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## No go on show

Christopher Badynee had gone to Hollywood hoping to get an investor of his Bogdon cardboard box bass, but came away empty handed.

The Westland resident made a pitch for his \$99 some-assembly-required musical instrument to Reichart Von Wolfsheid and Garrett Lisi, the hosts of History Channel's Invention USA Friday night in hopes of getting them to invest \$50,000.

While Von Wolfsheid was "blown away by the sound," he joined Lisi in deciding not to invest in the Bogdon Box Bass. Both men decided that the bass would "not produce a large enough return" on their investment.

"It's the worst reaction I could get," said Badynee on the show. "When it comes right down to it, I think they're wrong."

## W-W board treasurer

The Wayne-Westland school board has a new treasurer following the resignation of Andrea Clawson Monday evening.

The board voted 7-0 to elect Trustee Shawna Walker to replace Clawson who did not resign from the school board. Walker will serve as treasurer until the board's next organizational meeting in July 2012. Clawson resigned from the board-elected position because of "the personal time involved."

"It's something I wanted to try and it was no quite where I'd liked to be," she said. "I figure a more experienced trustee would be more comfortable with the position."

She was praised for her work by board President Carol Middel who told her, "You've done an excellent job."

Warm Hearts founder Carol Sharp pairs a purple flowered teddy bear with a book for an older child.



## Warm Hearts brings cheer to area's needy

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

The gifts are small, but they come with a powerful message like "A word a day brings knowledge your way" or Henry Winkler's "You have greatness inside you."

There also are many of them — 2,100 units, according to Carol Sharp, founder of the Westland-based Warm Hearts that has a goal of making the world a better place for the less fortunate.

"These kids need hope and motivation," said Sharp. "We keep sending out our message because

we want them to succeed."

Working in a vacant storefront on Executive Drive that was donated by Westland businessman Glenn Shaw Jr., Sharp and her cadre of volunteers have spent countless hours sorting through donations of new or gently loved toys and books and packaging them for delivery to places like soup kitchens and the Salvation Army in Pontiac.

With the help of donations from businesses like Meijer, Sharp purchases stocking stuffers at deep discount after

Christmas. Eighty percent of the books and 90 percent of the stuffed toys come from the National American Miss Pageant where the youngsters earn 10 points for community service by bringing in a new stuffed toy and a new book.

"Some have been loved and depending on how much love, we mend them and wash them," said Sharp.

A stuffed toy is paired with a book and put in a bag with a toothbrush, which has the message

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## Council gives OK to summer festival

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

After being tabled twice, requests to allow the Westland Summer Festival have been approved by the Westland City Council.

Council members had concerns about the cleanup after the festival and security during the festival, which culminates in a July 4 fireworks display over Central City Park.

Several days prior to the council meeting, Mayor William Wild said he met with the Festival Committee along with city staff, including police Chief Greg Angelosanto, Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski, Council President James Godbout and Councilman Michael Kehrer.

"Our concern was with

the cleanup of the festival. It is an issue. With 400,00 people (attending the fireworks), there is a lot of cleanup and it has fallen on the city," said Wild. "The day after the fireworks, we got complaints from businesses. They are nice to let us use their property."

Wild said he was glad to see Godbout take the lead on this issue, setting up a meeting with the police department and 18th District Court, both of which have community service workers.

Regarding security issues, Angelosanto said a plan of action for the 2012 festival and fireworks had been discussed.

"With the plan in place, I believe the concerns will be addressed. We discussed options for additional security and the (festival) committee

was receptive," he said.

The requests from the festival committee had been postponed twice with the idea that a council study session would be scheduled. Councilwoman Christine Bryant said that she was disappointed to learn about the meeting with the festival committee after the fact.

Kehrer suggested that the council amend the motion approving the use of city grounds for the festival and fireworks to require cleanup and security plans, approved by Angelosanto and administration, to be in place 60 days prior to the event. Kehrer was chairing the meeting as mayor pro tem and unable to make a motion. No other council members offered the amendment.

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## W-W seeks sinking fund tax renewal

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

There will be more than a list of Republican presidential candidates on the Feb. 28 election ballot. The Wayne-Westland school board Monday evening approved a request for a 10-year renewal of its sinking fund millage.

"This is an opportunity to ask residents to allow us to continue to fix the immediate needs of our buildings," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "This is a great investment in our children and community. It's a great investment in our school buildings."

The district will seek approval of a .9922-mill tax levy, which would raise approximately \$1.93 million the first year and an estimated \$19.1 million over 10 years, accord-

ing the Gary Martin, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services.

"The sinking fund would take care of major repairs and additions, it would take care of the needs we have in the district. There's always needs in a school district with as many buildings as we have."

The millage would replace a sinking fund levy approved by voters in 2003. The last time taxes can be collected for that levy will be July 2012. The new tax, if approved, would be levied in 2013 and run through 2022.

Martin stressed that the tax is not a new tax nor is it an increase. The levy represents a tax of .9922 cents for every \$1,000 of taxable value. It would cost the average home-

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## Pay increases for mayoral appointees and deputy clerk

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Nineteen mayoral appointees and the deputy city clerk will be among Westland city staff receiving 2 percent pay increases effective July 1 when the 2012-13 fiscal year begins.

Before the council adopted the Appointed Officials and Mayor's Office Pay Plan for the 2012 calendar year, Mayor William Wild had said that no raises were included in the pay plan — only language changes regarding insurance costs. City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof had agreed with that assessment.

Subsequently, Wild said that he was reminded that pay for his appointees and the deputy clerk were tie-barred to the pay of the Westland Lieutenants and Sergeants Association.

The police command union contracts sets differentials between ranks up to and including deputy police chief.

The WLSA members, along with other city unions except for the

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1602, are scheduled for 2 percent raises effective July 1. The AFSCME local members, the largest municipal bargaining unit, will receive 1.5 percent pay increases effective Jan. 1.

The the raises for the appointed and mayoral staff will cost the city approximately \$31,000. The 2 percent increase for Deputy Clerk Tina Stanke will be \$1,559 taking her to \$79,520 annually.

Wild and Schoof are not affected by the pay plan — their salaries are set by the Local Officials Compensation Commission.

In her memo regarding the pay increases, Personnel Director Cindy King noted that the 18th District Court staff are scheduled to receive a 54-cent per hour pay increase. It is not known whether William P. Faust Library workers will receive a pay increase.

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## RENEWAL

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owner \$40 a year. And the .9922 mill is less than the original 1-mill request approved in 2003.

The money from the existing levy has been used to build a second gymnasium at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High schools, create bus loops, expand parking lots and add on media centers at the elementary schools, including three done this year at Elliott, Wildwood and Hamilton.

According to Martin, the district's building and grounds department

maintains a list of things that need to be done. Roof repairs, replacement of boilers and heating plants and among items that are on the list which totals \$100.

When questioned by board Vice President John Goci about the amount of money needed for the repairs, Baracy told the board that the sinking fund would not be enough to address all of those needs and that another funding source would be needed.

"That kind of money would have to come from a bond issue, that's a decision you and the board to make," he said. "To have that kind of money over 10 years, it would have to

come from a bond issue, but the time isn't good right now. To do everything over 10-15 years or longer, the sinking fund wouldn't be enough."

"I do support this," said Goci. "I think the community needs to support this. It's important to support education."

Board President Carol Middel praised the buildings and grounds department for the "excellent job" they do in taking care of the school buildings.

"Their pride and workmanship shows, without our buildings would be crumbling," she said. The resolution needs to be filed with the elections coordinator by 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, to appear on the February special election ballot.

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## HEARTS

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of "Knowledge reduces fear" on it, and a candy cane. A *Winnie the Pooh* book is paired with a Tiger stuffed toy, a stuffed Scooby Doo with a book about the super sleuth dog and his friends. For older children, there's a dictionary, donated by the Kiwanis Club of Detroit, and glittery purses matched up with teen books.

The items are prepackaged so that the children can select what they want. Some bags may include toys like "Hot Wheels," coloring books and crayons.

In the past, Sharp did the sorting and assembling in her living room. With the storefront, she has room to assemble the individual bags and store large bags,

each filled with 20 completed packages. One room looks like Santa's workshop with toys and books and other items ready to be put in the smaller bags. The floor of another room is covered with stuffed animals. And two rooms are filled with the bags that are ready to be delivered.

Fifteen to 30 people help Sharp with the project. Some sew, some knit and crochet items that are included in the individual bags.

"It's something that needs to be done," said Sharp. "We have a lot of resources and they have a lot of need. Someone has to stand up and do it."

Warm Hearts got its start in 1995 when a few friends got together to collect items for the needy. They made blankets and scarves with the goal of providing warmth and hope to those in need. That effort has developed into a 501(c)3 charity that now holds two baby showers/mom workshops — one in Westland and the other in Detroit — each year to educate mothers and mothers-to-be and provide

them with well-stocked diaper bags; does the Christmas gift giving, and presents "Knowledge Is Power" programs at Salvation Army summer camps.

Sharp is grateful for the help she gets from local businesses. She stops by Shaw's office at least once a week to thank him for letting the group use one of his vacant properties. She's also thankful Warm Hearts was able to make its deliveries last week with the help of "a business down the road that gave us a man and a truck."

"We always need volunteers and cash donations, however, as of next year there will be no tax deduction for a donation in Michigan," said Sharp. "It will be allowed on the federal return, but our current administration and representative made the decision that charity is not a deduction."

People who would like to help Warm Hearts can call Sharp at (734) 595-8305 or (734) 674-8680.

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# Vigil shines light on children lost too soon

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

When Shelby Gunn's name was read during the Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil Sunday in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park, it shot through Ralph Hodges' heart like an arrow.

Hodges winced, and his gaze dropped to the ground as he wiped the tears from them, the name-reading a sharp reminder of the niece he lost when she was killed by a drunken driver on I-275 in Canton 16 months ago.

Hodges was at the annual candlelight vigil, sponsored by the Livonia chapter of the Compassionate Friends, along with his wife and Shelby's aunt, Debbie Hodges.

"She left us far, far too early ... This is a way we can express our feelings," Debbie Hodges said. "I think (Gunn) would be proud to know we've kept her in our hearts and in our thoughts. If it was one of us, Shelby would be out here doing the same thing."

The vigil drew hundreds of people to Kellogg Park, all mourning a friend, family member or loved one in one way or another. Hundreds of candles were lit in honor of children lost too soon.

