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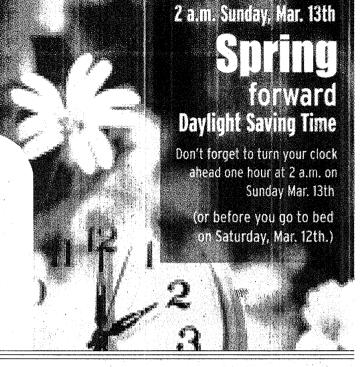
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# IN BRIEF

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Five members of the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC

Zebra Battalion

will be headed

to Washington,

D.C., in June to

compete in the

the 2010-11 Army

Leadership Bowl.

Aimee Papineau, Cadet 1st Lt.

Cadet Staff Sgt. Isabelle

Letts, Sgt. 1st Class Stephanie

Hyams and

Cadet 2nd Lt. Mark Rowland

placed first in

7th Brigade

competition.

The 7th Brigade

the JROTC units

Kentucky, Ohio,

consists of all

in Tennessee,

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Indiana. There

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of competitive online play against thousands of JROTC students from across the world to win a place in the championship and the trip to Washington. In these rounds, students were tested on standard high school curriculum, math, science, English and leadership skills.

# Dinner-theater

Inspire Theatre will be serving up a heaping helping of Elvis when it presents Graceland, dinner-theatre musical tribute to the King of Rock 'N' Roll, Saturday, April 2.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for the one-night-only event. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and includes chicken or tilapia, rice, vegetables, salad, an "American Trilogy" of beverages and cake.

Tickets are \$25 for the dinner and show, which will presented at the theater inside Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road,

east of Wayne Road, Westland. Tickets are available by calling (734) 751-7057 or online at www.inspirationtheatre.com.

# Mother knows best

Local women and girls are invited to send us (in 50 words or less) the best advice you received from your mom. Include a photo of your mom or, better yet, you and your

E-mail your best submission and photo (jpg format only) to smason@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include your first and last name, your hometown and identify your mother (first and last name, please). Include a daytime phone number or cell phone where you can be reached during business hours.

The photos and advice will appear in the Thursday, May 5. Salute to Women edition of Hometown Life Woman. Deadline to submit advice and photo is 5 p.m. Friday, April 15.

# Driver found guilty of killing Westland woman



BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Teri Gunn said she's seen many drunken driving cases where the driver gets nothing more than a slap on the wrist, so she could have been pardoned for worrying that might be what happened in the case of Robert Bojaj, the Farmington Hills man accused of killing Gunn's daughter, Shelby, in an Aug.

25 car crash on I-275 in Canton. She needn't have worried.

On Monday, a Wayne County jury convicted Bojaj of second-degree murder and of operating under the influence of liquor causing death.

Bojaj, 28, faces sentencing before Wayne County Circuit Judge David Allen at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 24. According to Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Athina Siringas, sentencing guidelines allow Allen to start with a minimum of anywhere from 18.5 to 31 years; the maximum is life.

"I guess it was relief in one way," said Teri Gunn, who sat with husband Rob through the trial. "The weight is lifted, but the loss is still there. I feel like somebody's going to pay now. So many times in drunk driving cases the

Please see BOJAJ, A2

# Angel Wings: Senior's work recognized by County Commission

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Beverly Kaminski doesn't have wings nor is she an angel, but for the staff at area hospitals she is known simple as Angel Wings.

It's the name of a group of senior citizens who gather at the Westland Friendship Center at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays to learn how to knit and crochet and make baby clothing for preemies.

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt remembered Kaminski and Angel Wings when it came time to select a Woman of Distinction recipient for her 12th District for Women's History Month. Each year, the commission recognizes an outstanding woman in each of its 15 districts. Gebhardt tapped Kaminiski because she an "unsung

"Her involvement and commitment toward a better life for pre-term births and their families is heartfelt," said Gebhardt. "Beverly is one of those individuals lending care, and her ability to get seniors involved makes this a special crusade and all the more worthwhile.'

Twelve people, 10 of them family members, were on hand to see her receive the award at a program Thursday in Lincoln. She was "very surprised and very honored" when she found out about the award, and that changed to excitement once she got it.



Beverly Kaminski talks with Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt about her Angel Wings group, which makes items for premature infants.

"I'm carrying it around the Friendship Center to show everyone," she said. "How can they see it if it's hanging on a wall at home?"

A NEW HONOR

Being honored is nothing new to

Kaminski. She was recognized by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan two years ago for her volunteer work and usually gets a certificate for 1,000 hours of service in the Wayne County Retired Senior Volunteer Program. This honor eclipses those.

"I'm going to have to clear a whole wall off," she said. "I have my Senior of the Year plaque for the Friendship Center and one for 20 years with hockey to put up.'

Please see KAMINSKI, A2

# Donations help park remediation, Youth Assistance

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Two oversized checks were on display at the Westland City Council meeting Monday.

Novi-based ITC Holdings Corporation, which operates high voltage electricity transmission systems, donated \$5,000 for trees or other plantings in Central City Park.

"ITC has been so great with donating with everything. They are sponsors of Turn Off the Violence," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski.

The \$5,000 donation was a community initiative sponsorships, said Cynthia Stump of ITC Holdings, adding the company tries to give back where trees are removed but also wanted to contribute to Central City Park.

Trees along the east side of the park were removed to facilitate the environmental remediation efforts at the park, that include installation of a geotextile membrane to contain contamination of the soil. The trees would have disturbed the membrane and likely died if not removed, according to city officials.

"We're thinking of potted trees or

other vegetation, but it's not decided yet," said Kosowski.

The second check was also for \$5,000 donated to Westland Youth Assistance by the Westland Rotary Club. Not to be outdone, Rotarian and 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell crossed out a zero on the check to make the amount \$5,001.

The Rotarians recently held a murder mystery event and the donation came from proceeds raised at the

"We made a significant amount of money and wanted to donate a significant amount of money to Youth

Assistance," said McConnell. "It's a worthwhile program that offers a lot of different ways for families to get through a difficult time. (Director) Paul Motz and his staff do a great job keep them on track so they don't end up before me (in court)."

Motz returned the compliment calling Rotary a tremendous organization that gives a great deal back to the community.

"The Rotary International motto is Service Before Self' and that's what they keep doing," said Motz.

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# LPS board makes votes available to public

BY KAREN SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

To address any "transparency concerns" and meet the "technical" requirements of

the Open Meetings Act, the Livonia school board LIVONIA PUBLIC Monday made public the way each member voted Feb. 23 in narrow-

ing down a list of seven candidates to one in selecting a replacement for retiring Trustee Dan Lessard.

School board President Lynda Scheel said that while the board believed the process it used was appropriate, the board would "revote" Monday to eliminate any questions

or challenges.

The board members had indicated their top three choices and then their No. 1 choice on "voting forms" Feb. 23 that were tallied by administrators, who did not reveal how each board member had voted that evening.

The board then unanimously appointed Randy Roulier, a manager for Blue Cross Blue Shield and a member of the district improve-

The Livonia Observer had asked Scheel about the legality of the process the board had used in narrowing the field after consulting with Robin Luce Herrmann, general counsel for the Michigan Press Association.

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# Westland council agrees to rec partnership with Wayne

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In what may be the first of a series of partnerships, Westland and Wayne residents can use parks and recreation facilities at resident rates in each city.

Wayne Mayor Al Haidous and City Manager Robert English, along with Wayne Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams, attended the Westland council meeting Monday to watch the vote on the proposal. The Wayne City Council had approved the agreement a week earlier.

"Parks and recreation revenues are down in both cities. We think by expanding our borders, it expands the program," said Westland Mayor William Wild.

Both Adams and Westland

Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski will work to cross-promote the programs in both cities, Wild said,

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"Both parks and recreation directors are doing a great job but there are big financial challenges," said Wild, adding he appreciated the way Wayne officials dealt with tax issues with Ford Motor Co. and the December explosion that killed two people at William C. Franks Furniture.

In his comments, Haidous also touched on the explosion and the quick response of Westland police and firefight-

"They arrived around the same as Wayne (police and firefighters), We appreciate that and the first responders continue to work together," said Haidous. "We need to be creative to cut

costs. We have a successful (Wavne-Westland) Board of Education. We can work together for more successes to enhance services that cost less."

"I would like to publicly thank Mayor Wild. I've known the administration for a long time and look forward to doing business with the city," added English.

Both cities have ice arenas while Westland expects to draw more Wayne residents to the municipal golf course, Bailey outdoor swimming pool and skate park. The Wayne Recreation Center has a fitness center, banquet room and indoor swimming pool, which city officials hope will soon be open again.

The agreement went into effect Tuesday.

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With a new agreement to charge Westland and Wayne parks and recreation users the resident rate in both cites, officials posed for a photo. From left is Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski, Westland Council President James Godbout, Westland Mayor William Wild, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous, Wayne City Manager Robert English and Wayne Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams.

Kaminski started Angel Wings at the center 10 years ago. She had heard about a program, Newborns in Need, at Joann Fabrics and had plied her skill at knitting and crocheting there until the instructor quit. She talked to her husband about it and he suggested she start a class at the Friendship Center.

She did and today 15 people, most of whom meet for two hours on Thursday mornings to work on projects or learn to knit and crochet. Several can't make the meetings and do their projects at home. She teaches for free but the people who attend pay \$2 per class which is used to buy fleece and flannel for blankets. The group also relies on donations of yarn dropped off at the Friendship

The group makes between 12,000 and 15,000 items each year and Kaminski and her husband or daughter visit the hospitals — Oakwood Annapolis, Garden City, St. Mary Mercy, Oakwood Dearborn, Providence and Sinai Grace — every week, dropping off bags filled with the handmade items for the premature infants. There are sweaters, hats, booties, 15-by-15-inch blankets, bunting, buriat just over 2 pounds and mea-

al gowns and pants and jackets for the infant boys.

One member does quilting, one makes no-sew fleece blankets and another uses the squares cut from the corners of those blankets to make pieced throws. And yet another makes stuff toys made around empty pill bottles.

"We make the sweaters, hats and booties for the preemies that they can wear when they go home, we also make little boys jackets and pants," she said. "With the preemie hat, if it fits the top of a Styrofoam cup, we know it will fit a preemie.

### **GRANDMAS WHO CARE**

There are no tags, no labels that identify that the items are made by Angel Wings and when asked what to say about them, Kaminski tells the hospital staff to tell families that they "were made by a group of grandmas who want to do something for babies.'

"I never give them a name, I'm only known as Angel Wings," she said. "I get thank you cards in the mail addressed

to Angel Wings. Several of the hospitals which receive the items were are chosen for personal reasons. All of Kaminski's children were born at Oakwood, and her grandson Justin Kaminski was born at Providence.

Now a teenager, he was born premature. He tipped the scales



Beverly Kaminski brought a stack of the items Angel Wings makes for hospitals to the ceremony where Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, recognized her as a Woman of Distinction.

sured 11 1/2 inches long. His feet were no bigger than the distance from the first knuckle to the tip of Kaminski's thumb. Today, he stands 5-foot-7, weighs 166 pounds and has a 13 1/2 shoe size.

Kaminski also has been nominated for this year's Claude Pepper Award, which recognizes excellence in community-based care, by Barbara Schimmel-Marcum, Westland Senior Resources director. She describes Kaminski as "the glue that holds this senior group

"Beverly's dedication to the group and the cause is phenomenal," said Marcum. "This pro-

gram has given many a senior a reason to get up each morning. The satisfaction that comes from helping families at such a traumatic time is one reason the group tirelessly continues

"In this labor of love, seniors not only have an activity to fill their day, but also the gratification of sparing a young mother the grief of having to pick up something for her infant to wear when the baby doesn't make it," she said.

"They're the silent angels who do it out of love of helping someone else," added Gebhardt.

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### **AROUND WESTLAND**

# **District hours**

State Sen. Glenn Anderson will hold district coffee hours on Monday, March 14, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary.

Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the Senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail, at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@ senate.michigan.gov.

### **Lenten Fish Fries**

St. Saint Damian Parish in Westland is holding Lenten fish fry on Fridays now through

Church members will be serving fish dinners 5-7 p.m. Fridays, March 11, 18 and 25 and April 1, 8 and 15. There will be no fish fry Good Friday, April 22.

A one-pice fish dinner is \$4.50, two pieces for \$6 and three pieces for \$7. Baked fish or shrimp (five pieces) dinners cost \$7, with a pierogi (five pieces) dinner costing \$6. Dinners included fries, tartar sauce, coleslaw, roll and drink. Side orders include macaroni and cheese, \$2.50, and fries, \$2; desserts also are available. St. Damian Parish is at 30055

Joy Road, east of Merriman.

### Metro Fibro Group

The Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group will meet 1-3 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, south of Ford Road, Garden City.

The guest speaker will be Ronda Violi, a registered nurse and a life, business, and retreat coach. Because of her experience as a nurse and having chronic pain for 10 years while in her 20s, she understands the importance of taking good care of yourself when you have a chronic illness.

The group also is hosting a seminar/workshop 1-5 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the church. Dr. Howard Schubiner from Providence Hospital, and author of Unlearn Your Pain, and Dr. James Dowd, rheumatologist, and author of The Viramin 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 or call Ruthann at (734) 981-2519.

driver gets a slap on the wrist. That didn't happen here, and my husband and I are grateful for that."

So is Siringas, who insisted

all along her case warranted the second-degree murder charge. Siringas didn't want to discuss specific aspects of the case pending the sentencing hearing, but she acknowledged her delight with the verdict.

"We're absolutely satisfied with the jury's verdict," said Siringas. "From the beginning we believed this was a murder

two, and we're satisfied the jury saw it the way we saw it."

Bojaj was convicted of killing 25-year-old Shelby Gunn when he rear-ended her in a crash that ended after Bojaj reportedly reached speeds of nearly 100 mph on northbound I-275 in Canton around

1:30 a.m. Aug. 15. Witnesses testified to the

high-rate of speed at which Bojaj was allegedly traveling in the dark-colored Lexus he was driving. Testimony also indicated Bojaj had a bloodalcohol content more than three times the legal limit.

By the time police arrived at the scene, the Lexus was tangled in the guardrail cords in the median of I-275 just

past Koppernick in Canton Township. On the right side of the road sat the Dodge Intrepid, driven by Gunn, its rear end smashed and Gunn slumped over the wheel.

Defense attorney Paul Bernier said "it's way too early to talk about any appeal, because we have to deal with the sentencing hearing." But

he said the incident carried a cost to everyone involved.

"The case is a tragedy for everybody concerned," said Bernier. "Everybody involved in this case has lost something. It's a tragedy for the Gunn family, as well as for the Bojaj family."

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# **'SECRET BALLOTS'**

Herrmann told the Observer "secret ballots" are a clear violation of the Open Meetings Act. The public has a right to know how each board member

votes at the meeting at which the vote is taken, she said.

Superintendent Randy Liepa, after consulting with the district's attorneys, said there was enough of a "gray area" that the attorneys advised the board to revote and make the "voting forms" available to the public.

The issue was also raised Monday night at the board meeting by resident Loyd Romick, who quoted a Michigan Attorney General opinion on the Open Meetings

"The Open Meetings Act prohibits a voting procedure at a public meeting which prevents citizens from knowing how members of a public body have voted," Romick said, quoting the opinion.

"Each of our board members swore an oath to protect and support the constitution of the United States, and the state of Michigan" Romick said. "They can't do that by just ignoring the laws they find inconvenient.'

Scheel said the board had used the same process in filling vacancies twice before, and no one had previously challenged the process. She said a record was kept of every vote taken.

"While we believe an appropriate process was used, to address any transparency concerns, and to eliminate any question or challenge as to the technical requirements under the Open Meetings Act, the board will revote its choices tonight," she said.

The board then unanimously approved a motion to appoint Roulier and make the "voting forms" available for public inspection and incorporate them into the minutes of Monday's meeting.

### **HOW BOARD MEMBERS VOTED** Following the meeting, Liepa gave the results to the

Observer.

In their first rounding of voting, board members picked their top three choices. Vice President Colleen Burton voted for Christopher Boloven, a law student; Roulier and Jeff Wiggins, a law student who works in state Rep. John Walsh's office. Secretary Rob Freeman voted for John Grzebik, a materials handler and recording

Roulier and Wiggins. Trustee Patrice Mang voted for Bill Joyner, publisher of Friday Musings and a former

PTSA Council. Trustee Mark

Johnson voted for Grzebik,

secretary of the Livonia

Wayne County commissioner whose mother served on the school board from 1965-77; Eileen McDonnell, an administrative manager for PVS Chemicals who ran unsuccessfully for school board in 2007; and Roulier. Trustee Gregory Oke voted for Boloven, Joyner and Roulier, while Scheel voted for Grzebik, Roulier and Wiggins.

The board members then voted for their No. 1 choice of the three top vote-getters -Roulier, Wiggins and Grzebik. Everyone picked Roulier.

The board also on Monday unanimously approved a motion to "recognize" the seven candidates chosen to be interviewed. The board had received 18 applications. Board members did not meet to vote on which of the 18 they wanted to interview. Instead, they each indicated to Scheel their top two pref-

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# Brick by brick: LEGO fan builds his dream town

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Steve Grant doesn't keep track of how many bricks he's used to build his city. He knows it's a lot, but it doesn't matter as he pursues his dream of creating a New York Citystyle of town made completely out of LEGOs.

"I've been building with LEGOs since I was a kid, but I got serious about it as a grownup in 2007," the Garden City resident said. "I used to build sets and stuff, now I build buildings."

Grant is a member of the Michigan LEGOs User Group, which meets the second Saturday of every other month at the Izakaya Sanpei Japanese restaurant in Canton. The 25 members from Redford, Garden City, Wayne, Livonia and Royal Oak and even as far away as Bay City come together to talk about displays and show off what they're working on.

They've done displays at the National Model Railroad Show at Cobo Hall — that was Grant's first ever show — at libraries in Livonia and at Brick Bashes, public hands-on LEGO Building exhibits like the one from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at the Morris Lawrence Building on the campus of Washtenaw Community



A member of the Michigan LEGO Users Group, Steve Grant has been building his own city one LEGO brick at a time in his basement of his Garden City home.

College in Ann Arbor.

For Grant, it was getting a computer that lead him to discover LUG and other adults who shared his love of building with LEGOs. The town he has been working on includes hotels, a McDonald's restau-

rant and even a town square filled with people walking and kids on skateboards. It's a work in progress, its expansion limited to the size of his basement.

"I'd like to have it get pretty big, but this is what I've come up with so far," Grant said

about his display. "Eventually, I planned to get a bigger house with a bigger basement. I have a small one right now and this has pretty much maxed it out."

Grant's town is built on four

**BRICK BY BRICK** 

10-inch by 10-inch mounting plates attached to plywood. Built mostly of one- by twoinch bricks, he has come to realize that the brick is the thickness of plywood and by layering the latter, he'll be able to add such details as rivers and bridges.

Grant doesn't patterning buildings after existing structures, although some LUG members like Jim Garnett of Redford go online to research specific structures. Garrett recreated the Penobscott Building and the block it sits on in Detroit. Garrett's Penobscott Building stands a whopping 11 feet tall.

With LUGs around the world, the LEGO aficionados have found that the Internet's BrickLink.com is a place to find needed pieces rather than having to buy entire sets.

