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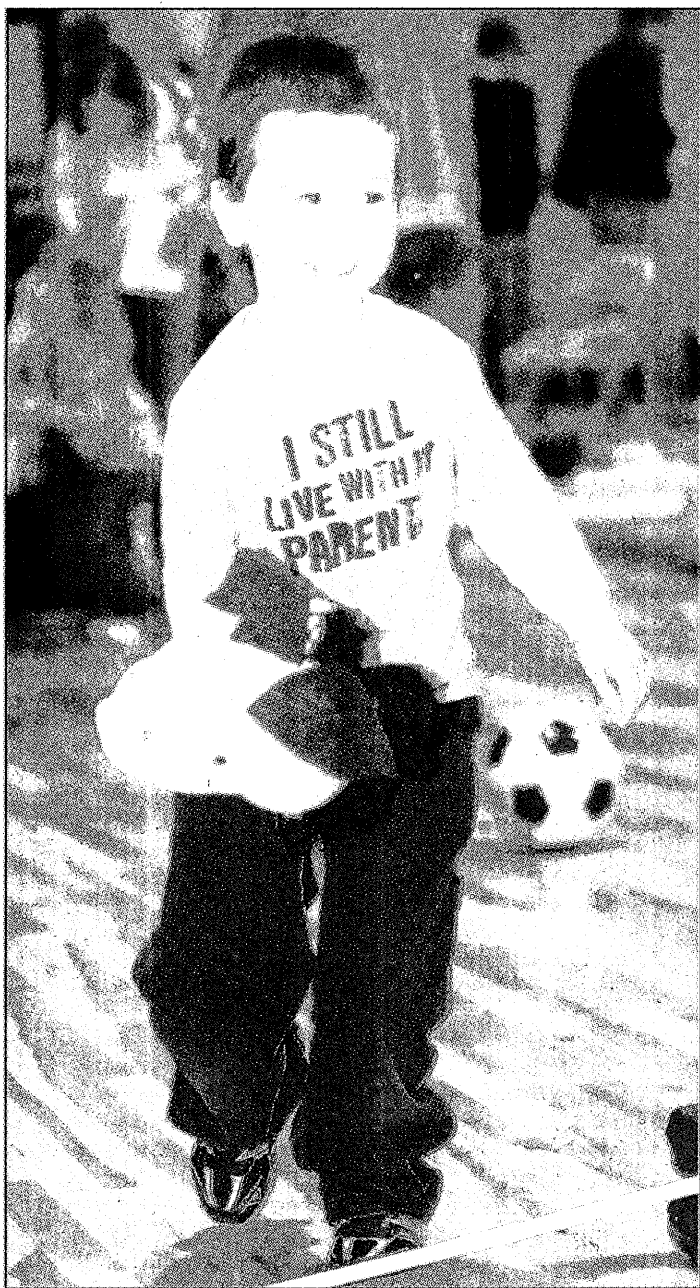
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Nick Norton rides his pony in the Toddler Tot event.



It took Miani Hodges two shovels to dig 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 Safari.

"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" 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 labor-intensive 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 mat.

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



Alainna Garrett stands on the steps to receive her Olympic medal.



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

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 the athletes to get them ready to tug.

GOOD TRAINING

Beside him, Rick Ruhland was helping the little ones

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.

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."



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



Caitlin Cosahatt 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.

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 gears."

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 area.

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.

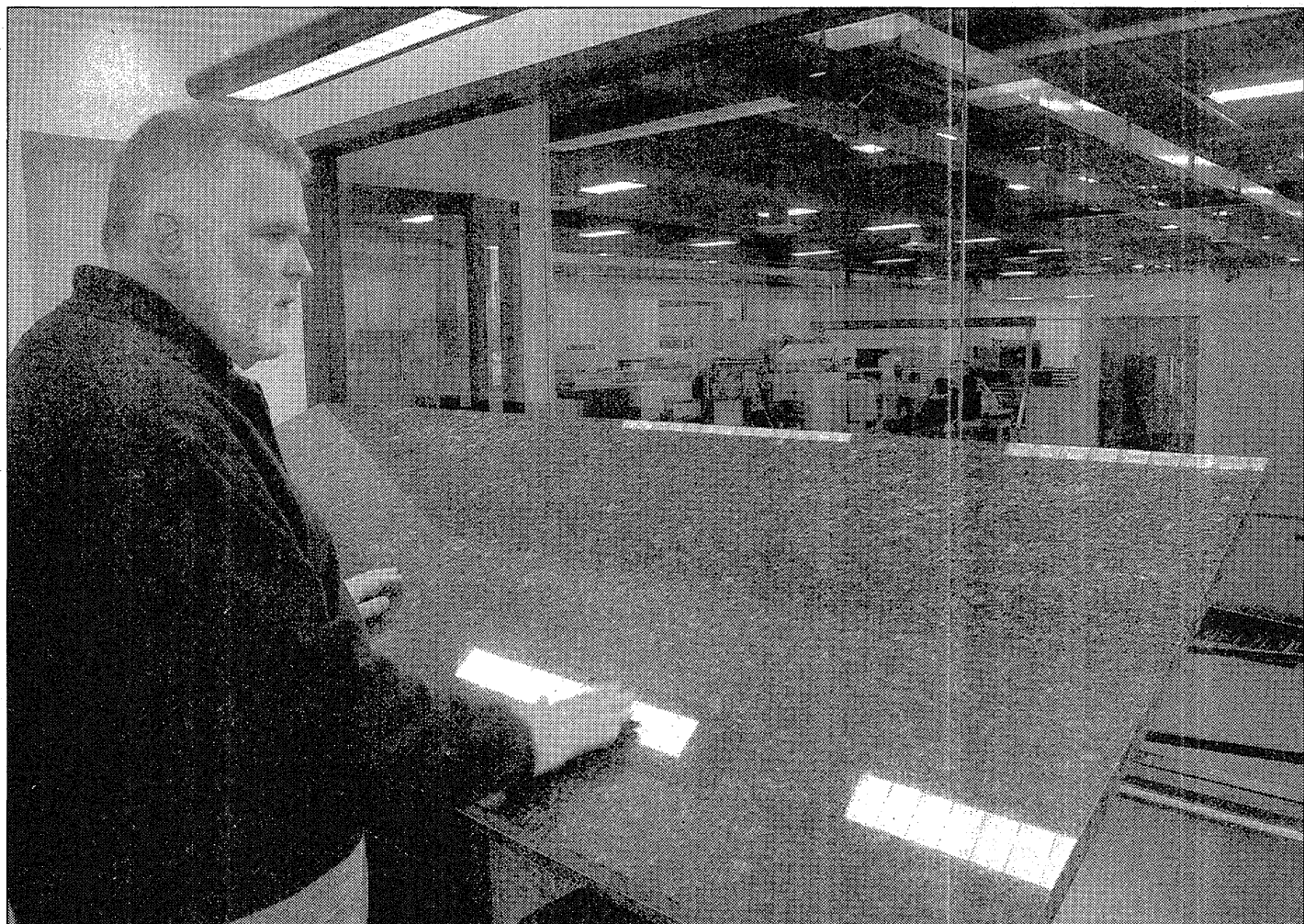
The tax breaks are expected to help the company create nearly 50 new jobs.