Gunn's name was one of more than 700 read by Compassionate Friends Gail Lafferty and Pat O'Donnell. Lafferty, a Livonia resident who lost her 18-year-old son, Max, in a 1995 car accident, said the 700-plus names read were the most in the event's 15-year history.

"Christmas is hard on parents who've lost their



Ella Voight, of Ypsilanti, and Catherine Walker, of Roseville, attend the vigil to honor Nicholas Voight.



Alyssa Odor hands out candles to people arriving for the Compassionate Friends worldwide candle lighting.

children," Lafferty said. "It helps me get through the holidays. It's a very special night."

Kassi Gilbert of Canton attended Sunday's vigil nursing perhaps the freshest pain. Her 14-year-old daughter, Abigail Giamporcaro, died suddenly Sept. 29. Gilbert said her counselor referred her to the Compassionate Friends organization, and she read about the vigil on the group's website.

Gilbert said Abigail was "very energetic, full of bounce and spirit," with "some attitude" not uncommon in teenagers.

"It was really hard to hear her name," said Gilbert, choking back tears. "This is something you have to do to acknowl-

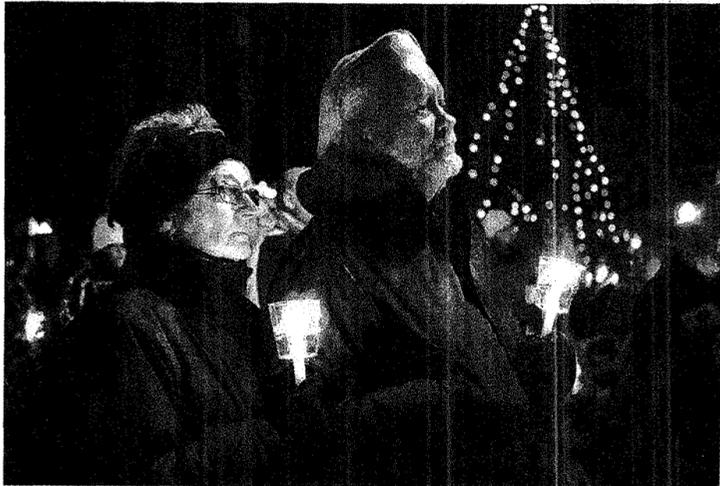
edge she was here, and she was important. It helps us remember her and affirm how much we love her, and that that will continue, even though she's not here."

It was the second year attending the vigil for Teri Gunn, Shelby's mother, a Westland resident who attended her first Compassionate Friends vigil last year just months after her daughter's tragic death.

She said this year's event was a bit tougher to take.

"I think last year I was pretty numb," Gunn said. "The numbness has worn off."

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Debbie and Ralph Hodges of Canton attended Sunday's Compassionate Friends vigil in honor of their niece, Shelby Gunn of Westland, killed by a drunk driver in August 2010.

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## Judge denies appeal of plea in Morse case

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Observer Staff Writer

Several days before his co-defendant is to be sentenced, Nicholas Cottrell was unsuccessful in his effort to overturn his plea bargain in the death of Westland teenager Carlee Morse.

After a brief hearing Monday, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Ulysses Boykin denied the motion to let Cottrell out of the plea bargain that had him pleading guilty to a reduced charge of second-degree murder. He was sentenced to 25-50 years in

prison in February. He had been charged with first-degree murder, which carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison with no parole.

"There was no basis (for voiding the plea agreement) and the judge denied it. The plea stands," said Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lisa Screen. "It was a jurisdictional issue. Defendants have six months to appeal a plea. The plea was entered Feb. 3, so we are way past the six months."

Cottrell now has the option of appealing Boykin's ruling to

the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Cottrell, 22, had already violated the terms of the plea bargain last month when he refused to testify against co-defendant Justin Yoshikawa, 20. As a result, Cottrell's testimony from the 18th District Court preliminary examination was read into the record during Yoshikawa's trial. On the third day of the trial, Yoshikawa entered a plea bargain to a second-degree murder charge.

Like Cottrell, Yoshikawa had already been charged with first-degree murder in the August

2010 death of Morse, 16. Yoshikawa is scheduled to be sentenced to 35 to 65 years in prison before Boykin today (Thursday). Morse's family will be allowed to make victim impact statements before the official sentencing of Yoshikawa, a former boyfriend of Morse.

In testimony and statements made to police, both Cottrell and Yoshikawa gave similar accounts of luring Morse from her apartment into Cottrell's car just after midnight Aug. 20, 2010. Cottrell drove to a deserted parking lot and parked while Yoshikawa, who had been

hidden in the back seat, strangled Morse.

Both men indicated Yoshikawa had been angry with Morse and that spurred his plan to kill her. According to their statements and testimony, the men later put Morse into trash bags and drove around aimlessly before putting her body into a Dumpster outside a church. Morse's body has not been located. The men told police they had been smoking marijuana and were unable to identify the church location.

From the time of her disappearance in August until December 2010

when Yoshikawa and Cottrell were arrested, Morse's family continued trying to locate her.

Cottrell's mother, Tina Marie Lowe, 49, was sentenced to two years probation after pleading guilty to a reduced charge of interfering with a police investigation. Lowe had been charged with accessory after the fact to a felony and interfering with the investigation after trying to convince a witness not to talk to police about Morse's death.

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## Murder suspect's exam adjourned

The preliminary examination of Benjamin Yee, who is charged with the murder of his ex-wife, was adjourned Tuesday until Jan. 20.

Yee, 46, was arraigned on Dec. 5 on charges of first-degree murder, assault with a dangerous weapon and committing a felony with a firearm. A not-guilty plea was entered for Yee. He remains jailed without bond.

Yee is accused of shooting Courtney Lynn Johnson, 35, of Westland the afternoon of Dec. 4 after she arrived in her vehicle at Yee's home on Gillman Street in Livonia, located near West Chicago and Inkster, to pick up their 11-year-old daughter, according to Livonia police.

Livonia police received several phone calls about shots fired



Benjamin Yee enters the court for arraignment. His attorney is Marc Hart.

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at a home on the 9400 block of Gillman, located near West Chicago and Inkster. Police arrived to find Johnson fatally shot inside her car parked in the driveway.

Police arrested Yee at the scene and recovered what they believe was the murder weapon inside the house.

Lt. Tom Goralski said the couple had joint

custody of the daughter. They were divorced for three or four years, Goralski said.

Goralski said Yee was angry with her about the situation of the divorce and the treatment of her daughter. Johnson had dropped off her daughter earlier that day, and had returned to pick her up when Johnson was shot, Goralski said.

## Jewelry and money missing

### WESTLAND

#### Break-in

A resident of the Fountain Park Apartments, 37546 Fountain Park Circle, told police Dec. 8 that when she arrived home she noticed the front door was broken. Entering her apartment, the woman said she noticed someone had gone through her jewelry boxes and dresser drawers in her bedroom.

The woman reported assorted jewelry, including rings, earrings and necklaces had been stolen. She also reported \$30 in change missing.

The officer noted that the front door had been pried or kicked open, damaging the door frame.

#### Vandalism

At about 4:30 a.m. Dec. 11, a resident of an apartment in the 8200 block of Valleyview Circle told police she awakened by the sound of glass breaking in the living room. She went to check and found the living room window had been smashed with a decorative lawn ornament.

Damage to a window was estimated at \$200. A 50-inch flat screen television, valued at \$1,300, also was reported cracked by the projectile.

Just before 6 a.m. on Dec. 11, a resident of the Hickory Green Apartments, 35434 Hickory Green Court, called police about a large landscaping brick that had been thrown

through the window and screen of the apartment.

As the officer was checking the exterior of the building, he noticed a second unit also had a brick thrown through the window and screen. The resident of the second apartment told the officer that she screamed at the noise but was too afraid to check and see what had happened.

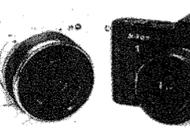
#### Alarm call

About 4:30 a.m. Dec. 12, police responded to an alarm call at Professional Hair Cutters, 1916 S. Venoy. Officers found that the front glass door was cracked but no access had been made to the building.

By LeAnne Rogers

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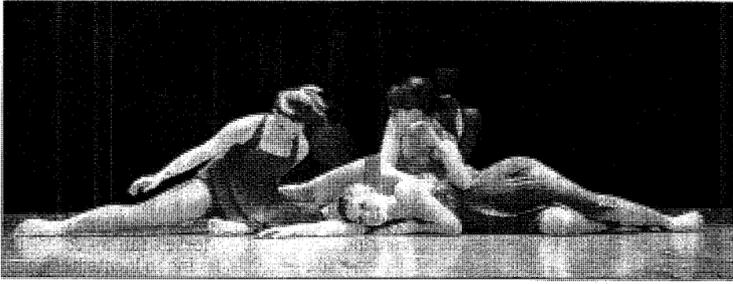
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Taylor Bonarek, Ainea Faison and Rebecca Tanner rest on the stage after rehearsing their group number during a dress rehearsal this week.

## Glenn Dance team presents fall recital

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

The spirit of the holiday season will be celebrated in dance when the John Glenn High School Dance Team presents its fall recital, aptly titled "Santa Claus Is Coming" at 7 p.m. Friday in the high school auditorium.

Dancers ranging from beginners to advanced will perform in the two-hour show that will include dancing to the music of performers Lady Gaga, the Tractors and Colbie Caillat.

"This is a really nice group of girls, they're very diverse," said coach Carey Christian, who choreographed most of the dances. "They're so different and yet they work together so well. It fun to see them become friends."

The recital will include 18 group dances and 11 solos and duets, ranging from classical ballet to lyrical, contemporary, modern and jazz. There also will be a special performance by former team captain Anna Quillen.

The dance team started in 2006 and is considered an athletic sport in combination with the fine



Dancer Zaria Woodson-Murray is new to the John Glenn dance team.

arts department. Members have been preparing for the recital since auditions in September, according to Christian. She got help from a student teacher working with Sheri Grove in the drama department who handled the hip-hop performance.

Unlike traditional recitals where a dancer performs once, team members will be on stage performing every two or three dances.

"Parents will have to pay attention," said Christian. It won't be like sitting there waiting a half hour to see their child perform once."

This is Christian's 11th

recital and each semester she tries to find something new to teach her dancers. This time, it features dancing in which one dancer is spotlighted with the remainder of the group performing as backups. The featured dancer let Christian know what genre she wanted to perform and what she wanted to do.

