousand children die every day because of poor water. We do wells to help clean up the water."

Douglass first attended a club meeting at the invitation of a Rotarian. He didn't know what the organization was, but he learned.

"When I joined it was a good ole boys club, there were no women," he said. "We did a lot of nice things, but not like now."

Douglass took some good-natured ribbing from his fellow Rotarians. Lou Toarmina recalled one time when Douglass was giving out the high school scholarships.

"We had a visiting Rotarian from Belleville, he mistook for a high school student and tried to give her a scholarship," he said.

Margaret Harlow recounted giving Douglass and his friend a ride and they both sat in the back seat of her car.

"I adjusted the mirror so I could keep an eye on them," she said to which Douglass, a widower, countered that "I want to

live long enough to be 95 and get shot by an irate husband."

Antoinette Martin, who helped Douglass with his estate planning, told her fellow Rotarians that while working with a teacher, they began talking about education in the community.

"She asked if I knew Don Douglass, when I said yes, she said, 'Isn't he just awesome, he was so good to me when I started as a teacher,'" Martin said.

Tom North, however, described Douglas as "always being a role model."

"He's eloquent, educated and easy to talk to," he said. "He leads by example, that's his track record. His career has been about doing the right thing, about getting up every morning and doing the right thing."

As for his gift to the club, Douglass gave but one instruction.

"I want it used, I don't want you sitting on it," he said. "I want it spent for the good things the club does. Use it, use it wisely which I know you will."

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# Promotion comes with oath administered by U.S. senator

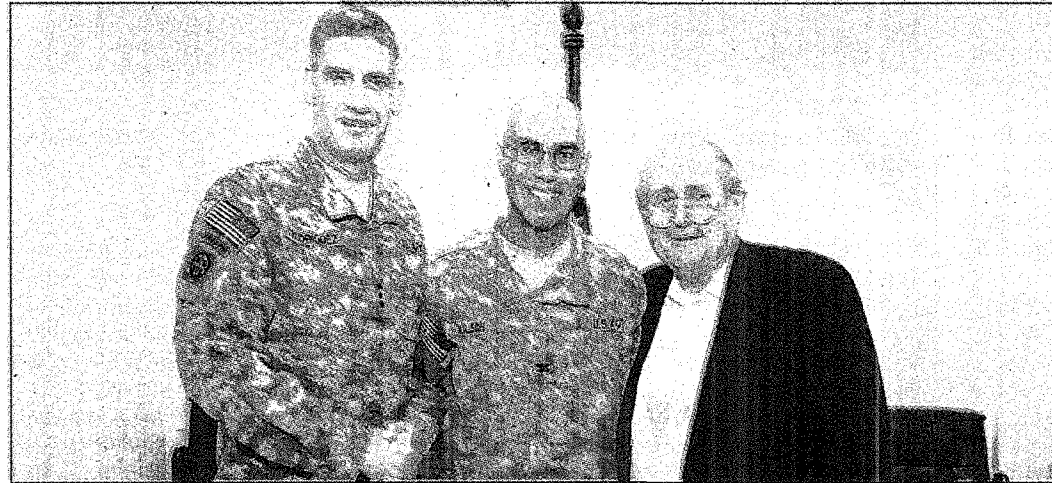
A reservists with roots in Garden City received a promotion and the oath of office was administered by a familiar face.

Marc S. Wilson was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve while serving on active-duty status deployed to Afghanistan, and it was U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan, who administered the oath of office. Levin was visiting Afghanistan and was on hand for Wilson's promotion ceremony in Kabul.

Wilson serves as the Coalition-Joint Chief for Campaign Resources/Forces Manager regularly assigned to the Office of the Chief of the Army Reserve at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

The colonel has served in the military for 24 years. He is the son of Mary H. Wilson of Garden City, and is married to wife, Gayla, the daughter of Phyllis Packard of Hammon, Okla.

Wilson graduated in 1981 from Catholic Central High School and received a bachelor's degree in 1986 from the University of Detroit. He earned a master's degree in 1998 from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.

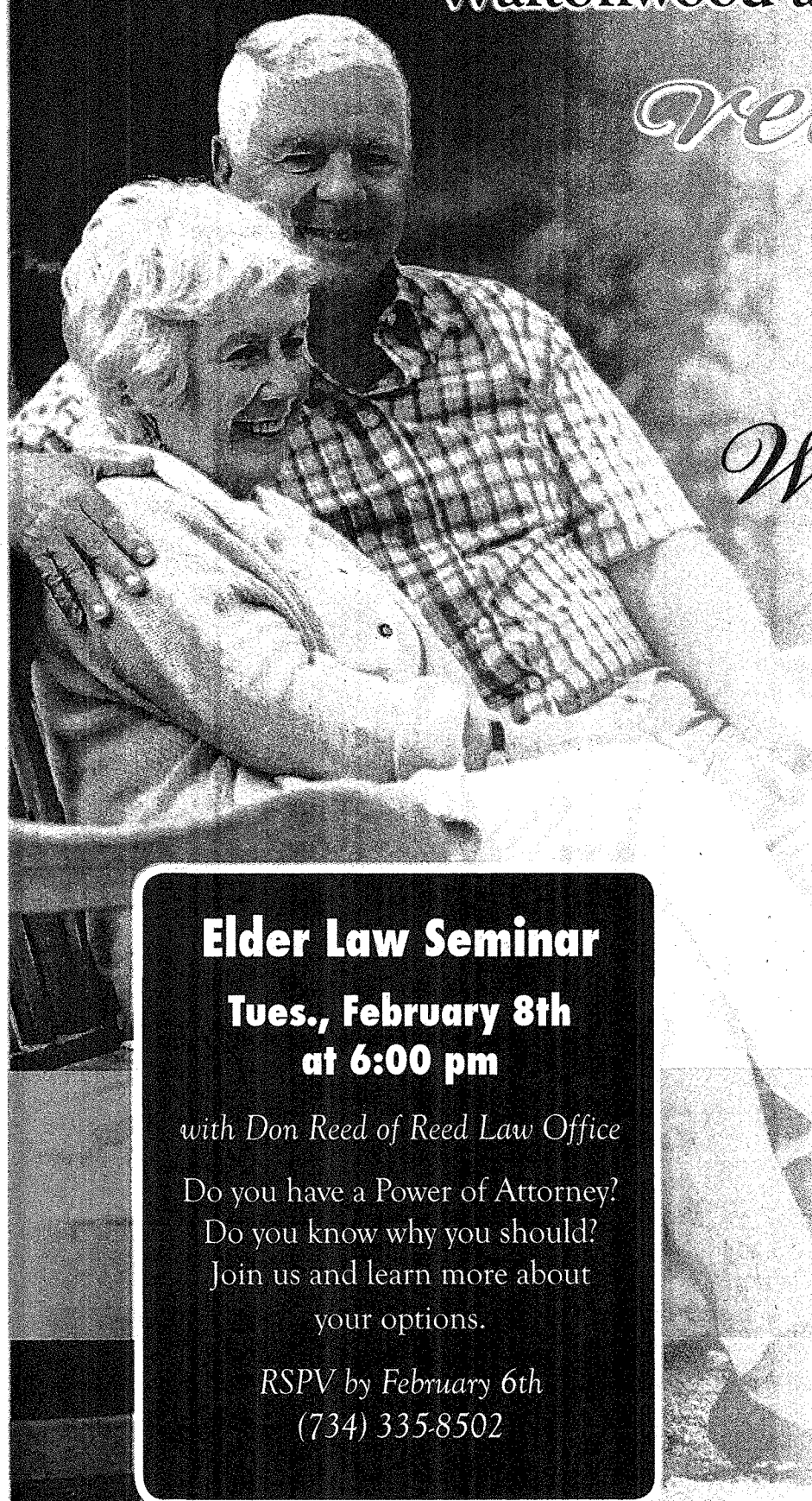


U.S. Sen. Carl Levin (right) joins Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, the International Security Forces Command commander, in congratulating newly promoted U.S. Army Col. Marc Wilson following a promotion ceremony in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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## Taft-Galloway students raise money for memorial bench

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last fall, the students at Taft-Galloway Elementary School in Wayne put their pennies to good use, raising more than \$900 to help to buy books for Toys for Tots and at-risk youngsters in the community.

Now the school has turned its focus to helping the victims of the Dec. 29 explosion at W.C. Franks Furniture that killed two employees, critically injured the store owner and leveled the building. The youngsters collected \$330 for a victims' fund set up at the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union and are now selling "Helping Hearts" in school and at businesses in the community.

"We decided we had to do something," said Shawnn Maxwell, president of the Taft-Galloway Association of Parents and Staff. "They started the penny challenge on a Wednesday and by Friday had collected \$129."

Three students in three different classrooms brought in their own money for the challenge, while other students did extra chores and brought in the money.

Students also have been cutting out the red hearts that are being sold for \$1 each at the school and at the 7-Eleven store on Annapolis east of Venoy, Rex's Family Restaurant at Wayne Road and westbound

# Helping Hearts



PHOTOS BY THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Taft-Galloway students, show off the Helping Hearts they're selling at the school and through business in the community as part of a fund-raiser to buy a bench.

Michigan Avenue and the Red Apple at Venoy and eastbound Michigan Avenue.

The Helping Hearts money will be used to buy a memorial bench that will be located in Goudy Park less than a mile from the site of the explosion. Maxwell approached Principal

Stephanie Acord about doing something to help. They ruled out a pop can and bottle drive "because it's too messy," and opted for selling hearts and getting local businesses involved.

"The parents and kids are great," said Maxwell. "We pride ourselves in helping each other

and helping in the community."

The school already has "an awesome bench picked out," and is hoping to get help from the school district to move it to the park.

"If people want to bring money to the school that's fine," said Maxwell. "Just bring it in



Third-grader Clinton Elwick focuses on carefully cutting out a Helping heart.



Fourth-graders Autume Maxwell and Jade Elder cut out Helping Hearts that are being sold at the school and at businesses in the Wayne community to raise money for a memorial bench.

### ACHIEVERS

**Lindsey Grudnicki** of Westland has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2010 at Ashland University in Ohio.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be enrolled full time and achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The daughter of Michael and Linda Grudnicki, she is majoring in history and political science.

**James D. Rockrohr** and **Rebecca E. Rockrohr**, both of Westland, have been named to the fall Dean's List at Concordia University Wisconsin. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.50 grade point average.

**Cassie Sanders** of Westland has been named to the Dean's List at Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio. The Dean's List is for students achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and are enrolled in 12 or more semester hours for which letter grades are given.

and give it to Kitty Monit." If students raise more money than needed to pay for it, that money will be donated to the University of Michigan Burn Center, Maxwell said.

"We have awesome, caring kids at Taft-Galloway, they always step up when there's something to do," she added.

For more information about Helping Hearts, call Taft-Galloway at (734) 419-2760.

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As Clinical Dietary Manager, Laura Cervi's goal is to serve food that is nutritious and delicious. With help from residents on a special committee, Cervi fashions flavorful meals that take into consideration diets for diabetes, heart and renal disease, and hypertension. Cervi, who earned a master's degree in nutrition from Central Michigan University, knows the importance of offering healthy food. Residents on dialysis or with wounds need additional protein. Diabetics may require six small meals a day. To add flavor, the cooks use fresh onion and garlic.

"We use fresh vegetables, try to stay away from canned, processed," said Cervi. "One of our cooks, Tina Fleming, is in the culinary program at Schoolcraft College. She is very creative and interactive with residents during the meals."

Cervi observes meals as well. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served restaurant-style. "We want to provide residents with what they want," said Cervi. "One of our residents is a vegan. She's in her 90s and a Seventh-day Adventist. We go out and get meals for anyone who requests kosher or halal. Residents might want more danishes or bagels. Our main focus is to try to obtain what the resident was used to before coming here. We want to provide for residents as if it's their home."

"... (my mother's) meals are so good, every day of the week... the name is Four Seasons but it should be 'Four Stars'..."

A registered dietitian, Lenie Manipula, believes meals must be healthy and please the palate. "We want the least restrictive diet with optimum nutrition. We try to make it as liberal as possible for them, and season meals thinking of limitations and special diets for renal and heart," said Manipula.

Bea Colling was at Four Seasons' holiday dinner for residents and families in December. She raved about the food served to her mother, Rose Butcher, a Four Seasons resident for two years. "Their meals are good every day of the week... the name is Four Seasons but it should be 'Four Stars'," said Colling.

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# New ringtone app previews music at random

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

That musical ringtone on your mobile phone probably cost a buck or three.

Now, for around the same price, an application just launched by a pair of Plymouth-area computer science majors lets smart phone owners have access to millions of songs, try them out at random as ringtones, and buy those that strike their fancies for pennies each.

The RanDinger app (the name is a mashup of "random" and "ringer") went public Jan. 14, just months after its inventors, Jeff Sibbold and Bryan Kelly, got to work on it. The app, at \$2.99, is for phones with the Android operating system; Sibbold and Kelly are looking into designing a model for Apple's iPhones.

"You tell it what you want to hear" by setting basic parameters, "and it brings the previews to your phone," said Kelly, who describes RanDinger as a way to personalize one's phone and preview music.

Kelly, of Plymouth Township, and Sibbold, of Ann Arbor, sat down for an interview Tuesday at the Plymouth Coffee Bean. Their new app development company is called Twisted Castle.

RanDinger users have four ways of choosing their ringtones: by artist, by music genre, by the current most popular tunes, or by the most popular from a given artist. After that, it's random.

"It keeps it fresh," said Sibbold, who grew up in Plymouth, and whose ringtones were picked by artist on Tuesday (Pearl Jam, then the Rolling Stones to demonstrate the ease of switching). "You're always hearing something new."

Once the app is purchased (a free version is limited to the current top 20 songs), users can switch parameters as often as they like at no extra charge. So your ringtone could be Roberta Flack one day, Randy Newman the next, and classical music the day after that, depending on how you set it.

RanDinger is linked to the U.K.-based digital music store 7digital (www.7digital.com), which has over 10 million titles. The songs are sold for between 77 cents and \$1.49 each; Kelly and Sibbold get a commission for every song sold through their app.

RanDinger's "buy" option pops up on users' phones once a call is complete; planned improvements to the app in the near future include a history page that lets users buy the song that announced an incoming call, say, five calls ago.

Kelly and Sibbold, who are cousins, began working with the Android system last summer, after both picked up, by coincidence, the



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeff Sibbold and Bryan Kelly talk about RanDinger, the phone application they invented which went public earlier this month.

same book about the operating system — one with an android, or human-looking robot, on the cover.

"Bryan had the initial random ringtone idea, and it kind of evolved as we have gone back and forth," said Sibbold.