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 30,000-pound 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. Mid-century 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



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

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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 lab-

oratories. 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 compa-

ny'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 archi-

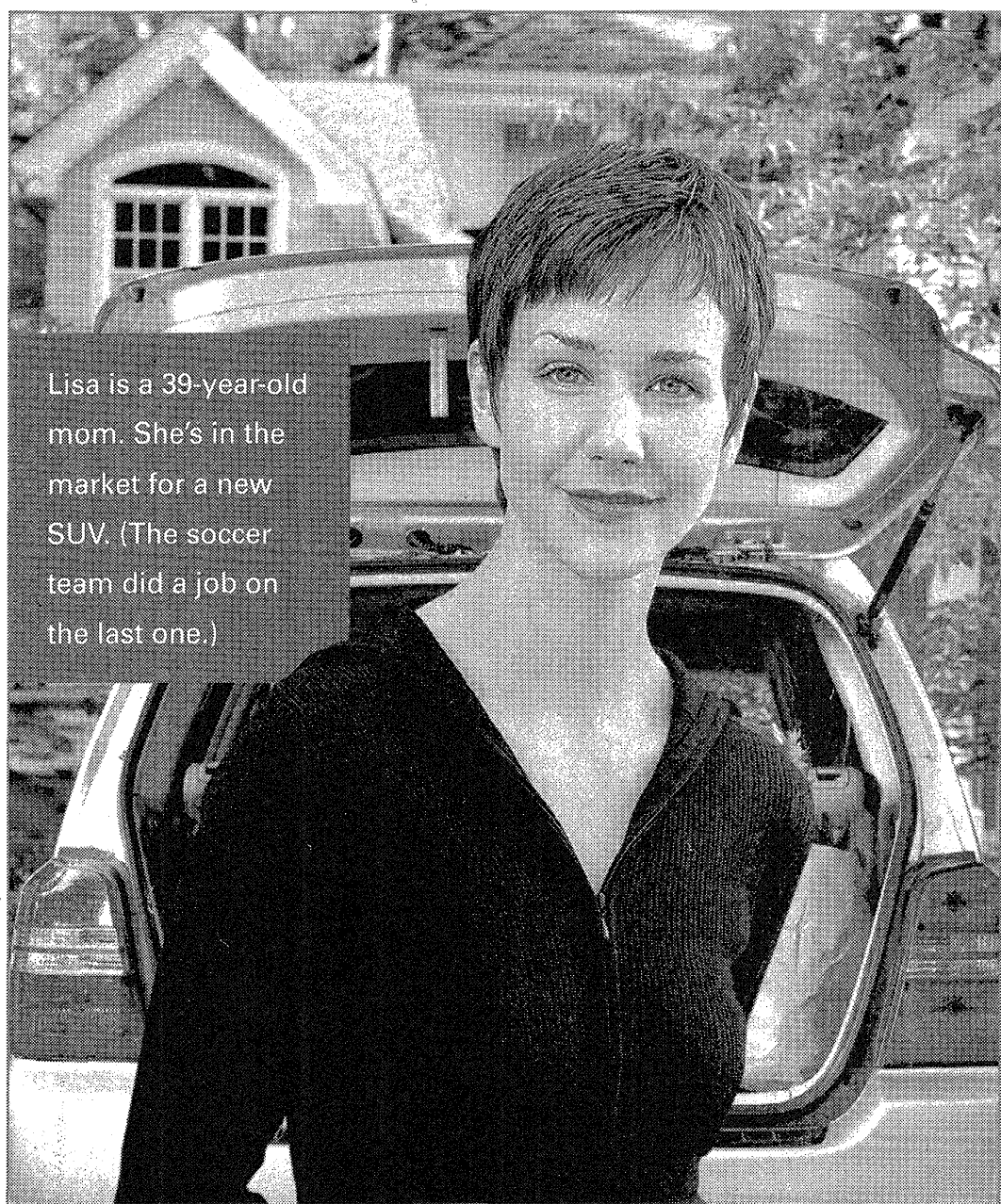
tectural theme, Sakuta said. "We think it plays off of the machinery," Sakuta said.

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 fair."

"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 taxes."



Lisa is a 39-year-old mom. She's in the market for a new SUV. (The soccer team did a job on the last one.)

Do you know what drives Lisa?

(We do.)

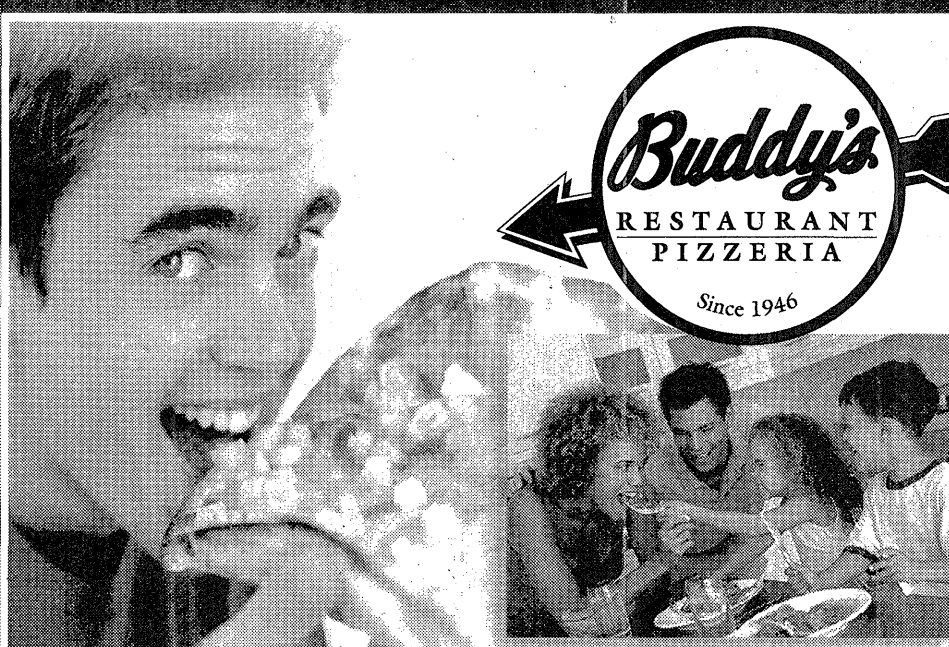
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OUR VIEWS

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 Pogor,
Westland

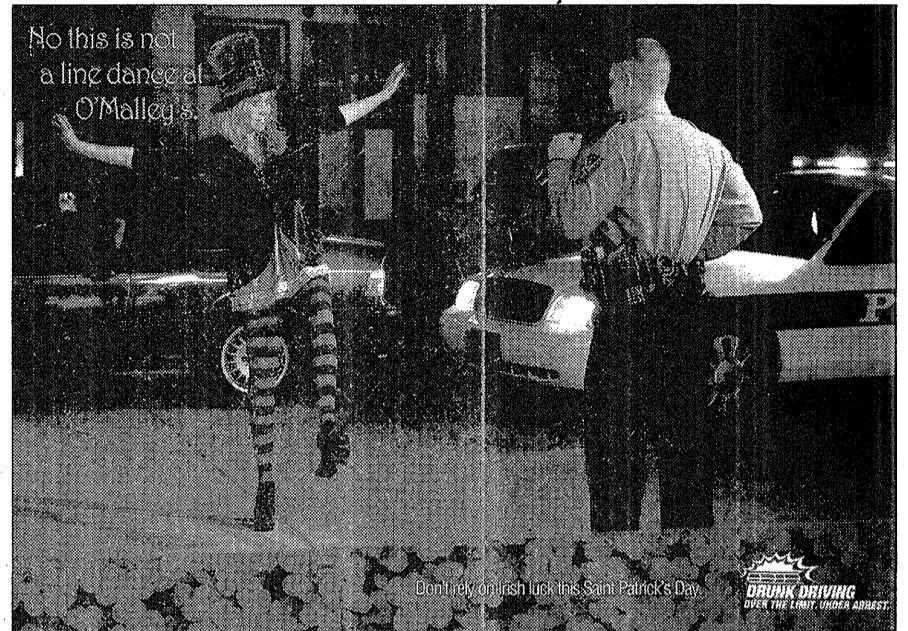
Don't tax pensions

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 retirees 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 others.