"The girls have to learn quickly like the dancers do in New York who are going to audition, they have an hour, 1 1/2 hours to learn a dance," she said. "I've talked with some of the alumni about coming back and running the program. I work them so hard when they're with me, and when they go off to college they miss dancing and call me crying because they miss me so much."

Finding an upbeat Christmas song for the finale has been a challenge, but Christian thinks she's accomplished that with Caillat's *Brighter than the Sun*.

Tickets for the recital are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and can be purchased at the door.

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# Cookie parties come with rules, traditions

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

It's been nearly 30 years since I attended my first Christmas cookie party — an annual tradition that had started in the Stevens family several years earlier.



LeAnne Rogers

My friend Rachael Dolson's mom, Jessie Stevens Dolson, was the organizer and driving force behind the cookie party which had some hard and fast rules. First of all, it was a girls only event — not that any boys expressed much interest in attending. In fact, the husbands and sons often had their own outing to watch football or go to a movie.

Second, the cookies had to be homemade. I recall one year when someone

fobbed off some store cookies — not even especially nice ones — and she didn't receive another invitation. Seems only fair trade when everyone else was putting a lot of effort into their cookies.

Besides the core of sisters, aunts, daughters and cousins, the party had room for friends, neighbors, friends of friends and co-workers. The numbers of women attending varied with more than 12 dozen cookies required for the exchange some years. That number could prove daunting for some but you really just needed a system.

The format was the same each year. Bring the specified number of cookies packaged and ready for sorting. When you left, you'd have your bag filled with cookies from the other bakers.

The other tradition was that each year we would do three crafts during the party — one involving food. Some crafts were



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more successful than others. I still have a holiday pillow, a mop angel, a decorated sweat shirt and Styrofoam patch work quilt ornaments that I use. Other projects like a chocolate dipped pretzel wreath and an angel ornament involving a bazillion tiny beads are still laughed about.

The location of the cookie parties could range

quite far afield. Bridgeport, home of the Stevens family, where Jessie and her sister, Helen Gonzalez, still lived, was a frequent spot. But the party was held as far north as Zilwaukee, as far south as Toledo, as far east as Warren and a number of places in between.

While doing crafts and enjoying refreshments — seems like there always some of that punch made with pineapple juice and a

lime sherbet — there was plenty of time to visit and catch up with people you didn't see that often or meet some new people. It was always as much about socializing as cookies and crafts.

A very good baker, my mother never attended the cookie party — she died two months after I went to my first cookie party. I always make a selection of cookies at Christmas, including couple that

my mother made, such as cream cheese butter cookies made with a cookie press and a variation of Russian tea cakes. I have a gift list for people who will receive a selection of cookies I made and those from the cookie party.

When Jessie died in 1997, most of the older generation of cookie bakers dropped out of the annual party and Rachael took over as the main organizer. Attendance at the cookie party was down in recent years — we almost stopped after our good friend and cookie party regular Tammy Reiss died in 2006.

It looks like 2011 will have been the last official Stevens Cookie Party. Events run their course but it's still a bit sad to end a long-standing tradition.

I imagine I will still get out the cookie press and the mixer. People still expect their cookies for Christmas.

LeAnne Rogers is the staff writer for the Westland Observer.

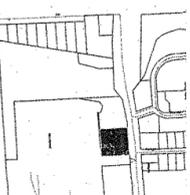
## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #1433E, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Restaurant w/ Carry-Out, 8565 N Wayne Road, Holiday Plaza, Parcel #014-99-0020-002, West Side of Wayne Road, South of Joy Road, Hamdy Mosa (Jim Saad)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

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



Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission

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## CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 25 12/5/11

Presiding: President Pro-Tem Kehrer

Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Reeves

207: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 11/21/11.

- Appr. deadline to pay 2011 winter taxes to 2/29/12.

- Appr. 1 yr. contract w/Synergy Environmental for waste management services.

- Appr. to hire 9 firefighters for 2 yrs. under the SAFER grant program; amt. \$1,854,772.00.

- Adopted prop. land division, PID 052-01-0164-300, 225 N. Sybald w/contingencies.

- Adopted. Bud. Amendment 2012-02; General Fund \$41,947.00.

- Appr. 2012 City Council Schedule of Meetings.

208: Req. from Westland Fest. Cmte. to hold summer fest. 6/28/12 thru 7-4-12 w/ fireworks

7-4-11 on City Hall grounds & surrounding area.

209: Appr. request to transfer ownership of 2010 Class C Licensed business at 6601 Newburgh Rd. from Max & Erma's Restaurants to American Blue Ribbon Holdings, LLC.

210: Appr. Officials' & Mayor's Ofc. Pay Plan, 1-1-12 thru 12-31-12.

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

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

213: Conf. re-appt. of T. Dunigan to Bd. of Review for 3 yr. term to exp. 12/6/14.

214: Appr. checklist: \$ 760,742.55 & Prepaid: \$ 1,082,506.89.

Mtg. adj. at 8:08 p.m.

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## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #1555A, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Auto Race Shop, 6049 Executive Drive, Parcel #028-03-0012-300, West Side of Executive Drive, North of Ford Road, East of Hix Road, Dean Martin (Enrico Rosati).

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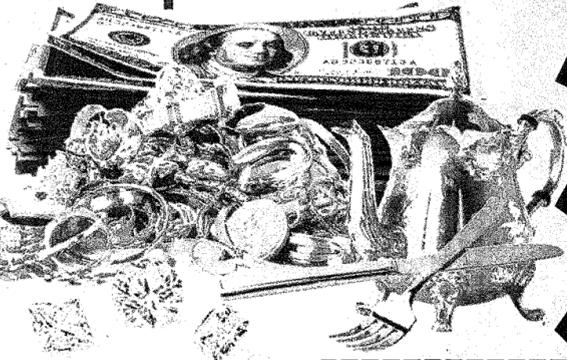
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# Cookie exchanges enrich holidays, friendships

By Jill Halpin  
Correspondent

Amy Werthman, a busy mother of four, had just moved into her Livonia home in the middle of a cold winter and was looking for a way to get to know her neighbors.

Beth Cooley and Tracey Jewell, both of Plymouth, were also new to their neighborhoods and seeking opportunities to build new friendships with the people living around them.

And Canton resident Tana Bridge was simply looking for the chance to celebrate holiday traditions and rituals with old friends.

Surprisingly, these four women found what they were looking for and much more in the time-honored tradition of a holiday cookie exchange.

"It gives you a chance to really connect with your friends and what better way to connect than over a tray of cookies?" said Bridge, an associate professor at Eastern Michigan University. "It is also a great way to launch the holiday season."

For Bridge, what began as a simple holiday gathering of friends, neighbors and co-workers has now taken on a deeper significance.

## Meaningful tradition

"This is a tradition that has developed over time. What started out as friends and neighbors getting together now becomes a meaningful part of the holiday," she said, adding that one cookie exchange group that she participates in dates back more than 15 years.

"We're an amazingly eclectic group. It's all about great conversation and celebrating connections," she said.

Cooley, who has been hosting a neighborhood cookie exchange for her neighbors for the past eight years, agrees. "It's



Beth Cooley hosts the exchange.

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really about fellowship," she said. "Community is very important to me. I'd do anything it takes to bring neighbors together; I love it."

The concept of the cookie exchange is centered around the swapping of holiday goodies. Everyone brings a pre-determined amount of cookies to share as well as an empty tray on which to collect the treats others have prepared.

"The main idea is to catch up and also get to try some new treats. The cookies are helpful to have on hand for holiday entertaining and taking to different functions although we usually eat them right away," Cooley said. "I think half the tray is gone that first night. We take the tray of cookies, put on a good movie and snuggle up and before you know it, they are gone."

## Exchange history

Cookie exchanges trace

their origins as far back as the 1880s and began as a way for women to socialize with others in their community, according to Robin Olson, cookie exchange "expert" and author of *The Cookie Party Cookbook*. As women sought an opportunity to be social and share favorite recipes, their popularity grew. In fact, there are now both books and blogs offering tips on the subject.

In many circles, cookie exchanges have become a much-anticipated holiday event with both formal and informal settings. Bridge said she has even participated in cookie exchanges with a purpose.

"I have been to some built around a specific event like a fundraiser; you bring the cookies as well as a donation to Toys for Tots or some other charity," she said.

Cooley said that while she has experienced both, her gathering is more

## How to have a great holiday cookie exchange

According to cookie exchange hosting veteran Beth Cooley, whenever a social gathering includes chocolate and women sharing stories, you can't go wrong. Here are some no-fail tips for a great cookie swap from Cooley, Tana Bridge, Amy Werthman and Tracy Jewell.

• **Don't worry if you can't bake, just go!**

Bridge freely admits she does not bake. Still, she does not let that stop her from joining in holiday cookie swap festivities. For the past 15 years, her mother, an accomplished baker, has made Bridge's cookies for her. "She is my own personal sous-chef," she said with a smile. And the other cookie exchange participants don't mind that she doesn't bake — they love her mother's cookies. "I don't think they would even let me in the door without my mom's Ginger Snap Molasses Cookies," she said.

Cooley, Jewell and

Werthman agree that the goodies do not have to be personally baked. "Store-bought is fine, too. Just come," said Jewell.

• **Relax and enjoy the company.**

As much as it is about the chocolate, it is more about friendship and communion with one another. "Just bring the cookies, hang out and relax," is how Cooley puts it.

• **Find a good conversation starter.**

Werthman likes to share or read a simple story that tells that story of Christmas with her guests. "It starts that conversation about what we do at Christmas and why we do it," she said. Jewell also likes to keep the conversation light, inviting guests to introduce themselves and tell how long they have lived in the neighborhood.

• **Keep it simple.**

"Don't stress about the details," said Jewell. "It will all work out."

easy-going and relaxed. "Too many rules takes the fun out of it for me," she said. "I just want people to come and have fun." Jewell also prefers an informal gathering, focusing on the opportunity to build deeper relationships with her neigh-

bors, "beyond just a hello in the street," she said.

"It is important to me to live in a caring community and meet my neighbors," said Jewell.

Jewell believes that most people are more comfortable in an informal setting. She said

she tries to eliminate as many rules as possible, even encouraging people too busy to bake to bring store-bought goodies.

"For me, it is more about getting to know people than the cookies. I just try to keep it simple," she said.

## Like simpler times

Werthman, too, concentrates on the social aspects of the cookie exchange.