They got serious in October. They paid \$25 to Google (which owns the Android system) to put up the app, and a small fee to 7digital to tap into its music catalog. On Jan. 14, they hit the "publish" button, and the app appeared on their phones minutes later.

The two are relative newcomers to the world of smart phones.

"We didn't have smart phones until we started this project," said Kelly, who had selected his ringtones by genre — punk — on Tuesday.

But they're convinced that smart phones and mobile apps are poised to boom. They're fans of the periodic Mobile Mondays events at Compuware Corp. in Detroit, which offer



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speakers on trends in mobile devices as well as brainstorming and networking opportunities. "There's a lot of good talent in the area," Kelly said.

In addition to continuing to develop the RanDinger, Sibbold and Kelly are trying to line up contract work and kicking around ideas for other apps.

It's not the get-a-job-and-settle-down post-college life they'd envisioned — Sibbold graduated from the University of Michigan in December of 2009, Kelly from Western Michigan University in May — but they're having fun. They have

a good rapport, they said, and like having creative control.

"We know that whatever we create, it's something we want to be creating," Kelly said.

For more on the RanDinger app, visit the Web site www.RanDinger.com.

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Donors will receive a buy one, get one free bowling coupon courtesy of Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers.

## Bowling centers team up to help Goodwill Industries

Bowling enthusiasts can go for strikes while helping Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit through its "Bowl for Jobs" and "Donate for Jobs."

Goodwill and Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers invite Metro Detroiters to bowl at locations in nine area cities, including Westland Bowl in Westland. Each location will accept monetary donations and gently used clothing or other items from Tuesday, Feb. 1, through Sunday, March 6. The best donated items will be among those sold at Goodwill's new flagship upscale resale store on Ford Road in Canton.

Every donor will receive a coupon for one free game of bowling with the purchase of another game.

In addition to Westland Bowl at 940 N. Wayne Road, Westland, the participating centers include:

- Beech Lanes, 15492 Beech Daly, Redford.
- Cherry Hill Lanes, 300 N. Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights.
- Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave., Farmington.
- Luxury Lanes, 600 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale.
- Mayflower Lanes, 26600 Plymouth Rd., Redford.
- Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road, Novi.
- Sunnybrook Lanes, Sterling Heights.
- Thunderbird Lanes, 400 West Maple, Troy.
- Westland Bowl, 940 N. Wayne Road, Westland.
- Woodland Lanes, 33775 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Each of the participating centers also will raise funds for the campaign through 50/50 raffles during league bowling. Donation and raffle activities supporting Goodwill are in conjunction with Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers league "St. Patrick's Pot o' Gold Tournament."

Donors will receive a buy one, get one free bowling coupon courtesy of Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers. For more information on Goodwill and its new store in Canton, follow Goodwill on Twitter at www.twitter.com/goodwilldet or connect on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GoodwillDetroit.

All donations will support the employment training and education programs of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. Goodwill is the only organization in southeast Michigan dedicated solely to helping local people overcome employment challenges and earn jobs.

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# Feed a family for \$100 a month? Organized crime: Kitchen Assistant tells you how It's still a problem

BY KAREN SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Darla P. Jaros is teaching a whole new generation how to cook the way her grandmother did — from scratch with non-processed, whole foods. And she's finding there's a real hunger for the kind of information she provides as people in their 20s and 30s try to make their food dollars, but not their waistlines, stretch. "I'm taking them back to the basics of cooking," she said, teaching them terms like "staples," something many think are little bent pieces of metal — not pantry items they can use to create nutritious, healthy meals for just pennies. Jaros was in Livonia at the Carl Sandburg Public Library on Wednesday with her cook-book *The Kitchen Assistant: Time and Money Saving Tips in the Kitchen*.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Darla Jaros talks recipes at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia.

A couple thousand copies of her book, released nationally in September 2009, have been sold so far, and Jaros does five to nine speaking engagements per month. A second edition with more recipes is in the works.

The Waterford resident, 55, learned many of the tips she shares in her book and programs while raising three children as a single mother on a waitress's salary. Librarian Toni LaPorte, head of the Sandburg Library, invited Jaros to speak after hearing about the good reviews she had received at other libraries. "She was very engaging and informative," LaPorte said, adding she learned a few tips she's going to put into practice — like rubbing blocks of cheese with oil and storing dairy products upside down in their containers so they last longer.

Jaros said a lot of people in their 20s and 30s grew up in single-family homes or homes where both parents worked so they were raised on conve-

nience foods they could heat up in the microwave themselves.

They don't realize how little time and money it takes to make meals from scratch like the previous generation did.

## RELIABLE RECIPES

"This information is lost," Jaros said. Her book features recipes from 40 to 100 years ago that her grandmothers used to make simple meals from a few inexpensive ingredients.

She said with the tips in her book, a family of four can eat for \$100 a month if that's all the money they have.

The books includes a list of staples from which readers can make "something from nothing" when their paycheck ends before the week does.

Jaros' son, Anthony, a Livonia resident, attended the presentation with his daughter, Haley, 9. He told the audience he didn't realize how poor they were growing up because they always had plenty of food to eat.

## SMART SHOPPING

Jaros said one of the most surprising tips she shares with people is the ability to negotiate food prices with grocery stores.

She advocates shopping around to find the best prices and then keeping track of how much you paid where and when. If a staple item suddenly jumps in price at the store you found it the cheapest at, talk to the store manager, she said. "In most cases, they will credit that money back," she said, adding that shopping around gives you negotiating power.

Another tip: Check out dollar stores, where you can buy a bag of rice for a third of the grocery store price, she said. Even Aco has a food section where you can find deals on oatmeal, spices and other staples.

People are also surprised to learn they can freeze fruits and vegetables they have purchased in quantity while in season.

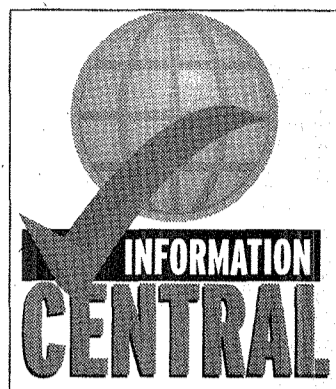
Now a flight attendant whose children are all grown, Jaros can afford to eat out and purchase more convenience items. But, she doesn't often.

Cooking from scratch with whole foods has helped her to control her weight, even after quitting smoking, she said. The food has no additives or preservatives, and she is able to control the amount of salt.

If she does go out, she prefers finer restaurants where she can sample quality dishes she can replicate at home. "I'm always in my kitchen trying out new recipes and forcing them on my neighbors and children," she said. "I'm always trying to come up with things that taste good, are healthy, and don't take a lot of time" — or money.

For more information or to purchase Jaros' book, visit <http://thekitchenassistant.net/index.html>.

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## Highlighted Activities

The library will be closed Monday, January 31, for a technology upgrade and staff in-service. We will resume our regular hours Tuesday, Feb. 1.

**Afternoon Movie Classics:** "Vertigo," 3 p.m. Feb. 1, age 12 and up

Join us as we explore the suspense of Alfred Hitchcock's classic films from the American Film Institute's top 100 movies from the last 100 years. Today's selection is "Vertigo" with Jimmy Stewart and Kim Novak.

**Green Jobs Training Information Session:** 1 p.m. Feb. 4

Learn about free training opportunities to prepare you for a green job in your future. Marie Guerra, Regional Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEPT) representative, will explain how you can take advantage of this free training opportunity. Funding for this training is provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Call (734) 326-6123 or visit the library to sign up, or register online at [westlandlibrary.org/events](http://westlandlibrary.org/events)

**Friday Night Movies:** "The Social Network," 7 p.m. Feb. 4, age 18 and up

Love movies? Join us as we watch projected Oscar nominees for the 2011 awards. Tonight's movie is the Golden Globe nominated "The Social Network," starring Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield, and Justin Timberlake. Doors open 6:30 p.m. . Movie starts 7 p.m. Refreshments available.

**Fight Foreclosure One-on-One Counseling Session:** 5-8 p.m. Feb. 7

Homeowners can schedule a private, 30 minute, one-on-one meeting with a foreclosure counselor from the Wayne County Fight Mortgage Foreclosure Program. Call or stop by the library to schedule your appointment. 734-326-6123 Space is limited. The Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program is a no fee, Wayne County program providing you an expansive network of certified counselors who help you avoid or manage a mortgage foreclosure. Call the library for more information.

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**February 14, 2011**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on February 14, 2011 at 6:58 p.m. regarding the Proposed Property Maintenance Code Ordinance Amendment.

**ORDINANCE NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 151.01(A)(3)(a) THROUGH (e) OF CHAPTER 151 OF TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE 2009 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR THE STANDARDS FOR SUPPLIED UTILITIES AT FACILITIES AND OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPATION AND USE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES DANGEROUS AND/OR UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY AND USE, AND THE DEMOLITION OF SUCH STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF SECTIONS OF THE ORDINANCE FOUND UNENFORCEABLE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

**THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I.**

Section 151.01(A)(3) of the code of ordinances is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

(3) A certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Clerk of the City of Garden City, being marked and designated as the International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Garden City for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Property Maintenance Code on file in the office of the Clerk of the City of Garden City are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if full set out in this Ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, prescribed herein as follows:

(a) *Section 101.1. Title:* These regulations shall be known as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Garden City, hereinafter referred to as "this Code".

(b) *Section 103.1. General:* The Building Official shall be designated as the code official and shall be the official in charge of the enforcement of this Garden City Property Maintenance Code.

(c) *Section 103.5. Fees:* The fees for activities and services performed by the Building Official and/or his designee in carrying out their responsibilities under this Code shall be as approved by Resolution of the City Council from time to time and shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

(d) *Section 112.4. Failure to Comply:* Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation of unsafe conditions, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable for a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

(e) *Section 202. General Definitions:* CODE OFFICIAL. The Building Official or any duly authorized representative of the Building Official shall be the Code Official.

(f) *Section 302.4. Weeds:* Insert "eight (8) inches in height".

(g) *Section 304.14. Insect screens:* Insert "March 1 through December 1".

(h) *Section 602.3. Heat supply:* Insert "October 1 through May 15".

(i) *Section 602.4. Occupiable Work Spaces:* Insert "October 1 through May 15".

(j) *Chapter 7: Fire Safety Requirements* is hereby deleted in its entirety.

**SECTION II. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.**

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

**SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.**

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

**SECTION IV. REPEAL.**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**SECTION V. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

All rights and duties which have matured penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

**SECTION VI. PUBLICATION.**

The Clerk for the City of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

ADOPTED:

Publish: January 30, 2011

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY**

**Notice of Filing Deadline**

All Local School Board candidates who wish to seek office at the May 3, 2011 School Election, must file nominating petitions no later than:

**Tuesday, February 8, 2011**  
**before 4:00 p.m.**

Petitions must be filed with the Garden City Clerk's Office located at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City Michigan, 48135. Clerk's Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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City of Garden City, Michigan

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

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

**Petition #2724-L. Jordan/Certified Nurse Aide Training Institute, 308 S. Venoy**  
Request for a use variance from Ord. 248 in order to operate a vocational school within the shopping center located at 308 S. Venoy, zoned CB-2 Shopping Center Commercial; whereas Sec. 10.3.2, Permitted Principle Uses, within the I-1, Light Industrial district is the only place Ord. 248 lists vocational schools as a permitted use.

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# Prenuptial agreement is always a good idea GC thespian performs in Barefoot's 'Black Comedy'

**Q:** Dear Rick: I am in my mid-40s and have just gotten engaged to marry for the first time. I am a small business owner. I have a nice size - not large - portfolio. It will be my future husband's first marriage as well and he doesn't have nearly the amount of assets that I do. My friends have suggested that I get a prenuptial agreement. I don't know if I should approach my fiancé about this. Are prenuptial agreements a good idea, are they enforceable and is this something that we can do ourselves or do we need to hire an attorney? If you think I should get a prenuptial agreement, how do I approach my fiancé?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

ness. I believe it makes sense for business owners and for people with assets to protect themselves with a prenuptial agreement. The fact that this is a first marriage makes no difference.

The question of whether prenuptial agreements are legal has been settled - they are. In fact, the trend is to encourage people to get prenuptial agreements. Particularly, when people get married later in life and may have other family situations, a prenuptial agreement can save a substantial amount of money and grief if things don't go well.

Approaching someone about a prenuptial agreement is not easy. After all, you are not getting married because of money, rather, you're getting married because you love the individual. That is why it is difficult to broach this topic. However, the thing to keep in mind is that adults must often discuss uncomfortable topics and a prenuptial agreement is one of them.

My advice is don't sugar-coat the conversation, but rather, tackle it head on. After all, if the two of you are getting married and can't discuss difficult topics, it may mean that you are not made for each other.

As to whether you need an attorney, my answer without equivocation is yes. Even though prenuptial agreements are enforceable, there are strict rules. In other words, you have to dot the I's and cross the T's. I

believe that if you are doing a prenuptial agreement, it means there are some assets involved and because of that it does make sense to hire an attorney. In fact, I recommend each side has his/her own attorney. I recognize this could get a little contentious, however, the key of a prenuptial agreement is to make it legal and enforceable.

We live in a complex, ever-changing world. Because we never know what the future will hold, we always have to proceed with caution. When someone does get married, they are making not only an emotional commitment, but also a legal one. It is important in certain situations to make sure you are covered and that is exactly what a prenuptial agreement will do.

Remember that even though you may do a prenuptial agreement, the goal is that it is never needed.

My hope for you and your fiancé is that you grow old together and somewhere in the future you'll laugh about the prenuptial agreement. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

Garden City resident Carol Lipinski is putting her best foot forward in the upcoming Barefoot Productions' *Black Comedy*, written by Tony-awarding playwright Peter Shaffer, author of *Equus* and *Amadeus*.

Set in London 1969, *Black Comedy* shines, telling the story of Brindley Miller, a struggling, bohemian artist, who desperately tries to impress his fiancée's father by "borrowing" his neighbor Harold's posh furniture to glamorize his own shabby flat. Chaos and prat falls ensue when an unexpected power failure jeopardizes all of Brindley's plans.

"We know how much our patrons love comedies and true to Barefoot form, we wanted to deliver on that expectation by choosing a classic British farce," said Craig A. Hane, artistic director and founder of Barefoot Productions. "The show is very reminiscent of the comic delivery and timing of the *Dick Van Dyke Show*, a 'live' situation comedy that builds into zany and outrageous mishaps, one greater than the next."

Brindley's seemingly simple deception becomes more convoluted when his ex-girlfriend, his future father-in-law, his girlfriend and an elderly neighbor arrive on the scene. Things only turn worse when Harold unexpectedly returns and Brindley desperately tries to return all the "borrowed" furniture unnoticed.