BrickLink bills itself as a venue for individuals and businesses from all around the world to buy and sell new, used and vintage LEGO through fixed price services. The site, created by the late Daniel Jezek, boasts 110,622,950 items in 3,741,078 lots in 4,726 stores as of Tuesday.

**REALISTIC COLORS** 

The one-inch by two-inch

brick is the piece Grant uses the most and he tries to use the more realistic colors. A standard white brick can be had for as little as 4 cents on BrickLink, but the rarer colored bricks like the sand red brick, which was only produced for one year, can cost more

than \$1 each. "BrickLink is like the eBay for LEGO users," Grant said. "My hobby wouldn't be possible without it. Before BrickLink, you had to buy the pieces you needed as part of packages."

Of course, there's also the LEGO store in Troy that, according to Grant, "is amaz-

ing."
"I love going there," he said. For the shows, members will move their LEGO projects on the road. Sometimes there's a "catastrophe," with pieces breaking apart. According to Grant, in the world of LEGO "nothing can be painted or glued."

People interested in getting more information about the Michigan LUG can stop by the Izakaya Sanpei Japanese restaurant at 43327 Joy Road, west of Lilley Road. For more information about the group, visit its website at www. michlug.org.

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# County Commission OKs plan for electronic filing of reports

The Wayne County Commission has approved an ordinance introduced by Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia, to establish an electronic filing and Internet disclosure system for campaign finance reports and statements filed with the Wayne County Clerk.

The measure was approved at the commission's regular meeting held March 3 in Lincoln Park.

The ordinance requires

political candidate committees to file reports and statements electronically, and enhances transparency in campaign finance reporting by requiring the Wayne County Clerk to provide online access to campaign reports, statements and committee information on the Wayne County website.

"We cannot diminish the importance of elected officials to be transparent," Cox said. "There is the need to

be transparent with political donations and expenditures and this ordinance will allow the citizens of Wayne County to readily access campaign finance reports for elected officials and candidates for office throughout the county."

At the same meeting, the commission approved a fiveyear, \$429,000 contract with PCC Technology Group of Connecticut to design and implement the electronic campaign finance reporting

and disclosure system to be utilized by the Wayne County Clerk's elections division.

Co-sponsors of Cox's ordinance included commissioners Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, Kevin McNamara, D-Canton, and Diane Webb, D-Garden City

"Electronic filing is not only a way of providing transparency in campaign finance, but also saves money and trees," Gebhardt said. "As the first commissioner to go paperless, I encourage any "green" and fiscally responsible measures

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in county government."

Wayne County Commission Chairman Gary Woronchak praised Cox's ordinance and the county clerk's plans for an electronic campaign finance filing system.

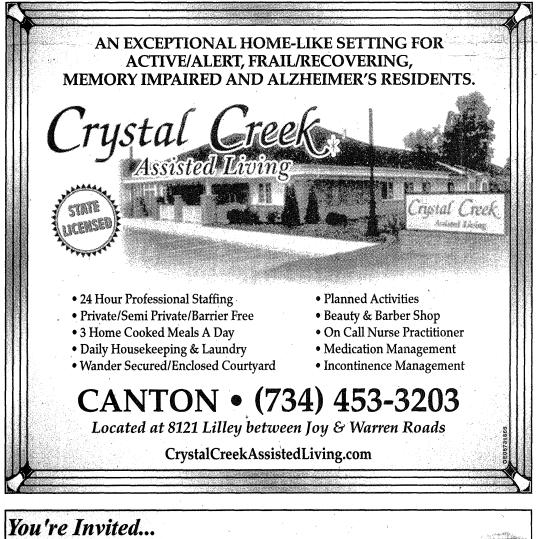
"Commissioner Cox took the lead on providing the necessary legal backup to make the clerk's new campaign finance software a great tool for voters and candidates alike," said Woronchak. "Her ordinance requires candidate committees to use the system and the clerk to provide information for public view online. 'Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett is setting a new standard in campaign finance reporting with this system,"

Woronchak added.

information online.

Michigan's First...

Woronchak has experience with campaign finance law, having sponsored Public Act 238 of 1999 when he was a state representative. PA 238 requires state-level candidates to file campaign reports electronically, and the Secretary of State to develop the website to display the





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# Suspect makes off with purse left in church kitchen

### Stolen purse

Someone stole a purse and its contents from a 74year-old cleaning woman at St. Raphael Church, 31500 Beechwood, about 10:45 a.m. March 4.

She said that she left her purse under her coat on the kitchen coun-

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to clean the windows and the sanctuary of the church. During that time, she said that an unknown man about 5-foot-5, wearing all dark clothing, came up to her and asked her where the young priest was.

When the woman was finished with her work, her coat was still there, but her purse and its contents were gone.

She told the police that her credit cards, keys, cell phone and cash were taken. She had an extra key to her car and she relied on the extra keys given to her neighbor to get into her

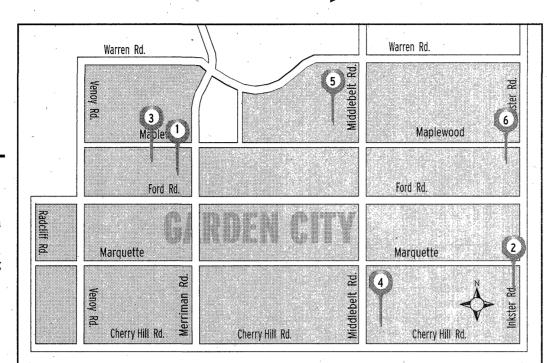
She followed the advice of the police in getting her locks changed. She also canceled her credit cards.

The police searched area Dumpsters and parking lots for her brown leather purse with an angel key chain but were unsuccessful in finding it.

### Stolen car

Someone stole a 2000 Chevy Silverado from in front of residence in the 1000 block of Deering sometime before 9:30 a.m. March 7.

The 43-year-old Garden City owner said that a laptop and two iPods were inside of the



### Property damage

The owner of a 1998 Chevy pickup reported that someone damaged his door lock and fender flare about 8:45 p.m. March 3 after it was parked at McK's liquor store located at 927 N. Inkster Road.

The 43-year-old Farmington Hills man said that he checked out the damage at a well-lit area gas station and then returned to the liquor store to find out if a video captured the suspect on tape.

The suspect didn't gain entry into the vehicle and nothing was taken.

### Larcenies

Someone stole two drills, valued at \$500, after Garden City Department of Public Services workers left

them temporarily on a window sill about 9:45 a.m. March 4 at the Maplewood Community Center located on Maplewood, west of Merriman.

The workers said they left the tools just under the indoor opening for just a moment to get the window frames for the new windows being installed.

No suspect was located but the janitor observed an unknown man just outside of the area. He was wearing a black skull cap.

• A Garden City father who dropped his daughter off at a dance class at the Maplewood Community Center about 5:45 p.m. March 4 said that someone stole change and his wife's prescription medication from the cup holder of his car after he didn't lock the car.

He said that his wife's doctor wouldn't write another prescription for the stolen medication unless they filed a police report.

### Theft

A woman said that after she dropped off her grandmother's car for repairs at One Stop Collision, 130 Middlebelt, on March 6, someone stole the airbag and antenna from the driver's side.

The police found no damage in that area but said that the passenger side door lock on the 2010 Ford Focus wasn't working properly.

Someone cut the cable attached to a paint sprayer at the Sherwin Williams store.

29855 Ford, during the morning hours March 7 and stole the paint sprayer. It was valued at about \$500.

### Fraud

A 46-year-old Garden City woman reported fraudulent credit card purchases from Feb. 23 to March 1. The woman, who resides in the 31000 block of Dover, said that she was notified by Discover card of the fraudulent activity.

About \$1,300 was spent at the Samsonite store and at the Gymboree Children's and Infant's store.

### Drunken driving

The police arrested a 49year-old Detroit man about 1:45 a.m. March 6 for drunken driving after he didn't stop at a stop sign at Dillon and ignored a yield sign on Shotka.

The man registered a blood alcohol level of .13.

The man who was driving a 2002 Kia Sedona said that he had a few beers at a friend's home. His car was towed.

### Fraud

6 A 49-year-old Detroit woman reported March 1 that someone stole her child support payment by making a fraudulent withdrawal at the ATM machine at the CVS store, 27435 Ford, Garden

She said that when she checked that account, there was only \$8 remaining. She added that the credit/debit card supplied by the Wayne County Friend of the Court has a monthly deposit of \$230.

She said that she still has the

card in her possession, didn't give anyone her number and never was in Garden City.

 A 23-year-old resident in the 32000 block of Sheridan reported that Jan. 24 somebody made fraudulent withdrawals, totaling \$1,002, from ATM machines in California.

He told police that a few days before that happened, he received an e-mail that he thought was from his credit union stating that he had to confirm his account information, including his pin number, which he did.

He contacted his bank later.

### Theft

The owner of a 2007 Saturn Ion who resided in the 200 block of Farmington Road reported March 1 that someone stole his license plate.

### Retail fraud

A 61-year-old Inkster man was arrested about 3 p.m. Feb. 26 after he left the Kmart store at 29600 Ford without paying for a \$30 DVD player.

Loss prevention officers observed him take the unit from the shelf and pick at the cardboard box which held the player. The man then tried to either return or exchange the unit at the store's return desk. When he was refused, he left the store without paying for the

When the police responded to the incident, the man complained that he had a heart condition and was having trouble breathing. He was transported to Garden City Hospital. -By Sue Buck

# Gunman reportedly uses power outage to rob Cashland store

BY SUE BUCK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

An armed robber took advantage of a power outage which hit the west side of Garden City about 7:30 p.m. March 3 to rob the Cashland

An employee said that the power went out just prior to her closing the store, located at 33471 Ford. When she left the store and headed for her car in the west parking lot, she said that an unknown man stepped out, grabbed her from behind and put his hand over

She told police the man handed her a "Meijer-type bag" the man ran off into the direcand told her to go back into the store after she placed her cell phone battery into the bag. He also had a black handgun and told her not to do anything "funny" while she went back into the store. He waited outside and didn't enter the build-

While inside, she tried to call 9-1-1 but couldn't get a dial tone because of the power outage. She retrieved money from the safe and took it to the man who was still waiting for her

outside of the building.

According to the employee, tion of the Belle Tire store. She ran to a nearby party store where an employee called the police.

The woman was so upset that the police couldn't obtain a good description of the suspect but she said that he was wear-

ing gloves. They learned that he had a heavy accent but she couldn't say if he was Hispanic or Arabic. The man was thin and about 6 feet tall. He wore a black bandana over his face, a dark hoodie and white shoes.

The police were unable to collect any evidence because the suspect never went inside the Cashland store.

The Westland police helped to set up a K-9 track from the Belle Tire area which ended at Donnelly and Radcliff.

The Belle Tire employees said that the power went out shortly before the distraught Cashland employee came to their store.

DTE that the power outage affected the west side of the city because of a blown fuse at the substation at Wayne Road and Ford.

The police had to wait until power came back on to watch the store video.

The police learned later from sbuck@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2249







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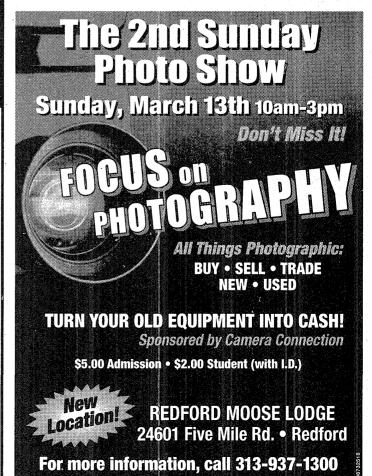
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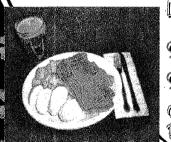
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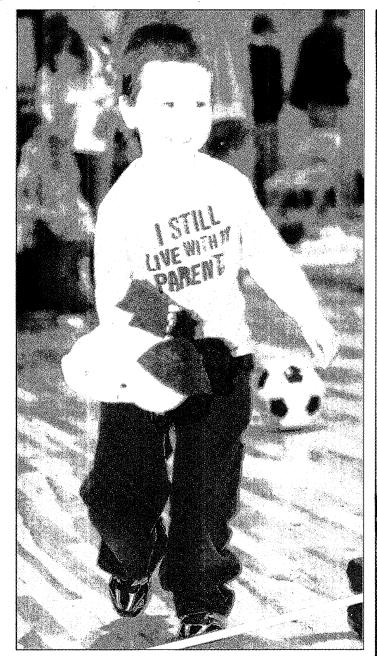






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Nick Norton rides his pony in the Toddler Tot event.



It took Miani Hodges two shovels to did through the bird seed to find the treasure in the Sahara Treasure Hunt.

# Going for the gold

# Toddlers test their skills at annual Nursery School Olympics

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a toddler's dream come true. They could ride their Big Wheels indoors, throw food on the floor and basically just have a grand old time at the 14th annual Nursery School Olympics.

Held Saturday at the Bailey Recreation Center, 75 youngsters searched through bird seed in the Sarah Treasure Hunt, wiggled their way through an obstacle course, took aim with marshmallows in the Marshmallow Shot Putt and chased balloons with butterfly nets in the Butterfly

"I love it, I love this idea, it's so cute," said Trish Pryor, whose 3-year-old daughter was zipping around the Grand Prix track on a Big Wheel. "She loves it. She loves Big Wheels."

For two hours, the gymnasium at the center was transformed into an "athletic" field for the 19 events. Volunteers from a variety of organizations help youngsters work their way through the Olympic course. The activities are noncompetitive and each child received a certificate of participation and a gold medal.

The event is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, Dads' Athletic Club, Westland Civitan Club, Westland Youth Assistance, Westland Jaycees and Wayne Masonic Lodge 112.

# **JUST LIKE AN OLYMPIAN**

Youngsters received a sticker and a prize at each event. When they were done, they climbed the stand to receive their gold medal and pose for pictures snapped by their appreciative families.

"It's fun, really fun," said Civitan Pat Quinn, who was putting names on certificates for the athletes while fellow Civitan Barbara Polich was handing out the medals.

"This is a very laborintensive event," recreation **Supervisor Margaret Martin** said. "The first time we did it here, we set up the night before and it took four hours. After that, it's been 45 minutes to an hour."

Pat Martin is among the volunteers working with youngsters. Dressed as a pirate, he was making sure every child was stronger than him in the Pirate Tug-O-War. Even a soft tug was enough to make him fall over on the

"This is my second year," said Martin, who had filled his hair with small braids



Garrett stands on the steps to receive her Olympic

medal.

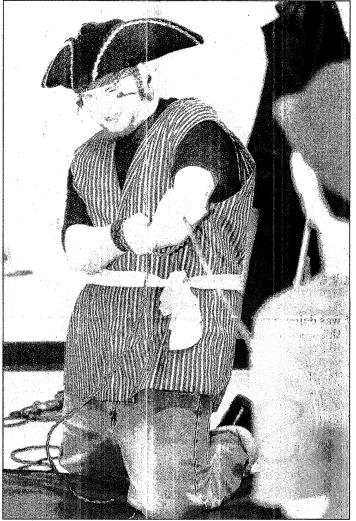


Caitilin Cosahatt, Jaydin Scott and Miani Hodges decide to take a break on the obstacle course at the Nursery School Olympics.

At the Marshmallow Shot Putt, the youngsters were managing to make tosses from eight to 25 feet. One went so far as to land in another event. The biggest challenge was keeping the toddlers from eating the marshmallows.

"I competed in this my first year and I've been helping ever since," Gabby Lee said. "I love the kids."

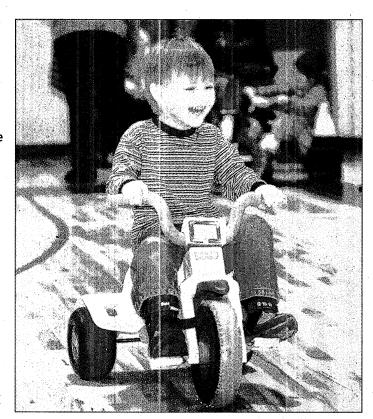
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Pirate Pat Martin found toddlers had more strength than him in the Tug-O-War event.



Caitlin Coshatt checks out the limbo bar height before trying to do it.



The idea of riding a tricycle indoors is enough to bring a smile to the face of Conner Smyth who was "zooming" around the grand prix track.

to better play the part of a pirate. "Last year, I tried standing and ended up falling hard and it scared too many

kids, so this year I'm doing it on my knees." Martin offered "arghs" and words of encouragement like "show me some muscles" to

# to tug.

**GOOD TRAINING** Beside him, Rick Ruhland was helping the little ones

the athletes to get them ready

manage the obstacle course. "It's amazing how agile these little ones are," he said. 'They work their way right across that balance beam, and

I can't make it one step." This is the second year the Masons have sponsored the obstacle course in conjunction with the Dads' Club and, according to Ruhland, it's

good training. "This is a good thing for a new grandpa to know how to do this stuff," he said.

# Video gamers take on Gauntlet for sick kids

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Water ... that's the secret ingredient to playing video games for 48 hours straight, so says Dan Castle.

More than four hours into a 48-hour Gauntlet — a video game marathon — the Canton Township resident had his game plan firmly in

"You have to drink a lot of water to make it through it," said Castle, a Schoolcraft College student participating in his second marathon being sponsored by the new nonprofit Collegiate Gaming Society. "It works, it works really well. One of the big problems of falling asleep is that the body gets dehydrated."

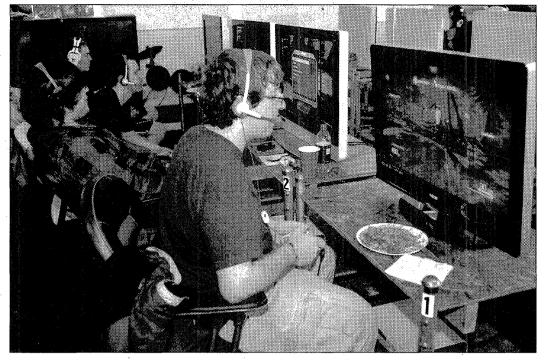
Sitting in front of a flat screen TV in the Game Yard in Garden City, Castle was among 12 video gamers from Schoolcraft, Madonna University, Eastern Michigan University and Washtenaw Community College who were having fun while raising money for the Children's Miracle Network.

This is the third year the gamers have taken over the Game Yard for the marathon event. Linked by a Local Area Network, or LAN, the players formed teams taking on each other, playing games like Bulletstorm and Call of Honor Black Ops.

"Bulletstorm is pretty good," said David Maynard of Redford, who planned on holding off hitting the energy drinks until near the end 'so I don't crash."

"I really like Bulletstorm; it's team-based, you have to work together," he said. "It's my first time playing it. It's brand new. I think I'll get it for home."

This is his third year par-



David Mayne of Redford didn't stop playing to take a break and eat. Instead, he played while eating lunch. Waiting for their turn to eat are fellow gamers Dan Castle (from back to front), Alix Ahlgren and Gary Quillico, all of Canton.

ticipating in the Gauntlet. Like Castle, he likes the idea of helping people and having fun at the same time. He planned on keeping a "busy as possible" during the marathon gaming event.

### **GOOD TURNOUT**

Gauntlet organizers Justin Slanec of Garden City and Antonio Perez of Northville were happy with the turnout. The first year, the event attracted eight players and raised \$1,200. With 12 players this year, they hope to reach \$1,500.