"I appreciate meeting my neighbors. It is so important to know your neighbors so you can take care of each other. It is even more important because of the way we live now: you pull into the garage, close the door and you never see anyone," she said. "This forces me to get out and meet people."

She said she began hosting cookie exchanges in an effort to "slow things down a bit."

"Christmas is so commercialized. Cookie exchanges go way back to simpler times, to my parents' and grandparents' time," she said, adding that she invites guests to share the stories and traditions behind their recipes.

"I love to hear it when someone says, 'This is what my grandmother made ... and then begin sharing their traditions,'" Werthman said.

The cookie exchange itself is a tradition worth passing down, says Bridge, who notes that her daughter, Kayla, a college freshman, is looking forward to the opportunity to reunite with friends from high school by hosting her own cookie exchange.

"Things are ever-changing. It's a great way to celebrate friendships," she said.

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| KRISTINA CAIN      | G010      | Misc. household              |
| LAURIE POIRIER     | B057      | Misc. household              |
| ANDREW DOBBINS     | G026      | Misc. household              |
| ASHANTI BYRD       | G037      | Misc. household items        |
| RALPH MANDELKA     | C038      | Misc. household items        |
| JEFFREY CLISH      | B018      | Misc. household items        |
| LALITA CLEGG       | B134      | Misc. household items        |
| NIKUNJ BRAHMBAHATT | E016      | Business furniture/equipment |
| CHRISTINE DIPPEL   | B147      | Misc. household items        |

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**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
NOTICE OF MEETING

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

**Case #2056K, Proposed Land Division, Parcel #050-99-0005-007, West Side of Superior Parkway, South of Ford Road, West of Hix Road, Paul A. Glantz**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

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

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission

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# Pets are the cat's meow at the holidays

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Correspondent

Imagine your pet dog or cat scribbling a holiday wish list. Surely, squeaky toys and delicious treats would top the list. But some area pet businesses are taking holiday wishes a step further with luxurious and upscale gifts for the furry members of your family.

There's no wonder that pet products put retailers on the map, especially during the holidays. Today, more than 85 million households own 164.6 million dogs and cats. And that's not including reptiles, birds, horses and fish, according to the American Pet Products Association.

"People take care of their pets regularly," said Terri Bennett, long-time owner of Specialty Pets on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. "At Christmas, friends and relatives jump in. I think pets have become more important to people as economic times have gotten tougher."

National sales attest to that. In 2010, pet owners spent \$48.3 billion. This year, the American Pet Products Association estimates that at least \$50.8 billion will be spent on all types of products that ensure the health, safety, comfort and enjoyment of pets. Pet retailers aren't much different than any other type of retailer. They count on the winter holidays to boost sales.

## All about comfort

There's no doubt that pet owners make like Santa at the holidays and spend somewhat unabashedly for their furry family members. It's all about comfort. For example, Bennett sees families spending as much as \$500 on quality cat furniture, including multi-tiered scratching posts, some with tree houses nestled at the top, while others are tall enough to be skyscrapers in the cat world.

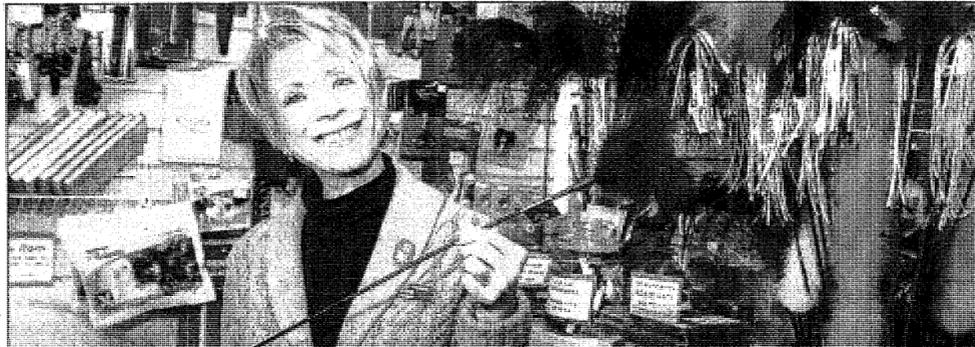
And for families who keep track of feral cats, the Backdoor Friends Cat Shoppe in Farmington Hills has outdoor heated beds and homes. "There is hope for the outdoor kitties," said owner Anne Klein, adding that the number of abandoned cats has increased as families have lost their jobs and in some cases, their homes.

Dogs don't fare too badly themselves when it comes to gifts of furniture. Families are buying quality beds including chaise lounges, sofas, loveseats, self-warming loungers, beds with feather tops, air beds and travel beds, special orthopedic beds for their senior dogs.

## Pet attire

Sweaters, coats, leashes and collars — all that can be customized with the pet's name — are big at Celebrity Pets, an upscale pet attire shop in Northville. "We have them in all types of materials including wool and fleece. Some coats have legs while others cover the chest of your pet, which is very important in cold weather," said Ann Sakuta, manager of the Northville store. Celebrity Pets is also at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

Don't forget the Muttluks boots for a cold and snowy day or sunglasses and ski glasses for the winter sun. "People are becoming more discriminating with quality. Quality comes first. Customers ask first about the safe-



Anne Klein shows a feather cat toy in The Cat Shoppe. Backdoor Friends is a no-kill rescue and is part of the shop and luxury boarding facility.



Have a fine photographic portrait made of your pet in time for Christmas. Jill Andra Young can book your sitting as late as Dec. 23 for delivery on Dec. 24.

ty of the product," Bennett said.

## Treats, toys and memories

The owners of Specialty Pets, Celebrity Pets and Backyard Friends see an increase in the demand for quality treats preferably made in Michigan, or at least in America. Popular Three Dog Bakery in Plymouth is known for its fresh-baked dog treats made of natural wheat products, frosted with yogurt, and without refined sugar.

"We use honey and molasses to sweeten," said bakery owner Gary Atkinson. At Three Dog Bakery, dogs are welcome to join their owners who on average spend \$15 to \$20 on individual treats, as well as holiday tins filled with delicious pet goodies.

Like kids, pets are surely waiting for the toys that Santa will bring. How about a tiger mobile that you can hang from a door for your cats? The mobile rotates round and round. "It mimics exercise," Klein said. "It is designed to catch their interest." Neko Flies is another new toy for cats that includes a wand with various attachments, including realistic looking bugs of all kinds. "It is a great wand toy," Klein added. "And it is really sturdy."

Klein also specializes in out-of-the-ordinary catnip toys; some look like bananas and cigars. You can also buy pillows with eucalyptus. In addition to all sorts of extraordinary catnip toys for the feline group and squeaky and pull toys for the canines, retailers, such as Specialty Pets, also feature interactive toys, known as "home alone" toys that allow the pet prolonged play to reach a hidden treat.

"Overall, customers are looking for treats with a purpose. There are new ones coming on the market every day," Bennett said.

Pet owners and friends



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ana Sakuta, manager of downtown Northville's Celebrity Pets, says that one of the hottest gift items this holiday season are these "Roxy and Rose's" all-natural baked dog treats.

and families of pet owners use the holidays as good time to immortalize their furry friends. Well-known pet photographer Jill Andra Young, in Plymouth, can attest to that. More than two months ago, Young began photographing families and their pets for holiday cards, portraits, even key chains, holiday ornaments, jewelry and magnets. Young's pet photographs are of archival quality that can endure the strain of time for at least 100 years.

Pet photographs are great gifts from friends and relatives. "Their loved ones understand how much they love their pet," Young said. "People are ecstatic when they receive these gifts."

## Loving care

December is also the time when pet owners want their pets clean and groomed ready for the holidays. Doggy Do's Pet Grooming in New Hudson and Aussie Pet Mobile specialize in sprucing up your pet in time for holiday guests.

The schedule at Doggy Do's is fast filling up, but owners Joyce and Kenneth Somero will be open on Christmas Eve to accommodate all of the requests. If your pet is a large pooch or a breed, such as one of the doodles,

Doggy Do's is the right place. The Someros specialize in hand scissor cuts that allow a good trim and style for longer hair. When all is done, your pup will be topped off with a fancy bow or a colorful bandana, and freshened with a cologne sold in New York, Paris and London.

The Aussie Pet Mobile, which travels from Farmington Hills south through western Wayne County, comes to you to pamper, bathe and groom your pet. "We can meet them wherever they need us to be," said owner Arlene Dalida.

Pampering includes a "pawdicure," as well as de-shedding for cats, and a 15-step spa bath that includes a massage followed by hand drying with a brush. "It's a different experience. It's a luxury experience. Everyone wants their pets to look their best for the holidays," said Dalida, adding that gift certificates are available for humans, as well as coupons online at [www.petgroommetroit-detroit.com](http://www.petgroommetroit-detroit.com) for special pet facial treatments.

That panic of what to do with your pet as your schedule gets busier, or if you leave town is a constant worry for pet owners during the holidays. That's when Cheryl Hixson of Check on the Dog LLC and Backdoor Friends Cat



BILL BRESLER  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Henri, and Henri's jewelry. Jill Andra Young's Penniman Avenue photo studio offers a wide choice of pet-related gifts. This custom photo jewelry features your pet's portrait. Jill can make your pet's portrait or you can bring your own photo. Photo jewelry can be ordered up to Dec. 17 for Christmas delivery.



## Dear Santa:

Hi. We are eagerly awaiting your arrival at our house this year. Me — the dog — and my feline friends are beyond excited and have tried really hard not to destroy any of the holiday decorations.

We were just talking the other day how you had a tight squeeze coming down our chimney last year. But that's why we ate your cookies and drank the milk that was left for you. We thought we would help you stay healthy! If it makes you feel any better, I did get blamed for all the cookie crumbs on the carpet.

Speaking for all of my canine and feline buddies, I have to say sometimes we feel a little left out when you visit. It's great that you think of our human family. The kids always have a really long list that is fun to yank on and tear up a bit. But, we would be very happy if you could consider us — the pets in our human families' lives this year.

For starters, us dogs and cats are really hoping for two very important gifts that you can share around the world. Here they are:

**Gift No. 1:** Please make sure that all the pets that need good homes get them. We know a whole lot of very lonely pets and other outdoor-kind-of-animals that don't have very good lives. I, for one, would give up a chewy bone every week if you could make this happen.

**Gift No. 2:** Please put a giant lump of coal in the stockings of all the people around the world who neglect, hurt or even do worse things to pets. It's just not fair. Us four-legged creatures have lots of feelings, just like humans. All we really want is to be safe, healthy, cared for and loved. Is that too much to ask?