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.

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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.

Don Gould
Livonia

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. Capitol.

Tom Gibson
Livonia

GUEST COLUMNS

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

On Feb. 17, Gov. Rick Snyder released his new State Education Funding Act (formally known as the School Aid

Fund) budget proposal to the Michigan Legislature. The news could not have been more devastating for K-12 public education and the students of the Wayne-Westland school district.

Since 1994, local districts have been dependent upon the state for per pupil funding. At that time, with the implementation of Proposal A, K-12 funding was dramatically altered. School districts lost the right to raise revenue in exchange for a

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 prosperity.

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 year.

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

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

ment must find ways to tighten its financial belt. However, it is important that when they make these tough decisions, they need to maintain and improve 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 effects:

- New emergency response vehicles allowing faster and better response from our first responders.
- 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 assistance 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 system.

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 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

reduced, Congress must not just cut without regard to the merits of each program. Reducing or eliminating CDBG will slow the economic recovery.

I urge our Michigan delegation in Washington to speak up in favor of continuing to fund the highly successful CDBG program to continue to protect our cities and communities. Cutting or eliminating CDBG is bad for our struggling economy. It's a losing proposition.

William R. Wild is the mayor of the City of Westland. He can be reached at mayor@cityofwestland.com or by calling (734) 467-3200.



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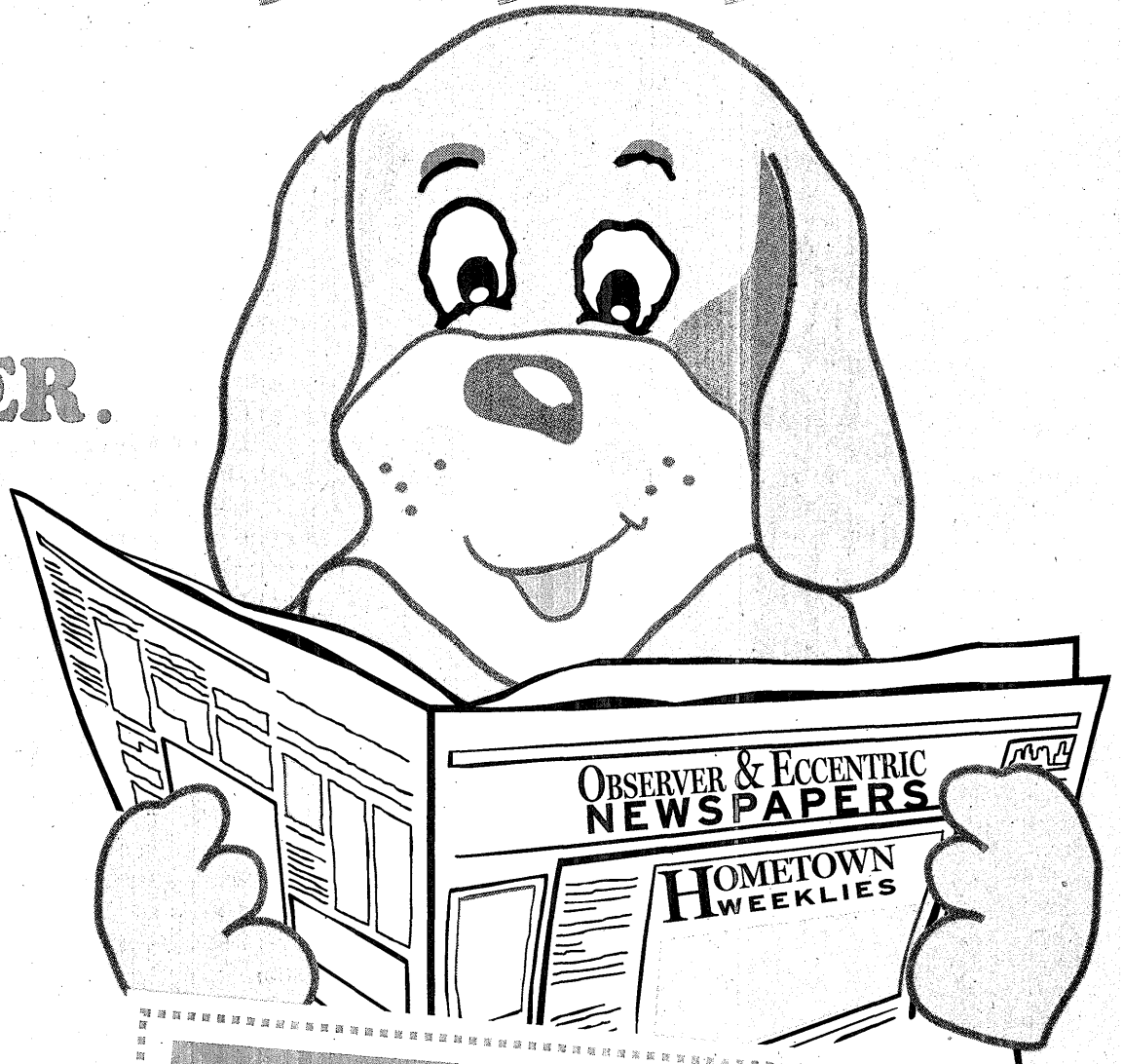
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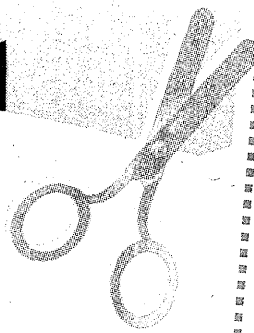
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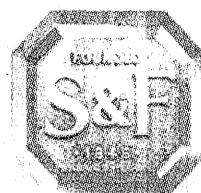


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Ice-cold Blazers fall to King in regional semifinal

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 its 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 day.

"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

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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-strikeout 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 (Ill.), 7-1; Rockhurst (Mo.), 10-0; and Calumet of St. Joseph (Ind.), 14-6.

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 Raiko (.538), Minch (.464) and Tara LaMilza (.379).

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 innings.

Taylor All-GLIAC

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

team in women's basketball. The 5-foot-9 Taylor has 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 (Mo.).

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 (4.6).

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 20-point 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 American 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.

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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.