Brian Cahalan of Flat Rock (from left), Carol Lipinski of Garden City, Samantha Lowry of Novi and Nathan Corliss of Livonia rehearse a scene from Barefoot Productions' presentation of "Black Comedy."

"This is an unusual production as it demanded much physicality from our actors," said Hane. "While the audience won't be in the dark when the lights come back on, the characters will be stumbling, bumbling, tripping and cavorting as if they were still without electricity. This fast-paced timing and physical humor is critical to help us portray the true nature of a classic British farce. We've carefully choreographed this show for maximum hilarity and slapstick style entertainment."

First performed in 1965, *Black Comedy* featured Maggie Smith, as the elderly neighbor, and Albert Finney as Harold.

Barefoot's cast also includes Rick Berryman of Canton, Brian Cahalan of Flat Rock, Nathan Corliss, Christine Doulette and Mat DeLisle, all of Livonia, Samantha Lowry of Novi and a few mystery guests.

"We have a few surprises up our sleeves in casting one of the characters," said Hane. "We hope our guests will enjoy this extra layer of fun - but I can't tell you more than that."

*Black Comedy* opens Feb. 11 and runs on weekends through Feb. 27. Friday and Saturday performances are 8 p.m. On Feb. 20 and 27, there are matinee performances at 2 p.m.

All performances are held at Barefoot Productions' Theatre, formerly the Walker-Buzenberg Building, at 240 N. Main St., Plymouth. Tickets are \$16 for general admission and \$14 for students and seniors. Group rates are available for parties of 10 or more.

For tickets or more information, visit the website [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com) or call (734) 560-1493. The box office also will be open one hour prior to each performance.

Prenuptial agreements put a damper on what otherwise should be a very exciting time in someone's life. After all, when someone gets married they talk about all the good things that will happen in the future. The prenuptial agreement talks about what happens if things don't work out. However, not all marriages work, even ones between good people. Things happen and that's reality. The prenuptial agreement basically sets forth what will happen if the marriage does not work. The question is if the marriage does not work what happens to your business and your assets.

Divorce can be a very messy. It's not unusual for divorce proceedings to last longer than the marriage. Not only does this have an emotional effect on both parties, but it could be devastating to the business. After all, if there are disputes and litigation, no one knows what would happen to the busi-

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"The show's a go." Main characters include Max Bialystock (Jesse Stringer), Franz Liebkind (James Propes), Ulla (Keira Schmitt) and Leo Bloom (Matt Kurzyneic).

## Churchill's CAPA presents 'The Producers'

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA

To thaw your winter blues, come and enjoy the hysterical antics of the Creative And Performing Arts department at Churchill High School's rendition of the Broadway smash *The Producers* Feb. 10-12.

*The Producers* is a musical adapted by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan from Brooks' 1968 film of the same name. As in the film, the story concerns two theatrical producers who scheme to get rich by overselling interests in a Broadway flop. Complications arise when the show unexpectedly turns out to be successful. The humor of the show is accessible to a wide range of audiences and draws on ridiculous accents and many show business in-jokes. The humor is PG13.

Senior Keira Schmitt, who plays Ulla, said, "This show is wonderful. We have all worked so hard and put long hours in for the show. I think this will be one of the best shows CAPA has done." Schmitt also said that Ulla is very different compared to other characters she has played and is very comedic. She enjoys playing a character so different from herself.

Jesse Stringer said he was ecstatic that CAPA was doing *The Producers*. He plays the character Max Bialystock. "I was shocked to get the part as a sophomore," he said. "I didn't expect it and I am worried because I am up on stage with seniors who have done more shows than me. It's a great learning experience, though."

Senior Matt Kurzyneic, who plays Leo Bloom, said he is really excited to do *The*

*Producers*. "This was the show that got me interested in doing theater," he said. He loves his character and how he has panic attacks. He has to rely on his blue blanket to calm himself down.

CAPA teachers Mary Murphy and Lori Porter co-direct the show, which is sponsored by a grant through the Community Initiative program of Foresters.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Churchill is at 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors.

Call (734) 646-4619 or visit [www.starringcapa.com](http://www.starringcapa.com).

Elizabeth Casella is an eighth-grade student at Holmes Middle School in Livonia.

## AROUND WESTLAND

### Mystery dinner

The Westland Rotary Charitable Foundation will present a "Night of Fine Dining & Intrigue" Saturday, Feb. 12, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. The event, running from 5:30 p.m. to midnight, will feature a mystery-themed dinner theater and auction.

The performance will be by the Murder Mystery Players, a professional theater troupe. The theme for the evening, which includes a silent auction and live auction, is "Murder Most Romantic." There will be hot appetizers and a steak and shrimp dinner as well as dessert and cash bar. Appetizers will be served 6:15 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. The curtain opens at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$40. Tables of eight are \$300. Each ticket also includes two cocktails.

Proceeds will support Westland Youth Assistance and Rotary charities. Tickets are available at the Westland Chamber of Commerce, C&M Printing and Juenemann Insurance. For information, call Mary Vellardita or Dick Isham at (734) 729-5401.

### Scrapbooking

A scrapbooking workshop will be held 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at St. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, in Westland.

The cost is \$35 per person for a full day and \$20 per person for a half day. Vendors are available. For more information, call Karen Kopcak at (734) 634-3934 or Sandy Kopcak at (734) 721-4867 or contact them by e-mail at [khollenbeck@twmi.rr.com](mailto:khollenbeck@twmi.rr.com) or [skopcak@comcast.net](mailto:skopcak@comcast.net).

### Bible talks

Bible Talks will be held at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland at 4 p.m. Sundays, now through Feb. 13. Presenting, in simplicity, the truth as it is in Jesus Christ, no collections or literature. Everyone is welcome. Hockey Night

Mayor William Wild and the Westland Wild Wings will take on the Detroit Red Wing Alumni in an exhibition hockey game at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. For sponsorship or ticket sale information, call (734) 722-7620 or send an e-mail to [parks@cityofwestland.com](mailto:parks@cityofwestland.com).

All proceeds of the event will go to fund improvement to the Mike Modano Ice Arena. Lions Club  
The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:15 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

### Constituent hours

The staff of U.S. Representative Thaddeus McCotter, Michigan's 11th Congressional District, is holding office hours in several locations. This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the representative have the opportunity to speak with a staff member for assistance regarding any federal issue that they might have. This is not a political venue and no discussions of a political nature will be expected.

Office hours for Thursday, Feb. 1, are 9-10 a.m. 9-10 a.m. at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Northville Senior Center, noon-1 p.m. at the at the Plymouth District Library, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City and 3-4 p.m. at the Westland senior Friendship Center.

The Thursday, Feb. 3, office hours, at 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center. The congressman has two offices in Livonia and Milford the district to serve constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 and the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

### Metro Fibro Group

Lori Grigg will demonstrate how service dogs can help those with chronic pain when the Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Merriman Road Baptist

Church, 2055 Merriman Road, south of Ford, in Garden City.

The group also is hosting a seminar/workshop 1-5 p.m. Thursday, April 14. Dr. Howard Schubiner from Providence Hospital, and author of *Unlearn Your Pain*, and Dr. James Dowd, rheumatologist, and author of *The Vitamin D Cure*, will be the speakers.

The seminar/workshop costs \$40 per person.

The group has no dues but donations are accepted and appreciated. For more information, visit the website at [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com) or call Ruthann at (734) 981-2519.

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Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency manages the Weatherization Program for Wayne County, including the city of Westland. Contact Jeff Boyd, weatherization director, at (734) 284-6999.

### Glow skate

Enjoy some glow-in-the-dark fun at Westland's Mike Modano Ice Arena 8-9:20 p.m. for Friday Glow Skate. The cost is \$3 for kids and \$4 for adults. Skate rental is \$3.

The arena also offers open skating 1:30-3:20 p.m. Saturdays. The cost is \$4 for kids, \$5 for adults and \$3 for skate rentals.

The arena is at Wildwood and Hunter, east of Wayne Road. For more information about ice arena programs, call (734) 729-4560.

### Keep walking

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Westland Shopping Center opens its doors before usual operating hours for people who want to walk for exercise. Walking begins at 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Enter through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen on the northeast end of the mall. All other doors are locked until approximately 8:30 a.m. On Sunday all doors are opened at 10 a.m.

Westland Walkers also hold a meeting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Community Room on the lower level. Call (734) 425-5001 to check when a meeting has been scheduled.

It's easy to become a member of Westland Walkers. Just fill out a registration card available at the Customer Service booth in East Court. Return it to the Customer Service Associate or put it in the Walkers Box located on the side counter.

Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

For information about either class or other Bailey Center activities, call (734) 686-9882.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.post251.org) or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

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# Final resting place

## Researchers: Revolutionary War vet buried in Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A chance meeting of history buffs at the Plymouth Historical Museum last summer has led to a campaign to mark what is thought to be the burial site of a man who served in the American Revolution.

Titus Hoisington, a teenager when he joined local militias in Vermont during the war years of 1778 and 1780, settled later in life in Panama (now Salem) Township with his wife and two of their sons, according to genealogical researcher Mike Roberts. He was buried, in an unmarked grave, at "The Hill," a cemetery that was adjacent to what is now the First Presbyterian Church, said Garry Packard, who has been researching Plymouth-area cemeteries.

Hoisington, who died in 1841 in his late 70s, is the sixth great-grandfather of Patty Roberts, Mike's wife, on her father's side. Mike Roberts began his research, studying both sides of their family, in order to pass it on to their children, Katherine, 4, and Nicholas, 2. The family lives in East Lansing, and Mike is a firefighter paramedic in a neighboring community.

"I think it's great. He's a wonderful researcher," said Patty Roberts. "It's very interesting to see where you're from, what your roots are."

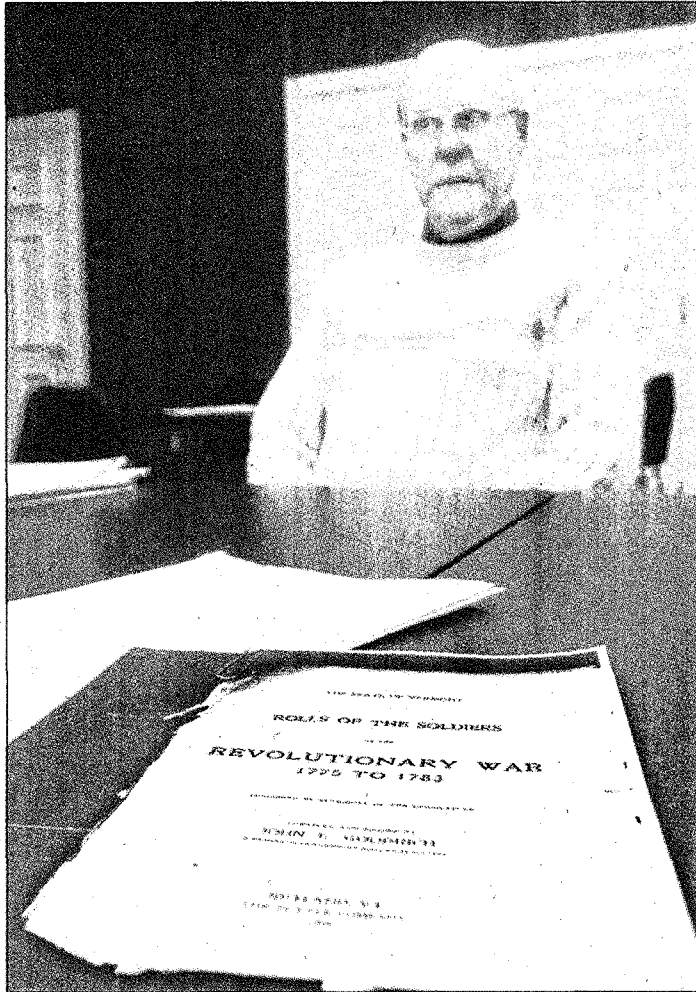
Patty Roberts said was "excited and proud" to learn she was related to a soldier of the Revolution. Originally from Imlay City, she went to school with several Hoisingtons, she said.

"She knew that they were related, but she just didn't know how," her husband said.

In the midst of his research, Mike Roberts stopped by the archives in the Plymouth Historical Museum last August. There, he ran into Packard, who had independently researched Titus Hoisington in his study of local cemeteries.

"It was a fluke thing," Mike Roberts said. "The stars aligned."

Packard, who says he is doing cemetery research in order to respond to requests to the museum for genealogical information, said he found



Garry Packard says he has researched about 11,000 burial sites at four cemeteries in the Plymouth area.

Hoisington's remains were not among those moved to Riverside Cemetery in 1916. Subsequent excavations on the church property, one in 1936, another in 1955 and the latest in 1999, have uncovered more human remains, according to Packard and newspaper clippings from 1936 and 1955.

Packard believes the soldier's remains, and others, lie underneath a parking lot near the church.

Inspired by the findings, Plymouth resident John Pappas has launched a campaign to place a memorial sculpture on church property, near where Hoisington is thought to be buried. A dedication is planned for the Fourth of July; Pappas has a fund-raising goal of \$6,000.

"This is going to be a real jewel for Plymouth," said Pappas.

Hoisington, Packard, said, is the only Revolutionary War soldier known to be buried in the Plymouth area.