Now, me and my furry friends wouldn't mind if you might throw in a few toys for us. The cats like that catnip stuff and I like a good squeaky toy and cookies. Oh, hold on ... the cats are hissing because I didn't include a new soft and stuffy bed for them. Well, while we are going on ... I could use a new winter jacket and a good sturdy leash because I walk faster than anyone in this family!

Well, I think that's it. Have a good holiday. And please don't forget us. Happy sleigh travels.

Signed,  
Leo and my feline friends — Sweet Pea,  
Benjamin and Princess

Hotel can come in handy.

Hixson is a professional pet sitter who visits your house according to your needs to let your pooch out, feed and walk him and her, and who leaves a daily sheet of the visit on your kitchen counter ready for you to come home. Cats are included. She will make sure they are doing fine, have water and food, and some hugs. "I take care of anything that has four legs, fur and a bladder."

Licensed, bonded and insured Hixson takes pet sitting a step further. If you want, she will photograph your pets and send the photo immediately to your cell phone or computer with a date and time stamp so you can see your pet.

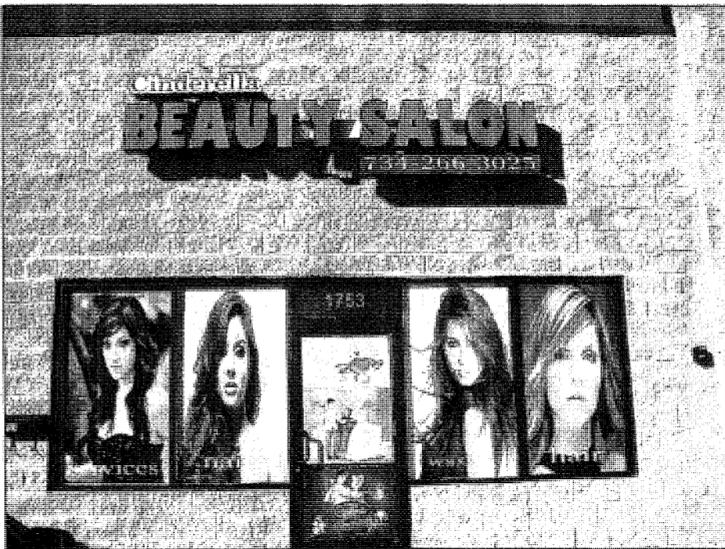
The cat hotel at Backdoor Friends offers pet owners a number

of choices: the Victorian Parlor, providing cats with a birds-eye view of the retail area; the Presidential Suite, which offers two rooms to relax and dine; and the Senior Resort that boasts a ramp leading to sleeping quarters.

The importance of pets has grown over the decades, creating a perfect opening for pet product retailers, whether big box stores or small independent shops. The billions of dollars spent on pets doesn't surprise photographer Young in the least. She opened her studio in 1989 just as the role of family dogs and cats began to change.

"It's amazing how everyone understands the bond. They have everything for pets now. It's kind of fabulous!" Young added.

## Cinderella Salon offers women a 'magical palace'



Safa Albayti offers some relaxation and rejuvenation at her new Cinderella Beauty Salon in Garden City.

Safa Albayti knows women spend their time taking care of others. No she wants them to spend some time at her Cinderella Beauty Salon for relaxation and rejuvenation.

According to Albayti, the salon is a "magical palace" that's for any special lady.

"Whether you're a single mother or a grandmother, this place has the right environment for you," she said. "This colorful peaceful palace is always there for you. You'll be treated like a princess from head to toe."

Open 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, the salon focuses on the client and the client's needs to get them ready for their special night.

"We will add vibrant

### CINDERELLA SALON

**Business owner:** Safa Albayti

**Business address:** 1753 Inkster Road, just south of Ford Road, Garden City

**Business Specialty:** Full service salon for women, offering facials, haircuts, styling, up-do's, color, highlighting, waxing and makeup

**Business Hours:** 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday, no appointment necessary

**Business phone:** (734) 266-3025 or (734) 564-7005

colors and highlights to bring out your eyes and beauty," she said. "Then

we will cut and style your hair, whether it's straight or curly or pin it up for more of a classy look."

The salon's also offers specialty facials which cleanse the skin and add the "right amount of glitter and shine to glam you up and add some rosy cheeks."

"Your hands would be soaked with lavender, and complimented by the perfect touch of color to your nails," she said.

"Don't forget it we are in your neighborhood at 1753 Inkster Road, Garden City," she added.

The salon is newly opened, and is now hiring experienced stylists. Booth rental/commission arrangements are available. For more information, call (734) (734) 266-3025 or (734) 564-7005.

## Easter Seals: best biz to work for winner

Easter Seals Michigan (ESM) has been named as one of the Best and Brightest Companies To Work For™ in the country by the National Association for Business Resources, (NABR) during its inaugural Best and Brightest Company national competition.

"This award is a tremendous testament to Easter Seals' ongoing commitment to the success and wellness of our amazing staff members," says ESM president and CEO Brent Wirth. "The dedication they demonstrate daily to support people with disabilities who turn to us for assistance is extraordinary. They truly deserve the best human resources practices we have to offer so they can successfully achieve their personal goals at work and at home."

The 2011 Best and Brightest winning companies were assessed by an independent research firm which reviewed a number of key measures relative to other nationally recognized winners.

Based on responses provided by its staff, ESM scored 25 percent above average in almost every Best & Brightest survey category, including a 92 percent approv-

al rating in employee engagement and commitment. Other classifications noted in the survey data included communication, community initiatives, compensation and benefits, diversity and multiculturalism, employee education and development, employee engagement and commitment, recognition and retention, recruitment and selection, small business and work-life balance.

"Nationally recognized award recipients keep innovative human resource initiatives at the forefront of their company culture and make it a priority to consider their workforce as an essential aspect in their company success. Our Association is proud to recognize and honor these winning companies for this fine achievement," said Jennifer Kluge, NABR president.

With more than 10 years of experience conducting Best and Brightest Company competitions, the National Association for Business Resources (NABR) have identified numerous best HR practices and provided benchmarking for companies that continue to be leaders in employment standards.



Members of the leadership team at Easter Seals of Michigan are Rich Hollis (from left), senior vice president of finance and operations, Toby Horner, controller, Susan Styf, director of family services, Brent Wirth, president and CEO, Jackie Hooper, vice president of human resources, Juliana Stitz, director of adult services, and Stephanie Wolf-Hull, director of quality improvement/utilization management.

In addition to being recognized as a Michigan Best and Brightest Company to Work for in Detroit for the past 11 years and for seven years in west Michigan, ESM was also awarded the 2011 Elite Community Initiatives Award in recognition of its efforts to develop an employee culture that engages staff in community collaborations and partnerships that support people with disabilities or special needs.

"Our staff is what makes Easter Seals such a great place to work. They're energetic, compassionate and loyal - not only to the people we serve - but to each other," adds Wirth. Easter Seals Michigan

is the leading nonprofit provider of services for individuals with dis-

abilities, mental illnesses, emotional impairments, autism and oth-

er special needs. Spanning the entire state of Michigan, Easter Seals has been offering help and hope to children and adults living with disabilities, and to the family members who love them, since 1920.

Through a continuum of services, including therapy, training and education, Easter Seals Michigan supports people with disabilities so they successfully can live, learn, work and play in their communities. For more information, contact Easter Seals Michigan at (800) 75-SEALS or visit [www.essmichigan.org](http://www.essmichigan.org).

### BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

#### Exchange City

Co-op Services is one of several member credit unions of the Michigan Credit Union League that has provided financial support for Exchange City and the Exchange City Credit Union. The credit union is designed to give Michigan students practical, hands-on financial and business education.

Located in Taylor, Exchange City offers a variety of fun and interactive educational programs for students from local school districts.

This year's support and partnership with the Michigan Credit Union League helped raise a total of \$23,300 from area credit unions. Since 2005, Co-op Services has been an active participant with a total of \$8,500 in support for financial literacy programs at Exchange City.

"Exchange City simulates how a city works for the students who visit," said Lisa Fawcett, Co-op Services' marketing director. "It presents students with real life scenarios, including how to make financial transactions at a credit union."

In addition to reach-

ing out to local students through the Exchange City Credit Union, Co-op Services' staff helps operate student branches in nine elementary schools in the Detroit metro area and gives hundreds of financial education presentations to students throughout the year.

"Co-op Services has a strong commitment to educating children and giving them the tools and resources that will help them save and plan for their financial future," added Fawcett.

Headquartered in Livonia, Co-op Services Credit Union has more than 52,000 members and maintains eight full-service branch offices, including one in Westland. For more information about Co-op Services, visit the credit union web site at [www.cscu.org](http://www.cscu.org) or call (800) 321-8570.

#### Diabetes fundraiser

Throughout December, Cellular & More, a Verizon Wireless premium retailer, will be donating a portion of their sales to the Detroit

Moose charity hockey game benefiting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International.

"We're hoping to raise thousands of dollars throughout December," Cellular & More Owner Robert Emery said. "It's important to give back to our communities, especially during the season on giving."

The Detroit Moose Hockey Club, a division of Hockey North America, will be playing the Detroit Red Wings Alumni team Jan. 7 at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. All proceeds raised will be directly donated to the JDRFI. At last year's game, the Detroit Moose raised \$16,250 in donations for the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan.

"We're very happy to have Cellular & More's support to help benefit this great cause," Detroit Moose Captain Derek Fowler said. "This year we're hoping to raise even more money."

Tickets and additional information about the Detroit Moose vs. Detroit Red Wings Alumni are available at [www.detroitmoose.org](http://www.detroitmoose.org).

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## OUR VIEWS



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Westland Goodfellow Heather Hatfield-Clear breaks down boxes as donations were sorted and packed for distribution.

## Priceless gift Generosity of spirit is holiday lesson to learn

Before heading out to the malls and down city main streets to get those last minute items for Christmas, parents ought to pause a moment to think about a particular gift their children can really use.

It's so small, it often gets overlooked. But it's also so big, that it won't fit under a tree.

For your children, however, it's so important that they will keep it for life. The gift is the generosity of spirit, a life skill that needs to be learned as a child. It is taught through example and experience.

The visions of sugar plums children have these days are often expensive and numerous. But there is another side to giving, one that starts with caring and a clear-sighted understanding that, for some people, it takes more than sitting on Santa's lap to get basic necessities.