The players seek donations or pledges for every hour they play. They also line up sponsors to provide the food and beverages. The players were divided into two groups and each get a staggered five-minute break every hour and longer breaks for meals. The rest of the time their hands were on remotes as

they play games individually and as teams.

Photographs of the event were taken every hour — "To see the life drain out of us," said Perez — and at 9 p.m. Thursday evening, the event was covered live as a podcast on the society's website at the-cgs.org. People also were encouraged to stop by throughout the day to gem with the group, Slanec said.

"We'll do a video recap of the event and people can watch everything happening online." Slanec said.

This is the third installment of the Gauntlet and the first as a nonprofit. Slanec and Perez see the society as offering college students the opportunity to do community service.

"Our main objective is to work together for the benefit of the community," said Slanec. "Once we get other chapters going, we'll be able to do Gauntlets all at the same time."

"Not only do we get the students involved in the community, we give small businesses a boost," said Perez. "The players get community service hours, plus they get out of their comfort zone and engage with other students or businesses."

### FOR THE KIDS

Perez and Slanec added that the choice of Children's Miracle Network was an easy one. As individuals they say they take a lot for granted, surrounded by their gadgets and their electronic toys, while children are sick and in the hospital.

'They should be doing things like this," said Perez.

Castle agrees. "I do this mainly because it's for children," he said. "That's the big thing. There's kids in the hospital that are

sick and might not make it. This group is here to help them."

Justin Slanec of Garden City works the controller during a game of

Bulletstorm in the early hours of the 48-hour Gauntlet at The Game Yard.

Joe Chamie of Livonia is a veteran of Gauntlet, back for a third time. Across the room, Gary Quillico of Canton was making his first

"The challenge is to play for that long, it's pretty big," said Chamie. "Playing together helps. You don't want to get too relaxed, that's when you start dozing off. I'll probably drink a lot of energy drinks toward the

Quillico, however, planned to follow Castle's advice and stay away from energy drinks and the "crash."

"I'll probably drink a lot of pop," he said, adding that he's part of the group because he "loves video games and raising money for

"What's not to love about it," said Quillico.

Alix Ahlgren of Canton, who is in his second year of Gauntlet, has been playing video games since at least age 6. He started out with Super Mario World on Super Nintendo. Castle started at age 3 with Donkey Kong, also on Super Nintendo. And it was Pokémon Red at age 5 for Quillico. Fifteen years later, he's still hooked on it, waiting for the release of Pokémon Black and White this weekend.

"I hope I'm still awake," he

None of the players seemed concern about their thumbs getting sore working the controllers for 48 hours straight.

"I'm so used to using my thumbs, they don't get sore," said Ahlgren.

"It depends on the game," added Chamie. "Your hands can get pretty sore the more intense the game is.

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# Most taxpayers can file electronically for free

was doing some research this weekend and would like to share the result. The first deals with a birthday of sorts, while the second one is something that I'm always fond of — receiving some-

thing for free. The birthday I am talking about is the bull market. It's been two years now since the stock market bottomed out and started its remarkable rise. If you go back to the first week of March 2009, the S&P 500 was below 670 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average was in the mid 6,000. Fast forward to today, two years later, the S&P 500 is over 1,300 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average is over 12,200. We've also seen a similar, remarkable turnaround in the NASDAQ market as well. The market's performance over the last two years has been nothing short of incredible.

It would be nice if the U.S. and world economies were recovering as fast as the stock market. Unfortunately,

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recently released unemployment numbers), we have a ways to go before the

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U.S. economy can match the incredible run of the stock market. However, I have no doubt that we will get there.

The stock market has had a substantial recovery from the financial crisis that the world experienced a few years ago. Unfortunately, according to numbers I've seen, individual investors have not recovered as well. Fear that gripped individual investors during the financial crisis resulted in many people letting emotions dictate their investment decisions, which is always a

mistake. I've said many times in the' past that free is my favorite

word in the English dictionary. Unfortunately, in our there are some world sometimes free means that there are conditions attached. That is why when absolutely free that makes sense, it's something that should be talked about. I am referring to a free tax return preparation service that most people can use. For years, the Internal Revenue Service has had a program in conjunction with tax preparation software companies. This program allows individuals to go online and use free software to prepare and file a federal

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and there are no gimmicks. Obviously, these companies want to try to sell you other products, however, you are under no obligation. There s no pressure pecause you re doing everything online.

Don't be fooled by other free tax preparation offers. The offer I'm referring to is only available through the IRS website.

It's March, which means you don't have that much

time left to complete your tax return. Therefore, as we still have some lousy weather left this winter, why not use this time to complete your return.

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The project involves Landscape maintenance work for Ford Road Streetscape (Central City Parkway to Wayne Road), Ford Road Overpass, Central City Parkway and Nankin Boulevard. Work shall be as defined within the specifications and drawings and shall include, but not be limited to the following: mowing, fertilization, disease and insect control, edging, annual and bulb bed preparation and installation, general maintenance, maintenance inspection and follow up reports.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained beginning March 11, 2011, after 12:00 p.m. from the City of Westland Purchasing Department, 36601 Ford Rd. Westland, MI 48185.

Annual Maintenance Contract Start Date: Annual Maintenance Completion Date:

April, 2011 December 1, 2011

Each bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifying that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the

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Note: Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting shall be held on March 21, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the Economic Growth Building, 37095 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Prospective Bidders shall complete site reviews prior to the Pre-Bid Meeting. Any questions prior to the bid meeting, contact Benny McCusker at (734) 467-7190.

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to state law a sale will be held at: Secured Self Storage, 6855 Yale, Westland, MI, March 22, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m.

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On Thursday, March 17th, various items of the City of Westland -DPW will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at approx. 9:00 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.

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**Details:** Facebook is providing Garden City Hospital with a unique way to reach the community with special announcements regarding important health issues or alerts, classes or events and current employment opportunities. As an incentive, anyone with a Facebook account, who "likes" 'Garden City Hospital before Friday, April 1, will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a new Apple iPod Shuffle. Like us now by visiting facebook.com, and searching Garden City Hospital (Garden City, MI).

Contact: For more information about Garden City Hospital, please call (877) 717-WELL or visit www.gchosp.org.

## Starting a Business

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 Location: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

**Details**: the Schoolcraft College Business Development Center is holding an introduc-

# **SEND IT**

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tory session of Starting a Business. The session will be delivered in a workshop format, and the course will help aspiring entrepreneurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company, as well as evaluate market and sales potential for their products. The basics of business ownership are introduced, along with resources available to help launch new ventures in Michigan. The session also will be offered 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 20 at the Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center in Garden City. The

session costs \$30 per person and, reservations are required.

Contact: Questions may be directed to the SBTDC at inforeg@schoolcraft.edu or (734) 462-4438.

### Blood drive campaign

Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday,

Location: The auditorium of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan Details: St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Red Cross are partnering in a blood drive campaign. The 2011 blood drive theme is "Be an All Star and Donate Blood." There will be five blood drives with the first one on March 17. March's theme is, "College Basketball." Donors will receive a basketball-themed digital clock. The future blood drives are Thursday, June 2, "Stanley Cup;" Thursday, Aug. 11, "PGA Championship," Thursday, Oct. 27, "World Series," and Tuesday, Dec. 27 - "Football." Appointments can be scheduled in advance and walk-ins are accepted.

**Contact**: To schedule an appointment, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org.

### Glassblowing sampler

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 Location: The Glass Academy, 25331 Trowbridge, Dearborn

**Details**: Enjoy the roar of the 2,100-degree furnace as you dip your pipe into the molten glass and try to make it stay attached to the 5 foot steel pole in your hands. Glassblowing is not for the faint of heart, but in this class you can say you actually worked with the molten glass. Instructor will give several short demonstrations, explain the process, history, and answer any questions before the students work the hot glass themselves. The Glassblowing Level 1 Sampler costs \$100. Register online at www.glassacademy.com.

Contact: For more information, call (313) 561-GLAS (4527).

### Breaking the boundaries

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 24 **Location**: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, **Details**: The annual Breaking the Boundaries event brings together business professionals from the West Suburban Area Council of Chambers. Participating Chambers include Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Greater Farmington Chamber, Lakes Area, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford, Southern Wayne County, Wayne and Westland. At the expo, businesses are able to set up an expo table featuring the products and services. For those who prefer not to set up a table this is a great event to network with other business professionals from around the area. More than 500 people have attended this event each year. Appetizers and a cash bar will be provided. New this year from 5-5:30 p.m., there will be a mini seminar, "How to

west of Inkster Road in Livonia

Contact: Garden City Chamber at (734) 422-4448 or the Westland Chamber at (734) 326-7222.

Work A Room" Cost is \$10 per person and

an RSVP is a must.

# IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

# Races, cruises, car shows on tap for coming summer 2011

Autopalooza, an impressive lineup of world class auto races, cruises and car shows throughout southeast Michigan is expanding from the month of August to the entire summer, according to its founders, the MotorCities National Heritage Area and Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau.

"After three years of focusing on the month of August, we decided it was time to expand our celebration to our great automotive events in June and July as well," said Christopher Baum, senior vice president of the DMCVB and board member of MCNHA. "No other region in the United States can offer as much variety and quality for gearheads as Detroit and its surrounding environs, especially when you add in our automotive museums, heritage sites and the hundreds of smaller cruises, shows and events that take place every summer."

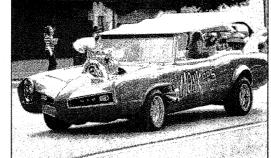
"We've added numerous new activities, such as the June NASCAR races at MIS and The Henry Ford's Motor Muster to the ongoing list of longtime Autopalooza favorites like the Concours at Meadow Brook, Back to the Bricks in Flint and the granddaddy of them all, the Woodward Dream Cruise," added Nancy Darga, acting managing director of MCNHA.

The 2011 Autopalooza lineup includes: • Hot Rod Power Tour, June 10-11 in Macomb

- County.
- June 17-19, NASCAR Weekend in Brooklyn. • June 18-19, the Motor Muster in Dearborn.
- June 25, Cruisin' Downriver in southern Wayne County.
- June 25-26, the Sloan Auto Fair in Flint. July 9, Cruisin' Michigan Avenue in western Wayne County
- July 30, RM Auctions Vintage Motor Cars at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester.
- July 31, the Concours d'Elegance of America at
- Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester.
- Aug. 7, Clinton Township Gratiot Cruise in Macomb County.
- Aug. 19-20, NASCAR Weekend in Brooklyn. • Aug. 16-20, the Back to the Bricks Cruise
- Weekend in Flint. • Aug. 20, the Woodward Dream Cruise in

Oakland County. The DMCVB also has negotiated the return of one of America's most successful, high profile automotive events-HOTROD Magazine's Power Tour

to the region in 2011 and 2012. "We brought this great event back to Macomb



The Monkees Mobile, one of several cars that's been in Don Nicholson's Cruisin' Michigan Avenue cruise which is now part of Autopalooza. Nicholson hosts car cruises around the area. This year's events include the Western Wayne Skill Center Car Show June 27, All American Cruise July 3 and Cruisin' Hines Aug. 28, and the yet to be scheduled Livonia Churchill Summer Bash and Westland Fall Car Show and Shine.

County in 2009 and had more than 5,000 hot rods, muscle cars and customs on a Monday afternoon, which was the largest attendance of the entire 1,500 mile tour," said Baum. "We are delighted to announce that metro Detroit will be the final stop of the HOTROD Power Tour during Autopalooza with numerous optional programs to encourage the drivers and passengers of 3,000 plus out of state vehicles to extend their area hotel

"And the Power Tour will start here in 2012, with many special events and VIP tours throughout the area to encourage early arrivals by participants from throughout the United States and

Based upon hotel rooms actually utilized in Warren and Sterling Heights by the Power Tour in June 2009, the projected economic impact of the expanded event will be \$1.833,000 per year to area hotels, restaurants and retailers in 2011 and 2012. "Detroit put the world on wheels, and one hun-

dred years later, there is no better vacation on earth for car nuts than to spend a weekend- or a week-during Autopalooza in 'The D'," said Baum. For complete Autopalooza event details, go

online to autopalooza.org.

# **BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS**

# New physician on staff

Dr. Jeffrey Kimpson has joined the medical staff at Garden City Hospital

Kimpson, who specializes in pain management, joins the more than 360 physicians in 47 specialties who serve the community, making Garden City Hospital a leader in providing quality health care and service to patients, visitors and staff.

Garden City Hospital is at 6245 Inkster Road, north of Ford Road. For more information or to make an appointment, contact the Physician Referral service at (877) 717-WELL or visit www.gchosp.

### Pet project

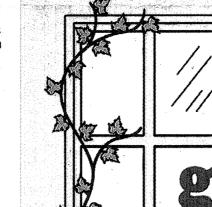
The Michigan Animal Adoption Network has announced that Gardner White has chosen MAAN as its partner for a special promo-

Now through April 30, Gardner White's Facebook fans have the opportunity to showcase their pets and help the Michigan Animal Adoption Network. All fans have to do is take a funny and/or creative photo or video of a dog, cat or any other pet and upload the photo/video at www.facebook.com/ GardnerWhiteFurniture. Fans need to tag the photo/video with their name and ask family and friends to comment on

and/or 'like' the video. For every comment and for every 'like,' Gardner White will donate \$1 to MAAN.

"We are honored Gardner White has partnered with MAAN. Fundraisers like this help us continue to offer services like our bi-annual vaccination clinic," said Marie Skladd, president of Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

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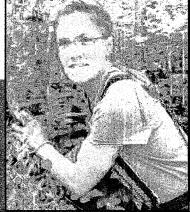
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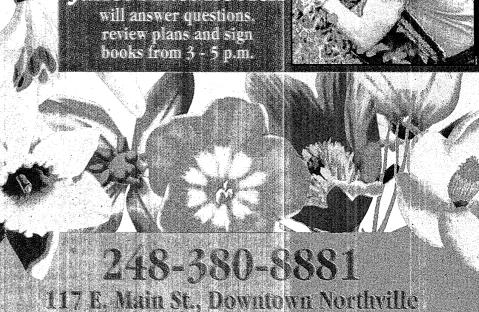
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# **Encouragement: Spread it around**

📗 📗 ello, Michigan! Here's a topic that may be obvious but is nevertheless important to discuss. People

respond better to encouragement than criticism. That's just the way it is.

Nevertheless, this simple but important principle is often over-



looked at work and - yes - at

home, too. You've probably run into people who seem to think, consciously or unconsciously, that complimenting a person deters them from doing better. However, quite the opposite is true: positive feedback encourages a person to earn more positive feedback. I've

# **SUNNY NOTE**

been fortunate to work with encouraging people who know that finding fault is easy, but providing encouragement, although more challenging, is more rewarding.
Inevitably, all of us encoun-

ter the need to elicit more desirable results from people around us - our employees, co-workers, bosses or family members. Instead of going straight for corrective. criticism, a more effective approach is to say something nice first. It's respectful; and there's always something to compliment - if we don't see it then we're simply not looking

closely enough. Today's sunny note invites you to join me in a little sunny challenge, to compliment someone, anyone, who you wouldn't otherwise have com-

plimented. Let's lead by example and hope it's contagious.

Regardless of how often you already do this, the challenge is to compliment at least one more person than usual today. Who knows - it might be the only kind word they'll hear all day.

And have a sunny day! **Clarity Patton Newhouse** 

P.S. "Correction does much, but encouragement does more." Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

**Clarity Patton Newhouse** is Quality and Business Development manager for Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury in Garden City. She writes "A Sunny Note" to brighten the day with encouraging insights for business and life. "A Sunny Note" also is published online at ASunnyNote.com for readers across America and beyond.

# All geared up

# Manufacturer adds \$13 million in equipment, renovations to former newspaper building

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Delta Gear has completed \$13 million in equipment and renovations of the company's new headquarters at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

The renovated building and new equipment will enable the company to continue to advance its technologies in gear manufacturing for aircraft and electric cars.

Bob Sakuta, Delta Gear president, showed off the renovated building, once home to this newspaper, which now has offices in Plymouth, South Lyon and Detroit. Delta Gear officially opened the facility in January for production, according to the company's Web site.

Sakuta shows the new gear grinders to a reporter and photographer after they walk past a sign in the lobby pronouncing that Delta Gear "makes the world's finest

Beyond a glass window partition just past the operations and engineering offices, visitors will step down into what Sakuta calls "The Grind Room" or the manufacturing

Delta Gear's new gear grinders in that room build gears to an accuracy within 40 millionths of an inch or 1/25th of a human hair, Sakuta said. One of the gears, created for prototype electric cars created by Mercedes, takes 30 minutes to create from solid steel.

'That sounds like a lot, but it's fast," Sakuta said.

Sakuta wanted to build gears that were "a little unique, a little special," he said. "We won't be the cheapest, but we will be the best, Sakuta said.

### TAX INCENTIVES HELP DELTA

Sakuta and Delta Gear are completing the renovations after receiving tax incentives from the city of Livonia. Delta received \$2.3 million in total tax breaks over 12 years for the company to invest \$15 million in machinery and equipment and help upgrade the building. Sakuta expects to spend \$2 million on equipment and the building by the end of 2012.

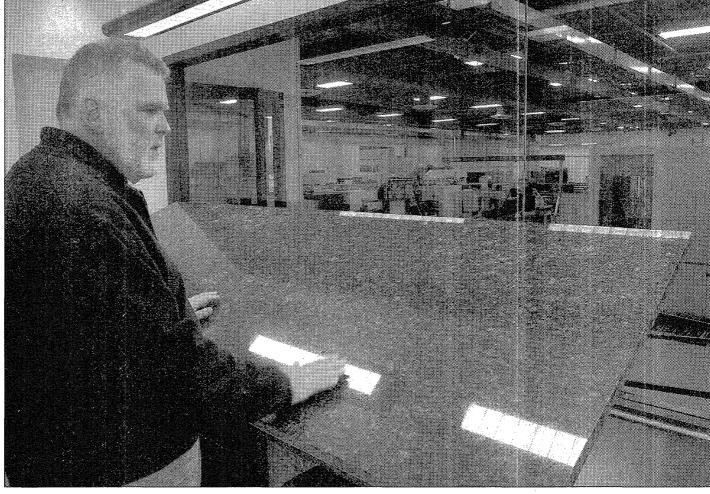
The tax breaks are expected to help the company create nearly 50 new jobs.

Sakuta expanded the building's 61,000 square feet to 75,000 square feet. In the Grind Room, the original floor was ripped out and a new 8-inch thick foundation was installed with aggregate from the old concrete, now strong enough to withstand the weight of 20,000- to 30,000pound machines.

The Grind Room floor also drops off 33 inches from the operations and engineering rooms, giving the gear grinding area better visibility from those rooms.

The building itself was done in a mid-century modern style by Lonny Zimmerman, architect with Siegal Tuomaala Associates of Southfield. Midcentury modern often emphasizes modern technology, along with ample windows and open floorplans to open up interior spaces and bring the outdoors in. Skylights were installed along with large windows to follow that theme.

An outdoor pond will flow



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

An office, equipped with granite tables for viewing drawings, overlooks the shop floor.

behind the administrative offices. Sakuta expects that paths will allow employees to walk behind the building during a break to enjoy the outdoors.