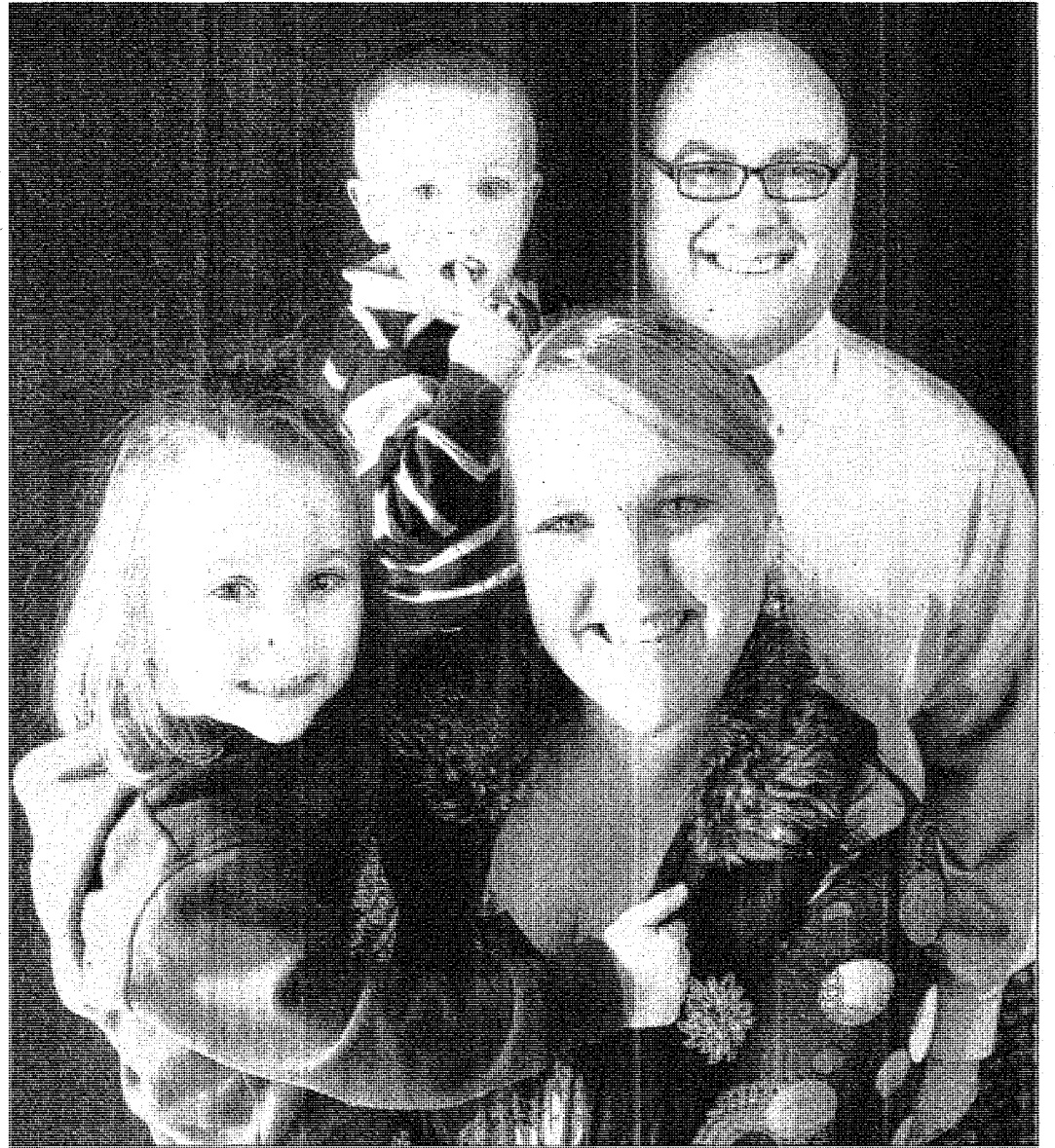
Roberts, who has both

Revolutionary War and Civil War veterans among his ancestors, said there are a reported 356 veterans of the Revolution buried in Michigan, but that only 150 or so of the grave sites are known.

Hoisington, he said, was born in Connecticut and moved to Vermont when he was 9. After the war, and in the earlier days of Vermont's statehood — it was the 14th state, joining the union in 1791 — Hoisington served in a company of rangers that provided border protection, Roberts found.

Hoisington and his wife, Hannah, had eight children, and in their later years settled in Panama Township with sons George Washington Hoisington and Henry Hoisington, who had been given 79 acres by the U.S. government, Roberts said. Hannah Hoisington died in 1845.

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Patty Roberts is a descendant of Titus Hoisington, who served with local militias in Vermont during the American Revolution. She holds daughter Katherine, 4. Husband Michael Roberts did the genealogical research for Patty's family. He holds son Nicholas, 2.

## Memorial drive sets up fund for donations

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fund-raising is under way for a memorial to Titus Vespasian Hoisington, a soldier of the Revolutionary War thought to be buried near the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

John Pappas, who in the 1980s led a campaign for a memorial to Plymouth's Vietnam War veterans, is taking up a similar cause in seeking to honor Hoisington, who

was in his late 70s when he moved to the area to live with two sons. Hoisington died in 1841.

Pappas has plans for a monument of light granite, glass and black granite, with figures of an eagle and stars on the top, that he plans to dedicate on the Fourth of July. He won't reveal the exact look of the monument.

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, whose members dress in replicas of the military clothing of the Revolutionary War era, will participate in the ceremony,

as will local veterans of the Vietnam War, who will stand a 24-hour vigil, Pappas said.

"I think this is just a wonderful thing for Plymouth," he said. Pappas has a fund-raising goal of \$6,000.

Contributions can be made to the Hoisington Memorial Fund in care of Community Financial Credit Union, 500 South Harvey, P.O. Box 8050, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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## Seedlings holds annual bowling benefit

Join WMGC's Chris Edmonds at Seedlings Braille Books for Children's 24th Annual Bowling for Braille Books Saturday, March 26.

Presented by Ameriprise Financial, event will help place braille books into the hands of blind children locally and around the world. The fund-raiser will be at the Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Registration starts at noon with bowling beginning at 1 p.m.

There will be raffle prizes, a silent auction and prize packages for the top three bowlers who raise the most pledges. Bowlers will receive three games, shoes, lunch, a goody bag, and a free ticket for a chance raffle drawing. Sponsorship opportunities ALSO are available to local businesses and organizations.

Register now and reserve a spot. Registration

deadline is March 11. The minimum donation per bowler is \$60. Visit the Seedlings website at [www.seedlings.org](http://www.seedlings.org) to download a copy of the bowling brochure or to register online, go to [www.firstgiving.com/seedlingsbraille](http://www.firstgiving.com/seedlingsbraille).

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit organization in Livonia dedicated to increasing the opportunity for braille literacy by providing high quality, low-cost braille books for blind children. Every \$10 earned at this year's Bowling for Braille Books event will create one more book. Last year, bowlers raised more than \$30,000 to provide blind children access to popular children's books in braille and to bring them the materials they need to "read and succeed." This year's goal of 25,000 braille books.



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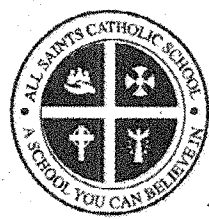
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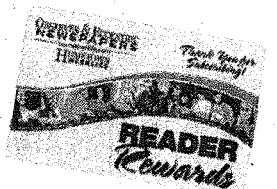


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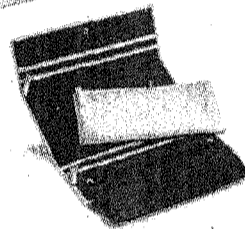
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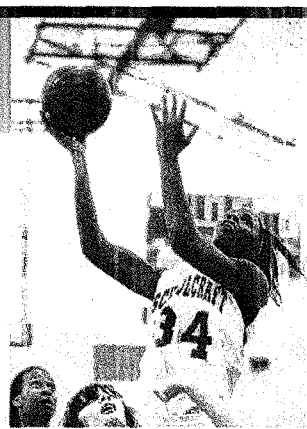
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# Frigid Pats can't cage KLAA South leader Wildcats

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There was a lid on both baskets Friday night as evidenced by the two teams shooting a combined 15-of-88 from the floor.

But in the end, KLAA South Division leader Plymouth got to the free-throw line and kept its perfect record intact Friday night by grinding out an ugly 40-25 boys basketball victory over visiting Livonia Franklin.

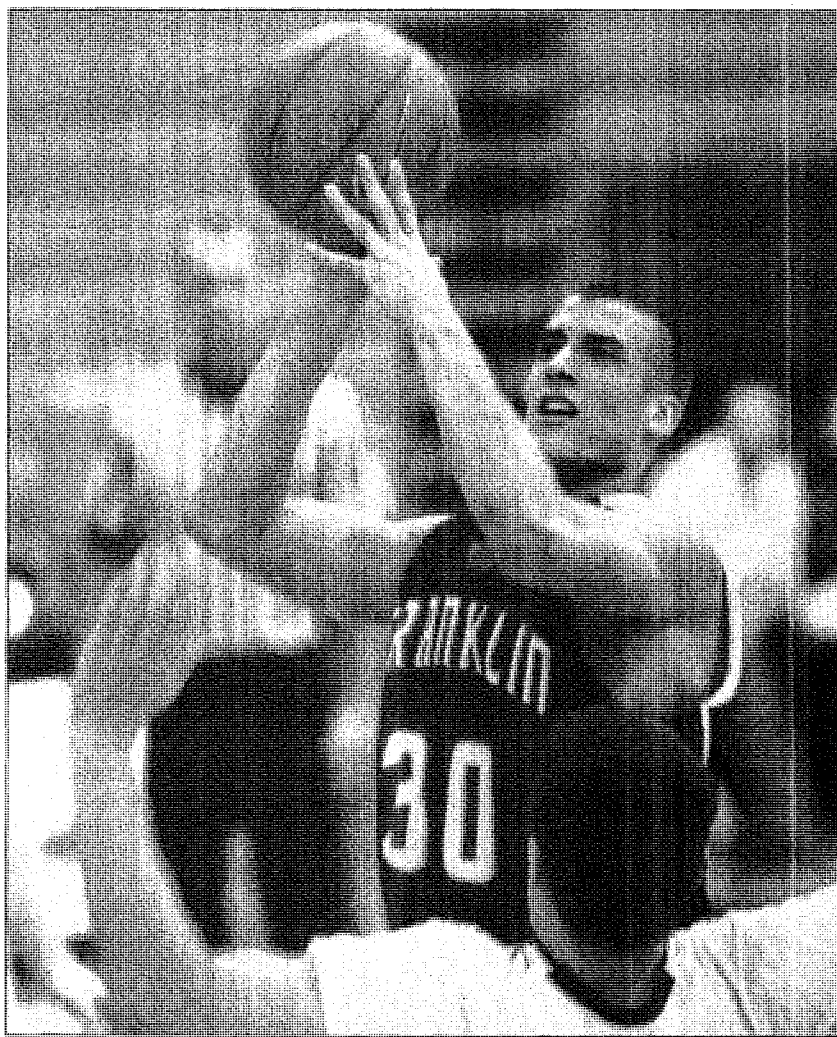
The Wildcats, who improved to 9-3 overall and 6-0 in the KLAA South, outscored the Patriots 29-13 in the second half after trailing 12-11 at halftime. "We were able to construct a defensive

effort tonight," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said. "That is certainly what wins the game. I've told them all along something we can control is defense. We were able to do that the first half and we really clamped down in the second half."

Plymouth won despite shooting only 7-of-44 from the floor (15.9 percent), but connected on 19-of-28 free throws (67.8 percent).

"You're going to have nights when you can't throw it in the ocean," Soukup said. "This was one of those nights for us. We got looks. I was happy with the looks we were getting, but we didn't

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Franklin's Blake Lukas goes up for the shot in Friday's KLAA South Division game at Plymouth.

## SIDELINES

### MU cagers fall

The Madonna University men's basketball team hung with nationally ranked Cornerstone for opening 20 minutes on Wednesday night.

But the host Crusaders crumbled in the second half as the Golden Eagles rolled to an 85-66 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win.

Kelvin DeVries scored a game-high 20 points as Cornerstone, ranked No. 6 in the latest NAIA Division II poll, improved to 20-3 overall and 9-1 in the WHAC.

Justin Yoder came off the bench to score 15 points, including 3-of-4 from three-point range while starters Bryan Pasciak and Caleb Simons added 11 each.

MU, which trailed 32-31 intermission, slipped to 5-17 overall and 3-7 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders got 39 points from their bench as Ryan Bahnmiller posted a career-high 14, while Travis Schuba added 12.

Senior center Geoff Gaylor posted another double-double with 12 points and a game-best 13 rebounds.

MU shot just 28.6 percent (10-of-35) during the second half, while Cornerstone connected on 20-of-31 (64.5 percent) from the floor, including 8-of-13 behind the three-point line.

### Glenn bowlers No. 1

Westland John Glenn, sporting a 10-0 dual match record and coming off a recent runner-up finish in the Wayne County Championships, holds down the No. 1 position in the latest Michigan Interscholastic Bowling Coaches Association Division 1 boys rankings.

Wayne Memorial, 9-1 overall, is ranked No. 5.

In Division 1 girls, L'Anse Creuse North is the top team statewide while Wayne is No. 9.

### Scholar finalists

Brandon Harnos (Wayne Memorial), Megan McDonald (Livonia Churchill), Erin Rooney (Livonia Ladywood) are among the 120 boys and girls finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete award sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

To be eligible for the \$1,000 scholarship, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale), and have previously won a varsity letter in at least one sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a postseason tournament.

The 32 winners will be announced in Feb. 8, 15 and 22 and be recognized during a halftime ceremony of the Class C boys basketball finals at Michigan State University's Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing.

### LJAL dance

The Livonia Junior Athletic League will stage its annual Valentine's Day benefit dinner dance from 6 p.m. until midnight at the St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

Tickets are \$95 per couple (includes open bar, dinner, dance music from Men in Black and raffle prizes).

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# Novi skates circles around Chargers in 8-0 rout

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

This one never made it to the third period.

State-ranked Novi raised more than a few eyebrows Wednesday night with an 8-0 KLAA Kensington Conference boys hockey victory over host Livonia Churchill at Edgar Arena.

The Wildcats, getting a five-point performance from Curtis Herzog, improved to 13-3 overall and 6-2 in the KLAA's Central Division.

"When your players are ready to play the game and focused, they'll do well," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "But this is just one game."

Novi led 3-0 after one period and added five more in the second period.

## BOYS HOCKEY

Dylan Shepard opened the scoring at 3:14 from Zach Mohr and Herzog.

Mohr then followed with the first of his two goals at 8:55 from Nolan Valleau and Herzog and Taylor Howell made it 3-0 at 12:53 from Joey Ferris and Michael Kruse.

Mohr fired a quick wrist shot from the left circle at 3:33 of the second on assists from Herzog and Brock Krygier to put the Wildcats ahead 4-0. That's when Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni decided to make a goalie change, bringing in Jesse Chambers for starter Alex Estes.

But Novi wasn't done, and continued apply the pressure as Ryan

Cordes scored on a power play from Herzog at 12:05 followed by Herzog's goal at 14:02 from Collin Pew and Kent Burnett.

The Wildcats then invoked the eight-goal mercy rule and a running clock on Jon Mencer's power play goal at 15:16 from Ferris and Valleau. Kruse's goal ended the game prematurely with only 54.3 seconds remaining from Ferris and Howell.

"They really have a nice hockey team and they move the puck well," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "We did not try and match their intensity, and that's what is most disappointing. Hopefully we'll do some soul searching."

Krygier pointed out that he's been getting offensive contributions from a

number of sources.

"That (first) line started out on fire," he said. "Our top two lines have been stellar all year, but we've also got a third line, led by a sophomore (Jon Mencer), which is producing, too."

The loss drops Churchill to 7-6 overall and 4-6 in the KLAA's South Division.