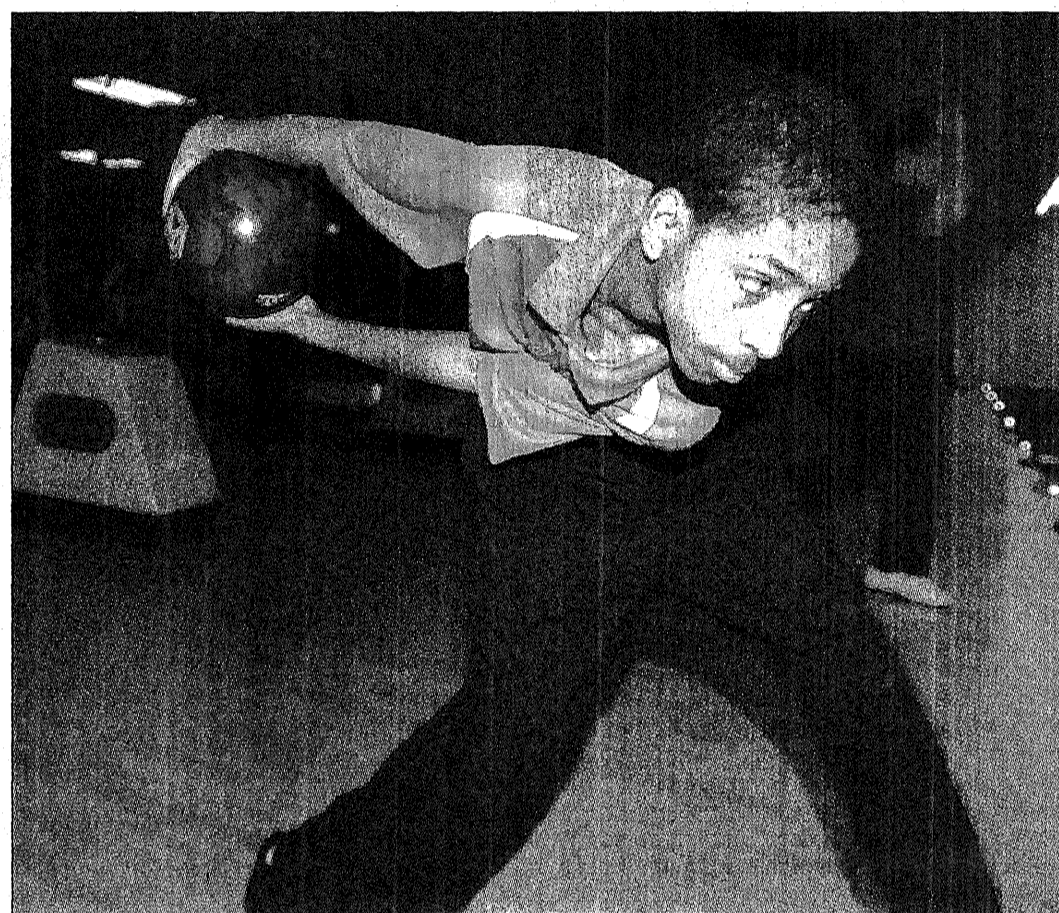
Hornes did it against some very familiar foes capped a 452-371 triumph in the championship final over Salem's Ryan Clark, a close friend and rival in the KLAAs Central Division.

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 you have to do to win," Hornes 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



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

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

that I would win the next day," 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,"

Brusseau said. "With that bad shot he showed his one weakness — 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

still stand by that. Jordan has 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 six-game morning qualifying block advanced to the afternoon match play finals.

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Upset bid goes awry for Glenn

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There was stunned silence afterwards in Westland John Glenn's locker room following Monday's heartbreaking 62-60 loss to Inkster in the opening round of one of 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 advantage.

"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. I don't know what to say. My guys deserved it."

Inkster, 19-2 overall, averted the upset bid with 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 deadlock.

That came after Glenn

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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 sophomore Kyle Gillies

(103) both earned a fourth-place finish.

Meanwhile, Livonia Churchill senior Jake Meadows (119) and Wayne Memorial junior Dimitrus Renfro (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-winner.

"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."



DIANE ESTES

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 good," Otto said. "You have to give them a lot of credit. We 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 Milks.

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 Brandon Mackellar and Benjamin Silvers.

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Pats stave off late Churchill run

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 half-time, 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 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



THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Franklin guard Tyrone Rayford takes the ball to the basket against Churchill defender Troy Bogenschutz in Monday's Class A district opener.

seven attempts.

But the Patriots did a good job defending the 6-foot-1 senior forward.

The ball ultimately wound up in the hands of 6-4 senior Troy Bogenschutz, who got a wide-open look from the top of the key, but his shot glanced off as time expired.

"They were all over Stephen at the end," Solak said. "The guy defending on the ball backed off into the passing

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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Lady Ocelots denied by Delta in District H, 49-42

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

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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 two-on-ones, three-on-tvos 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 game.

"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 game-winning 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' game-high 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 one, 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.

"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 that."

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-by-game 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 this. When the ball goes up, 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 Stegal.

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 stayed 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 (Stegal) 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," Shepherd said. "Don't take 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 graduating 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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anybody's game."

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

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 three-point 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 12-of-18 from the foul line (66.6 percent).

"It was a good win for us," Winfield said. "Two teams that played hard and we're just lucky to come out with the win."

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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PCA's Jipping does in Warriors

BY TIM SMITH
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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 PCA.

"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 difference."

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

"I thought we took away at least his initial move to the basket," Haller said. "What hurt us was a few times he was able to get an offensive 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.

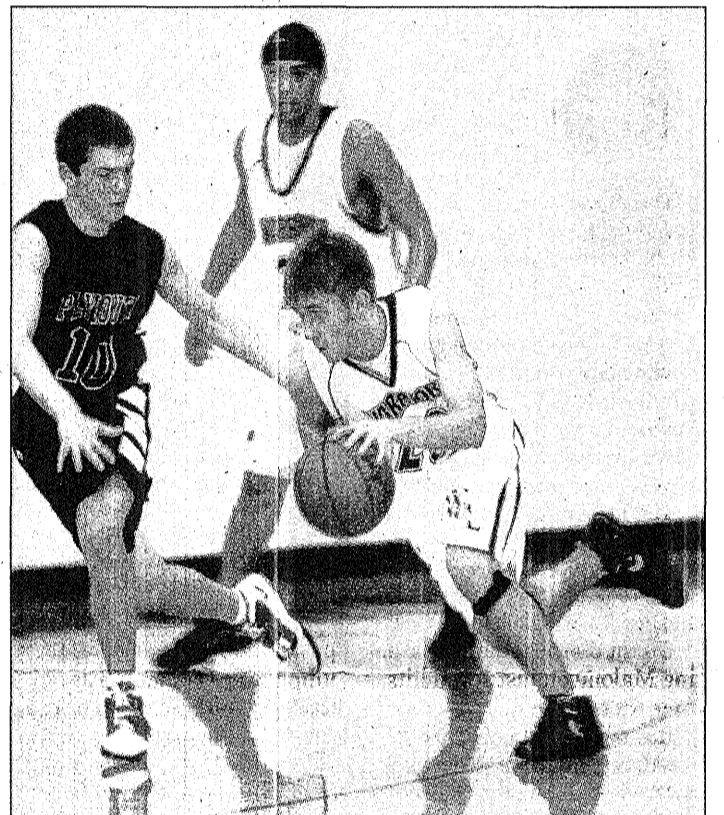
The Warriors paid extra attention to Jipping and also forced a spate of early PCA turnovers.

"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 him."

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' Derrick 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.

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 James Walker.

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 set.

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

BOYS BASKETBALL
MHSAA DISTRICT DRAWS
CLASS A
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regional Monday, March 14 vs. Cass Tech district champion.)
CLASS B
at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Friday, March 11: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the New Boston Huron

regional Monday, March 14 vs.
BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
MHSAA FINALS
Friday-Saturday, March 11-12
Division 1 at Oakland University, noon.

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 to a pair of Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Bantam-age division tournaments.

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

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 Ontonogan/Ironwood (District 8).

In Bantam AA, the four-time 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 (at-large 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 ljarnell@livoniahockey.org.

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Livonia gymnasts eye finals in Grand Rapids

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Grand Rapids is the final destination for area high school girls gymnasts this weekend as the MHSAA team 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

Livonia Blue (137.475). Rounding out the top 10 regional finishers were: Saline (136.700), Northville (133.925), Plymouth (133.150), Livonia Red (132.775), Adrian (132.725) and Dearborn Edsel Ford (121.775).