### PRECISE INSPECTIONS

Beyond the Grind Room towards the west end of the building, Delta Gear has a Wenzel CMM (a coordinate measuring machine) with a Revo scanning head that can scan 5,000 points, 20 times more accurate than a laser scanner, Sakuta said. The CMM is a device used in manufacturing processes to test a part or assembly against the design intent.

That new equipment will help develop more precise gear inspection. The company will start a new division called Delta Inspections, which Sakuta said will have 17025 certification, a standard used by calibration and testing laboratories. Gears made by other companies will be inspected and certified.

The CMM machine sits on air pads to ensure that vibrations do not move the machines during measurements and help ensure their accuracy.

The room is climate-controlled, with two sets of doors used to enter the room. Individuals must open a first set of doors, enter into a small area, shut the first doors, then wait for the second doors to

open.
"It holds the temperature to within one degree Fahrenheit," said Sam Lindhorst, a principle metrologist. "When we do that, we measure very well."

Lindhorst said the accuracy of the machines will ensure the precision of the gears.

# PRESERVING MANUFACTURING

Lindhorst appreciates Sakuta's efforts in the company's expansion and faith in the industry.

'When we're trying to preserve these skills in the U.S. in manufacturing, I am so there," Lindhorst said. "Too many companies are run by accountants, not by people who love manufacturing. This guy does."

Sakuta wants to help educate college students about engineering and gear building. "We should make this (Livonia's industrial/manufacturing core) the gear capital of the world," Sakuta said.

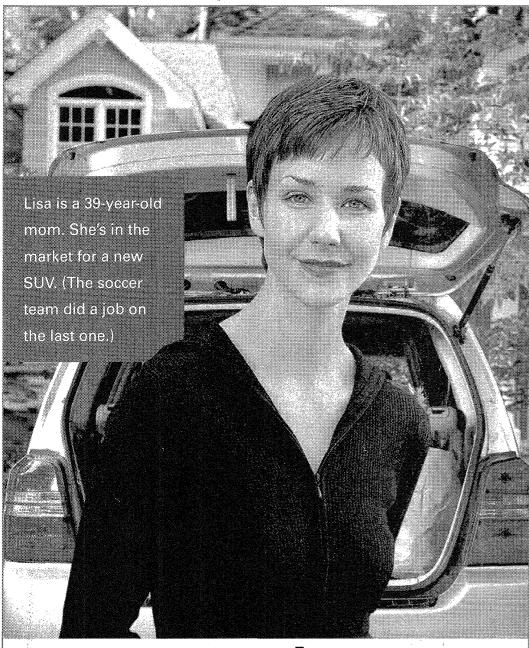
Sakuta continues the tour of the building. Three of the outer doors on the Levan Road side of the building are painted red, yellow and blue, to reflect the influence of Piet Mondrian, a Netherlands artist who emphasized the three primary colors in a simplistic style in varying shapes and patterns to also follow the mid-century modern architectural theme, Sakuta said. "We think it plays off of the machinery," Sakuta said.

Sakuta said he has seen several of his competitors go out of business in recent years, but quickly adds that "business is good."

Gears are a crucial industry in manufacturing, Sakuta said, noting that the military requires that they are built in the United States for military contracts.

Sakuta appreciates the help from Mayor Jack Kirksey and the City Council in working with the company on the tax package. He also respects the work of the city inspectors, whom he called "tough, but

"The mayor is a smart person," Sakuta said. "He understands that it is all about employment. When you have 50 jobs, that's 50 homes that are filled and paying property

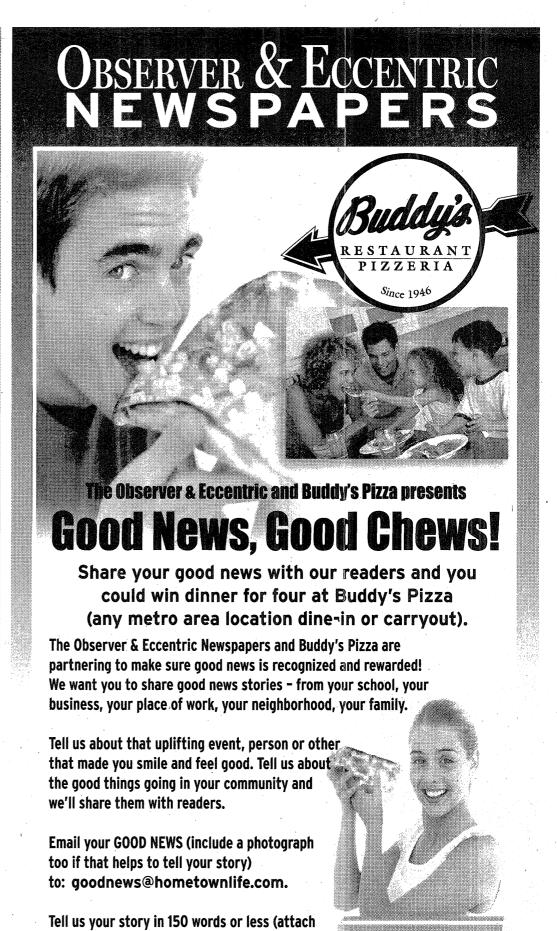


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# **OUR VIEWS** Plan ahead

# Stay safe and sober for St. Patrick's Day

It may not be the busiest bar night of the year — that honor, if you could call it that, goes to Thanksgiving Eve - but St. Patrick's Day is right up there. You don't have to be Irish to celebrate the day, but you do need to do it in a way that keeps yourself and others safe.

St. Patrick's Day has become a popular night out to celebrate with friends and family. Unfortunately, due to the large volume of drunken drivers, the night out has also become very dangerous.

The statistic are sobering.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 37 percent of the drivers and motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 or above on St. Patrick's Day 2009. Additionally, there were 103 crash fatalities on St. Patrick's Day 2009 and out of that number, 47 people were killed in traffic crashes that involved at least one driver or motorcyclist with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.

And you don't have to be "falling down drunk" to be too impaired to drive safely. Even a few drinks can impair driving and a buzzed driving crash has the same consequences as a drunk driving crash.

Driving a vehicle or riding a motorcycle while impaired is not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant.

Drunken driving violators often face jail time, the loss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses ranging from attorney fees, court costs, car towing and repairs, and lost wages due to time off from work.

We all know the slogan, "Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk," and it's true not just St. Patrick's Day, but every day of the year. Go ahead and "Irish," but don't get lost in a sea of green beer. Make sure you have a game plan that

includes getting home safely. The folks at www.StopImpairedDriving.org recommend that if you plan on drinking alcohol, don't drive. Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin or designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home.

And if you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely. If you happen to see a drunken driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact the police. That phone call could save someone's life.

And if you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

Your Irish eyes can be smiling on St. Patrick's Day 2011, but don't let the haze of alcohol cloud your vision. Designate your sober driver before the St. Patrick's Day parties begin.

# **LETTERS**

### **New secret weapon**

New Republican governors have discovered a new secret campaign weapon in fooling voters during the campaign. First, they promise a "plan" or "blueprint" for resolving their states' financial problems. They provided a long or medium-length list of campaign promises to cut government spending while at the same time increasing state support for "essential public services."

After winning their elections, the governors then move ahead with the unannounced part of their money-saving plans - shafting the unions representing public employees and working hard to eliminate or substantially reduce their collective bargaining rights. At the same time, K-12 education and universities are apparently not considered "essential public services." Neither are police or fire protection.

Michigan's new governor, Rick Snyder, didn't follow his counterparts in New Jersey, Ohio, and Wisconsin on the union-bashing campaign, but he did propose in his budget to slash state spending for K-12 schools and public universities as well as revenue sharing for cities and townships.

At the same time, Snyder proposed taxing the retirement pensions of senior citizens for the first time in the state's history.

Why weren't these secret plans known during the campaign. The major daily newspapers in Michigan were in a position to question Snyder during the campaign on how he was going to "reinvent" the state of Michigan by cutting taxes and improving the economy. He also promised to do more for the educational community. But who questioned him about his new version of "voodoo economics?"

It's time that Michigan voters get more savvy about political candidates who promise one thing in the campaign and turn around do the opposite after election day.

> Leonard Poger, Westland

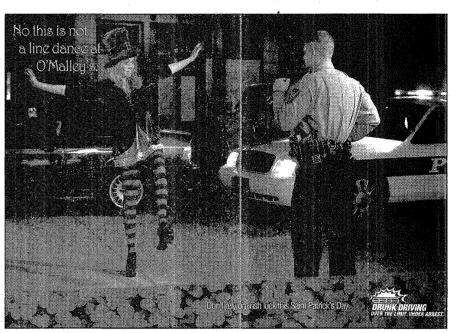
### Don't tax pensions

To all my elected officials and anyone else who will listen:

In February of 2007, I took early retirement to "make way for new less expensive employees." After over 38 years with the same city, my decision to retire was based on the fact there was no state tax on pensions, and as retired no Social Security tax. Barring these taxes, I was able to afford retirement.

My story is the same for the early retires of the auto industry and other government jobs. Had not the auto employees took the early buyouts, could the auto companies have survived? I and others could have remained working, but were encouraged to retire, not only for our good, but for the good of

To add to the misery, what little money I have been able to save gets less than 1-percent interest



# **Booze blues**

Police warn against drinking and driving on St. Patrick's Day. See related editorial.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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now. GMC stock became worthless. Pension dollars of 2007 are frozen at that date, never to increase. I can make it now, but tax my pension and I'll be on the dole like so many others. Don't tax my pension, and I can take care of myself without local state or federal assistance.

Please, take all this into consideration.

# Protect private pensions

The anger and fear exhibited by public employees in Wisconsin about their pensions resembles the fear retirees in private pension plans have experienced for many years.

Pensions – public and private – could once be counted on by retirees. Today, they fear the rug will be pulled out from under them.

The resemblance stops there because there is a stark difference between public and private plans. Private sector retirees and older workers have seen companies steadily renege on promises for earned retiree health and pension benefits – with the government doing little to stop the trend.

Millions of retirees in private plans have already had the rug pulled out from under them by companies using pension assets for restructuring purposes at the expense of retirees, all with the full knowledge of the courts and the federal government.

These "back door reversions" leave private pension assets vulnerable to market downturns, and leave taxpayers vulnerable to pick up the tab at the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. Unlike public plans, once a company goes bankrupt, there are no revenue-raising options such as taxation that can help private pensioners recoup their losses.

Retirees in private plans feel as strongly as those in public plans, and are asking Congress to prohibit these reversions unless the plan is sufficiently funded. It's a budget-neutral solution to protect private pension assets that both Republicans and Democrats should enact now before the anger and fear of retirement insecurity spreads from state capitols to the U.S.

> Tom Gibson Livonia

# **GUEST COLUMNS**

# Call for help: Governor's school cuts are not equitable

n Feb. 17, Gov. Rick Snyder released his new State Education Funding Act (formally known as the School Aid Fund) budget pro-

posal to the Michigan

Legislature. The news

could not have been

more devastating for

K-12 public education

the Wayne-Westland

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**Greg Baracy** 

state guarantee for funding our schools. Proposal A was the covenant that guaranteed fair and equitable funding for K-12 education.

The governor's proposal includes provisions to take precious School Aid Fund dollars to fund programs other than K-12 education, such as community colleges and higher education. This is a violation of the Proposal A covenant.

While we applaud Gov. Snyder's bold action in an attempt to deal with Michigan's \$1.8 billion deficit and economic crisis, we are puzzled by his lack of support for K-12 education. After all, a highly skilled and educated workforce is the foundation of economic prosper-

What impact will Gov. Snyder's budget proposal have on Wayne-Westland's funding, if it survives the legislative process and becomes law? Our district per pupil funding and financial resources will be cut by approximately \$1,150 per student. As of this writing, all indications are that this revenue loss may be the largest per pupil loss endured by any district in the state. The total revenue loss for Wayne-Westland will be approximately \$14.5 million for the 2011-12 school vear.

There are several components to these serious cuts. First, the continuation of the \$170 per pupil reduction in the 2010-11 School Aid Act. Second, an additional State Aid discretionary per pupil cut of \$300. Third, a 20 percent increase in employee retirement cost and the loss of some state categorical funding which will cut Wayne-Westland's per pupil funding the equivalent of another \$205. Lastly, the elimination of a post-Proposal A adjustment in the School Aid Act resulting from an untimely millage loss prior to 1994. This will further reduce our per pupil foundation allowance by \$475. No district in the state can sustain a \$1,150 per pupil cut.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools has a long-standing tradition of academic excellence and has led the way in cutting costs, curtailing spending, consolidating services, closing schools, eliminating administrative and other positions, and finding creative ways to increase revenues. We have worked hard to preserve student programs and keep  $\,$ cuts out of the classroom. I am grateful that many of our bargaining groups have agreed to cost-saving amendments to their contracts. In our effort to reduce spending, we will continue to negoti-

ate with those groups that have not yet made cost-saving amendments with the Board of Education.

We know these are unprecedented times for Michigan, and there must be shared sacrifice and reform. The system we now have in place is unsustainable. However, Wayne-Westland's unique loss is not equitable and is too much to bear.

Please take time to contact the governor and your legislators. Ask them to restore funding for K-12 education, honor the covenant that was established between the state government and the citizens of Michigan guaranteeing equitable and appropriate funding under Proposal A, and invest in Michigan's intellectual power.

Greg Baracy is the superintendent of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

# D.C. must protect Community Development Block Grant to protect jobs

here can be no doubt that in these difficult economic times the federal govern-



ment must find ways to tighten its financial belt. However, that when they make these tough decisions, they need

William Wild

it is important to maintain programs that

truly create jobs and investment in our communities. One program that has played an integral role in the City of Westland is the Community Development Block Grant, or CDBG.

The CDBG is a program that brings federal money into the local communities to address the unique local development needs. The program gives the local government appropriate flexibility to ensure that the funds are being spent in the most cost-effective manner on programs that create jobs and meet the community's

most pressing needs. Nearly every community in our state has received and benefited from CDBG, creating thousands of jobs as well as essential housing and infrastructure improvement. For example, here in Westland,

CDBG funds have created or maintained scores of jobs in just the past two years and the citizens of Westland have seen the positive

 New emergency response vehicles allowing faster and better response from our first respond-

• More community police officers patrolling the streets and building those essential relationships with the citizens to make them better crime fighters.

· Programs which have benefited thousands of Westland seniors. • Improvement of our water

system, road system and parks. Elimination of blighted

properties, improving the overall aesthetics of the city as well as the property values. · Providing home repair assis-

tance to our cities' seniors and families, with more than 300 homes receiving needed repairs as a result of the CDBG program. Funding for youth assistance

programs, allowing for early intervention with troubled kids, keeping them from becoming a part of the criminal justice sys-

The City of Westland's CDBG grant for 2011 is \$1.5 million. The funds are spent locally. Contractors put people to work and buy goods and services in the

community. Property values go up because of increased homeownership and home improvements, resulting in increased property tax revenues. Each CDBG dollar spent generates many more dollars through homeowner, developer and business owner investments.

Without the CDBG funding, these programs would no longer exist. Not only have these programs resulted in safer, cleaner and nicer neighborhoods here in our All-American City, but, perhaps most importantly, they have created much-needed jobs. While undoubtedly there are areas of the federal government that can be

cut without regard to the merits of each program. Reducing or eliminating CDBG will slow the economic recovery.

reduced, Congress must not just

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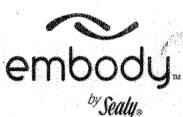
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# Ice-cold Blazers fall to King in regional semifinal

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The well ran bone dry Tuesday night for Livonia Ladywood in the Class A girls basketball regional semifinal

at Warren Fitzgerald. The Blazers misfired both inside and outside at the bucket as Detroit Martin Luther King, featuring four NCAA Division I recruits, rolled to a 61-44

triumph.

Ladywood ends it season under first-year coach Anthony Coratti at 18-6 overall, while King, 15-6 overall, moved into Thursday night's regional final to face Public School League nemesis Detroit Pershing. (Game time is 6 p.m. at Fitzgerald.)

"We can't look back on our season and hinge on what happened tonight because our

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seniors especially worked too hard to get our program back where it should be — an upper echelon program in the state," Coratti said. "I feel our seniors left a very strong legacy and they put in the effort the entire season."

Senior forward Teresa Wojnarowski and sophomore point-guard Andie Anastos combined for 36 of the Blazers' 44 points with 18 apiece.

But the most telling statistic was that Ladywood shot just 15-of-64 from the field (23.4 percent).

"We were worried about turning the ball over," said Coratti, whose team had only nine miscues on the night. "We didn't turn it over that much. We got open shots and didn't

knock them down. Their size hurt us a little bit with that. They changed a few shots in the lane, but it just wasn't our

'If we shoot 35 percent, we're right there. We're a 45 percent shooting team and we shoot 35 percent from 'three' and 74 from the free throw line. If we shoot close to our average, it's

# Rockets' super soph rules 'state'

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

How did the newly crowned MHSAA Division 1 singles boys bowling champion Jordan Hornes celebrate his title on Saturday night?

"Just chilled," said the sophomore, who reached the pinnacle of his



high school career when he captured the coveted title at M-66 Bowl in Battle Creek. Hornes also

returned home triumphant with a meal at Big Boy followed by some more

bowling later on in the evening with friends at Vision Lanes in Westland. Hornes did it against some

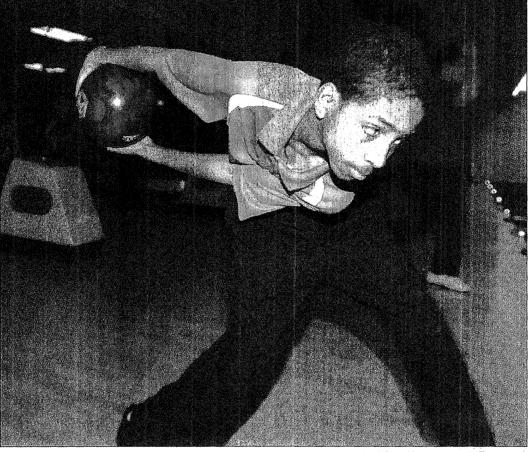
very familiar foes capped a 452-371 triumph in the championship final over Salem's Ryan Clark, a close friend and rival in the KLAA's Central Division.

Hornes rolled two-game match game set of 254-198, while Clark posted a 173-198.

"It was difficult beating a friend, but you have to do what said. "But if I was defeated by my friend, I wouldn't have minded at all.'

Just a day earlier, Hornes and his Glenn teammates took the runner-up trophy in the Division 1 team competition. It made the 10th-grader even more determined.

"I told the whole team after



John Glenn sophomore Jordan Hornes shows off his unique two-handed style which earned him an MHSAA Division 1 individual singles title.

Hornes said. "Last year, I lost in the round of eight in an easy match."

Glenn coach Ron Brusseau also recalled Hornes' painful quarterfinal exit in 2010, a haunting defeat that lingered throughout the summer.

"He had a chance to win the match and threw a bad shot,"

that I would win the next day," Brusseau said. "With that bad still stand by that. Jordan has shot he showed his one weaknesses — his emotions. If he threw a bad ball or got tapped on a good shot, it would frustrate him, then he would let his

emotions get the best of him. "I told Jordan after his loss last year that 'Sometimes you need to learn how to lose before you can learn how to win.' I

matured so much in the offseason, both on and off the lanes. I see a bright future for him.'