"Mazz' does a fantastic job with their guys and I thought they played and competed through the whole process," Krygier said. "In five years we haven't been able to beat Churchill. It has nothing to do with coaching because sometimes that talent just falls into place."

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RENA LAVERTY

Schoolcraft's Daniel Hill (33) takes Flint Mott's Ricky Rowse off the dribble in Wednesday's 90-61 Eastern Conference setback.

# Loaded for Bears?

## JUCO rivalry 1-sided as Mott routs Schoolcraft

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The once fierce men's basketball rivalry between Schoolcraft College and Flint Mott Community College is a thing of a past.

That was no more evident than in Wednesday night's MCCA Eastern Conference matchup when Mott's 6-foot-6 forward Doug Anderson opened the game with a spectacular alley oop dunk, which catapulted the visiting Bears' to a convincing 91-60 victory.

Mott, fourth-ranked in the latest NJCAA Division II national poll, improved to 19-2 overall and 7-1 in the conference.

Schoolcraft is 8-13 overall and struggling in seventh place in the conference at 2-6.

Mott never trailed, building a 51-34 halftime lead.

The Bears boasted four players scoring in double figures, led by Demetrius Miller's 18 points.

Despite the flu and cutting his hand while making another one of his patented dunks, Anderson added 15 points in limited minutes.

Sam Burton and Levante Davis contributed 13 and 11, respectively, for the conference co-leaders.

"This (Mott) team has the most athletes of any team in our conference," Schoolcraft coach Randy Henry said. "St. Clair (County) may match them athletically, but they're not as physical. This team is both quick and strong."

Schoolcraft committed 25 turnovers and shot 35.7 percent

from the floor (20-of-56).

Not a good combination considering the opponent.

Freshman Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) paced the Ocelots with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Anthony Nash added 15 points. Zachary Childress had 11 points. Lydell Mason grabbed nine rebounds.

"We've been in a lot of games where we're right there," Henry said. "But tonight our intensity is not where it should have been."

The Ocelots went without leading scorer Karl Moore, who was hobbled by a pair of sore ankles. Point-guard Mohamed Elhaj also played sparingly because of a bad ankle as did second-year guard Ron Pummill (Garden City), who

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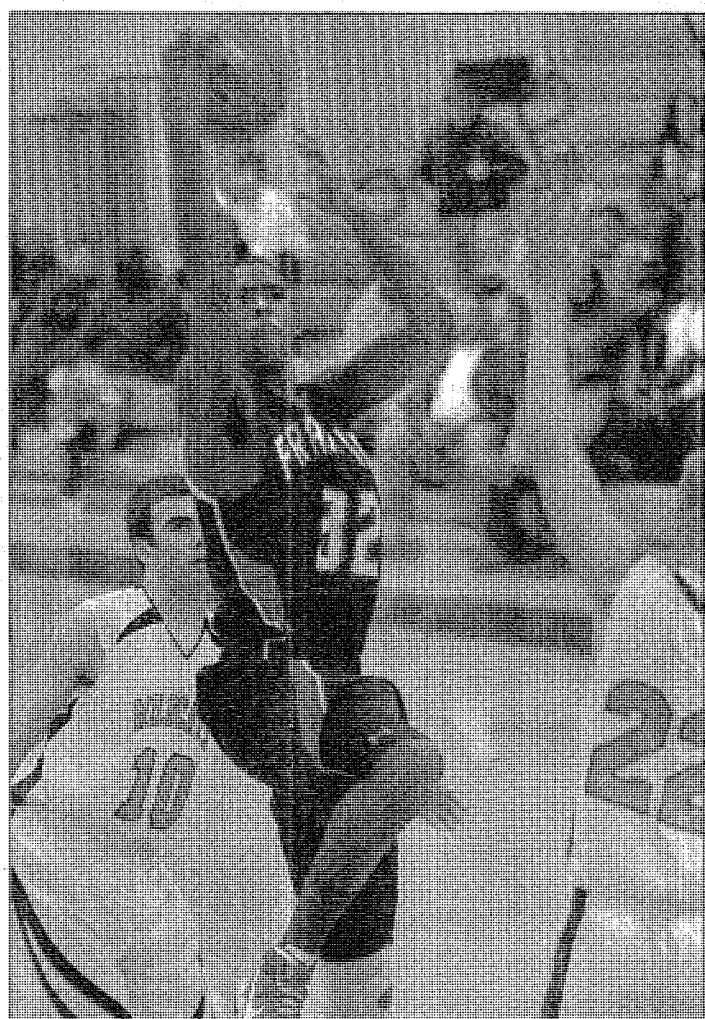
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 Tuesday, Feb. 1  
 Inter-City at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.  
 Greenhills at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.  
 Univ. High at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
 Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at S.L. East, 7 p.m.  
 Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
 Thursday, Feb. 3  
 S'field Christian at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
 Friday, Feb. 4  
 Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 8:45 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 Monday, Jan. 31  
 Taylor Kennedy at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
 Ladywood at Our Lady of Lakes, 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Feb. 1  
 Inter-City at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Greenhills, 7 p.m.  
 Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
 S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 2  
 Divine Child at Ladywood, 7 p.m.  
 Friday, Feb. 4  
 John Glenn at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.  
 Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.  
 Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 7:15 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at S.H. Parkway, 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 5  
 Warren Regina at Ladywood, 4 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
 Tuesday, Feb. 1  
 Stevenson vs. Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 6:40 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 2  
 Churchill vs. N. Farm-Harrison at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin vs. A.A. Gab. Richard at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.  
 Friday, Feb. 4  
 Churchill vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
 Franklin vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 5  
 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 3:15 p.m.  
 Ladywood vs. Grosse Pté. South at Arctic Pond (Plymouth), 7:30 p.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
 Wednesday, Feb. 2  
 Brighton, Lakeland, South Lyon at Livonia Franklin, 5:30 p.m.  
 Howell, Northville, W.L. Central at Westland John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.  
 Stevenson, W.L. Western, Grand Blanc at Wayne Memorial, 5:30 p.m.  
 Pinckney, S.L. East, Waterford Mott at Livonia Churchill, 5:30 p.m.  
 Clarenceville, Woodhaven, Willow Run Summit at Luth. Westland, 6 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 5  
 KLAAs Tourney at Hartland, 9 a.m.  
 Summit Academy Tourney, 9:30 a.m.  
**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
 Tuesday, Feb. 1  
 Churchill at W.L. Northern, 6:30 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Northville, 6:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, Feb. 3  
 John Glenn at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.  
 Wayne at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
 Wednesday, Feb. 2  
 Livonia Blue vs. Brighton/Howell at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, Feb. 3  
 Livonia Red vs. Canton at Plymouth H.S., 6:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 5  
 Canton Invitational, 9:30 a.m.  
**PREP BOWLING**  
 Monday, Jan. 31  
 Clarenceville vs. Salem, John Glenn vs. Plymouth, Wayne vs. Novi  
 at Town 'N Country Lanes, 3:30 p.m.  
 Ladywood vs. Mercy at Royal Lanes, 3:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, Feb. 3  
 Clarenceville vs. Novi, John Glenn vs. Canton, Wayne vs. Plymouth at Super Bowl (Canton), 3:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Feb. 4  
 Ladywood vs. Riv. Gab. Richard at Sterling Lanes, 3:30 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 Wednesday, Feb. 2  
 Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 5  
 Schoolcraft at Delta College, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 Wednesday, Feb. 2  
 Siena Heights at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 5  
 Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m.  
 Delta College at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

## Stevenson corrals Mustangs; Rockets overcome slow start

It wasn't easy, but Livonia Stevenson maintained its first place standing in the KLAAs Central Division boys basketball race with a 49-42 triumph Friday at home over Northville. The Spartans, who improved to 11-1 overall and 6-0 in the division, got a game-high 22 points from senior point-guard C.J. Mwila, who hit a triple in each quarter. Senior center Jalen Reynolds chipped in with 11 points. Stevenson led 24-18 at halftime, but couldn't shake the stubborn Mustangs, who slipped to 7-5 overall and 2-4 in the Central. Stevenson coach Mike Allie wasn't thrilled with his team's unselfishness. "We played as five individuals instead of one cohesive unit," said Allie, whose team leads Novi by one game in the KLAAs Central. The Spartans were 10-of-17 from the foul line, while Northville hit 8-of-16. **JOHN GLENN 61, CHURCHILL 35:** In a KLAAs South Division game Friday, host Westland John Glenn (8-4, 4-2) overcame a slow start to beat Livonia

**BOYS HOOPS**  
 Churchill (0-12, 0-6). Aveon Simmons and Marcus Meeks scored 15 and 13 points, respectively, for the Rockets, who were tied at 3-all during the first quarter. Churchill's Josh Dillard led all scorers with 19 points, while Stephen Foster added 10. Churchill shot 13-of-44 from the field (29.5 percent) and 4-of-11 from the foul stripe (36.3 percent). The Rockets, who outscored Churchill 40-23 in the second half, made 10-of-14 free throws. **CANTON 65, WAYNE 37:** Ferris State-bound point guard Dietrich Lever scored 19 points and 6-foot-6 junior center Paul Baumgart added 14 Friday as the host Chiefs (8-4, 4-2) rolled past Wayne Memorial (2-9, 1-5) in a KLAAs South Division encounter. Baumgart scored 12 of his 14 in the opening period as Canton led 19-11. The Chiefs put it away with a 17-2 third-period run. Michael Cooper and Colin Covin tallied 10 and nine points, respectively, for the Zebras. **HURON VALLEY 46, CALVARY 24:** On Friday, senior Shawn Schaffer tallied 16 points and freshman Ryan Schaffer added 10 as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-8, 2-5)

downed Ypsilanti Calvary Christian Academy (0-9, 0-7) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division game. Maalek Getchell scored 10 to pace the Cougars, who trailed 24-14 at halftime. **LIGGETT 84, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 47:** Connor Fannon and KeVaughn Jackson each scored 12 points Friday as host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (8-1, 6-1) rolled to a MIAC Blue Division win over Lutheran High Westland (2-8, 1-6). The Warriors, who trailed 45-23 at intermission, got 15 points from Kent Krzyske and nine from Micah Reum. Liggett made 17-of-21 free throws, while Lutheran Westland hit 3-of-6. **HURON VALLEY 50, WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN 37:** The Schaffer brothers combined for 35 points Thursday night as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-8) downed host Saline Washtenaw Christian Academy (3-5) in a non-conference game. Ryan Schaffer, a freshman, tallied a game-high 18 points, while Shawn Schaffer, a senior, added 17. Huron Valley led 24-16 at halftime and put it away with a 17-10 third-quarter run. Kevin Stout paced the Wildcats with 15 points. Huron Valley shot 8-of-17 from the foul line, while Washtenaw Christian made just 4-of-11.



Franklin's Tino Thomas (32) goes up between Plymouth defenders Mike Nadratowski (10) and Zach Yokom (22) during Friday's KLAAs South Division game.

## Spartans, Trenton settle for tie; Diaz gets rare 2 tallies for Pats

Nothing gained, nothing lost. That was the verdict Wednesday night at Kennedy Arena as Livonia Stevenson and host Trenton battled to a 4-4 boys hockey draw in a meeting of state-ranked teams. Stevenson's Justin Shureb notched his fifth goal of the season on a power play effort at 4:35 of the final period from John Mandryk and Andrew Palushaj to make it 4-4. "Trenton is never an easy place to play, it's hard," said Stevenson first-year coach Gerry Vento, whose Spartans are ranked No. 10 in Division 1, is 12-2-2 overall. "We fought hard after some early penalty problems. We gave up two power play goals. They (Trenton) have a great power play. They moved puck around and got some quality chances that put us on our heels." It was 1-1 after one period as Palushaj notched his 16th of the season from Ryan Urso and J.J. Petterson at 6:53,

**BOYS HOCKEY**  
 while Josh McPartlin countered for the Trojans at 8:10. Jonathon Mates put Trenton on top 2-1 at 8:30 of the second period, but just 1:11 later Cam Humitz tallied his fifth of the year from Christian Wood and Petterson to make it 2-2. Trenton took a 3-2 advantage at 11:42 of the same period on Carlo DeGrazia's goal, but Stevenson pulled even again on Brendan Hay's power play goal at 13:26, his third of the year from Cam and Max Humitz. Trenton's Danny Bak gave his team a one-goal lead again with just 40 seconds left. "The power play went well for us and we responded with a couple of our own and I thought we took control in the third period," Vento said. With the tie, the Trojans, ranked No. 8 in Division 2, stand 9-4-2 overall. **FRANKLIN 9, CRESTWOOD 1:** Sophomore Mike Diaz scored

back-to-back short-handed goals within a 15-second span to start the final period Friday as Livonia Franklin (5-12-1) merried Dearborn Heights Crestwood (3-12) in a non-conference game at Edgar Arena. Kevin Webb had three goals and one assist for the Patriots, who led 3-0 after one period and 6-0 after two. Webb's goal with 3:19 remaining from Adam Michael and Aaron Hoffmeyer ended the game. Tyler Dewhirst also had a hat trick for Franklin, while Michael added a goal and three assists. Franklin outshot the Chargers, 52-12; as Matt Slinder went all the way in goal. **MONA SHORES 6, CHURCHILL 1:** On Friday, Michael Bishop scored a pair of goals and added one assist as host Muskegon Mona Shores (8-5-1) downed Livonia Churchill (7-7) in a non-conference game at Lakeshore Arena. Evan Adkins contributed a goal and two assists for the Sailors, who led 1-0 after one period and 4-0 after two. Steven Klisz scored for Churchill in the final period off an assist from Jake Otto. Mona Shores goaltenders Jarred Selt and Reed Schlender combined to make 39 saves, while Churchill's Alex Estes faced 31 shots.