The impact of the generosity of spirit has more outcomes than the best-stocked toy store. With a sensitive nature, our children are gifted as quick learners, hugging tightly that lesson for a lifetime of use.

That truth is borne out by people who live and work in our communities, such as the employees of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' transportation department. During the week, youngsters see them as the school bus drivers who get them to and from school. But on the weekend of Dec. 3, they were busy being Santa's elves, collecting donations of toys and clothing to make Christmas merry and bright for the less fortunate families.

That generous spirit can be seen daily as volunteers ring the bell at Salvation Army red kettles at businesses around the city. It can be seen in the donations made to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program. It can be seen in the efforts of the Westland Goodfellows who were able to help 429 needy families with 930 children have a better Christmas this year.

For those gifted with a generous spirit, their gift of volunteering is priceless. They are ready, willing and able to step up and help. And the example they set is a gift that can last a lifetime when children are involved.

We urge people to take a moment out of their busy schedule to make a donation. But when you do, let your child do it. It is the questions that follow after a little one puts money in the red kettle that opens the door a lifelong lesson in giving.

It isn't shiny and bright, but the generosity of spirit is one gift continually found anew through compassion, but it must be acquired first.

Parents don't have to pay for it at the checkout, but our children are sure to treasure it always.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What's your favorite holiday tradition?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"The gift game. They call it the white elephant. It's what I look forward to."

Kevin Mathews  
Livonia



"My favorite tradition would have to be the food."

Michael Sprague  
Redford



"Mine would have to be spending Christmas with the family that comes in from out of town."

Jacklin Liford  
Wayne



"Going home for the holidays."

Susan Underwood  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Give to Salvation Army

Westland Rotary members, ably assisted by the Junior Civitans, rang bells for the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Red Kettle on Saturday, Dec. 10, at Macy's in Westland. We continue our friendly competition with the Wayne Rotary to see who can raise the most in this worthy cause.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, at Westland Rotary's weekly lunch at Joy Manor, Capt. Derek Rose, Wayne-Westland corps commander with wife Capt. Joanna, told us this year's Christmas effort is running about \$8,100 behind. Rotarians are committed to supporting the local Salvation Army, with our club supporting both the after-school program and the summer day camp through our fundraisers.

Shoppers at Westland Shopping Center were generous Saturday, and Rotarians hope the local Salvation Army will again meet its fundraising goal. Donations are welcome at the Red Kettles around town, and Rotary hopes you'll "dig deep" in your purse or wallet to help those who need it this year. Metro Detroit has been hard-hit by the recession, and donations to the Salvation Army not only provide a bright Christmas but fund much-needed programs

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats:

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and services all year.

Donations by check, payable to The Salvation Army, are welcome at the Wayne-Westland Corps, 2300 S. Venoy, Westland, MI 48186. For information on giving, call the local Salvation Army at (734) 722-3660.

Some of our club members also serve on the Advisory Council for the Wayne-Westland Corps, and see firsthand the great work corps staff and volunteers do. There are also many volunteer opportunities at Christmas and beyond, including for volunteer bell ringers.

Westland Rotarians are glad to again man the kettle at Macy's, a December tradition for us. We also appreciate the Life Church of Canton members who came by on the sunny but cold day with hot chocolate!

Mary Vellardita,  
president  
Westland Rotary

### Can you help me?

I am researching my family tree and have discovered that my father's cousin, John Patrick Gunn, lived in Westland, Wayne, Mich., until his death on 16th May 1987 age 76.

John Patrick Gunn was born in Scotland on 27th February 1911.

I have found entries in the 1930 Census of the United States for him, his parents Patrick and Margaret and 5-year-old sister Ellen M. Gunn when the family were living in Detroit City, Wayne, Mich.

Patrick and Margaret were born in Scotland and married in 1909. I believe they arrived in America in 1923 with John. Ellen was born in Michigan in 1925 approximately.

I have been able to trace this family back to 1834 and would love to add their descendants to my tree. E-mail me at paulinemiller29@hotmail.com.

Pauline Miller  
London, England

## GUEST COLUMN

### Counterfeiting threatens troops, security

By Sen. Carl Levin  
Guest Columnist

Earlier this year, the Senate Armed Services Committee, which I chair, began an investigation of counterfeit electronic parts finding their way into the systems that our military uses to defend us. We recently held our first hearing to look at what our investigation has discovered so far, and what we have found will shock the American public.



Sen. Carl Levin

There is a flood of counterfeit electronic parts entering the defense supply chain. It is endangering our troops and costing us a fortune. And the overwhelming share of these counterfeits comes from one country: China.

Here is some of what we have found:

• Looking at just a slice of the defense contracting universe, the committee reviewed 1,800 cases of electronic parts suspected to be counterfeit. Those 1,800 cover more than 1 million individual parts. Now, 1 million parts is surely a huge number, but remember, we've only looked at a portion of the defense supply chain. Those 1,800 cases are just the tip of the iceberg.

• Staff selected more than 100 of those cases to trace the suspect parts back through the supply chain. In more than 70 percent of cases, the trail led to China, where a brazenly open market in counterfeit electronic parts thrives. In

most of the remaining cases, the trail led to known resale points for parts coming from China.

• We also conducted detailed investigations of how suspect counterfeit parts from China ended up in three key defense systems. In each case, we traced the parts through a complex web of subcontractors and suppliers back to Chinese companies.

• It is stunning how far the counterfeiters are willing to go. We asked the Government Accountability Office (GAO), acting undercover, to go online and buy electronic parts used in military systems. Every single part the GAO has received so far has been counterfeit. GAO found suppliers who not only sold them counterfeit parts when they sought real parts; suppliers were also willing to sell them parts with non-existent, made-up part numbers. Every one of the counterfeit parts they received came from China.

Too often, the cost of replacing counterfeit parts once they are discovered falls on taxpayers. We are working on legislation that would change Pentagon rules so that contractors, not taxpayers, pay to replace counterfeit parts when they are discovered. We will require that contractors notify the military immediately when they discover electronic parts that are suspected to be counterfeit, and that they report those counterfeit cases to a computerized system that contractors and the government use to track such problems.

But as we do that, we also must stop the flood of counterfeit parts at the source – and that source is mainly in China.

Witnesses told us how counterfeiters in China remove electron-

ic parts from scrapped computers and other electronic waste, how they wash the parts in dirty rivers, and dry them in the street. Counterfeiters make this scrap look like new parts and sell them openly in markets in Chinese cities and through the Internet to buyers around the world.

Chinese authorities impeded our investigation, refusing even to issue visas to our investigators to enter mainland China. At one point, a Chinese embassy official told staff that the issues we were investigating were "sensitive" and that the investigation could be "damaging" to U.S.-China relations.

They got it backwards. What is damaging to U.S.-China relations is China's refusal to act against brazen counterfeiting.

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Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan and chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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# Town hall organizers: Protect no-fault insurance

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

A bill aimed at revising Michigan's auto no-fault insurance program will gut no-fault insurance altogether, according to a coalition that wants to protect Michigan's current system.

The Coalition Protecting Auto No-fault (CPAN) conducted a Town Hall meeting Monday at the Livonia Public Library to inform area residents about the changes and the proposed legislation, House Bill 4936. The group conducted the hearing because the bill remains on the House floor and lawmakers could act on it as early as this week.

In September, House and Senate Insurance Committee chairs Pete Lund and Joe Hune introduced what they called "a cost-saving reform to Michigan's no-fault insurance system that increases consumer choice," according to a press release on Lund's website.

House Bill 4936, the Consumer Choice Insurance Act, would "preserve the integrity of the intention of Michigan's no-fault law by allowing people to choose and purchase different amounts of coverage and eliminate the mandate to purchase unlimited lifetime medical benefits."

"While families across our state have watched their jobs leave and incomes fall, their insurance premiums continue to rise," said Lund,

R-Shelby Township, in a press release. "We are the only state in the nation where motorists are required by law to purchase unlimited medical insurance. I see no reason why government should be an accomplice in picking the pockets of Michigan drivers."

Currently, Michigan is the only state that mandates motorists purchase unlimited Personal Injury Protection insurance, Lund said. Second to Michigan in the amount of coverage motorists may purchase is New Jersey, with a maximum limit of \$250,000 in coverage while New York has the next highest mandated minimum with \$50,000.

## Protecting consumers?

But one opponent said the legislation does not protect those injured in an auto accident.

"The pending legislation will dramatically alter the no-fault system," said George Sinas, general counsel for CPAN. "Folks like us believe that it will not exist anymore."

Sinas told the group of about 40 that the current lifetime personal injury protection medical coverage for all reasonably necessary products, services and accommodations will be eliminated for an injured person's care, recovery or rehabilitation. The personal injury protection will be available at specific coverage levels of \$500,000,



George T. Sinas, general counsel for CPAN, explains the bill.

\$1 million or \$5 million. Those covered currently would continue to receive the lifetime PIP protection, but the legislation would limit in-home attendant care or nursing services to eight hours a day, 56 hours a week, and compensate rates at \$11 an hour for basic care and \$17 for skilled care.

Sinas said calling the insurance "unlimited" is incorrect. "There's two key phrases. They only have to pay 'reasonable charges' for services that are 'reasonably necessary.'"

Because the legislation does not guide how much insurance companies can price coverages, they could charge higher premiums so many would decide to purchase the cheapest coverage, Sinas said.

Victims who incur unfunded medical expenses could enter Medicare or Medicaid programs, but only if they qualify, Sinas said.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland,

called the bill a "terrible deal."

"Medicaid will pick up the tab and that means taxpayers will wind up picking up the cost," Anderson said.

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, said no one pays taxes in the current no-fault system. LeBlanc said the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association does not respond to Freedom of Information requests, and that he's been told that the MCCA has anywhere between \$14 billion and \$28 billion in reserves. Insured drivers pay \$140 annually to fund the MCCA.

Both lawmakers said they oppose the bill. State Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, could not be reached Tuesday for comment.

Area residents, from communities of Farming-

ton Hills, Livonia, Novi, Plymouth, Redford and West Bloomfield and others, asked the panelists a number of questions, ranging from the impact on them and when lawmakers might vote on the bill.

## Costlier for injured persons

One man in a wheelchair asked what happens if he needs 20 hours of care a day. "I will have to pay, then?" he asked. "What if I don't have the \$9 (per hour)?" He referred to the difference between the wage of the worker and the recipient's responsibility under the proposed legislation.

When he was told that difference would be his responsibility, a woman seated next to him said: "How will people have the resources for this? This is outrageous."