The top 16 bowlers based on total pinfall after the sixgame morning qualifying block advanced to the afternoon match play finals.

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# Upset bid goes awry

BY BRAD FMONS

for Glenn

There was stunned silence afterwards in Westland John Glenn's locker room following Monday's heartbreaking 62-60 loss to Inkster in the open-

ing round of one the toughest Class A districts in the state at Taylor Truman.

It was a game the Rockets seemingly had won, only to have it go awry during the final five minutes after they had built a 56-45 advan-

tage.
"We outplayed them," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "We should have won. We just didn't get it done. Inkster's a good program, but we outplayed them the entire game. We led the entire way (second quarter on), other than one second. guys deserved it."

Inkster, 19-2 overall, just 1.4 seconds left when senior guard Delon Stegall, fouled a midcourt while rushing the ball upcourt, connected on a pair of free throws to break a 60-all

That came after Glenn

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# Please see GIRLS HOOPS, B2

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

**BOYS HOOPS** 

I don't know what to say. My

deadlock.

# Roos, Gillies both fourth at D-1 finals

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Although there were no state titles, area wrestlers acquitted themselves quite well during last weekend's MHSAA Division 1 Individual Finals held at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Livonia Franklin senior

Matt Roos (160 pounds) and Westland John Glenn

WRESTLING sophomore Kyle Gillies (103) both earned a fourthplace finish.

Meanwhile, Livonia Churchill senior Jake Meadows (119) and Wayne Memorial junior Dimitrus Renfroe (215) also earned all-state recognition with a sixth-place finish.

Roos, who finished 52-6 overall, captured his first two matches before losing to eventual champion Ben Ralston of Oxford in the semifinals, 10-2.

"Matt was there last year and lost in the blood round," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "He used that disappointment to drive himself all season. He

had an outstanding year. "He wrestled up at 189

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# Chargers seize regional title in OT

Visit www.hometownlife.com for a story on Wednesday's Churchill-St. Mary state quarterfinal.

> BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Livonia Churchill just won't let the boys hockey season come to an end.

Jake Otto's dramatic goal with 4:51 remaining in the first overtime gave the Chargers a 4-3 victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer in the Division 1 regional final Saturday afternoon at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube.

The Chargers, who captured their first regional title since 2007, advanced to the Elite Eight Wednesday at the Ice Cube to face Orchard Lake St. Mary, which also advanced with a 9-3 win Saturday night over Northville.

Churchill, which improved to 15-10-2 overall, carried the play most of game as evidenced by a 40-25 shots-on-goal differential.

Otto's game-winner came as a result of a perfect carom off the boards following a shot from the left point by defenseman Cam Benson.

Ben Proben and Benson drew assists on the game-win-

"Cam (Benson) shot it off the boards and I was waiting backdoor for it," said Otto, a junior forward. "I was waiting to tap it in and go celebrate.



Churchill defenseman Cam Benson's shot from point caromed perfectly off the back boards to teammate Jake Otto for the game-winning goal in OT during Saturday's 4-3 win over Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Pioneer junior goaltender Spencer Peck was rock-solid all afternoon, stopping 36 Churchill shots, many of which,

were quality attempts. "Their goalie was real give them a lot of credit. We

good," Otto said. "You have to couldn't put it in, but we got it

in overtime.

"It means a lot. Our regular

season was up-and-down, and this just means the world now. We can do anything now. We're in the playoffs."

It was 1-1 after one period as Proben, a junior, scored for Churchill just 2:50 in the game off assists from Otto and Brad

Pioneer's Jaleel Rosemond answered with a power play

goal with 11:09 of the same period on assists from Joseph Chronis and Nicholas Michos.

Churchill then dominated the second period, outshooting Pioneer 14-4, but fell behind 2-1 on Thomas Pokorney's goal at 5:25 from Branden Mackellar and Benjamin Silvers.

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MU softball 8-0

The 17th-ranked Madonna University women's softball team is off to an 8-0 start following a pair of wins Monday over Concordia (Neb.) University, 5-3, and Jamestown College (N.Y.), 2-1 in eight innings at the Reitan Complex in Tucson, Ariz.

In the win over Concordia, senior Ashley Shay's 2-run double keyed a 5-run inning in the bottom of the fifth.

Hallie Minch was the winning pitcher as Concordia fell to 3-2. In the win over Jamestown, pitcher Jess Irwin improved to 12-0 on the year with a 12-strike-

out performance, while Ariele

Cox collected two hits in the victory. MU won the game in the top of the eighth when Minch led off with a single and later scored on

a wild pitch. The Crusaders also have wins over Hope International (Calif.), 9-0; William Penn (Iowa), 12-3; College of Saint Mary (Neb.), 10-0; Robert Morris (III.), 7-1; Rockhurst (Mo.), 10-0; and Calumet of St. Joseph (Ind.),

Shay, a senior catcher from Garden City (Dearborn Divine Child), leads MU with a .640 batting average with five homers and 19 RBI.

Erica Landess is hitting .552 with two homers and seven RBI, followed by Amber Rafko (.538), Minch (.464) and Tara LaMilza

In 29 innings, Irwin is 4-0 with an 0.48 earned run average. She has 42 strikeouts and allowed just two earned runs. Minch is also 4-0 with a 3.21 ERA in 24

Taylor All-GLIAC

Grand Valley State University sophomore guard-forward Briauna Taylor (Livonia Franklin) was named to the 2011 Alf-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's North Division



women's basketball The 5-foot-9 Taylor has

team in

helped the Lakers to a 20-7 record and a berth in the NCAA Division II Midwest

Regional, which starts Friday at Michigan Tech. Grand Valley, the fourth seed, will face fifth-seeded Drury

Having a breakout sophomore campaign is Taylor, who ranks first on for the Lakers in rebounds (7.0), second in points

(14.7) and steals (46),

Taylor also led the team in scoring 13 times this year and was GVSU's leading rebounder in 10 games. Taylor reached double figures in points 19 times and totaled eight 20point contests, including a career-high 33 points against nationally-ranked Michigan Tech on Jan. 22.

Fencing tourney

The Underground Fencing Organization of Livonia will be well represented in the North Ámerican Cup, which will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Monday, March 11-14, at Wayne Hall inside the Cobo Conference & Exhibition Center, 1 Washington Boulevard, Detroit.

The four-day tournament features Division II and Division III classifications, as well as veterans (ages 40 and up and wheelchair divisions.

All three weapons - foil, epee, and sabre – will be contested in by over 1,500 fencers attract over 6,000 visitors.

Admission is free. There will also be an information desk set up by USA Fencing's Michigan

Division staffed by volunteers. For more information, visit ufo@undergroundfencing.org; or call Amy Webster at (734)

432-5014.

# Pats stave off late Churchill run

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BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

"Survive and advance." That was Livonia Franklin's motto going into Monday's Class A district opener against rival Livonia Churchill.

And the Patriots did just that but barely – pulling out a 40-39 triumph over the Chargers.

Franklin, 6-15 overall, advances to Wednesday's district semifinal against 17-3 Livonia Stevenson, which won both regular season meetings handily between the two. (Game time is 7 p.m. at Franklin.)

Churchill trailed 29-14 halftime, but rallied behind the shooting Stephen Foster, who led all scorers with 16 points.

The Chargers cut the deficit to 35-27 after three quarters and got within two on two different occasions, 37-36 and 40-39, during the final 2:15.

'We knew we'd weather a storm and we definitely did," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault in Monday's Class A district opener. said. "We had a couple of lapses and breakdowns and they (Churchill) did a great job coming out in the third quarter. They kicked our butt in the third quarter. That's all I can really say. Some of it was our turnovers, too."

After the Patriots missed a pair of free throws with 22.5 seconds to go, Churchill set up for a final shot after coach Jim Solak signaled for a timeout with 10.2 remaining.

The first option was Foster, who had connected on his last lane. It was a good move. We had two ways to get the ball to Steve and they defended both. Credit them on defending the last play."

Franklin got a team-high 13 points from senior forward Blake Lukas, who also grabbed six rebounds.

Sophomore point-guard Jake Erme chipped in with nine points, while Tino Thomas and Tyrone Rayford each contributed six. Thomas also had eight rebounds and five blocks.

"I thought Tyrone Rayford really helped us out a lot as a sophomore," Rheault said. "It was also his first varsity game. I thought Blake Lukas - 7-of-10 from the line – helped us, too. This was our best game this year, but I know we can even play better.'

Churchill finished its season at 2-19 overall with three of those defeats coming against the Patriots.

If only the Chargers could have taken back the first half, they might have survived and advanced.

"I'm proud of the second half," Solak said. "I directly challenged them - it had nothing to do with X-and-Os. About our performance in the first half was directly challenging them. I love it when I don't have to do anything the second half. It was effort. They came out and outplayed them in every aspect. We just came up one point short."

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BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

It was a frustrating conclusion to a glorious season for the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team.

The fifth-ranked Lady Ocelots were denied a return trip to the NJCAA Division II national tourney by Eastern Conference nemesis Delta College, 49-42, in the District H finals held Saturday afternoon at Mott Community College in Flint.

Schoolcraft, which ends at 28-4 overall, shot just 24 percent from the field (16-of-67) and only 9-of-17 from the foul stripe.

"We could not hit a shot," Schoolcraft coach Karen Lafata said. "It was sad because everything we put up, nothing would go in. As game went on-and-on, it got more frustrating. You could see my kids were getting frustrated by it and we had no answer."

Kayla Doshier paced upstart Delta (23-7) with **COLLEGE HOOPS** 

16 points and 11 rebounds. Jessica Duncan chipped in with 12 points.

Delta, headed March 15-19 to East Peoria, Ill. for the 16-team national tourney, avenged two close regular season losses to the Lady Ocelots (56-50 and 56-51).

"They tried to slow us down - a 2-2-1 press - then we'd have 10-to-12 seconds to put something together," Lafata said. "We played right into their hands. We played uncharacteristically - just made silly mistakes. It was a press only to slow down. All to had to do was get the ball to the middle, then go over the top and we'd have a twoon-ones, three-on-twos all day, but . . .

Delta won despite shooting only 10-of-22 from the foul line and 29 percent from the floor (16-of-67).

Charlise Slater was the only Lady Ocelot to score in double figures with 14 points.

Sophomore center Kimberly Bee added eight points, 20 rebounds and five blocks for the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and Eastern Conference champions.

Bee, the top rebounder in NJCAA Division II, helped the Lady Ocelots to a 59-49 rebounding edge in her final

"It's an absolutely sad day that she's going to be leaving us because she was just a model student-athlete," Lafata said. "She did everything the right way, but she's going to have a really exciting career ahead of her.

"Right now I have a list of 30 schools after her. She's been offered by St. Louis, U-D Mercy and Florida Atlantic. She's going to make some visits and then she'll decide. She'll be on an All-American team, just not sure which one.

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missed the potential gamewinning shot only seconds earlier followed by a last-ditch attempt on a triple try by Eric Covile right before the final buzzer sounded.

Glenn's guard play, led by junior Aveon Simmons' gamehigh 22 points, was outstanding throughout the night.

Simmons' basket with exactly five minutes left gave Glenn an 11-point lead, but Inkster stormed back by outscoring the Rockets 17-4 down the stretch.

Jamiel Strickland, a transfer from Wayne Memorial, pulled the Vikings to within ie, 58-57, with a triple from the corner with 44.6 seconds

remaining. Glenn went back up by three on a pair of free throws by Simmons just 9.4 seconds later, but Inkster got a big rebound and basket by Milton Cribbs (19 points) after Strickland rimmed off the back-end of a one-and-one foul shot with 12.5 seconds left to knot the count at 60.

Glenn's Nick Daniels (10 points) then missed a triple try from the corner as the clock wound down and chased after Stegal. The sophomore was called for a reaching foul at midcourt and it sent the Inkster guard to the line for the game-winning free throws.

After committing just eight turnovers through the first three periods, Glenn had eight in the decisive fourth quarter. Despite the victory, Inkster's **Durand Shepherd sounded** more like losing coach by his postgame comments.

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takes the ball to the basket against

Churchill defender Troy Bogenschutz

But the Patriots did a good

The ball ultimately wound

wide-open look from the top of

the key, but his shot glanced off

"They were all over Stephen

at the end," Solak said. "The

guy defending on the ball

backed off into the passing

up in the hands of 6-4 senior

Troy Bogenshutz, who got a

job defending the 6-foot-1

"Like you said, 'We turned it on the last five minutes," Shepherd said. "I want my entire team to hear that. Like you said, 'We played five minutes.' I just want them to hear

Inkster's next challenge is Wednesday in the district semifinal against 19-1 Romulus.

"I can't really say why it was so difficult," Shepherd said. "I don't know if we were looking forward to the next game or what. But my thing is game-bygame and they know that. They realized when it counted, but they can't win a big game like this. We can't go forward like we've got to be ready."

Glenn jumped out to an 8-0 advantage at the start, but Inkster led 19-15 after one quarter thanks to three straight triples by the 5-foot-10 Stegall.

The Rockets then got out of their man-to-man defense in favor of a zone and outscored the Vikings 16-9 to take a 31-28 halftime lead.

"Second quarter — I just wanted to see how it would go," Young said of the switch to a zone. "We kept the lead and we staved in it. It slowed their penetration down. They didn't drive as much.

"When we had the lead we could stay in it. And they struggled against it when they went high-low. They hit a couple of 'threes,' but we tried to make sure 23 (Stegall) didn't get as many ... he got four in the first

half. They're good. They've got three good guards and two athletic 'bigs.' We shut them down. We led the entire way. Any time you do that you have a chance."

Glenn, hitting 8-of-13 shots, increased their lead to 51-43 after three quarters.

"Glenn's guard play was very good, better than expected," Shepherd said. "We knew what they had, but the same time, that's our strength. You've got to guard. Normally we sit down and check, and take that guard away. Guards normally don't affect us like they did tonight. And tonight I wasn't proud of our defensive effort at all."

The Vikings shot 23-of-52 shots from the floor and 9-of-15 free throws.

"We're a pretty good team," nothing away from us, but tonight we weren't 100 percent like we were supposed to be. We're a good team, and we can win a lot more games.' Glenn made 22-of-44 shots from the floor, including seven triples. The Rockets ends their season at 12-9 and lose eight seniors to graduation.

"All my guards are back," Young said. "We went from six wins to 12 wins this year. And I've got a lot of good 'bigs' coming up that are really skilled.
"This senior crew that's grad-

uating is one of the best groups I've ever coached. They're great kids and really good students. I couldn't be more proud. They're going to see the success we're going to continue to have. We're looking forward to being good for a while."

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# PCA's Jipping does in Warriors

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

As Eric Jipping goes, so does Plymouth Christian Academy's boys basketball team.

The 6-foot-5 junior center scored 25 points and snared 10 rebounds Monday to help the Eagles overcome a sluggish start and grab a 59-54 win over Lutheran Westland in a Class D boys district quarterfinal at

"He's a big guy with good, quick feet and really great post moves inside," Eagles coach Keith Anleitner said about Jipping. "That was the differ-

Lutheran Westland coach Doug Haller said his team effectively defended Jipping for

"I thought we took away at least his initial move to the basket," Haller said. "What hurt us was a few times he rebound and a putback.

'... he's tough to stop when you get a kid that big (with) good hands and good feet.' Other factors included PCA's

hustle after loose balls and penchant for clutch rebounds as well as making eight straight free throws in the final minute to salt away the victory.

Making four each during that span were junior guards Daniel Mullett (10 points, six assists) and Chris Scagnetti.

"We probably would have gone to overtime if we didn't hit those free throws at the end," Anleitner noted.

Jipping and the Eagles took a while to get going, as Lutheran Westland (3-18) jumped out to a 16-9 lead after one quarter. The Warriors paid extra attention to Jipping and also forced a spate of early PCA turnovers.

'We wanted to get the ball to Eric, but they were double and triple teaming him in the beginning," Anleitner said. "We could not complete passes to

The Warriors expanded that edge to 28-14 with about three minutes left in the half, helped along by hot-shooting senior guard Marc Rosin (two treys in the second).

Rosin scored 17 first-half points, but cooled off to finish with 26.

PCA (5-14) subsequently turned things around. Baskets by Jipping and sophomore guard Mick Noel (nine points)

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Lutheran Westland's Marc Rosin (20) dribble drives Plymouth Christian defender Daniel Mullett during Monday's Class D district basketball opener. The Warriors' Derrrick Mozham also converges on the play.

jump-started a 10-0 run to close out the half, cutting the gap to 28-24.

The Eagles didn't let the intermission stop their momentum. They outscored the Warriors 11-2 over the first 3:30 of the third, taking a 35-30 lead.

Haller said a full-court press by PCA "forced us into a few turnovers that really took us

out of our flow offensively." Lutheran Westland didn't give up, however.

Senior guard Kent Krzyske (eight points) hit a basket and a minute later the Warriors regained the lead at 36-35 (with 1:12 left in the third) following a triple and free throw by senior forward Micah Reum (12 points).

Jipping then drove to the bucket for a field goal, giving the Eagles a 37-36 edge after three.

Defensive hustle by the Eagles helped the lead grow to 50-40 with about 3:30 to play. Sophomore forward Drew

Ibach (seven rebounds) assisted on junior guard Josh Middleton's bucket to open the fourth.

Ibach stole the ball near mid-court on the Warriors'

next possession and that led to a layup by Jipping. "(Those were) just hustle

plays, diving for loose balls. trying to get into the passing lane," said Anleitner.

Besides Ibach, the coach added the names of Middleton and freshman Daniel Jipping (on JV most of the year) to his list of hard-working defenders.

The Eagles kept pouring it on and received some good fortune. Mullett's triple from the right flank bounced up off the rim but came right back down through the cylinder.

Capping off a 36-12 surge that began in the second, sophomore forward Alex Huber (five points) and Jipping converted back-to-back field goals.

Although ultimately to no avail, Lutheran Westland fought back, forcing the Eagles into some miscues.

Reum cut the deficit to 53-51 with 26 seconds to go on a trey from the right wing and Rosin would add a triple 11 seconds later to make it 57-54.

Scagnetti hit both foul shots to finish off the victory. Plymouth Christian faced Westland Huron Valley Lutheran in Wednesday's district semifinal contest.

# anybody's game."

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King jumped out to a 17-7 first quarter lead as Jacksonville State (Ala.) signee Bria'unna Buckner nailed a pair of triples and Deedra Evans contributed another.

The two teams each scored 19 second quarter points, but it remained a 10-point cushion, 36-26, for the Lady Crusaders at intermission.

"Our intentions were to get it down the floor the first quarter, and we did what we wanted to do," King coach William Winfield said. "I think they outrebounded us the first half. But we did a much better job in the second half. We got our running game going and I

BOYS BASKETBALL MHSAA DISTRICT DRAWS CLASS A at LIVONIA FRANKLIN

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think that was the difference." Andie Anastos' triple with 4:43 left in the third period closed the deficit to 41-34, but King ended the quarter with a 6-0 run and was never headed.

Chanice Baldwin, a 6-3 senior center headed to Providence, paced King with 18 points, while Sophomore guard Antania Hayes and Buckner chipped in with 14 and 12, respectively. "She's our glue around that

basket - rebounding, but also scoring," Winfield said of Baldwin. "Buckner, our threepoint shooter has been doing a good job for us. She's focused right now. She's knocking them down. She got us going with a couple of 'threes' there, which was good. We always need somebody to get us going.'