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knock them down by any stretch of the imagination." Senior guard Stephen Jahn helped get Plymouth untracked with 10 second-half points, including a pair of 3-pointers in the third quarter. His triple with 7:21 left in the third quarter gave the Wildcats the lead for keeps. The Wildcats' top scorer was Pat Salo, who finished with 11. Mike Nadratowski, who was coming off a stellar 33-point effort in Tuesday's win over Novi, finished with eight points. "We can always control our defensive effort — that's what held us tight — and we were finally able to get some easy baskets with run-outs and second chances," Soukup said. "All of our things transferred to effort and that's where we've got to win ballgames and that's been the mark of our team — out-efforting people. We did a nice job of that tonight." Franklin's 1-3-1 zone defense gave Plymouth fits. "We've faced two already and we just haven't struggled like that ever against it," Soukup said. "High school kids are strange creatures of habit. We didn't go to school today and they're creatures of routine. We're going to have imperfect nights. We're not college teams or pro teams — they don't have off-shooting nights very often. We had a tough night, but we were able to out-effort them in some spots and pulled through." Franklin (3-9, 2-4) also struggled from the field, making just 8-of-44 shots (18.1 percent). "We've been struggling scoring the whole year, haven't

we?" Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said. "We were happy with be up with that one point (first half), but we gave up that last 3-pointer in the final three seconds with a bad defensive rotation. We could have been up four. "We have to get better at the free-throw line and we're missing bunnies. We're getting the shots we want, we're getting the looks. We're getting around the rim. We're not finishing." Tino Thomas, a senior forward, had nine points and five blocks for the Patriots. Jacob Barham added six points. Franklin made only 5-of-12 free throws. "It's on these guys, though," Rheault said of his team's shooting woes. "When they really want it, they're going to do it. And when the free throws are important to them, I guess, they're going to make them. This is everything we work on. We know we struggle offensively, but I like the shots we're getting and the selection. I was totally satisfied with the first half and third quarter." Defense is not the issue right now for Franklin. "We continually defend," Rheault said. "This isn't about defense. This is the lack of field goals — one field goal in the third (quarter), one in the second. This is a constant struggle with these guys to finish and execute." Meanwhile, Soukup had a hard time explaining how his team could go from beating a strong Novi team (Tuesday) to beating a struggling Franklin offensive team. "You have an extraordinary effort and follow it up with a clunker," he said. "That's exactly what we did. High school kids are up-and-down. They're consistently inconsistent."

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### BOYS SWIM RESULTS

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**PLYMOUTH 99**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 88**  
 Jan. 27 at John Glenn  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Plymouth (Cameron Earls, Alex Jouney, Ethan Christensen, Adam Liakos), 1:45.29; 2. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Nick Stevens, Paul Gutu, Ryan Boes), 1:49.13; 3. Plymouth (Ian Smith, Kyle Strobel, DeLeon Morris, Austin Ryan), 2:02.83.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 1:55.01; 2. Jake Ferguson (WJG), 1:56.41; 3. Nick Weber (P), 1:56.59.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Jouney (P), 2:09.52; 2. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 2:10.16; 3. Todd Maslyk (P), 2:28.2.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Gutu (WJG), 23.25; 2. Liakos (P), 23.6; 3. Christensen (P), 24.13.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Connor McManus (A), 1:41.9; 2. Connor Monroe (WJG), 1:75.35; 3. Ian Smith (P), 1:72.00.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Christensen (P), 5:59.7; 2. Earls (P), 5:57.1; 3. Gutu (WJG), 1:01.4.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 5:10.1; 2. Jouney (P), 5:15.5; 3. Liakos (P), 5:25.5.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 5:11.87; 2. Zach Koch (P), 5:12.74; 3. Weber (P), 5:40.8.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. John Glenn (Gutu, Boes, Josh Wakeford, Dave Vader), 1:38.52; 2. Plymouth (Liakos, Maslyk, Weber, Koch), 1:40.61; 3. John Glenn (Nick Stone, Vader, Joey Wakeford), 3:38.14; 3. John Glenn (Hodges, Tim Moran, Aaron Alholinna, Boes), 1:41.9.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Earls (P), 5:59.2; 2. Ferguson (WJG), 1:00.31; 3. Jacob Burcicki (WJG), 1:12.61.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Maslyk (P), 1:11.9; 2. Stevens (WJG), 1:14.47; 3. Strobel (P), 1:15.48.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Jouney, Christensen, Earls, Koch), 3:36.02; 2. John Glenn (Josh Wakeford, Ferguson, Vader, Joey Wakeford), 3:38.14; 3. John Glenn (Hodges, Tim Moran, Aaron Alholinna, Boes), 1:41.9.  
**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 4-0 KLAAs South Division; John Glenn, 5-1 overall, 3-1 KLAAs South.  
**DOUBLE DUAL MEET**  
**TEAM SCORES:** Ann Arbor Pioneer, 120, Livonia Stevenson 66; Pioneer, 108, Salem, 78; Salem 108, Stevenson 78.  
**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Pioneer (Thomas Deegan, Eli Cornblath, Scott Marlatt, Ithad Stalmack), 1:44.03; 2. Livonia Stevenson (John Ferrara, Grant McManara, Dave Plashnik, Jake McManara), 1:45.49; 3. Salem (Jeremy Wellman, Turner Solterman, Eric Li, Noah Sanner), 1:45.52.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Seiji Osawa (AAP), 1:44.95; 2. Kellen Schoff (LS), 1:45.82; 3. Adam Seroka (Salem), 1:46.00.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Max Mills (Salem), 2:02.78; 2. Li (Salem), 2:03.11; 5. J. McManara (LS), 2:06.91.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Tyler Hampton (AAP), 1:44.95; 2. Matt Collingwood (Salem), 22.44; 5. Sanner (Salem), 23.18; 6. Brandon Bielicki (LS), 23.28.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Nick Nemetz (AAP), 305.70; 4. Charlie Dillon (Salem), 195.90; 5. Joey Rudelic (Salem), 189.25; 6. Jack Beaudoin (LS), 185.50.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Schoff (LS), 5:39.4; 4. Jason Zhang (Salem), 58.47; 5. Wellman (Salem), 59.57.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Hampton (AAP), 48.44; 2. Seroka (Salem), 48.66; 3. Bielicki (LS), 50.55.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Osawa (AAP), 4:48.30; 2. Collingwood (Salem), 4:51.36; 3. Mills (Salem), 5:02.00; 4. J. Ferrara (LS), 5:03.59.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Sanner, Seroka, Mills, Collingwood), 1:31.95; 2. Stevenson (Bielicki, J. McManara, Adam Ferrara, Schoff), 1:32.2.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. J. Ferrara (LS), 55.93; 2. Li (Salem), 57.19; 4. Wellman (Salem), 1:00.60.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. J. McManara (LS), 1:04.13; 3. Solterman (Salem), 1:05.17; 5. G. McManara (LS), 1:06.54; 6. Smaran Bhaktawara (Salem), 1:07.01.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Pioneer (Hampton, Renato Quelhas, Thomas Deegan, Osawa), 3:18.93; 2. Salem (Collingwood, Zhang, Mills, Seroka), 3:19.70; 3. Stevenson (Bielicki, A. Ferrara, J. Ferrara, Schoff), 3:24.71.  
**Stevenson's dual meet record:** 5-2 overall.

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had a dental issue after being injured in the Ocelots' previous game.

Meanwhile, longtime Mott coach Steve Schmidt recalled the days when his team had to scratch and claw for wins when Schoolcraft was nationally ranked under coach Carlos Briggs, now an assistant at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Briggs, ironically, was in the stands Wednesday scouting the game.

"I do miss that," Schmidt said. "Those were great memories when we played here and in Flint when the two programs played each other.

"Any time you can come in here and get a win, I respect that."

Mott hit eight of its first 10 shots and 37 of 73 total.

"I was pleased, but I thought our defense in the first half was not as sharp as it has been," Schmidt said. "The second half was more Mott defense where we pressure and wear teams down."

Schmidt said this year's Mott's squad remains a "work in progress."

"It's a talented group. We're still working to become a complete team," he said.

And Schmidt said he continues to marvel at Anderson's high wire act.

"He's been battling a virus this week and we didn't know how much we'd get out of him," the Mott coach said of the Kalamazoo Central grad. "I'm pleased with what we got out of him."

"He's becoming a complete



RENA LAVERTY

Schoolcraft's Lydell Mason (4) goes in for two points during Wednesday's 91-60 loss to Eastern Conference co-leader Flint Mott CC.

player and he's improved. And he makes plays that you see at times from an NBA caliber athlete. That never gets old."

Schoolcraft, with eight conference games remaining, returns to action Saturday at Kirtland CC.

"We need to come up with

four wins," Henry said. "If we go 4-4, we can be in the top seven and get into the (state) playoffs."

One team still on top, while the other struggles to get into the postseason.

How times have changed.

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# MU women fall short; Lady Ocelots win big

A rousing second-half comeback fell painfully short Wednesday night for the Madonna University women's basketball team in Grand Rapids.

The Crusaders battled back from a 15-point deficit and tied the game on Erin Bentley's three-point shot with 15 seconds remaining, only to be denied with just 0.02 to go when Cornerstone's nailed the game-winning jump for a 69-67 Golden Eagles victory.

Veltkamp finished with a game-high 23 points, while Elisha Crosby added 16 and sister Robyn Veltkamp 13 for Cornerstone, which improved to 18-5 overall and 7-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Four Crusaders reached double figures in scoring led by Shantelle Herring's 15 points off the bench.

Tabatha Wydryck chipped in with 14 points, 10 rebounds and five assists. Bentley added 12 points, while WHAC Player of the Week Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson), finished with 10 points and nine boards.

Cornerstone, ranked No. 16 in the latest NAIA Division II national poll, led 30-24 at halftime and went on a 15-6 run to open the second half for a 45-30 advantage.

MU fought back to within one, 53-52, with 7:52 left on a pair of Bentley free throws.

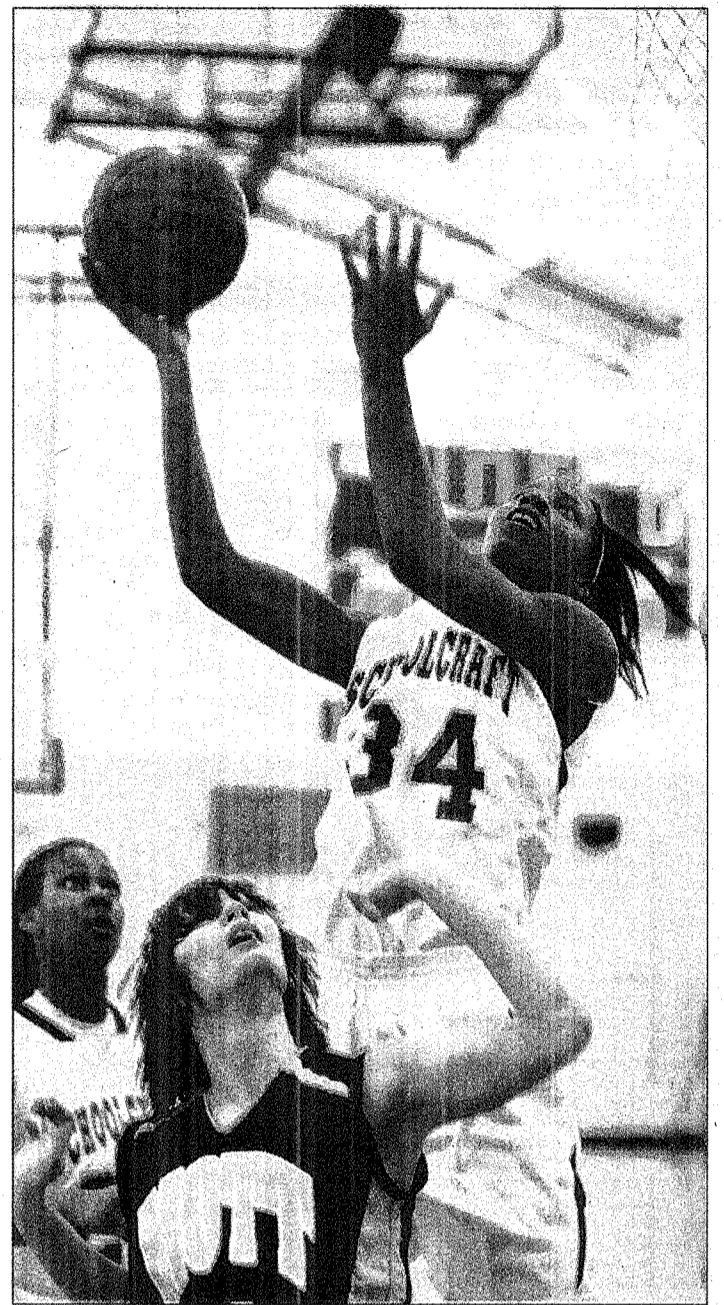
Both teams shot 45 percent from the field - MU was 25-of-55, while Cornerstone was 24-of-53.

The Golden Eagles made 14-of-20 free throws, while the Crusaders were 8-for-12.

**SCHOOLCRAFT 90, MOTT CC 46:** Sixth-ranked Schoolcraft College (18-3, 8-0) made it 57 straight home wins Wednesday with an MCAA Eastern Conference victory over Flint Mott Community College (2-16, 1-7).

Seven Lady Ocelots scored in double figures paced by freshman guard Diamond Tolliver's 19 points to go along with five assists.

Sophomore center Kimberly Bee added 13 points, 13 rebounds, seven



RENA LAVERTY

Schoolcraft's Kimberly Bee (34) goes in for one of her 13 points in Wednesday's lopsided 90-46 triumph over Flint Mott CC. Bee also had 13 rebounds, seven blocks and four assists.

blocks and four assists. Amber Sammons also had 13 points and dished out five assists, while Cameo Kendrick chipped in with 11 points.

Charlise Slater, Shanequa Braggs and Shawnicka Thomas tallied 10 points apiece each.

Braggs also grabbed nine rebounds, while Sheallica

Grandberry also had five assists.

Schoolcraft, which notched its 45th straight conference win at home, shot 53 percent from the floor (38-of-72), including 8-of-15 from three-point range.

Mott got 12 points from Adrienne Weaver, while Beth Kozar and Keyanni Bell added 11 and 10, respectively.

**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
SALEM 137.15  
LIVONIA BLUE 136.775  
Jan. 26 at Plymouth H.S.

**Vault:** 1. Alex Kitz (Blue), 9.15; 2. Nicole Jacobs (Salem), 9.05; 3. Morgan Soper (Salem), 8.95; 4. Ade Jepperson (Salem), 8.7; 5. Haley Olson (Blue), 8.65.

**Uneven bars:** 1. Kitz (Blue), 8.85; 2. Ade Jepperson (Salem), 8.7; 3. Sara Bridges (Blue), 8.55; 4. Jacobs (Salem), 8.5; 5. Cassie Morford (Blue), 8.2.

**Balance beam:** 1. Kitz (Blue), 9.1; 2. Bridges (Blue), 8.9; 3. Jepperson (Salem), 8.85; 4. Morford (Blue), 8.7; 5. Jacobs (Salem), 8.65.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Jacobs (Salem), 9.35; 2. Soper (Salem), 9.2; 3. Bridges (Blue), 8.925; 4. Jepperson (Salem), 8.55; 5. Kitz (Blue), 8.525.

**All-around:** 1. Kitz (Blue), 36.625; 2. Jacobs (Salem), 35.55; 3. Jepperson (Salem), 34.80; 4. Soper (Salem), 34.60; 5. Maddie Burt (Salem), 32.20.