A woman who identified herself as a case worker said the current system is a level playing field already because "we negotiate all the time," with insurance companies.

A tearful Meltoya Clay of Pontiac said her 18-year-old nephew was in an auto accident in October. She said her family didn't want to have to put him into a nursing home when family could take

care of him.

Later she said she was concerned about coverage in the future for him. "He's in critical condition and on a ventilator," she said.

Arnie Grinblatt, 53, of West Bloomfield, who has used a wheelchair since a car accident 10 years ago, said he would end up in a nursing home because of the increased costs that he can't afford. "I have two parents, one is in a nursing home and another in assisted living," he said about his family members. He currently receives 24-hour in-home attendant care.

"I have somewhat of an independent life. I would have no life in a nursing home," Grinblatt added that insurance premiums would increase and that lawmakers should not change the current system. "I'm scared," he said.

LeBlanc said the bill either could be acted on by lawmakers or sent to committee, but LeBlanc said sending it to committee was unlikely at this point. The bill would need 55 votes to pass the House, then would need at least five days to work its way to the Senate, where it needs 19 votes, LeBlanc said.

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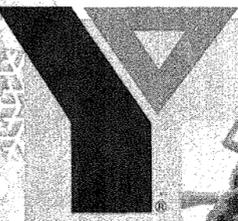
Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.



Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
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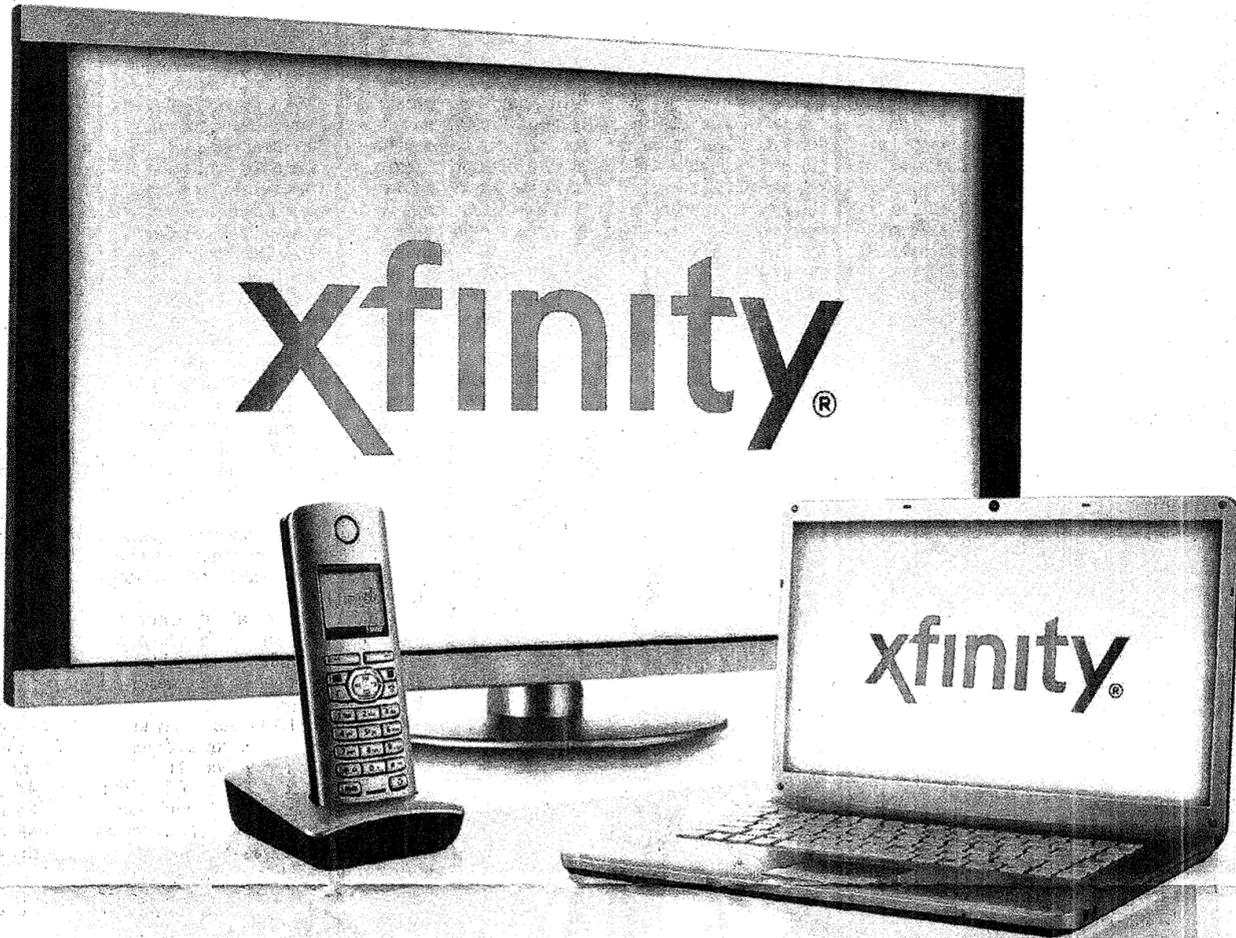
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All-around winner Alex Kitz, who captured all four events, is congratulated by her coach Lisa Broomfield of Livonia Blue during Tuesday's dual meet against Livonia Red.

## Close encounter Kitz keys Blue gymnasts by Red

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Only 1.4 points separated Livonia Blue and Livonia Red in Tuesday's Flip for a Cure, which also launched the 2011-12 girls gymnastics season opener for both schools.

Senior Alex Kitz proved to be the difference as she captured all four events as Livonia Blue held off Livonia Red, 137.80-136.40, in a meet to benefit breast cancer research at Churchill High School.

"It's always a very competitive rivalry when it's Blue vs. Red," said Blue coach Lisa Broomfield, whose squad is made up of Stevenson High gymnasts. "I was really happy with our performance. We set some goals and we achieved those goals. The first meet is always hard."

Kitz, a two-time Division 2 All-Stater, posted an impressive all-around score of 36.75 as she won the vault (9.2), uneven parallel bars (9.15), balance beam (9.35) and floor exercise (9.05).

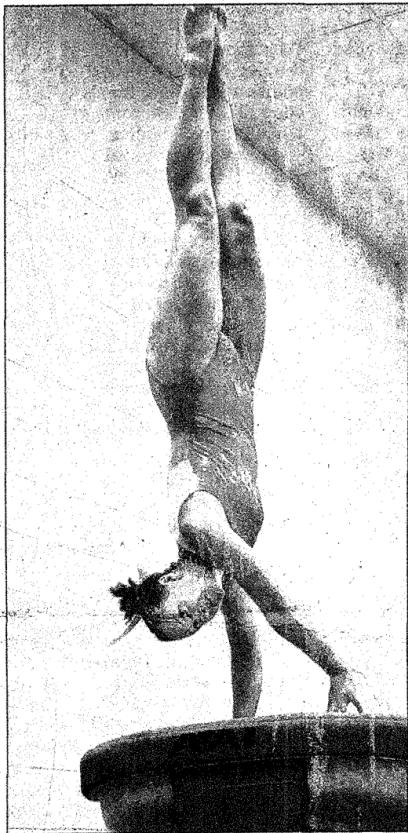
"Allison White's beam (9.0) and Alex Kitz's all-around performances were a surprise, and all the newcomers really stepped up," Broomfield said. "We're going to stick the beam as a team. On floor, we're going to have to clean up our skills."

Livonia Red, a combined team made up of gymnasts from Churchill and Franklin, also posted some encouraging results for the opener as Rose Prebola took second on balance beam (9.25) and floor exercise (8.9), while Shannon Diaz added a second on bars (8.55).

Churchill freshman Sydney Grenier and Stevenson senior Haley Olson tied for second on vault at 8.65 each.

"It was a great first meet, but we definitely have room for improvement," Livonia Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "We were right

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Livonia Red's Mallory Dorton gets ready to go airborne as she plants for the vault during Tuesday's dual meet against Livonia Blue.

## Brown's 22 boards lifts Charger win

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

Armed with a fullback's body and a power forward's mentality, 5-foot-11 Livonia Churchill junior forward Romello Brown unleashed his inner-Charles Barkley Tuesday night on visiting Garden City.

Brown was an unrelenting beast on the boards, grabbing 22 rebounds to go with 17 points to lead the Chargers **BOYS HOOPS** to a 53-50 triumph over the never-say-die Cougars.

After trailing by as many as 13 points early in the game, Garden City (0-2) stormed back to within 49-48 with 1:03 left, but the Chargers held on for dear life down the stretch.

Senior forward Jaylin Freeman came up huge at crunch-time for the Chargers (1-2), netting 11 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter.

The Cougars' valiant comeback was sparked by junior point guard Tyler Gonzalez, who tossed in 10 fourth-quarter points after hitting just one of six shots over the first 24 minutes.

Brown said there's nothing complicated about his success on the boards.

"I just jump, that's all I do," said Brown, a bruising running back for Churchill's football team in the fall. "I jump and try to get it before anybody else."

On more than one occasion Tuesday, Brown out-willed the other nine players on the court to grab back-to-back-to-back rebounds.

"Romello is a special kid," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "When he puts his mind to it, it's hard to stop him. He's such a hard worker. He deserves everything he gets."

Brown's double-double nearly got trumped by the late heroics of Gonzalez, who scored eight points in the game's final three minutes to lead the Cougars on an improbable comeback.

Gonzalez buried a pair of free throws with 63 seconds to play to bring GC to within 49-48. However, Churchill regained its three-point edge 18 seconds later thanks to a Freeman put-back.

Following a timeout, the Cougars patiently worked the ball around the perimeter until they manufactured an open three for Gonzalez, whose potential game-tying triple hit the front of the iron before getting chased down by Churchill's Colton Robison.

Freeman and Brown both nailed a free throw each in the game's waning seconds.

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Altman

## Altman earns All-Academic

Madonna University senior middle hitter Karie Altman, a biology major who carries a 3.98 grade point average, was recently named to the Capital One Academic All-America College Division Volleyball first team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

The Capital One College Division Academic All-America team is comprised of student-athletes from the NAIA, Canadian and two-year institutions.

The 6-foot Altman, a Taylor native who played at Allen Park Cabrini High School, is a two-time selection to the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference team.

She led the WHAC in attack percentage (.385) and kills per set (4.1).

Her 456 total kills ranks 32nd nationally as MU ended its season at 30-10.