King shot 21-of-54 from the

floor (38.8 percent) and 12of-18 from the foul line (66.6 percent).

Winfield said. "Two teams

that played hard and we're

"It was a good win for us,"

just lucky to come out with the Ladywood's lack of marksmanship was magnified by junior guard Briana Combs,

the team's top three-point shooter, going an uncharacteristic 1-for-13 from the floor. "Bri(ana) was playing on a very sprained ankle," Coratti said. "She hasn't practiced the

last two days. "Not to take anything away from them (King). They're a very good team, but our kids fought and played as hard as they could play. The shots didn't go in the basket for us."

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# Clarenceville no match for Highland Park

It just wasn't Livonia Clarenceville's night on the hardwood.

The Trojans dropped their Class B district boys basketball opener to Highland Park, 59-38, to end their season at 10-11 overall.

The Polar Bears, who improved to 12-9 overall, got a game-high 22 points from Terrell Mapp and 13 from

Highland Park raced out to

a 22-8 first-quarter advantage and put it away with an 18-9 run in the final period

DeOndre Hogan and Kassius Kelly tallied eight and seven points, respectively, for the Trojans.

Clarenceville was 8-of-21 from the foul line, while Highland Park hit 7-of-18.

"It was a really bad game for us, we haven't played like this since early January," Clarenceville first-year coach Justin Johnson said. "We got outworked and it was a disappointing way to end the season." Wednesday's district semifinals at Clarenceville are now

**Detroit Community faces** Detroit Old Redford Academy at 6 p.m. followed by Highland Park and Detroit Central at 7:30 p.m. The winners will meet for the district championship 7 p.m. Friday at Clarenceville.

# THE WEEK AHEAD

regional Monday, March 14 vs. Cass Tech district regional Monday, March 14 vs. champion.)

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CLASS B at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE Friday, March 11: Championship final, 7 p.m.

MHSAA FINALS Friday-Saturday, March 11-12
Division 1 at Oakland University, noon

James Walker.

# **Edgar Arena hosting** dual bantam tourney

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Zamboni machine will be logging plenty of ice time this weekend as Livonia's Edgar Arena will play host a pair of Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Bantamage division tournaments.

Eight teams each in Bantam AA (14-year-olds) and Bantam B (13-14) will vie for state

Admission is free for all three days at Edgar Arena, which features two rinks located at 33841 Lyndon.

Action begins at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Edgar when the host Livonia Sharks, representing District 1, take on the District 3 champion St. Clair Shores Bruins in a Bantam B matchup.

Other teams vying for the Bantam B title include the Southgate Stars (District 2), Livingston Lightning (District 4), Midland Feeny (District 5), Rockford Rams (District 6), Cadillac Vikings (District 7) and Ontanogan/Ironwood (District 8).

In Bantam AA, the fourtime District 4 champion Livonia Knights, coached by Ray Chartier, will face off at 3 p.m. Friday against the

District 3 champion Rochester Rattlers.

Also represented will be the Trenton Thunder (District 2), Farmington Hills Fire (atlarge District 4), Port Huron Flags (District 5), Kentwood Falcons (District 6), Traverse City Pepsi (District 7) and the Marquette American Legion Sentinels (District 8).

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey will drop the ceremonial first puck during opening ceremonies at 5 p.m. on Friday.

All 16 teams will be in action Friday with the final game starting at 8:30 p.m. Play resumes at 8 a.m. Saturday with the final game starting at 8:30 p.m.

The Bantam B semifinals begin at 10 a.m. followed by the finals at 5 p.m, both on Sunday.

Starting times for the Bantam AA semifinals and finals will be at noon and 7 p.m., also on Sunday.

There will also be an exhibition game featuring the MORC Stars, a special needs team, beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday.

For more tourney information, e-mail Lori Yarnell at ljyarnell@livoniahockey.org.

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# Livonia gymnasts eye finals in Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids is the final destination for area high school girls gymnasts this weekend as the MHSAA team Livonia Blue (137.475). and individual competition will get underway at Kenowa Hills H.S.

Three teams earned the cut out of the Canton regional hosted last Saturday by Plymouth H.S.

The host Chiefs earned the team title with a 146.975 total and will be joined by Grosse Pointe United (138.575) and Salem (137.625).

Just missing out of the Friday's team competition was fourth-place finisher

### **GIRLS GYMNASTICS**

Rounding out the top 10 regional finishers were: Saline (136.700), Northville (133.925), Plymouth (133.150), Liyonia Red (132.775), Adrian (132.725) and Dearborn Edsel Ford (121.775).

Livonia Blue's Alex Kitz, however, is Grand Rapidsbound after a runner-up finish in the Division 2 all-around. Canton's Ayana Lewis won the title with a 36.925, while Kitz placed second with a 35.725 total.

The top eight finishers in each event and the top six in the all-around at the regional qualify individually for the state finals.

Kitz earned a third on vault (9.15); fifth on uneven bars (8.65); seventh on balance beam (8.725); and a tie for seventh on floor exercise (9.2).

**Teammate Sarah Bridges** (34.525) was seventh in the Division 2 all-around highlighted by a sixth on the uneven bars (8.55) to qualify individually.

Also for Livonia Blue, Haley Olson tied for third on vault

(9.15) and is also headed to Grand Rapids.

Livonia Red's Meghan Lark also made it as an individual qualifier in Division 1 after finishing sixth in all-around (33.425). She placed sixth on vault (8.525), seventh on floor exercise (9.05) and eighth on both the uneven bars (7.750) and balance (8.1).

The state finals team competition starts at 2 p.m. Friday followed by the Division 1 individual session at noon and Division 2 individual competition at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday – all at Kenowa Hills.

# Area bowlers sparkle at state singles finals

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Jordan Hornes wasn't the only bowler to put on an impressive showing at last Saturday's MHSAA singles competition in Battle Creek.

In the Division 1 boys tourney at M-66 Bowl, Wayne Memorial's Jeremy Brown reached the semifinals before being ousted by Salem's Ryan Clark by a mere five pins in the two-game set, 368-363.

Brown defeated Eric Pavlov of CC in his quarterfinal match, 466-420, while posting high games of 225 and 241.

Glenn's Brian Monty was beaten in the quarters by Hornes, 395-374, after he eliminated Qunton Burnett of Flint Carman-Ainsworth, 306-298 in the Round of 16.

Meanwhile, Brown stopped Tvlor Green of Davison, the top qualifier from the qualifying block, 413-332, in the same

Also making it to the Round of 16 after finishing fourth in the qualifying block was Wayne's Elliott Arnold, who was ousted by Zachary Adams of University of Detroit Jesuit, 428-351.

Arnold posted a six-game set of 1,308 with a high game of

Monty, meanwhile, was 14th in qualifying with an 1,162 highlighted by a 234 and 224.

Brown slipped into the 16th and final qualifying spot by defeating Robert Rose of Brownstown Woodhaven in a one-game roll-off, 195-170, after posting an 1,155 total on games

of 215, 210 and 200.

Glenn's other state boys qualifier, Daniel Ammons, tied for 32nd in qualifying with a 1,075 with a high game of 233.

### C'ville's Moricz shines

In Division 3 girls, Livonia Clarenceville's Bridget Moricz reached the semifinals before losing to eventual champion Olivia Wirtz of Battle Creek Pennfield, 387-336.

In the quarterfinals, Moricz downed Rachel Jasinowski of Jackson Lumen Christi, 544-539, after defeating Eleanor Walker of Imlay City, 350-346, in the Round of 16.

Moricz ranked fourth in the six-game qualifying block with a total of 1,138 highlighted by a 243 game.

Tyler McClean of

Clarenceville was 58th in the Division 2 boys qualifying block with a 987.

In Division 2 girls, Livonia Ladywood's Sabine Hutter placed 31st in qualifying with a 1029 highlighted by games of 206 and 202.

In the Division 1 girls singles finals, Wayne's Chelsea Morneau earned a spot in the Round of 16 by finishing ninth in the qualifying block with an 1,116 six-game total. She opened with games of 212 and 225.

But in the Round of 16, Jericka Mazei of New Baltimore Anchor Bay defeated Morneau, 298-382.

Wayne teammate Stephani O'Harris tied for 45th in the qualifying block with a 977.

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# Crusaders win to stop bleeding

The Madonna University baseball team's trip to the desert has provided some hot and cold results.

On Tuesday, the Crusaders bounced back from Monday's double-header setback with a 5-0 victory over Malone University (Ohio) in a game played at Gene Autry Park in Mesa, Ariz.

The victory improved MU's overall record to 5-6.

Junior starting pitcher Andy Omilian (Plymouth/Novi Detroit Catholic Central) was brilliant on the mound, blanking Malone on just seven hits

over six innings. Livonia's Jeremy Gooding continued his mound dominance for the Crusaders by

pitching a scoreless seventh. Offensively, the winners were led by Drew Adamiec, who laced three hits and an RBI, and Victor Barron, who con-

tributed a 2-run single. On Monday at South Mountain Community College in Phoenix, the Crusaders dropped both ends of a twinbill with Olivet Nazarene

University (Ill.), 9-2 and 6-5. Redshirt sophomore pitcher Erik Wright (Canton) suffered the game-one loss when he yielded three hits, four walks and one earned run in five

innings of work. ONU's Chris Hammett broke a 1-1 deadlock in the fifth with a two-out, 3-run homer.

MU managed just five hits off Nazarene's Ben Heller, who picked up the complete-game win. Matt Kay (Canton) and Dan Harder drove in runs for the Crusaders.

The Crusaders outhit Nazarene, 14-2, in the nightcap, but they were victimized by four errors.

Freshman Logan Ryan turned in a stellar outing for the Crusaders, yielding

## **COLLEGE BASEBALL**

no hits and two earned runs while striking out four in four innings. Travis Schuba suffered

Kay (3-for-4, two RBI) and Barron (3-for-4, run) both swung hot bats for MU. Steve Pelletier (Farmington Hills Harrison), Garrett Rebain (Plymouth) and Harder all knocked in runs for the Crusaders.

On Sunday, the Crusaders posted an impressive 5-2 triumph over Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) in a game played at the Snedigar Baseball Complex in Chandler.

Winning pitcher Aaron Saarela was the story for the Crusaders as he struck out 10 while scattering six hits over 7.1 innings in just his second career start. Leading the winners' offensive charge were Jeff Bultnick, Kay and Barron, all of whom ripped a pair of hits.

The pivotal inning was the fifth when Saarela successfully worked out of a bases-loaded jam. Brad Lineberry then sparked an offensive uprising for MU when he led off the bottom of the frame with a scorching triple.

Westland John Glenn alum Robert Fraser brought his "A" game to the mound in Saturday's 5-0 win over Indiana Weslevan. Fraser helped the Crusaders snap a four-game losing streak by spinning a 3-hitter. The former Rocket struck out a career-high 10 batters in his completegame effort.

Kay, Pelletier, Spencer Sarel and Ryan Lech recorded hits for MU while Lineberry and Pelletier knocked in runs.

Fraser did not allow a base runner past second base from the third inning on.

Hornes comfortably placed fifth with high games of 258, 255 and 251 for a six-game total of 1,258.

In the elimination Round of 16, Hornes squeaked by Matt Nugent of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central by a single pin, 374-373.

And in the quarters, Hornes ousted teammate Brian Monty of Glenn, 395-374.

"The second round was not easy to bowl," Hornes said of his match with Monty. "In the first round I needed the 10-pin to win."

In the semifinals, Hornes defeated Frank Snodgrass of Roseville, 457-384, while Clark defeated Wayne Memorial's Jeremy Brown by a mere five pins in the two-game set, 368-

champions do. He left every-

ask for much more then that.

accomplish whatever he sets

his mind to before his career is

finished at John Glenn. He has

set the standard for the rest of

his team the next two years. If

they follow Kyle on and off the

mat, we will have a great year

Meadows finished the year

next season. I'm fired up for

at 48-7 after wrestling six

I am confident that he will

thing on the mat. A coach can't

The talented Hornes uses an unusual two-handed style.

"I developed it because I couldn't hold it with one hand," said Hornes, who stands 5foot-10, but weighs a mere 110 pounds. "The only other one who does it two-handed is Joey Hoover of Davison."

Hornes, who started to compete at age 8, comes from a family of bowlers who serve as mentors. Stepbrother Terrell

Bentley, 25, is an accomplished bowler, along with his father

Hornes also appreciates the guidance he gets from the Glenn coaching staff, which also includes assistant Steve O'Harris.

"They let me do my thing," Hornes said. "Coach Brusseau said, 'I knew you could do it and I'm proud of you."

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and 171 all year to help the team out, and it paid off once he got down to 160. He won his first two matches in dominant fashion, then lost to the eventual state champ. He wrestled very well this weekend. He was prepared and confident. He should be very

proud of himself." Gillies also got through the first two rounds before falling 10-2 to Temperance Bedford's Mitchel Roganliner, the state runner-up.

"You know your regional is tough when the top four in regional are the top four in the state," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "It was a battle for all four kids just to qualify. Two ranked wrestlers didn't even make it to state.'

Gillies finished the season with a 53-9 overall record.

"Kyle is a great wrestler and an even better student," Polk added. "It is no coincidence that he was our most successful wrestler because he has worked the hardest — period.

"He wrestled every match

to the final buzzer, that's what

times at The Palace. "Although he did not place as high as he wanted to, he wres-

November already."

tled extremely tough," Churchill assistant coach Mike Gaffke said. "In the blood round, he was down with 10 seconds left and got a stand-up to send the match in overtime. Jake had to fight out of a very difficult cradle position to score the winning takedown to win the match and earn allstate honors. It is those type of performances in which I am

most proud." Gaffke said Meadows will be sorely missed in the room.

"Jake embodies the neverquit attitude we strive to instill in our program," Gaffke said. Throughout his career he has battled injuries and adversity without flinching. He was an

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING STATE FINALS AREA RESULTS March 3-5 at Palace of Auburn Hills DIVISION 1 Kyle Gillies, Soph., 103 pounds, Westland John Glenn (fourth place): decisioned Eddie Schlickenmeyer (Sterling Heights Stevenson), 8-2; won by major

dec. over Dylan Smith (Oxford), 17-1; lost by major dec. to Mitchel Roganliner (Temperance Bedford), 10-2; dec. Schlickenmeyer (Stevenson), 3-2; lost by major dec. to Martin Rodriguez (Grand Ledge), 13-3. **Final record:** 53-9. Danny Martinez, Soph., 112, Livonia

Franklin: dec. by Jourdain Spurlin (Southgate Anderson), 7-2; dec. by Zach Henderson (Hudsonville), 11-7. Final

Jake Meadows, Sr., 119, Livonia Churchill (sixth place): dec. Keith-Boldt (Hartland), 10-7; dec. by Matthew Miller (Davison), 8-7; dec. Chris Bohacek (Harrison Townshin L'Anse Creuse), 9-7 (overtime); p. Cody Korpus (Salem), 2:59; dec. by Eric Rybars (New Baltimore Anchor 2; dec. by Matthew Miller (Davison), 6-1. Final record: 48-7.

Gabe Martinez, Jr., 119, Franklin: dec. Chris Bohaeck (L'Anse Creuse), 6-4; dec. by Alex Molloy (Southgate), 8-3; lost by major dec. to Keith Boldt (Hartland), 10-2). **Final** 

Steve Tuyo, Sr., 130, Franklin: dec. Joe Lombard (Wyandotte Roosevelt), 9-4; dec. by Marcos Diaz (Hudsonville), 4-2; pinned by Tyler Kuch (Bay City Western),

amazing leader for us over the last two years and the backbone of our lineup. He will be sorely missed next year, but without a doubt, leave a lasting impression on our returning wrestlers."

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3:02. Final record: 54-8. Jonny Bannoura, Sr., 140, Churchill: dec. Austin Merryweather (Grandville), 3-1; dec. by Kyle Witgen (Romeo), 3-1; dec. by Justin Zimmer (Utica Ford), 2-0. Final record: 38-10.

Jalen Jones, Sr., 145, Wayne Memorial: lost by technical fall to Nick Mason (Novi-Detroit Catholic Central), 17-2; lost by major dec. to Avery Hasenauer (West Bloomfield), 10-2. Final record: 41-15. Matt Roos, Sr., 160, Franklin (fourth

place): p. Brandon Krupp (Grand Rapids Union), 0:54; won by major dec. over Caleb Wilson (Southgate), 15-4; lost by major dec. of Ben Ralston (Oxford), 12-4; dec. Cody Devoe (Rochester), 6-5 (overtime); dec. by Brandon Hill (Brighton), 3-2. **Final record:** Kameron Jones, Sr., 171, John Glenn:

p. by Kevin Beazley (Novi-Detroit CC), 0:41; dec. Bobby Gorton (Rockford), 5-4; dec. by Justin Charneski (Hartland), 2-1. **Final** record: 49-12.

Dimitrus Renfroe, Jr., 215, Wayne (sixth place): lost by major dec. to Nick Gajdzik (Rochester Stoney Creek), 9-0; dec. Alan Ham (Midland), 7-3; p. Ben Dominguez (Southgate), 4:56; dec. Dillon Schmitt (Caledonia), 5-2; p. by David Pope (Monroe). 2:59; dec. by Bryan Smith (Temperance Bedford), 6-0. Final record: 52-11.

DIVISION 4
Zachary Francis, Fr., 103, Lutheran
High Westland: defaulted to Bill Bentgen
(St. Ignace); defaulted to Hank Martin
(Montague). Final record: 38-6.

Renfroe lost his first-round match, but rebounded to win his next three before finishing 3-3 on the day. Renfroe ended the year at 52-11 overall.

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Proben's tap-in power play goal at 7:32 of the same period from Otto and Steve Klisz

squared the game at 2-all. With 9:02 remaining in the third period, Churchill defenseman Joe Williams ripped a shot from the left point and scored just under the crossbar from Milks and Proben to

make it 3-2. But Pioneer's Joshua Packard sent the game into overtime with just 8:33 to go with a backhand rebound attempt with Pokorney and Zachary Reinholdt assisting.

"We felt pretty good about the (offensive) looks we were getting," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "We knew their kid (Spencer Peck) was

capable of keeping them in the game. Pioneer plays playoff hockey all season long, and they take advantage when they get stuff. "It was a struggle, but we

needed to see that for sure." Churchill will be a heavy underdog Wednesday against St. Mary, but the Chargers don't seem to mind.

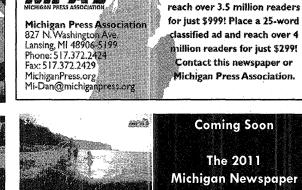
"All season long we struggled with consistency — both from game-to-game and within a game," Mazzoni said. "But even tonight, when push came to shove, and faced with adversity, our seniors responded and the upperclassmen did a great

"I'm extremely happy for (goalie) Alex (Estes). He's playing phenomenal as of late. We could have folded the tent, and we didn't."

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# Mariners' Church service March 13 launches sailing season in region

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BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Sailors from ships of all sizes will pray for a safe boating season Sunday at Mariners' Church in Detroit.

The 47th annual Blessing of the Fleet will be held at the 11 a.m. service, March 13 at the church, located at 170 E. Jefferson Ave., at the entrance to the Windsor Tunnel.

The service is open to boaters and non-boaters alike. Participants may bring their burgees, colors, pennants and pennons to the church for the blessing.