Livonia Blue's Alex Kitz, however, is Grand Rapids-bound 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 Tylor Green of Davison, the top qualifier from the qualifying block, 413-332, in the same round.

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 266.

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 Jasinoski 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 Mazel of New Baltimore Anchor Bay defeated Morneau, 298-282.

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 Adamic, who laced three hits and an RBI, and Victor Barron, who contributed a 2-run single.

On Monday at South Mountain Community College in Phoenix, the Crusaders dropped both ends of a twin-bill 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 outthit Nazarene, 14-2, in the night-cap, 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 the loss.

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 Wesleyan. 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 complete-game 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

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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-

WRESTLING

FROM PAGE B1

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

champions do. He left everything on the mat. A coach can't ask for much more than that. I am confident that he will 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 next season. I'm fired up for November already."

Meadows finished the year at 48-7 after wrestling six times at The Palace.

"Although he did not place as high as he wanted to, he wrestled 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 all-state 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 never-quit attitude we strive to instill in our program," Gaffke said. "Throughout his career he has battled injuries and adversity without flinching. He was an

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."

363. 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 5-foot-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 Eric, 49.

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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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):

decided Eddie Schlickemeyer (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.

Schlickemeyer (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 record: 51-14.

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 Township L'Anse Creuse), 9-7 (overtime); p. Cody Korpus (Salem), 2-59; dec. by Eric Rybars (New Baltimore Anchor Bay), 6-2; dec. by Matthew Miller (Davison), 6-1. Final record: 48-7.

Gabe Martinez, Jr., 119, Franklin: dec. Chris Bohacek (L'Anse Creuse), 6-4; dec. by Alex Molloy (Southgate), 8-3; lost by major dec. to Keith Boldt (Hartland), 10-2. Final record: 55-10.

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),

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 Raiston (Oxford), 12-4; dec. Cody Devoe (Rochester), 6-5 (overtime); dec. by Brandon Hill (Brighton), 3-2. Final record: 52-6.

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 Renfro, 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.

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

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

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HOCKEY

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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 job."

"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

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 camp."

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.

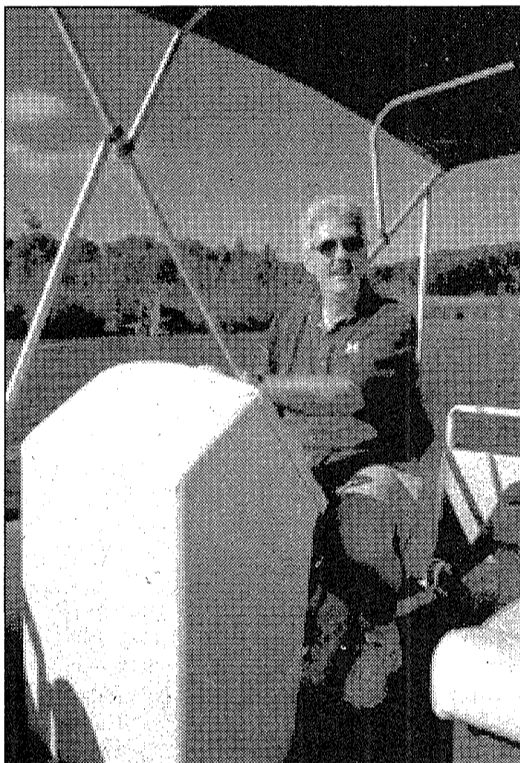
The church is the oldest structure on the Detroit Riverfront and was moved 880 feet east in 1954 to make way for a new civic center.

"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."

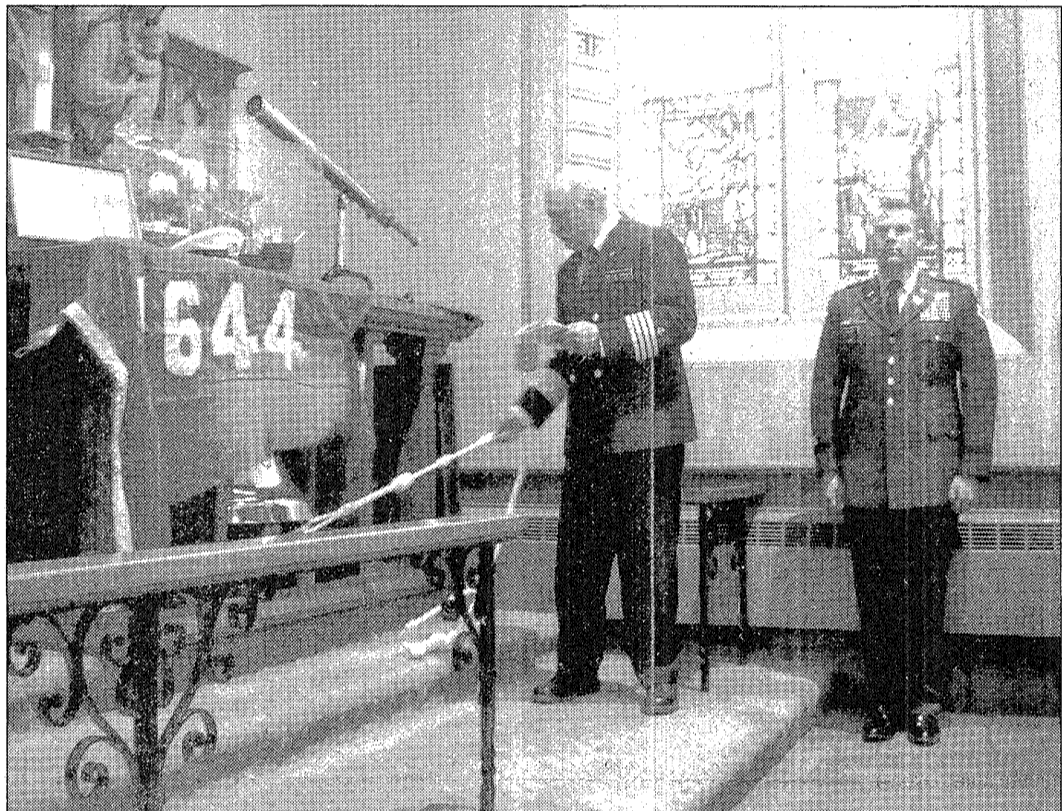
Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Free parking is available in the Ford Auditorium garage.



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. service, 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, Ill., 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 walk-ins 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 10
Location: St. Michael the Archangel church, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
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 Club
Contact: (734) 425-4421

CD signing

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 at (248) 476-7933 for other questions

MARCH 31-APRIL 6

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 cstcharles@stfabian.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 pastortscott@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 Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491
New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., 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-Friday
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
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

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 in need
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 Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursdays, MOPNext. Both programs run through May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
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 MOPNext
Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Wagner 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
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

Singles
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 is \$5
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

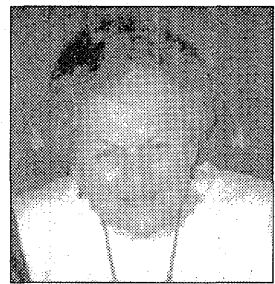
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling
Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

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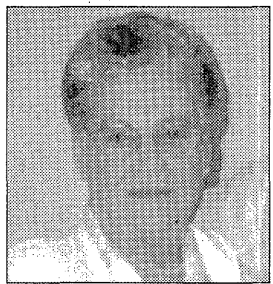
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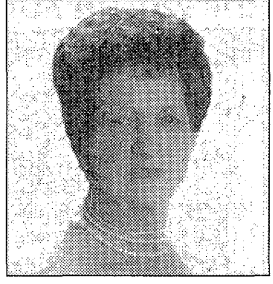
FLORENCE E. CLIXBY
 Age 93, lifelong resident of Canton, passed away on March 8, 2011. Only child of William and Annie Avery. Retired cafeteria worker for the Wayne School District. Beloved wife of the late Robert T. Loving mother of Judith Cannon. Proud grandmother of James Thomas Cannon, Barbara A. (Brian) Reis and Lydia Hackett. Great-grandmother 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.