**Dual meet records:** Livonia Blue, 4-1 overall, 2-1 KLA A Kensington Division; Salem, 2-2 overall, 2-1 KLA A Lakes Division.

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PREP BOWLING RESULTS

BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 21 NOV 9 Jan. 27 at Super Bowl (Canton) John Glenn scorers: John Cleavenger, 196-237-433; Jordan Hornes, 202-204-406; Daniel Ammons, 178-182-360; Tommy Ruark, 170-161-331; Thomas Brusseau, 180; Steven White, 169. Team totals: 915-964-1,879 (17 points). Baker games: 147-217-364 (4 points). Novi scorers: Andrew Thorwall, 213-163-376; Steve Cullen, 200-167-367; Brandon Gillespie, 158-157-315; Chad Smith, 165; Brandon Ross, 146; split score, 148. Team totals: 882-847-1,729 (6 points). Baker games: 190-211-401 (3 points). Dual match records: John Glenn, 10-0 overall, 7-0 KLAAs Central Division; Novi, 2-8 overall, 1-6 KLAAs Central.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Free throw contest

The 2011 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls (ages 9-14) will be Sunday, Jan. 30, at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Registration starts at 2 p.m. followed by competition at 2:30 p.m. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Winners will advance through local, district and state competition. International champions are announced at the K of C international headquarters base on scores from the state level competitions. For more information, call David Lengel at (734) 516-4930.

Super soph

Koesting's last-second hoop saves Stevenson

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Sophomore guard Allison Koesting came to the rescue Friday as Livonia Stevenson improved to 9-3 overall and 4-2 in the KLAAs Central Division with a 48-46 girls basketball win over host Northville. The Spartans, who improved to 9-3 overall and 4-2 in the division, won it on Koesting's shot with only three seconds left. Northville (6-6, 3-3) rallied from a 44-31 third-quarter deficit to tie it at 46-all with just under a minute left. Stevenson called timeout with 40 seconds left and worked it down to a last shot. "I was worried we weren't going to get a shot off," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "We spread the floor and Allie knocked it down from the wing. It was clutch." Junior guard Jordan York led the Spartans with 14 points, while senior center Kristen Balhorn added 11 points and nine rebounds. Freshman Charlesann Roy pulled down 10 rebounds, while senior

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Monika Rudis added nine. Stevenson shot 16-of-26 from the foul line, while Northville made just 4-of-15. Alex Moynes and Megan Gertley tallied 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Mustangs. JOHN GLENN 65, CHURCHILL 27: On Friday, juniors Joslyn Massey and Erica Coville scored 17 and 10, respectively, as Westland John Glenn (11-1, 5-1) cruised past visiting Livonia Churchill (2-10, 1-5) in a KLAAs South Division game. The Rockets jumped out to a 22-2 first-quarter advantage and never looked back. "We're still trying to get our chemistry going, but it was a good game," Glenn coach Mark Anderson said. Junior center Erin Menard scored 13 for the Chargers, who shot 5-of-8 from the free throw line. Glenn made just 6-of-17 foul shots. FRANKLIN 56, PLYMOUTH 42: Senior guard Chelsea Williams scored a game-high 25 points to propel Livonia Franklin (6-6, 3-3) past the Wildcats (5-7, 3-3) in a KLAAs

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Steelheaders meet

Dennis Lantz, a top national walleye angler, will be the featured speaker at the Metro-West Steelheaders meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads. Lantz, who has three victories and a pair of third-place finishes in the Detroit River Canadian opens, will talk about the art of jigging for walleye on the Detroit River. The meeting is free to the public and no reservations are needed. For more information, visit www.metroweststeelheaders.org or call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790.

Livonia soccer signup

The Livonia City Soccer Club has opened registration for the spring 2011 recreational soccer program for both boys and girls in all age groups. Registration information can be found on the club's website, www.livoniacitysoccerclub.com or by calling the club offices at (734) 464-8575.

MU softball camp

Madonna University women's softball coach Al White and his staff will hold a winter camp, specializing in individual instruction from noon-2:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 6, 13, 22 and 27, at the MU Activities Center. The cost is \$150 for each camp. For more information, call White at (734) 432-5783; or Steve Gentilia at (734) 776-1716. You can also e-mail awhite@madonna.edu.

Marian burns Blazers in division test, 52-42

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After leading 26-24 at halftime, Livonia Ladywood collapsed in third quarter Friday as host Birmingham Marian exploded for a 52-42 Catholic League Central Division girls basketball triumph. Mara Mulroy and Michelle Perkovic paced the victorious Mustangs with 17 and 12 points, respectively. Marian used a 17-3 third-period run to improve to 8-4 overall and 3-2 in the Central. Ladywood got within five with just under two minutes left, but couldn't get over the hump. "The third quarter we made some uncharacteristic mistakes and they (Marian) slowed the game down on us," said Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti, whose team slipped to 10-2

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overall and 3-2 in the division. "We did not shoot well, probably around 25-to-30 percent. We had good players miss open shots." Senior forward Teresa Wojnarowski led Ladywood with 16 points, while sophomore guard Andrea Anastos added nine. Marian made 10-of-14 free throws, while the Blazers converted on 6-of-11. "We have a huge week ahead - Monday at Our Lady of Lakes and Wednesday at home vs. Divine Child - hopefully we'll put this behind us," Coratti said. LIGGETT 64, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 21: Madison

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### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

## FEBRUARY

### Medical certificate courses

Class begins Feb. 2 for medical receptionist; Feb. 8 for medical coding and Feb. 22 for pharmacy technician at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tuition includes books and ranges from \$1,024-\$1,824. These job training courses are for adult learners who are laid-off, re-entering the workforce or changing careers. Students learn the foundation of a specific field and can begin applying for entry-level positions upon course completion. Job leads are sent with certificates. Seating is limited. Call Geraldyn at (734) 432-5904 or visit [www.madonna.edu](http://www.madonna.edu) and click on continuing education and job training.

### Bariatric surgery

The Michigan Bariatric Institute presents educational seminars from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 3, March 3 and April 7 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, and Dr. Jacob Roberts, a bariatric surgeon, will make presentations. For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) WHY WEIGHT.

### Grief recovery

A grief support series will run from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 3-March 3, at Washtenaw Medical Arts Building, 3075 Clark, Suite 200, Ypsilanti. Support group members will learn how grief affects them physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually and how to deal with difficult emotions. They'll receive and give support and learn how to take steps to reconcile with grief. To register call (734) 327-3224 or (734) 327-3409.

### Baby Basics

Get the basics of baby care and breastfeeding all in one class, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. This class is designed for first time parents to learn the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. A St. Mary Mercy Hospital certified pediatrician will discuss infant illness and child immunization. New parents will learn breastfeeding techniques including positioning, pumping, storage and breast care. Participants should bring a stuffed animal or doll to use during a demonstration on how to hold the baby when breastfeeding. There will be a 45-minute lunch break during the class. This class is open to anyone who cares for an infant. The fee is \$50 per couple. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162, or register online at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes and events." The hospital also will run a class designed to help mom keep their children healthy, 10 a.m. Feb. 8. The speaker is Azadeh Khaghany, a certified pediatrician at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Registration is required.

### Sleep Apnea

Livonia dentist John Colasanti will talk about treating sleep apnea with dental devices from 7-8:30 p.m., Feb. 10 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Discover the latest in medical equipment; masks and supplies for sleep disorders, such as continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) technology. Participants with a CPAP machine may bring it to the presentation for a free pressure accuracy check. Call (734) 655-4640 for more information, or to register.

### Flu shots

Community Living Services, 35425 Michigan Avenue West, Suite 3653, Wayne, will hold an H1N1 flu vaccination clinic, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 10. Free. (734) 467-7600.

### Healthy hearts

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers these heart-related events for women next month:

- Marianne Simancek, a registered nurse, will talk about healthy habits for cardiovascular health, 1 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland.
- Dr. Roy Misirlyan, director of Noninvasive Cardiology, will discuss how diabetes affects the heart and cardiovascular system, 7 p.m. Feb. 9, in the hospital auditorium.
- Dr. Barbara Kong will be the speaker at "The Heart of a Woman," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m. Participants will learn to identify the unique signs and symptoms of a heart attack and the simple steps needed for a healthy lifestyle that can improve heart health. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Register at (734) 655-1182 or [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes and events."

# Study looks at broader use of heart-assisting devices

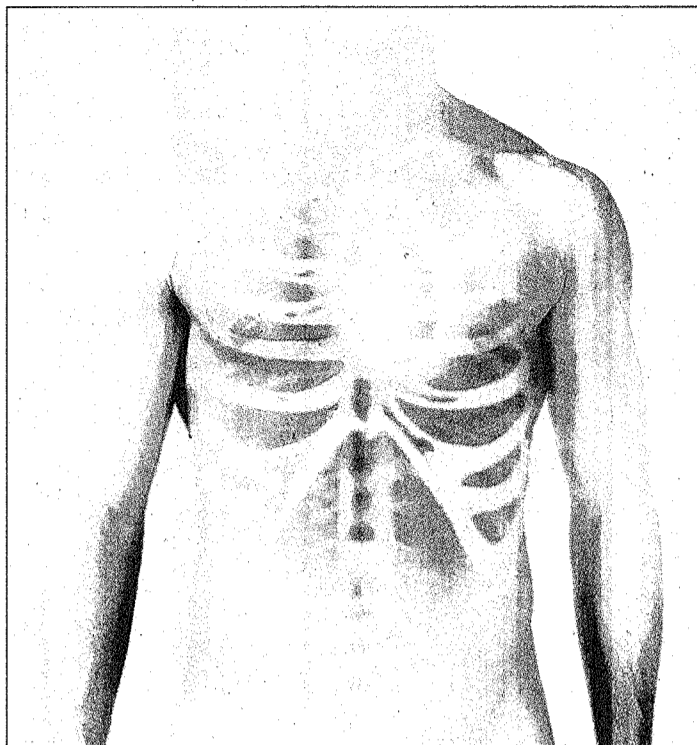
The University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center and the University of Pittsburgh have been awarded \$13.3 million to explore the potential benefits of heart devices for the large and growing group of Americans with heart failure.

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and HeartWare, a maker of left ventricular assist devices, (LVAD) are sponsoring the study of these devices that support circulation in patients with failing hearts.

In REVIVE-IT, researchers will compare whether non-transplant eligible patients with heart failure do better with implanted devices than with current medical therapy.

Principal investigators include Dr. Keith Aaronson, medical director of the heart transplant program and Center for Circulatory Support at the U-M Cardiovascular Center, Dr. Francis A. Pagani, surgical director of the heart transplant program and the Center for Circulatory Support at the U-M and Dr. Robert Kormos, director of the UPMC Artificial Heart Program and co-director of the UPMC Heart Transplantation Program.

"The new study allows us to examine the use of heart devices earlier in the cas-



cade of heart failure," says Aaronson, associate professor of medicine at the U-M Medical School.

For most patients, either a past heart attack or certain conditions such as hypertension, heart muscle diseases, abnormal heart valves, or diabetes has led to heart failure.

LVADs are currently used in patients with very advanced heart failure as a last resort to help them survive the wait

for a heart transplant, or serve as a permanent alternative to heart transplantation.

"In REVIVE-IT we'll test the theory that heart failure patients whose condition impairs their daily lives, but who have not suffered serious consequences such as organ damage, malnourishment or immobility, would benefit from earlier implantation of an LVAD," says Pittsburgh's Kormos.

**The pilot study will include 100 patients from selected hospitals across the United States, including the U-M and Pittsburgh. Site selection for the study will begin later this year. The U-M's Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research will coordinate the study.**

Kormos is also co-principal investigator of the NHLBI-sponsored Interagency Registry for Mechanical Circulatory Support, which contains information on nearly 2,000 approved assist devices.

"Ventricular assist devices have been shown to improve both the quality and length of life of late-stage heart failure patients," says J. Timothy Baldwin, REVIVE-IT trial project officer, Division of Cardiovascular Sciences, NHLBI. "This trial promises to help us learn if there are advantages to providing these devices before patients reach late-stage heart failure."

The REVIVE-IT study

device will be HeartWare's left ventricular assist device, the HVAD pump, a battery-operated continuous blood flow pump that's surgically placed within the heart and the pericardial space surrounding the heart.

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"Our work may advance the treatment of heart failure by evaluating whether technology now reserved for very severe heart failure is ready for application to a broader group of patients in need," says Pagani, a cardiac surgeon and professor of surgery at the U-M Medical School.

U-M's Center for Circulatory Support is a multidisciplinary team of physicians, surgeons and allied health care providers dedicated to the care of patients with advanced heart failure or cardiogenic shock. Center clinicians and researchers have provided leadership in the clinical investigation of most of the implantable circulatory support devices in use today.



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## New exhibit looks at the Civil War period at home, on battlefields

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

History buffs will commemorate the Civil War ses-  
quicentennial this year with  
celebrations, reenactments  
and speeches.

But Elizabeth Kelley  
Kerstens, executive director  
of the Plymouth Historical  
Museum, says there are other  
reason visitors should "redis-  
cover" the pivotal event in U.S.  
history.

"No matter what angle you  
take you're always discovering  
something new about it," she  
said. "They don't teach history  
so much in schools any more  
and especially for young kids  
now, the Civil War is ancient  
history, but it was fought  
on our own soil and so it's a  
unique war to study.

"There are lots of us who are  
fascinated by the Civil War.  
For some of us it never goes  
away. I'm a re-enactor, so I  
dress in period dress whenever  
I can. You kind of live and  
breathe the Civil War."

Museum visitors who asso-  
ciate the four-year conflict  
only with guns and battle-  
fields will be in for a pleasant  
surprise as they walk through  
"Rediscovering the Civil War."  
The new exhibit, which opened  
Friday in the Victorian-era  
Main Street at the Plymouth  
Historical Museum, offers a  
glimpse of home life during  
war time, in addition to spot-  
lighting local soldiers and life  
in battle.

Dan Packer, a member of the  
museum board, curated the  
exhibit and borrowed artifacts  
and archival material from  
collectors for the show.

Much of the material also  
came from the museum or  
other board members.



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Issac S. Savery was given a Metropolitan Naval Percussion pistol when he enlisted in D Company of the 20th Michigan Infantry. The pistol and a sword are on loan from Savery's descendant Win Schrader.



Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens talks about the new Civil War exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

A touch-screen display will  
enable visitors to view and  
print out biographies of the  
100 soldiers — 65 were from  
Plymouth, 11 from Livonia, 8  
from Canton Township — who  
formed Company C. The unit  
formed after a meeting held  
Aug. 9, 1862 in the Village  
Green — now Kellogg Park

— in downtown Plymouth.