Dr. Irene Tseng, a Livonia resident with a dental practice in Westland, has been a member of the church since infancy. She and her husband, Kenneth Morse, have attended many of the blessings, but this year they'll bring a flag to the ceremony.

We have a small speed boat. We only just bought a flag last year," Tseng said. "We don't cruise the (Detroit) river. We go to Camp Michigania up north (Walloon Lake) and we sail at

She said the flag likely will end up in the family's cottage rather than on the boat.

The couple's youngest of two daughters will serve as

an acolyte on Sunday. "It's a nice service and would be something different for someone visiting the church. They do special services every so often to acknowledge maritime groups. In the late fall there's a Great Lakes memorial service," she said.

"Mariners' is a very traditional service. They use an Anglican liturgy but it is an independent church. It does not belong to the Diocese of Michigan.'

Tseng grew up in the western suburbs while also attending Mariners' Church Her late mother started the

family tradition while completing a medical residency in Detroit.

Tseng continued her membership as an adult because she enjoys the service with its beautiful music and traditional prayer book.

"It's something special. Even though it's very traditional it's not stodgy in any way. It's beautiful in its own way and I find a lot of comfort in that. I think people are comforted by what they grew up with."

Mariners' Church, a national historic landmark, was founded in 1842 as a mission for sailors. During its early history it also served as a stop on the Underground Railroad and housed the Detroit post office, a bank and a grocery store. During the Great Depression it became a mission for homeless women.

The church is the oldest structure on the Detroit Riverfront and was moved 880 feet east in 1954 to make way for a new civic center.

"It's one of those gems of the city," Tseng said. "Father (Richard) Ingalls, the minister there, is a wealth of historical information. They do give tours. Call ahead."

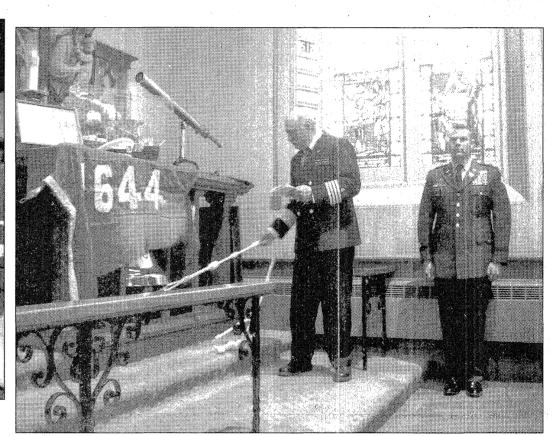
Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Free parking is available in the Ford Auditorium



Honor guard members of the International Shipmasters' Association, Detroit Lodge No. 7, and military personnel assemble in the Mariners' Church sanctuary last year for the blessing of the fleet.



Kenneth Morse, Irene Tseng's husband, pilots their pontoon boat. The Livonia couple will get a flag blessed Sunday at the Blessing of the Fleet at Mariners' Church in Detroit.



Grand President Captain Edward J. Morris of the International Shipmasters' Association in Detroit tolls the bell in memory of mariners who died. Lt. Col. James B. Davis, Commander of the United States Army Corps of Engineers stands nearby at last year's blessing of the fleet.

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# **MARCH 10-16**

**Learning Shabbat** Time/Date: 6 p.m. service, 7 p.m. congregational Shabbat dinner, Friday, March 11 and 9:30 a.m. ser-

vice, with lunch and program following, Saturday, March 12 Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield Details: Dr. Rebecca Schorsch, chair of the Bible Department at the Chicagoland Jewish High School in Deerfield, III., will teach about the role of women and gender in Jewish life and imagination. Schorsch will analyze the text Eishet Hayil (Woman of Valor; Proverbs chapter 31) in a study session called "Who is the Woman of Valor? A Study of a Friday Night Tradition." There is no charge for the after-dinner talk, and walkins are welcome. Reservations are required for the dinner by 4 p.m. March 9. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$8 for children, 6-12. On Saturday, Schorsch will lead a second study session, "God as Midwife and Women as Saviors: The Feminization of the Exodus." There is no charge for the Shabbat afternoon learning session, and walk-ins are welcome Contact: (248) 851-6880

Lenten series

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Sundays, beginning March 13

**Location**: The First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, located on the northwest corner of Farmington Road and 11 Mile

**Details:** The program, "What Matters Most"? is based on the highly acclaimed book "What's the Least I Can Believe and Still be a Christian? A Guide to What Matters Most" by Martin Thielen. Dessert will be served

Contact: (248) 474-6170 or visit www.farmington-pres.org for more information or to reserve baby-sitting

Why be Catholic Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March

Plymouth Road, Livonia

Location: St. Michael the Archangel church, 11441 Hubbard, just south of

**Details:** Sr. John Dominic Rasmussen talks about how God led her from unchurched, teenage basketball star to co-founder of the dynamic and growing community of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist and principal of Spiritus Sanctus Academy in Ann Arbor. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 Widowed Friends

Time/Date: 5 p.m. social, 6 p.m. dinner, Friday, March 11 Location: American Polish Cultural

Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy **Details:** Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed individuals of all ages to a family-style Lenten dinner. Cost is \$14, payable in cash at the door. Bar drinks and desserts extra. Cards, games and conversation afterward

Contact: RSVP by March 9 to Mary Ann at (586) 939-5270 or Sally at (586) 575-9535

# **MARCH 17-23**

Breakfast

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, March 20 **Location**: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland **Details**: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk and juice for \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by: St. Theodore Men's

Contact: (734) 425-4421

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Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19

Location: Rock of Ages, 31015 Ford Road, Garden City Details: Christian rock group, Stryper, signs their new release Contact: (734) 522-0351

Purim musical

Time/Date: 7 p.m., March 19 **Location**: Temple Shir Shalom, Dave & Joyce Sakwa Family Sanctuary, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Jim Harper of Magic 105.1 will guest narrate "Blazing Sandals," a musical Purim Shpiel for community members of all ages based on the popular music from "Oklahoma," "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." Snacks and drinks will be available starting at 6 p.m. in the social hall. Drink tickets will be \$4 for beer and wine and \$5 for mixed drinks. Admission to the play is free

**Contact**: (248) 737-8700

**Widowed Friends** 

Time/Date: Check in at 2:15 p.m.; Mass starts at 2:30, Sunday, March 20 Location: St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill, in Canton

Details: Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group, sponsors a special Mass for widowed men and women Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

# **MARCH 24-30**

Answer weekend

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Friday, March 25; 6:30 p.m. March 26 and 11 a.m. March 27

Location: Friday events at Clarenceville Junior High, 20210 Middlebelt, Livonia and Saturday-Sunday events at Lighthouse Worship Center, 19827 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: 12 teams in a 3 on 3 Basketball tournament with \$25.00 entry fee on Friday. Open to all boys and girls 17 and under. Co-ed teams are welcome. Cash prizes of \$100-\$300 will be awarded. Bands will perform and a drama is planned for Saturday: Shae Hughes a youth-orientated speaker, will minister to kids of all ages on Sunday. Immediately after the service, prizes for the basketball tournament will be awarded and a free lunch will be served Contact: Dan Tyson for details on the basketball tournament at (517) 281-8077; Pastor Chuck LaParr at (734) 546-2741 or the church office

# MARCH 31-APRIL 6

at (248) 476-7933 for other ques-

Guest speaker

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. gathering, 9:15 a.m. opening prayer, 12:45 p.m. dismissal, Thursday, March 31 Location: St. Fabian Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: The Rev. Richard Fragomeni talks about the power of liturgy to transform lives. Cost is \$22 before March 17 and \$27 after. Includes brunch

Contact: Celia St. Charles at (248) 553-4610 or cetcharles@etfahian.org

# **ONGOING**

AWANA

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

Classes/study

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church** Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile. between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

**Details**: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact: Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pas-

torscott@emmanuel-livonia.org Faith Bible Church Time/Date: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays

through May 8 Location: 34541 5 Mile, Livonia Details: "Four Views of the End Times" adult study

Also ongoing: "Life's Healing" Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits Contact: (734) 464-7990

Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and

study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

**New Life Community Church** Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts

instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-

Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford

Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto **Time/Date**: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday **Location**: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

**Details**: Scripture study Contact: (313) 534-9000 **Ward Presbyterian** 

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile. Northville Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Clothing bank

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

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those

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

Food Bank **New Hope Church** 

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms **Christ Our Savior Lutheran** 

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run through May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road,

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children. The theme will be "Momology The Art & Science of Mothering

for MOPS and "Boundaries" for **MOPSnext** Contact: Rebekah Creeden at 734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPS

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

third Tuesdays Location: 24800 West Chicago Road,

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

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

Pet-friendly service

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details**: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs Contact: (313) 563-0162

Prayer **Nardin Park United Methodist** Church

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

**Details**: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

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Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church **Details**: Music, singing, prayer **Contact**: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday **Location**: 7000 Sheldon, Canton **Details**: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed **Contact**: (734) 459-3333

St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturdays Location: In the church rectory conference room, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia **Details**: St. Monica's Prayer Group is open to all women who want to support one another in praying for their children, regardless of age

Other prayer sessions: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday, includes parish prayer and Eucharistic adoration, with Benediction service following **Contact**: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200

Senior citizens Riverside Park Church of God Time/Date: 11:30.a.m., third Thursdays

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia Details: Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food during time together

Contact: (734) 464-0990 Sinales

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

p.m. program **Location**: 200 E. Main St., Northville **Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost

**Contact**: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org **Steve's Family Restaurant** Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and

fourth Thursday

**Location**: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia **Details**: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.

Contact: (313) 534-0399 **Ward Evangelical Presbyterian** Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday Location: 40000 Six Mile. Northville **Details**: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation Contact: (248) 374-5920

Song Circle **Congregation Beth Ahm** 

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details**: Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew. Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

Support **Apostolic Christian Church** 

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia **Details**: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act Contact: (734) 261-9000; www. woodhaven-retirement.com

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

**Details**: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating,

Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244





FLORENCE E. CLIXBY

Age 93, lifelong resident of Canton passed away on March 8, 2011. Only child of William and Annie Avery. Retired cafeteria worker for the Wayne School District. Beloved wife of the late Robert T. Loving mother of Judith Cannon. Proud grandmother of James Thomas Cannon, Barbra A. (Brian) Reis and Lydia Hackett. Greatgrandmother of Heather and Sarah and their extended families. Preceded in death by her children William Clixby, Thomas Robert Clixby and Patricia Jo Ann Crossmyer and also by her granddaughter Karen Ann Cannon Mosby. Funeral service Friday 10:00am from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Wednesday and Thursday from 4-8pm. Interment Sheldon Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society Society. or Michigan Humane Society. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com.



LAURA LEE CURTSINGER

Age 76. Born March 31, 1934 to Mary and Joseph Trappano. Survived by daughter Karen, son-in-law Paul, daughter-in-law Laura and grandson Dylan. Married to the late Gerald Eugene Curtsinger, had two children, the late Jerry Curtsinger and Karen Curtsinger. Devoted wife, mother and grandmother who always put family first. A vivacious woman with a great sense of humor, extremely independent, feisty and strong. Before leaving work to raise her children, Laura was a bookkeeper at a bank in downtown Detroit. Loved by all who knew her. Visitation will take place on Thursday. March 10, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734-697-9400). Funeral service will take place on Friday, March 11, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan.

# LYNN A. HALL

www.hnfhome.com

Age 55 of Plymouth, suddenly March 6, 2011. Loving wife of David. Beloved mother of Lisa (Darrin) Burek, Kristina and Amanda.Dear daughter of Janet (Gordon) Hodson and Angelo Calcaterra. Dear sister of David Calcaterra. Dear sister in law of Susan Hall. Dear daughter in law of Bill Hall. Visitation Wednesday 4-9 PM and Thursday 1-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road, (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Friday 10 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 North Territorial, (corner of Beck) Plymouth. Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Mercy High School, 29300 W Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

To share a memory please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



DOROTHY M.

KOLODZIEJCZAK Age 85, March 5, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Anthony for 54 years. Loving mother of Anthony (Sharon); Ramona (George) Barnum, Thomas (Sharon), Charles (Donna), Betty Grim, Patrick (Cary), and Michael (Cherie) Kolodziejczak. Cherished grandmother of 24; greatgrandmother of 18. Dorothy was preceded in death by her grandson, Jesse. A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com



LORETTA N. KUDEK

March 6, 2011 of Westland, Michigan. Loving Wife of the late Ronald, Sr. Dear Mother of William Cecil Longerbeam (Theresa), Loretta Gale Armstrong (George), Lawrence Thomas Longerbeam (Patty), & Ronald Steven Kudek, Jr. (Shari). 11 Grandchildren & 4 Great Grandchildren. Visiting Friday 3-9pm. Funeral Services Saturday 10am at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 34567 Michigan Ave. Wayne, Michigan. Contributions to Shriners Hospital Appreciated.



O'ROURKE

Age 75, died peacefully on March 7, 2011, with his family by his side. Visitation will be on Thursday, March 10 from 4-9 p.m. and Friday, March 11 from 2-9 p.m. at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Funeral mass will be at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, in Plymouth on Saturday, March 12 at 1:00 p.m; visitation will begin at 12:30. Thomas was the youngest of six children, born on February 22 1936 to Mary and James O'Rourke He was a student at both St. Cecilia School and Catholic Central before on May 3, 1974, Thomas married his love, Mary Ellen Daly. Together, they were tenderly devoted to their four children. Thomas Patrick, in true Irish form, enjoyed conversation and cama-raderie as a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Gaelic League Thomas is survived by his wife of 36 years, Mary Ellen O'Rourke (Daly); sister, Marge Gilboe; four children and their spouses, Katie and Scott Moore, Molly and Steve Guikema, Tom and Colleen O'Rourke, Erin and Justin Allen; and eight grandchildren, Ella, Aidan, Jack, Megan, Danny, Colleen, Maggie, and James Thomas (due July 2011). He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Mary O'Rourke; brother, James O'Rourke; sisters, Marie O'Rourke, Dorothy Rosso, and Jane Gallagher. Tom's warmth will forever shine on your windowpane, A rainbow is certain to follow this rain, The hand of this great man will always be near you, And fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

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JOSEPH W. WILLIS, Jr.

Age 90. March 6, 2011. Preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Louise Willis and his dear son, Joey Willis. Survived by loving daughter Cheryl (Sherry) and Ron Williams. Dearest grandfather of Joe "Buddy" Williams (fiancée Gerri McGow) and Cristin Williams (fiancée Steve Gnagey). Dear brother-in-law of Peggy Smith and Vera Weaver. Dear uncle to several nieces and nephews and great uncle of many. Dearest friend of co-caregiver Mike Camilleri. He was owner of C&J Fasteners for 35 vears. Also he was a lifetime member of Lola Valley Lodge #583 and lifetime member of Eastern Star Kindness Chapter #523. He enjoyed magic, playing cards and collecting many, many things including Santa Clauses and playing cards. Donations may be made to Angela Hospice. Funeral Services were held Wednesday at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home 30200 Five Mile Rd. Interment Grand Lawn Cemetery. www.neely-turowski.com

# ENTERTAINMENT

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# Celebrate St. Paddy's Day with song, dance

O&E STAFF WRITER

St. Patrick's Day is a family affair for Mick Gavin of Redford. The Redford resident and expert fiddler will perform with two sons and a daughter-in-law at the 26th annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest in Westland.

He'll also make sure the audience experiences a family-friendly atmosphere.

"It's not a big booze-up," said Gavin, who claims too many St. Patrick's Day events focus too much on alcohol consumption. "It's cultural. You will see world class Irish musicians performing music that you will find only in Ireland. You will not find that authentic style of music any place else in Michigan unless it's someone on tour.

"We have from babies to 90year-olds. You don't have to be Irish to celebrate the patron saint of the country. We don't have a Mass or service but it's later in the afternoon and kids after school are welcome."

The festival will run from 3 p.m.-midnight Thursday, March 17 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy, east of Newburgh, Westland. Admission is \$10 for adults. Children attend for free.

The family-friendly atmosphere doesn't mean it will be a totally dry event.

"We'll have Guinness of course and Baileys Irish Cream, wine," Gavin said.

Hot dogs, corned beef, pizza and full corned beef dinners round out the menu.

# MUSIC MENU

The musical fare will include local dancers as well as guest musician Sean Gavin, 24, Mick Gavin's son, who just returned from three years on



Musicians will play authentic Irish party music, folk tunes and ballads at St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest in Westland. That's fiddler Mick Gavin of Redford at left, foreground.

the road, touring with Celtic Legends, an Irish music and dance production, plays whistle, flute and pipes. He's also a member of Nicgaviskey, and of the traditional Irish music ensemble Bua.

The show also will include Sean's brother, Michael on

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fiddle, guitar, banjo and vocals; Michael's wife, Colleen Gavin, an All-Ireland champion on flute, whistle and pipes; All-Ireland champions Kelsey Lutz on fiddle, Siobhan McKinney on harp, and Colleen Burke on harp; balladeer Eddie McGlinchey and



Sean Gavin

Mick Gavin on fiddle.

"Sean was enthusiastic about music from day one. When he was 4 years old we'd have to hide our telephone calls about gigs because when he heard me talking on the phone he'd say he'd want to go."

His son was 4 years old when he began playing at house parties with other family members. Two years later he learned to play fiddle from a college student who was staying with the family. Another student taught him flute and work with the uilleann pipe soon followed.

"The uilleann pipe is a bagpipe. It's a Celtic cousin to the Scottish Highland pipes, but



Kelsey Lutz, (left) on fiddle and Siobhan McKinney on harp will perform at the 26th annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest in Westland.

it's much quieter than the big pipes," Gavin said. "The Irish pipe is complicated. There's a bellows and an air bag. You pump the air into the bag with the bellows under one arm, the air bag in the other. Your two elbows work in coordination. The chanter reed is similar to an oboe reed."

# ONLY IRISH

Gavin tried to steer his son into classical as well as Irish music and enrolled him in one-on-one classes with a classical flute teacher when he was 12.

"One day I said Sean you're doing well. But the Irish folk music had taken root in him. He said, 'Dad, I don't want to be a classical flute player. I want to play Irish music."

Gavin said his son and many other young American Irish musicians today pursue the purest forms of Irish music and are "digging deep" into its history.

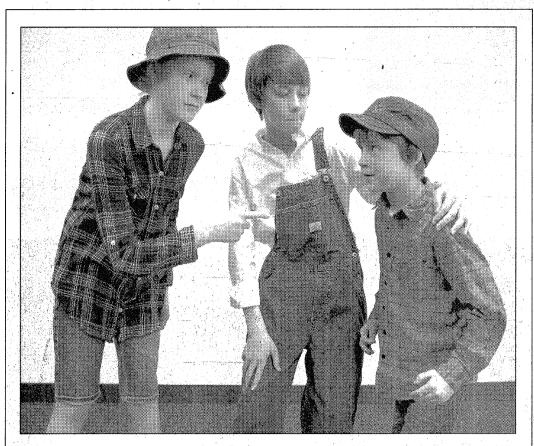
"They're singing songs in

Gaelic."
Gavin, his family and other musicians will perform mostly upbeat party songs, favorite folk tunes and ballads during the show in Westland.

"Most of the people who come to us are family people. They bring their children. I think they like a mixture of music."