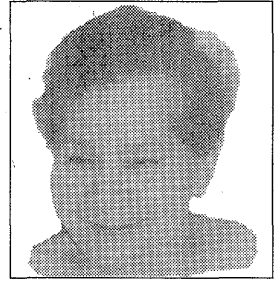
DOROTHY M. KOLODZIEJCZAK
 Age 85, March 5, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Anthony for 54 years. Loving mother of Anthony (Sharon), Ramona (George) Barnum, Thomas (Sharon), Charles (Donna), Betty (Dennis) Grim, Patrick (Cary), and Michael (Cherie) Kolodziejczak. Cherished grandmother of 24; great-grandmother 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



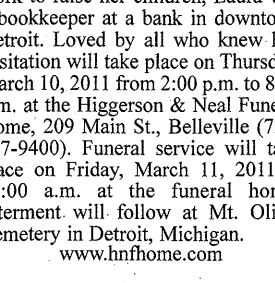
THOMAS PATRICK O'ROURKE
 Age 75, died peacefully on March 7, 2011, with his family by his side. Visitation will be on Thursday, March 10 from 4-9 p.m. and Friday, March 11 from 2-9 p.m. at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Funeral mass will be at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 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 graduating from St. Cecilia in 1954. 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 camaraderie 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.



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.



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 Curt singer, had two children, the late Jerry Curt singer and Karen Curt singer. 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 Higginson & 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. www.hnfhome.com



LYNN A. HALL
 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

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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 years. 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

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Celebrate St. Paddy's Day with song, dance

BY SHARON DARGAY
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 90-year-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 Niegaviskey, and of the traditional Irish music ensemble Bua.

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

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; baladeer Eddie McGlinchey and



Sean Gavin



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

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

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."

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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."

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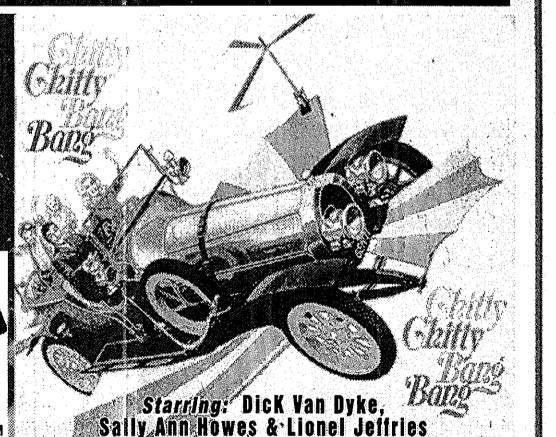
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Ashlyn McCann (left) is Joe Harper, Brett Moore is Tom Sawyer and Connor Sherman is Billy Fisher in the Spotlight on Youth production of "Tom Sawyer" March 10-14 at the Village Theater in Canton.

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 play.

"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 1½ 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 theater.

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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-Saturday

Location: 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville

Details: Beyond The Blueprint: Architects' Other Art, showcases the works of Metro Detroit artist-architects, including Dennis Michael Jones, a visual artist and educator in Plymouth who continues to balance his architectural work with his art

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, Livonia

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 Haque, 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

Euchre tournament will award cash prizes

The Canton Lions Club will present the Southeast Michigan Euchre Tournament Saturday, March 12 at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

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,

March 10 and \$25 afterward. Walk-ins are welcome.

The total of the antes collected will be split between the Canton Lions Club and winning players.

The group also plans to give away an additional \$1,900 in prizes through a raffle ticket sale and a free door prize drawing.

Free bar snacks and free pizza slices will be available during the tournament. The cash bar will feature low prices for soft drinks, beer, wine and cocktails.

For more information call Linda Obrec at (734) 945-6685 or e-mail questions or new registrations to lionsclub euchre@yahoo.com.

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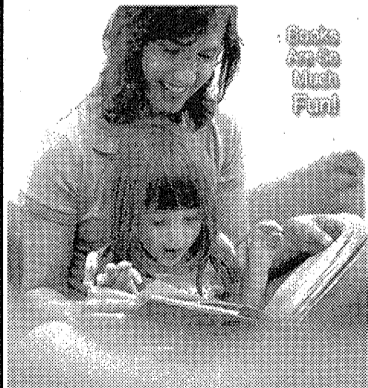
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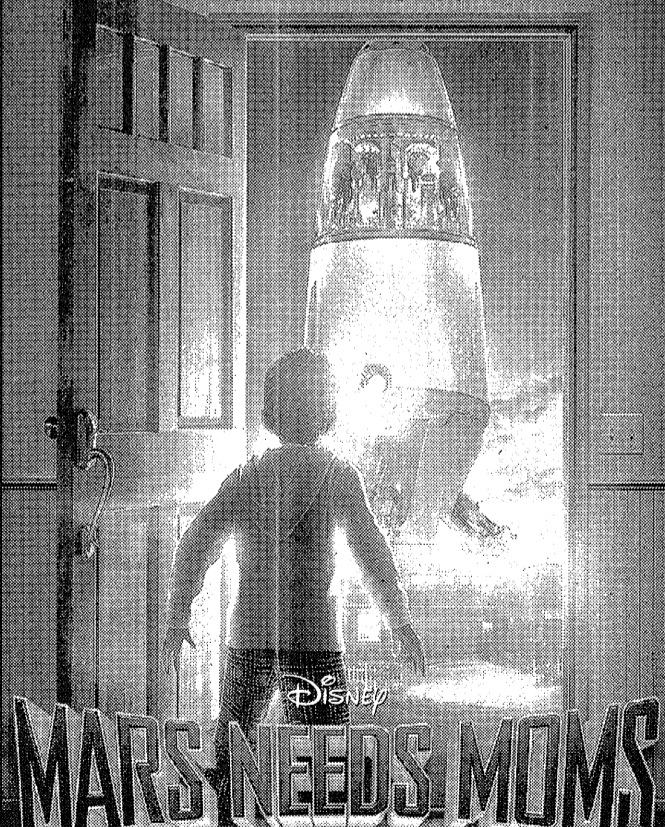


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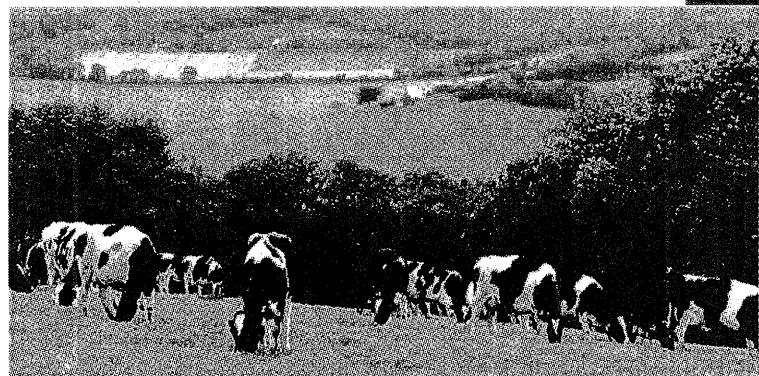
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Thousands of years before the Irish discovered potatoes, dairy cows, milk and butter were being woven into the fabric of Irish society, according to the Cork Butter Museum in Cork City, Ireland. The Cork Butter Exchange, a market created by the merchants of Cork City in 1769, was in its time, the largest butter market in the world, exporting as far away as Europe and America.