### CALL TO ARMS

"It was a huge meeting. This  
was after Lincoln put out a  
call for 75,000 more men, a  
little more than a year after  
the war had started," Kerstens  
said. "There were some mili-  
tary people there. Col. (Henry)

Morrow, the 24th Michigan  
Infantry regimental com-  
mander was there speaking.  
But mostly, it was civilians  
that came to listen.

"Do you remember back  
after Desert Storm ended, the  
feeling in the country? I imag-  
ine you can relate that same  
feeling to how they might have  
felt in Plymouth at the time. A  
lot of people would have been  
really mad about the war, so a  
lot of people came. And they  
formed a Company, Company  
C."

Kerstens plans to stage a  
reenactment of the meeting  
April 9 and 10 in Kellogg Park.  
Re-enactors, most dressed  
as civilians, will camp at the  
Wilcox house and then gather  
in the park as the community's

### PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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**Where:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** New exhibit

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**Admission:** \$5 for adults, \$2 for age 5-17 and \$10 for families

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Johnny Clem was a 9-year-old drummer boy.

dead at a newspaper office. In the carpentry shop, a woman and girl, dressed in black, secure a coffin for a loved one.

At re-enactments, Kerstens portrays the widow, Mary Davis, who ran the Ladies Aid Society in Plymouth during the Civil War. A scene in the new exhibit also shows a woman and girl sewing towels for soldiers.

"The women that were left back home wanted to help as much as they could if they had the time. Lots of them were left to take care of their farms in place of the men, but some wanted to help. They made bandages with linen or shirts for the soldiers. They made 'housewives,' a sewing kit carried by soldiers.


"In Plymouth the Ladies Aid Society probably was a group of women who got together and sewed, quilted and packed stuff to ship it off to the battle-  
field. The group ceased to exist after the war, but a lot of

ancestors did 149 years ago. After the meeting, the new recruits will be issued their packs and equipment in preparation for military service.

"There will be a whole lot of women waving them on and we'll walk from there to here, like we're sending them off to war."

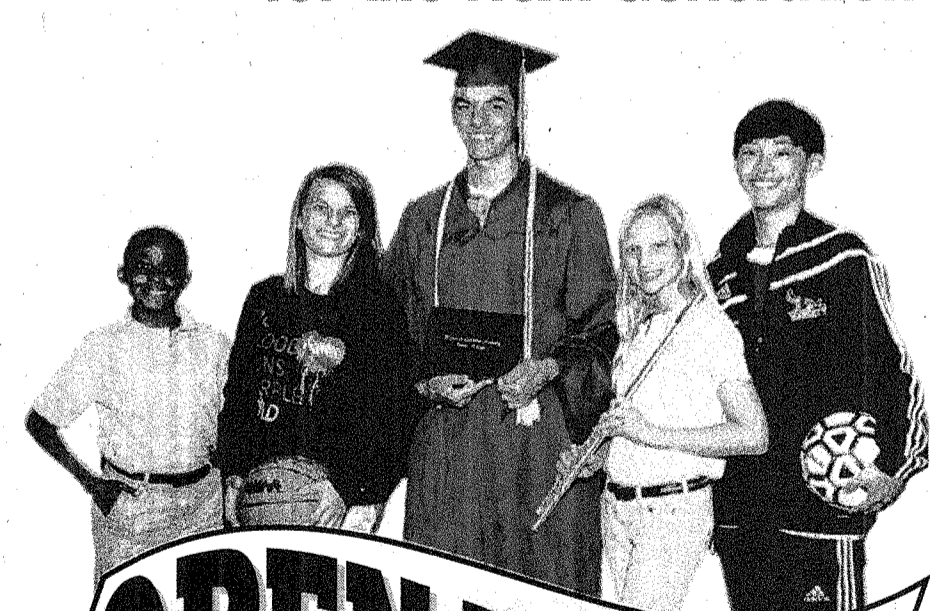
Women figure prominently in many of the vignettes staged with mannequins throughout the exhibit. In one, a pregnant wife, dressed in a billowing "wrapper," the precursor to the modern housecoat, bids her soldier-husband a teary goodbye. Across the street, a woman checks for names of the wounded and

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# Mission brings relief to Haiti one person at a time

BY JAY YOUNG  
CORRESPONDENT

I have seen poverty manifested in substandard housing and lack of basic infrastructure in the third world countries I've visited in Africa and Central and South America.

But nothing has compared to the abject poverty and overwhelming challenges I witnessed recently in Haiti.

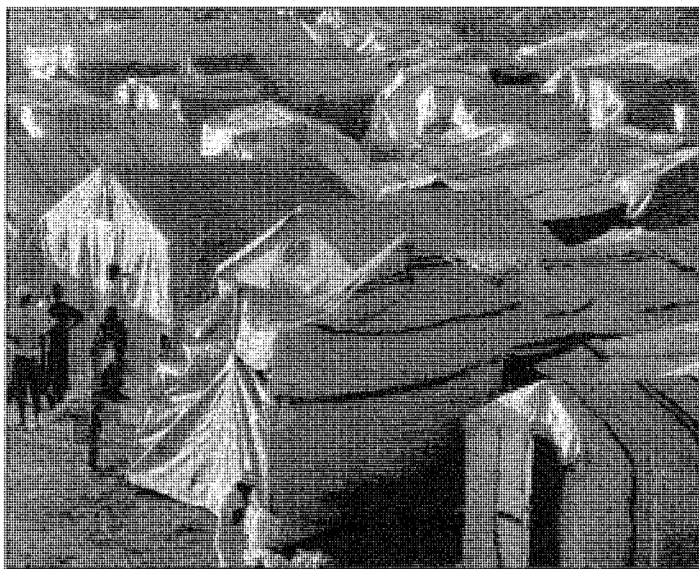
Canton resident Patty Butzin and I joined a team of about 25 people from all over the United States on a one-week mission trip to Haiti. Sponsored by Global Aid Network (GAIN), the humanitarian arm of Campus Crusade for Christ, the purpose of our trip was to conduct a vision clinic, start a construction project and sponsor a sewing class for people from the village of Chambrun, located about 13 miles outside the capital city of Port-au-Prince.

## GEOGRAPHY, PEOPLE

Haiti occupies an area roughly the size of Maryland on the western third of the Island of Hispaniola, which it shares with the Dominican Republic. The vast majority of its 8.7 million inhabitants are the descendants of African slaves brought over during the 18th century by their French overlords to work the lucrative sugarcane and coffee plantations. The national languages are French and Creole — which is spoken by a majority of citizens.

By all accounts, Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. It is plagued by problems ranging from near-constant political upheaval and official corruption, health crises, and severe environmental degradation to an annual barrage of hurricanes. All of this was exacerbated a year ago by the 7.0 magnitude earthquake centered just outside Port-au-Prince which leveled a good portion of the capital city.

It was the worst earthquake in the region in over 200 years, leaving a death toll of 230,000



This is one of the large tent communities set up after the 2010 earthquake that reduced much of Haiti's capital city to rubble. Some of these tents were donated by the People's Republic of China, as evidenced by its flag over some of the entrances.

and more than a million people displaced and living in tents and tarpaulins. Add to that deplorable situation a recent outbreak of cholera and violence sparked by a disputed presidential election, and you can begin to grasp the overwhelming challenges facing the country. It was into this milieu that our GAIN team ventured on Jan. 15.

We set up camp in a 100-acre compound established by Nehemiah Ministries, founded by Esperandou Pierre, a visionary leader and head of Campus Crusade in Haiti.

According to his own testimony, Pierre came to grips several years ago with his heritage after questioning why he was born to a poor family in such a poor country. After visiting and living in other parts of the world, he decided, like Nehemiah in the Old Testament, to return to his homeland and attempt to better the plight of his people.

After obtaining the land already occupied by a small church and elementary school, Pierre, aided by Campus Crusade and other non-profit relief agencies, began his dream of providing education,

job training, health services and spiritual guidance to the 3,000 inhabitants of nearby Chambrun.

## WORK BEGINS

After participating in a rousing Sunday worship service held under a circus tent set up on the grounds, and providing a picnic lunch for more than 300 men, women and children from the nearby area, we began our work early Monday morning.

Using an eye chart and photometer, we tested nearly 600 adults and children over the next four days. If they required glasses, we placed lenses in Harry Potter-style frames. If people had problems seeing up close, we gave them reading glasses. Everyone got sunglasses. Many complained of eye irritations, so we sent them to the clinic to receive medical treatment.

Part of our group formed a construction team which began work on a 20- by 40-foot chicken coop, which will eventually house 100 chickens and hopefully provide eggs for use and sale by the community. This is the first of several job training and small business



Patty Butzin of Canton instructs women from the village of Chambrun, Haiti in the basics of quilt sewing and design. More than 50 women from the village attended classes for three days and left with small, finished quilts. Material was provided by Global Aid Network.

ventures to be initiated at the compound. It was hard, but rewarding work, under the hot Haitian sun.

A third project involved offering a sewing class for more than 50 women and girls during a three-day period. Taught by Butzin, a member of several quilting guilds, the women finished handmade quilts and left with sewing supplies and other gifts provided by the volunteers and GAIN.

In between these projects, several team members planted vegetable seeds sent from the U.S. as the start of a future community garden.

While we were there, a group of construction workers from Ohio were busy erecting Quonset-style housing for future volunteers, complete with showers, a kitchen and air conditioning. This group also worked from dawn to dusk to finish family housing units for two American missionary families who are currently living in tents on the grounds.

One of the wives quipped, "I always said I wanted to have wood floors," as she gazed at her plywood-floored tent home.

During the week we visited an orphanage in Chambrun funded by Nehemiah Ministries. It currently houses eight children, several of whom are there because their parents simply could not afford to feed or clothe them. During our visit we donated clothing and toys to the orphanage, some given by my grandchildren and

others in the United States. On our last night in Haiti, we once again visited Chambrun and showed a Jesus film to more than 200 members of the village, using a portable projector and screen. It was a fitting end to a physically and emotionally demanding week.

## SIGNS OF HEALING

The needs of Haiti are so great, they can overwhelm you. However, many Haitians have started to find some equilibrium — to heal, to rebuild and to hope for the future.

Our focus was to help or bring relief to one person at a time. That's all we could do.

We met desperately poor people. Some walked many miles to visit our clinic. Yet they displayed a quiet dignity and courage in spite of their circumstances. We made some wonderful friendships, especially among the college students who served as our interpreters. We learned to be thankful for what we have and learned anew that it truly is better to give than to receive.

I encourage anyone who seeks to make a difference in another person's life to contact GAIN or any one of a number of other relief organizations currently serving in Haiti. I promise it will be a life-changing experience and one you'll not soon forget.

Jay Young is a Canton Township resident. For more information on GAIN visit [www.gainusa.org](http://www.gainusa.org)

## Take a winter art workshop

Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) is offering daylong and two-day winter art workshops in February and March.

Al Weber will teach marbling, 1-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4. Cost is \$55. Marbling consists of floating pigment on water, manipulating the colors into interesting patterns and transferring the image onto paper or another material.

Solve Old Painting Problems & Create Something New, with Audrey Dimarco, will help participants finish that painting they've never been able to complete. Workshop runs 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 5-6. Cost is \$75.

In "Twig Drawing," students will sketch or paint with a twig point. Edee Joppich teaches the two-day workshop 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, and 1-4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 18. Cost is \$80.

Landscapes Evening and Night, with Marj Chellstorp, runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. Participants will create luminosity in their landscapes. Cost is \$80.

Tim Marsh will show how to make art cards, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27. Cost is \$65. He'll also lead a two-day workshop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 3-4 in creating nature still life with colored pencil. Cost is \$95.

Textures & Stencils & Rainbows, with Laura Whitesides, will combine textures and stencils. Cost is \$90. The sessions run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 5, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 6. Classes are in the new VAAL classroom in the New Five Village Shopping Center, 37653 Five Mile, at Newburgh, in Livonia. To register, [www.vaalart.org](http://www.vaalart.org), or call (734) 838-1204.



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The Civil War exhibit includes period mourning clothes.

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the women, because they were so active, which was unusual for women at that time, had a hard time going back to being housewives. So, they might have become active in the temperance movement or in trying to get women the vote."

A few "don't miss" scenes in the exhibit:

- Get a close-up view of an authentic 19th century surgeon's case, complete with bone-cutting saws.
- Check out the children of war vignette, which includes a representation of Johnny Clem, the 9-year-old drummer boy who served in the 22nd Michigan.
- Read about Sarah Edmonds, the Canadian native who sold Bibles door to door in Flint dressed as a man ("because women didn't do that stuff") and who eventually portrayed a man, Franklin Thompson, to serve and later desert the 2nd Michigan.
- Admire those gowns in the wedding vignette. Yes, they are authentic Civil War-era dresses.

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The first problem is that old age extends further than the textbook perspective. When rheumatology texts consider arthritis in the elderly, the authors are looking at a population age 65, possibly 75 or 80. In daily practice rheumatologists are seeing patients 85, 90, even 95 or older.

The second problem is that no funds exist to finance research in the older population. No published studies have looked into how muscles and bone function in individuals over age 85. No grants are available to allow investigators to study what are the causes of joint pain in people over age 85.

Today, rheumatologists see patients with problems that no textbook can help diagnose or treat. For example, I recently treated a 93 year old woman with intense left wrist pain. However, the pain did not come from the wrist joint, but from the tendon that started in the forearm. The pain had the character of gout, but the location of pain was not in a site associated with gout. I had no textbook or medical article I could turn to for assistance on how to treat her pain. Instead, I had to rely on my experience treating problems somewhat but not the same as what the patient had.

The dilemma occurs throughout medicine: at this time, problems that accompany old, old age are ahead of our medical abilities to treat them.

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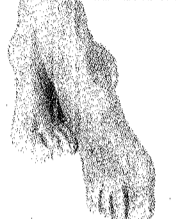
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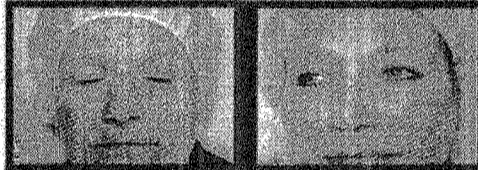
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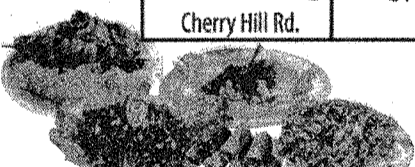
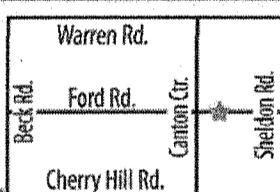
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