Ashlyn McCann (left) is Joe Harper, Brett Moore is Tom Sawyer and Connor Sherman is Billy Fisher in the Spotlight on Youth production of "Tom Sawyer" March 10-14 at the Village Theater in Canton.

# Theater presents Mark Twain collection, story

Fans of Mark Twain and his work will get two reasons to celebrate this weekend.

Spotlight on Youth will present Tom Sawyer Thursday-Sunday March 10-13 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, in Canton.

A collection of Mark Twain memorabilia, owned by Bob Nelson, a Westland resident, also will be displayed in the art exhibition area of the theater during the run of the

"I began by buying three books at the Dawn Treader Book Shop in Ann Arbor, and things just snowballed from there. My collection

currently includes 170 of these items and continues to grow," Nelson stated. "Part of the collection appeared in the companion book to the Mark Twain PBS documentary by Ken Burns. During the spring of 2005, a significant portion of the collection formed a feature museum exhibit.

The play is designed to appeal to all ages and offers action and adventure for young audience members, as well as a good story to keep adults interested. It runs about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours and has an intermission. It's the perfect length of time for small children who can't sit still long.

The cast includes Brett Moore of Plymouth as Tom Sawyer and nearly 40 children from Canton, Plymouth, Belleville, Westland and other local communities.

Curtain is at 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$13-\$15 each, available by calling the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460; online at www. spotlightplayersmi.org or in person at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton or one hour before show time at the the-

# Euchre tournament will award cash prizes

Doors will open at 6 p.m. with registration ending at 7 p.m. and games beginning at 7:15 p.m. The ante is \$20 if pre-registered by Thursday,

The total of the antes collected will be split between the Canton Lions Club and win-

The group also plans to give away an additional \$1,900 in prizes through a raffle ticket sale and a free door prize draw-

Free bar snacks and free pizza slices will be available during the tournament. The for soft drinks, beer, wine and

For more information call yahoo.com.

# ART

City Gallery

Time/Date: Through April 8; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: In the Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills **Details:** Work by Stephen Deeb, head of the art department at North Farmington High School Contact: (248) 473-1856

Northville Art House Time/Date: Through March 26. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-

Location: 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville

**Details**: Beyond The Blueprint: Architects' Other Art, showcases the works of Metro Detroit artistarchitects, including Dennis Michael Jones, a visual artist and educator in Plymouth who continues to balance his architectural work with his

Contact: (248) 344-0497

Village Theater at Cherry Hill Time/Date: Through March 29; gallery hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton **Details:** Pressed flower artwork of Shelley Xie, a self-taught artist and resident of Canton

Contact: (734) 394-5300

# COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale **Details**: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; www. gocomedy.net

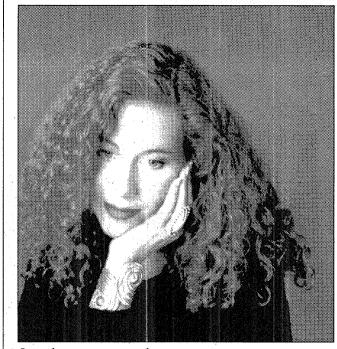
JD's House of Comedy Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield **Details**: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.

ticketmaster.com Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road,

Details: LA Hardy, March 9-12; Mo Mandel, March 16-19; Mark Sweeney, March 23-26; Chili Challis, March 30-

# **GET OUT!**



# **Canton concert**

Jazz singer Kathy Kosins will perform Friday, March 18, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

April 2

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

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Sean Patton, March 10-12; Lowell Sanders, March 17-19; Erik Griffin, March 24-26; Lynne Koplitz, March 31-April 2

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

# **CONCERTS**

The Ark

Time/Date: Corey Harris and the Rasta Blues Experience, March 10; Theo Katzman, March 11; Ellen Jewell, March 12; Blackthorn fundraiser for the American Cancer Action Network, March 13; Peter Karp & Sue Foley as He Said, She Said, March 14; Abigail Stauffer, March 15; Richard Shindell, March 16; Sonya Kitchell, March 17; Scythian, March 18; The Victor Wooten Band & The Clarke Band, March 19; The California Guitar Trio & Fareen Hague, March 20: The Juliets: March 22: Po' Girl & Peter Mulvey, March 23; May Erlewine & Seth Bernard, March 24: The Spring Standards, March 25: NewFound Road, March 26; Madcat, Kane & Maxwell Street, March 27; Steve Poltz, March 28; Dala, March 30; Matt Wertz, March 31 **Location**: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www. theark.org

Barn Theatre

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. March 10-12 Location: Farmington Hills Players' Barn Theatre, 32332 12 Mile in Farmington Hills **Details**: Blackthorn performs Celtic

music; tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for seniors and students Contact: (248) 473-1848

**Baseline Folk Society** 

Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: Eight "Open-Mic" performances plus a featured group perform. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts Contact: (248) 719-3464 or mjmmullen@yahoo.com

**Chamber Music Society of Detroit** Time/Date: Pre-concert talk, 6:45

p.m., concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 26 Location: Seligman Performing Arts

Center, located on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills **Details**: This concert marks the debuts of both cellist Zuill Bailey and pianist Piers Lane in metro Detroit and on the Chamber Music

Society of Detroit series. They'll play music by Mendelssohn, Schumann, Rachmaninoff and Roberto Sierra. Single tickets range from \$43-75; \$25 for students

Contact: (248) 855-6070

# The Canton Lions Club March 10 and \$25 afterward.

will present the Southeast Michigan Euchre Tournament Saturday, March 12 at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

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Linda Obrec at (734) 945-6685 or e-mail questions or new registrations to lionsclubeuchre@

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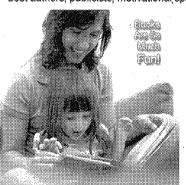
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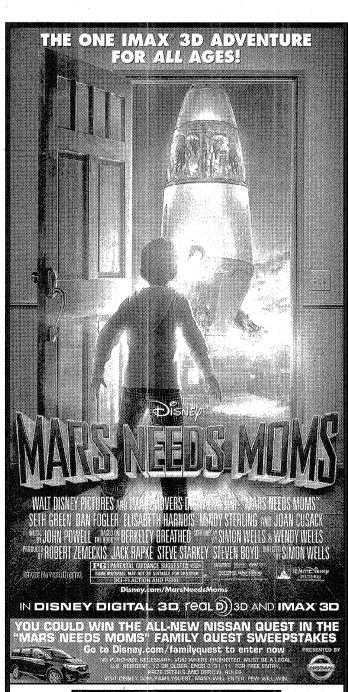
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es, there's a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. It's found in each blade of grass growing in Ireland's lush pastures. Small herds of cows graze freely, and the milk, rich in beta-carotene from the grass, produces butter and cheeses of an exceptionally golden hue. Thousands of years before the Irish discovered potatoes, dairy

cows, milk and butter were being woven into the fabric of Irish society, according to the Cork Butter Museum in Cork City, Ireland. The Cork Butter Exchange, a market created by the merchants of Cork City in 1769, was in its time, the largest butter market in the world, exporting as far away as

Today, dairy products continue to play an important role in Irish cooking. Cooperatives of farmers, creameries and cheesemakers provide delicious Irish butter and cheeses throughout the U.S. under the Kerrygold label.

Here are some iconic recipes from some stars of Irish cooking, using Kerrygold cheeses and butter. To learn more about Kerrygold, and for where-to-buy information, visit www.kerrygold. com/usa.

# ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLE SOUP

Serves 4 to 6

"You can substitute pumpkin, turnip or celeriac for the swede (rutabaga), or just use a mixture - this is a very flexible recipe.

- Neven Maguire, chef/owner of the renowned MacNean House and Restaurant in Blacklion, County Cavan, Ireland; popular TV cooking star and cookbook author

1 small swede (rutabaga) cut into cubes

2 carrots, cut into cubes

Europe and America.

1 parsnip, cut into cubes

3 tablespoons olive oil

4 tablespoons (1/4 cup) Kerrygold Irish Butter

1 onion, finely chopped 2 celery stalks, finely chopped

1 garlic clove, crushed

1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme

1 quart (4 cups) vegetable stock ½ cup single cream (or substitute half and half)

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 400°F. Place swede, carrots and parsnip on baking sheet and drizzle with 2 tablespoons olive oil. Season generously and roast for 25 to 30 minutes until golden brown and tender, shaking baking sheet occasionally to ensure

even cooking. Meanwhile, heat remaining tablespoon olive oil and butter in large heavy-based pot, and add onion, celery, garlic and thyme. Cook for 4 to 5 minutes until softened but not browned, stirring occasionally.

Add roasted root vegetables to pan and then pour in stock. Bring gently to boil, then reduce heat, cover and simmer for 25 to 30 minutes until completely tender, stirring occasionally. Purée with a hand blender until completely smooth.

To serve, stir cream into soup. Gently heat through and season to taste, then ladle into warmed bowls.

Note: You don't have to add the cream if you're watching the calories, but you might need a little extra stock to thin the soup.

# **CHEESE TOASTIES**

Serves 4 to 6

4 tablespoons (1/4 cup) Kerrygold Irish Butter

8 slices firm, country-style white bread

1 package (7 ounces) Kerrygold Dubliner Cheese, grated 1 tablespoon snipped fresh chives

Salt and freshly ground black Pepper

Butter bread and arrange cheese over half of the slices, buttered side down. Sprinkle with chives and cover with remaining slices, buttered

Preheat a griddle or large non-stick frying pan and cook sandwiches two at a time 2 minutes each side until golden brown and cheese has melted. Keep hot.

To serve, cut the cheese toasts into fingers.



Brown Soda Bread, Roasted Root Vegetable Soup and Cheese Toasties.



Rhubarb Crumble.

# **Brown Soda Bread**

Makes 2 loaves

"This is an all-purpose and relatively foolproof recipe based on several I collected while researching 'The Country Cooking

- author Colman Andrews, whose Irish cookbook won the 2010 James Beard Foundation award for Best International Cookbook and Cookbook of the Year

3½ cups stone-ground whole wheat flour, preferably Irish or Irish-style

1½ cups unbleached white flour, preferably Irish, or pastry flour, plus more for

¾ teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon softened Kerrygold Irish Butter, plus more for greasing

1¾ to 2 cups room-temperature But-

Preheat oven to 375°F. Mix wheat flour, white flour, baking soda and salt together in a medium bowl. Work butter into mixture with your

Form a well in the middle of flour mixture and pour buttermilk into the well. Form your hand into a rigid claw and stir dough slowly but steadily in a spiral motion, starting in the middle and working outwards. Dough should be soft but not too wet or sticky. (Start with  $1\frac{3}{4}$ cups buttermilk, gradually adding, if necessary, to achieve the right consistency.)

Turn dough out onto a floured board. Flour your hands lightly, then shape dough into a flat rectangle about 2 inches high. Cut dough in half lengthwise with a wet knife, then gently push each half into a lightly greased glass or foil loaf pan. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until the tops of the loaves are nicely browned.

Serve this bread with plenty of Kerrygold Irish Butter.

# **DUBLINER SHEPHERD'S PIE**

Dubliner Shepherd's Pie.

Makes 4 to 6 servings

"Our family loves a hearty shepherd's pie after a long day working on the farm. Because our cows produce milk to make Kerrygold Dubliner Cheese, we like to add some shredded Dubliner to the

- Donal Murphy, Kerrygold dairy farmer, Bandon, County Cork, Ireland

Potato Topping:

1¼ pounds russet potatoes, peeled and cubed

2 tablespoons Kerrygold Irish Butter

⅓ cup milk

Trup shredded Kerrygold Dubliner Cheese

½ teaspoon salt Filling:

1 pound lean ground beef

2 tablespoons Kerrygold Irish Butter

1 medium onion, chopped

4 small carrots, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick 2 tablespoons flour

¾ cup Guinness Stout

34 cup beef stock

1 teaspoon dried thyme

½ teaspoon salt ½ cup frozen peas, thawed

Preheat oven to 375°F and lightly butter an 11- x 7-inch baking dish. Cook

potatoes in boiling water for 15 minutes or until very tender; drain well. Mash with butter and milk until smooth, then stir in cheese and salt and set aside. Crumble beef into a medium skillet

and cook until no longer pink; remove from skillet and set aside. In same skillet, melt butter. Add onion and carrots; cook for 10 minutes over medium heat to soften, stirring occasionally. Stir in flour and cook for 1 minute more. Add Guinness, stock, thyme and salt;

cook and stir until mixture is slightly thickened then stir in peas and cooked beef. Spoon into prepared baking dish then spread potato mixture over the top. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until top is lightly browned.

# RHUBARB CRUMBLE

"Crumbles are the ultimate comfort food. Vary the fruit according to the season." - Darina Allen, founder of the world-famous Ballymaloe Cookery School in Shanagarry, County

1½ pounds rhubarb, cut in ½-inch slices ½ cup sugar Crumble:

4 tablespoons (1/4 cup) Kerrygold Irish But-4 ounces (scant 1 cup) white flour, preferably

unbleached ¼ cup superfine sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. In bowl, mix filling ingredients; turn into a 1-quart (4 cups) capacity pie dish.

Rub butter into flour just until mix-

ture resembles coarse breadcrumbs, then stir in sugar.

Sprinkle this mixture over rhubarb in the pie dish. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes until topping is cooked and golden. Serve with whipped cream and soft brown sugar, or try stirring a little Amaretto into your cream.

Recipe adapted from the "Ballymaloe Cookery Course Book" published by Kyle Cathie.

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# Red Cross: Be prepared for a power outage

Preparing for a power outage is important any time of year, but especially in colder weather. The American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter offers these tips on preparing for a power outage

To help preserve your good, keep the following supplies in your home:

One or more coolers — inexpensive Styrofoam coolers work well.

•Ice — Surrounding your food with ice in a cooler or in the refrigerator will keep food colder for a longer period of time during a prolonged power

•A digital quick-response thermometer — With these thermometers you can quickly check the internal temperatures of food to ensure they are cold enough to use safely.

The American Red Cross recommends you put together an emergency preparedness kit with these supplies in case of a prolonged or widespread power outage.

•Water — one gallon per person, per day (three-day supply for evacuation, two-weekly supply for home).

•Food — nonperishable, easy-toprepare items (three-day supply for evacuation, two-week supply for

•Flashlight — Do not use candles during a power outage due to the extreme risk of fire.

•Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if pos-

- •Extra batteries.
- •First aid kit.
- Medications (seven-day supply) and medical items.
- •Multipurpose tool.
- ·Sanitation and personal hygiene

 Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, deed/lease to home, birth certificates, insurance policies).

 Cell phone with chargers. •Family and emergency contact

information. Extra cash.

•If someone in your home is dependent on electric-powered, life-sustaining equipment, remember to include backup power in your evacuation plan.

•Keep a noncordless telephone in your home. It is likely to work even when the power is out.

•Keep your car's gas tank full.

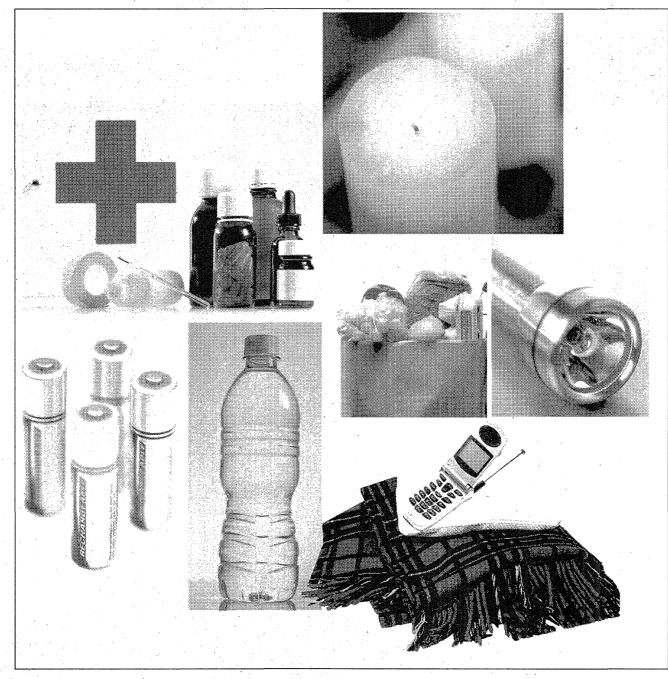
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Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. First use perishable food from the refrigerator.



An unopened refrigerator will keep foods cold for about four hours.

Then use food from the freezer. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed. Use your nonperishable foods and

staples after using food from the refrigerator and freezer.

If it looks like the power outage will continue beyond a day, prepare a cooler with ice for your freezer items.

Keep food in a dry, cool spot and keep it covered at all times.

# **ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT**

Turn off and unplug all unnecessary

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electrical equipment, including sensitive electronics.

Turn off or disconnect any appliances (like stoves), equipment or electronics you were using when the power went out. When power comes back on, surges or spikes can damage equip-

Leave one light turned on so you'll know when the power comes back on.

Eliminate unnecessary travel, especially by car. Traffic lights will be out and roads will be congested.

# SAFE GENERATOR USE

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When using a portable generator, connect the equipment you want to

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power directly to the outlets on the generator. Do not connect a portable generator to a home's electrical sys-

If you are considering getting a generator, get advice from a professional, such as an electrician. Make sure that the generator you buy is rated for the power that you think you

Additional information on power outage safety can be found on the local Red Cross website, semredcross. org, including what to do when power comes back on. Throwing out unsafe food and avoiding carbon monoxide dangers are both key.

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# aware of insurance needs

Q: Does the Michigan Condominium Act have any requirements for insurance in the documents?

A: Although the statute does not specifically require any insurance, the bylaws certainly should and can maintain



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provisions for insuring the association and/or owners against risks affecting the project. It is generally recommended by our firm

that the association have the best directors and officers liability insurance as well as, of course, liability insurance covering all potential exposure to the association. It is also important that you retain a knowledgeable community association insurance agent to help you with your insurance needs. Q: Before hiring a contractor to do any work at a community association's facilities, why should the association make sure that the contractor is covered by an insurance policy that also protects the association?

A: It is not uncommon for property to be damaged or someone to be injured during installation or renovation of projects. Such damage or injury could result in a lawsuit not only against the contractor, but against the association, board of directors and manager. To protect themselves against any lawsuit, a manager should be sure to get a copy of the contractor's insurance policy before work starts.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates. com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

# HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 22-24, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales

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	777 Kensington Ln	\$720,000
	1351 Kirkway Rd	\$650,000
	2755 Lamplighter Ln	\$210,000
4	3707 Lincoln Rd	\$138,000
	4731 Pickering Rd	\$172,000
	4113 Telegraph Rd	\$25,000
	1050 Trailwood Path # A	\$69,000
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# Oakland Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland will meet 5:30/9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile in Madison Heights. Greg Pinneo will speak on how to capitalize on current economic conditions using private and seller financing. He has been a real estate entrepreneur for 33 years. Seminar free to members,

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For information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

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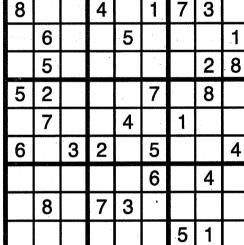
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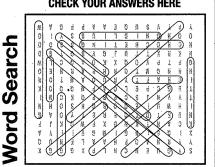
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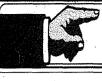
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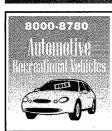
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