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 MacNeen 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
- 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
- 1/2 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

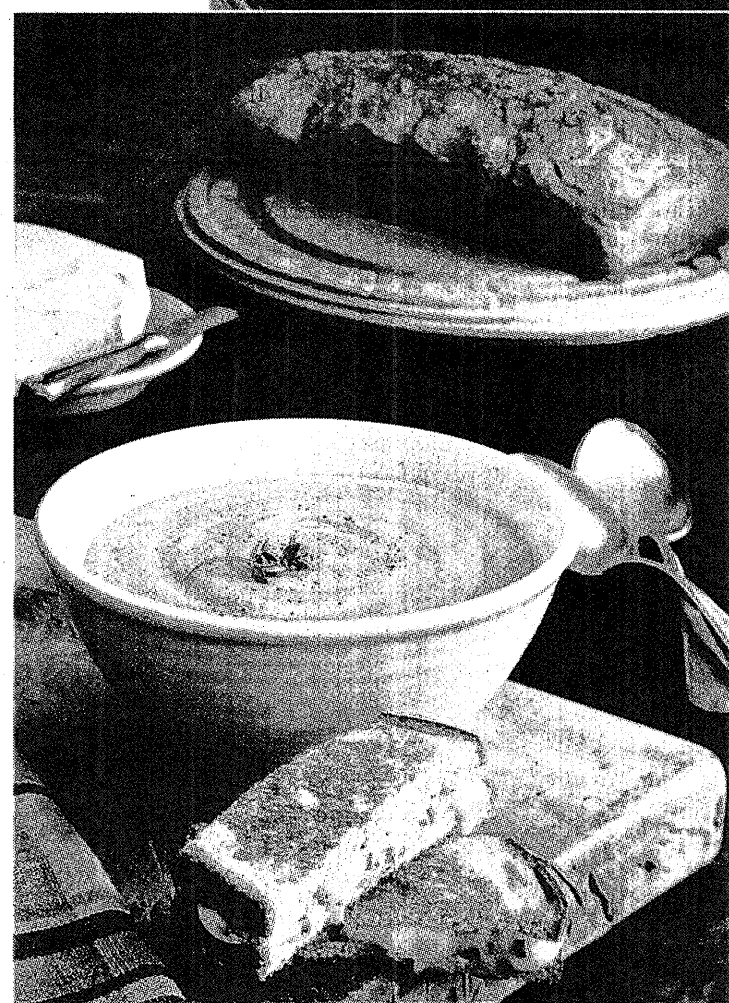
Serves 4 to 6

- 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 side up.

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.



Dubliner Shepherd's Pie.

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 of Ireland.'"

- author Colman Andrews, whose Irish cookbook won the 2010 James Beard Foundation award for Best International Cookbook and Cookbook of the Year

- 3 1/2 cups stone-ground whole wheat flour, preferably Irish or Irish-style

- 1 1/2 cups unbleached white flour, preferably Irish, or pastry flour, plus more for dusting

- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt

- 1 teaspoon softened Kerrygold Irish Butter, plus more for greasing

- 1 1/4 to 2 cups room-temperature Buttermilk

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 fingers.

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 1/2 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

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 potato crust."

- Donal Murphy, Kerrygold dairy farmer, Bandon, County Cork, Ireland

Potato Topping:

- 1 1/2 pounds russet potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 tablespoons Kerrygold Irish Butter
- 1/2 cup milk

- 1 cup shredded Kerrygold Dubliner Cheese
- 1/2 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
- 1/4 cup Guinness Stout
- 1/4 cup beef stock
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 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

Serves 6

"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 Cork, Ireland

- Filling:
- 1 1/2 pounds rhubarb, cut in 1/2-inch slices
- 1/2 cup sugar

Crumble:

- 4 tablespoons (1/4 cup) Kerrygold Irish Butter
- 4 ounces (scant 1 cup) white flour, preferably unbleached
- 1/2 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 mixture 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 outage.

•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-to-prepare items (three-day supply for evacuation, two-week supply for home).

•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 possible).

•Extra batteries.

•First aid kit.

•Medications (seven-day supply) and medical items.

•Multipurpose tool.

•Sanitation and personal hygiene items.

•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.

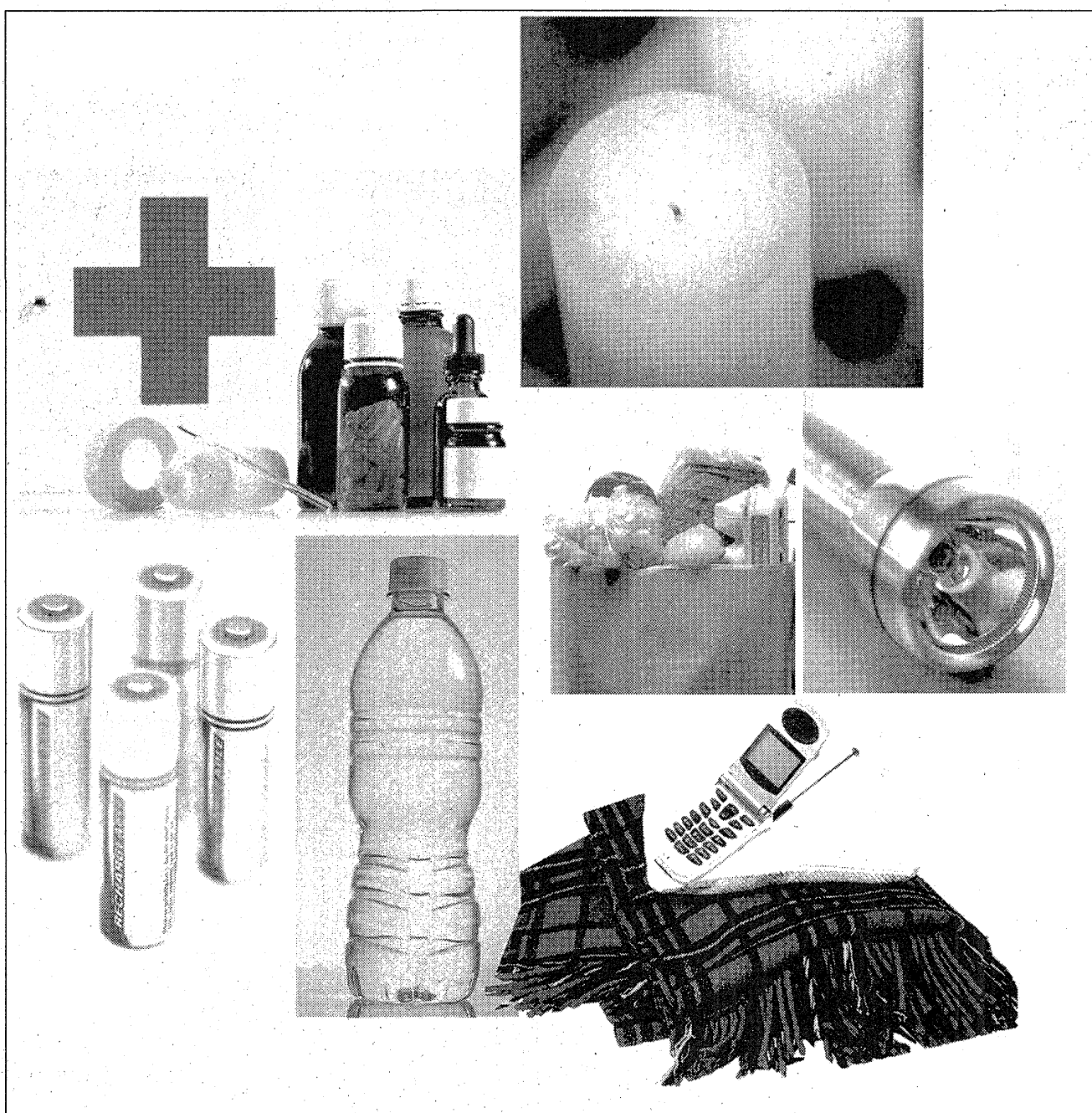
•If someone in your home is dependent on electric-powered, life-sustaining equipment, remember to include backup power in your evacuation plan.

•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.

FOOD SAFETY

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

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 equipment.

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

When using a portable generator, connect the equipment you want to

power directly to the outlets on the generator. Do not connect a portable generator to a home's electrical system.

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 will need.

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.

Be well 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 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.

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HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

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Canton
 2442 Amber Dr \$160,000
 6949 Bunkerhill Ln \$195,000
 439 Filmore St \$255,000

2272 Hogan Way \$141,000
 425 N Corrine Blvd \$135,000
 51084 Sleepy Hollow Ln \$130,000
 1856 Wentworth Ct \$230,000
Livonia
 18014 Country Club Dr \$245,000
 33658 Hathaway St \$190,000
 20401 Milburn St \$45,000
 37505 Newburgh Park Cir \$155,000
 37569 Newburgh Park Cir \$100,000
 16812 Woodside St \$160,000
Northville
 50115 Teton Ridge Rd \$607,000

45995 Tournament Dr \$712,000
Plymouth
 570 Blunk St \$288,000
 44420 Charnwood Dr \$239,000
 616 Jener Pl \$186,000
 10306 N Canton Center Rd \$238,000
 40867 Newport Dr \$61,000
 1199 S Sheldon Rd \$28,000
 11783 Sycamore Dr \$60,000
Redford
 9180 Centralia \$70,000
 26029 Elnimore \$60,000
 18822 Garfield \$17,000

19961 Kinloch \$47,000
 24946 N Sylbert Dr \$45,000
 24830 Ross Dr \$62,000
 11436 Seminole \$60,000
 16012 Sumner \$15,000
Westland
 2089 Second St \$66,000
 421 Dover Crescent Ct \$95,000
 8290 Gray St \$238,000
 35807 Somerset St \$79,000
 407 Summerfield Dr \$155,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 22-24, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills
 21671 Meadow Ln \$250,000
Bingham Farms
 32425 Bingham Rd \$1,425,000
Birmingham
 1504 Birmingham Blvd \$185,000
 2493 Buckingham Ave \$232,000
 1653 Taunton Rd \$155,000
Bloomfield Hills
 2230 Cameo Lake Ct \$180,000
 25 Martell Dr \$530,000
 2835 S Woodward Ave #D-2 \$53,000

2208 Sudbury Way \$280,000
Bloomfield Township
 354 Dalebrook Ln \$249,000
 5007 Echo Rd \$280,000
 892 Foxhall Rd \$140,000
 777 Kensington Ln \$720,000
 1351 Kirkway Rd \$650,000
 2755 Lamplighter Ln \$210,000
 3707 Lincoln Rd \$138,000
 4731 Pickering Rd \$172,000
 4113 Telegraph Rd \$25,000
 1050 Trailwood Path # A \$69,000
Commerce Township
 5573 Leafwood Ct \$320,000
 4969 Parkgate Dr \$300,000
 5615 Plantation Dr \$335,000
Farmington
 36228 Smithfield Rd \$155,000
Farmington Hills
 29208 Augusta \$303,000

39172 Kennedy Dr \$226,000
 25345 Lyncastle St \$145,000
 21615 Mayfield St \$75,000
 23604 N Stockton Ave \$95,000
 32044 Olde Franklin Dr \$240,000
 28855 Rockledge Dr \$225,000
 37764 Stableview Dr \$226,000
 32035 Tareyton St \$130,000
 32111 W 12 Mile Rd # 4A \$45,000
 28426 W Eight Mile Rd \$17,000
 31719 Wayburn St \$115,000
 30263 Westfield St \$190,000
Milford
 2323 Charms Rd \$165,000
Novi
 41959 Aspen Dr \$330,000
 41467 Burroughs Ave \$375,000
 22549 Cranbrooke Dr \$65,000
 22681 Heatherwood \$128,000
 39580 Kartar Ln \$70,000

24489 Olde Orchard St \$37,000
 20887 Veranda Dr \$400,000
South Lyon
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 24320 Heatherwood Dr \$140,000
 622 Maple Dr \$155,000
Southfield
 27450 Arlington Dr \$145,000
 27405 Constitution St \$94,000
 29760 Farmbrook Villa Ln \$34,000
 26780 Franklin Pointe Dr \$43,000
 29750 Guy St \$49,000
 29894 Marshall St \$75,000
 20110 Rodeo Ct \$63,000
 25516 Saint James \$44,000
 30216 Vernon Dr \$278,000
 30550 Woodstock St \$94,000
White Lake
 821 Round Lake Rd \$77,000

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Investors

The Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne County holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. Entrance fee is \$20 for nonmembers to be applied to annual membership. For information, call (313) 819-0919 or visit www.reiawaynecounty.org.

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,

\$20 nonmembers. Pinneo will also be teaching a one-day seminar on Saturday, March 12. Call (800) 747 6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will offer a Real Estate Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Those attending will learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee and the free pre-licensing course.

For information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

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Seminar on Tuesdays

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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Say please
 - 4 Learning method
 - 8 Janitors' tools
 - 12 Get the point
 - 13 Salchow relative
 - 14 Pinch reaction
 - 15 Stack-blowing state
 - 16 Dingy
 - 18 Bird of prey
 - 20 NNW opposite
 - 21 — Andreas Fault
 - 22 Proverb
 - 26 Maltese remark
 - 28 Flat-fixer's tool
 - 31 Concert ticket information
 - 32 Dune buggy kin
 - 33 Agave
 - 34 Scottish river
 - 35 — kwon do
 - 36 Dries out, as wood
 - 37 Rumble
- DOWN**
- 1 Get real! (2 wds.)
 - 2 Inoculants
 - 3 Faints (2 wds.)
 - 4 Man-made fiber
 - 5 Draft animals
 - 6 Util. bill
 - 7 Plumber's right-angled joints

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 8 Tended the lawn
- 9 Si. to Maurice
- 10 Desktops or laptops
- 11 Quiet!
- 17 City near Kyoto
- 19 Harsh cry
- 23 With difficulty
- 24 Pushes off
- 25 Wool sources
- 26 Shower accessories
- 27 Coup d'—
- 28 Cooler
- 29 Excellent
- 30 Shot meas.
- 33 Gapes open
- 37 Billings hrs.
- 39 Arsenio's, buddy
- 40 Say
- 42 Diligent insects
- 43 Italian wine city
- 44 —do-well
- 45 Refreshments
- 46 Loud thud
- 47 Ait, on the Seine
- 48 Informer
- 49 Want-ad letters

SUDOKU

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4	7	6	5	8	2	8	1	9
2	9	1	8	7	9	8	7	6
9	8	9	6	7	6	1	7	9
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