A two-time Academic All-WHAC and Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athlete selection, Altman became the 46th NAIA All-America selection in the 25-year history of the Madonna University volleyball program last week, earning a selection to the third team.

She is also the fifth MU student-athlete who has been honored on the Capital One/CoSIDA squad.

## Streaking MU wins another on late triple

Sophomore Travis Schuba nailed a three-pointer from the corner with 8.4 seconds left, then sank a pair of free throws with a second to go to secure a 68-65 triumph Saturday night for the Madonna University men's basketball team at Siena Heights University.

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory extended MU's winning streak to a program record eight games.

"Learning to win on the road is another step in our team's development," said MU coach Noel Emehiser, whose team improved to 8-4 overall and 4-0 for the first time ever in the WHAC. "Our players never doubted each other, or the system, even under tough circumstances."

Schuba and fellow sophomore guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) led the Crusaders with 19 points apiece. Naubert also added five assists four rebounds, while Schuba hauled in a team-best eight rebounds.

Senior forward Tyler Coker and sophomore guard Matt Jenkins both added eight points in the victory.

Madonna led 30-27 at halftime on a pair of free throws by senior guard Mike Clark.

The Crusaders came out to start the second half and promptly pushed their lead out to seven, 42-35, on a Schuba three-pointer with 14:14 left and extended the lead out to nine on a Naubert jumper to go in front 44-35 with

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## Bench saves Lady Ocelots

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

There were numerous occasions when it appeared Schoolcraft College's record NJCAA Division II home court winning streak would come to an end.

But with a huge boost from the bench, the Lady Ocelots made it 68 in a row with a hard-fought 67-64 triumph Saturday over Edison (Ohio) Community College.

Diamond Tolliver's free throw line jumper with 29.77 seconds remaining gave Schoolcraft a 65-64 lead and the 5-foot-4 guard from Saginaw High sealed the victory with two free throws with only 7.42 to play.

Schoolcraft, off to a 9-2 start, is now in the midst of a 25-day layoff.

The Lady Ocelots don't return to the court until Wednesday, Jan. 4, when they host Kirtland CC.

On the heels of a big 70-57 win the previous night over visiting Owens (Ohio) CC, Schoolcraft came out flat and trailed 10-0 through the first 4 minutes and 36 seconds. "I think everybody came out way too relaxed like they (Edison) were going to give us the game," Schoolcraft first-year coach Kevin Brathwaite said. "I think when other people came in, they understood they had to step on the court and play basketball." The bench certainly gave



ANDREW KIELYKA

Schoolcraft's Shanequa Braggs (right) looks for an opening against Edison CC's Jo Steva during Saturday's non-conference encounter.

Schoolcraft a lift as Tolliver and Amber Sammons finished with 10 points apiece, while Infiniti Maxwell added nine.

After Brathwaite removed all five starters, the Lady Ocelots clawed their way back to 25-24 on a triple by Tolliver

with 48.4 seconds to play, only to trail 29-24 at halftime following a mini 5-0 run during the final 1:07 by the Chargers.

"They know better than that," Brathwaite said of his

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## Blazer icers break loose

Eight different players scored goals Saturday as Livonia Ladywood earned its first Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League win of the season Saturday with an 8-0 triumph over Bloomfield Hills at Hazel Park Arena.

The Blazers, who improved to 1-5 overall and 1-5 in the league, jumped out to a 4-0 first period lead on goals by Hannah Pereira, Virginia Matherly, Rana Freij and Rachel Fradette.

Erin Cronin and Kylie Doyle added second period goals, while Erin Doyle and Jackie Kristofik completed the scoring in the final period as the Blazers held a 33-11 shot advantage.

Assists went to Kylie Doyle, Lane Kolpacke, Pereira, Matherly, Brittany Galvin and Katie Folk.

Ladywood goalie Sarah Koch made 11 saves to post the shutout, while Colleen Jacoby had 25 stops for the Cranes (0-4, 0-4).

# Stevenson guard rains '3s' on RU

Jonathan Campbell had the "three-ball" going Tuesday night as Livonia Stevenson rolled to a 58-36 boys basketball victory over visiting Redford Union.

Campbell, a 6-foot senior guard, finished with a game-high 26 points, including six 3-pointers. His four triples in the opening period staked the 2-0 Spartans to a 21-13 advantage.

Senior Vince Tomasi and junior Josh Campbell chipped in with nine and eight points, respectively.

"It was obviously a great offensive performance by Jon, but he also got others involved and he was setting guys up," Stevenson first-year coach Brandon Sinawi said. "It was also a great defensive performance in the third quarter."

RU, outscored 18-6 in the third, got 12 points from Javonte Davis and 11 from Tre Goynes.

The Panthers slip to 0-3 overall.

**LINCOLN 45, WAYNE 40:** On Tuesday, James Griffiths' 16 points propelled host Ypsilanti Lincoln (2-0) to a victory over Wayne Memorial (1-2). Wayne trailed 11-4 after one quarter before closing the gap to 24-22 at halftime.

"We dug ourselves too big a hole that first quarter," Wayne coach Mike Schuette said. "We just need a little more offense and we'll be competitive."

Dezmon Burreigh and Juawan Snipes scored 14 and eight, respectively, for the Zebras.

Wayne was 11-of-19 from the foul line, while Lincoln hit 14-of-25.

**LUTH. N'WEST 57, C'VILLE 42:** Gursher Rathor scored 17 points and Nick Drews added 15 to power Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (2-1) to a win Tuesday at Livonia Clarencev-

ille (0-3). Kassius Kelly and Sam Brown each tallied 10 for the Trojans, who were outscored 30-18 in the second half after trailing 27-23 at intermission.

**ADVANCED TECH. 83, LUTH. WESTLAND 51:** Dearborn Advanced Technology Academy (2-1) used a high-pressure, full-court attack Tuesday to wear down visiting Lutheran High Westland (1-2) in a non-conference encounter.

"They get a lot of shots and a lot of offensive rebounds," said Lutheran Westland coach Doug Haller, whose team committed 42 turnovers. "It's a constant press with frequent five-man lineup changes. They create a lot of chaos. It was an interesting game for us. We'll grow from this experience."

Robert Jones and Josh Gibbs led the victorious Lakers, who led 46-28 at halftime, with 17 and 13 points, respectively. Advanced Tech also hit eight 3-pointers.

The Warriors got 14 points from A.J. Seltz and eight from Matt Sylvester.

# Blazers pull out 62-60 triumph over Romulus

Livonia Ladywood overcame first-half foul trouble and sporadic free throw shooting Monday night to overcome Romulus in a non-league girls basketball game, 62-60.

The Blazers, who improved to 3-2 overall, got a game-high 24 points from junior point-guard Andie Anastos, including 17 in the second half.

Anastos, who also grabbed seven rebounds, sealed the victory with a pair of free throws with four seconds remaining to put the Blazers up by four.

Morgan Chops, a senior center, added eight points and team-high 10 boards, but she picked up three fouls in the second quarter along with Anastos.

Junior guard Shelby Walsh chipped in with eight points as the Blazers jumped out to a 20-4 first-quarter advantage before Romulus closed the deficit to 34-26 at halftime with a 22-14 run.

Jasmine Parker paced the Eagles (3-1) with 23 points, while Ciera Bond added 11. The two combined for six 3-pointers.

Ladywood connected on only 11-of-22 from the foul line, while Romulus converted 11-of-16.

"They were so much bigger than us and they really pounded us on the boards, especially in that second quarter," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said. "But we fought and battled, and some other kids stepped up and really played good

basketball." Junior forward Kiley Gorski, recovering from minor knee surgery, made her first appearance of the season for the Blazers and grabbed six rebounds.

"She was very good defensively and got us some key rebounds," Coratti said.

**JOHN GLENN 64, S.L. EAST 38:** Sophomore point-guard Kaira Barnes tallied 16 points and junior guard ShaKeya Graves added 12 as nine of 11 players scored Tuesday as host Westland John Glenn (2-0) cruised to a KLA A crossover win over South Lyon East (3-1).

First-year Glenn coach Eric Kovatch also praised the play of back-up 6-foot center C.J. Hickerson.

"We had good balance and she played outstanding, the best game she's had on varsity the last two years," Kovatch said.

Willow Cohn and Solana Gillis scored 10 and eight, respectively, for the Cougars, who trailed 38-17 at halftime and 53-26 after three quarters.

Glenn was 6-of-9 from the foul stripe, while East hit 15-of-21.

**CHURCHILL 47, GARDEN CITY 41:** Livonia Churchill (2-1) broke a 33-all deadlock after three quarters with a 14-8 fourth-quarter run Tuesday to beat the host Cougars (1-3).

Senior center Erin Menard scored 15 points, including a back-door layup off a pass from Julia Szuba, to secure the win. She also had a key block down the stretch.

Senior Mackenzie VanAmberg and sophomore Cecilie Hansen added 10 points apiece.

VanAmberg had seven first-quarter points after the Chargers trailed 7-0. Hillarie Werda led Garden City with 16 points, while Justice Dean added 10. Garden City was 11-of-16 from the foul line, while Churchill was 3-of-7.

**NOVI 43, WAYNE 40:** On Tuesday, Jade Antolec and

Anna Lausch scored 14 and 13, respectively, as the unbeaten Wildcats (4-0) escaped Wayne Memorial (1-3) in a KLA A crossover.

Novi converted a three-point play with just under a minute left for the victory.

Sophomore Ashley Bland had 15 points, eight rebounds and four steals for the Zebras, who trailed 32-30 after three quarters.

Freshman Kayla Horn and senior Jaylyn Hammac each added eight points.

Wayne was 11-of-18 from the foul line (61 percent), while Novi was 9-of-16 (56 percent).

**SOUTH LYON 44, FRANKLIN 12:** Jessica Mehr and Gabrielle Williams tallied 11 and 10 points, respectively, leading the Lions (1-2) to a KLA A crossover win Tuesday night over host Livonia Franklin (1-2).

Franklin, which couldn't recover from a 24-5 halftime deficit, got four points from Katelyn Devers.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 46, FRANKEL 22:** Senior center Amanda Terranella's 11 points and eight rebounds carried Lutheran High Westland (2-3) to a non-conference win Tuesday at West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy (2-2).

Chandler Davenport added seven points, while Aldreanna Fikes had five rebounds for the Warriors, who outscored Frankel 32-9 in the second half.

Lutheran Westland was only 6-of-16 from the foul line. "It's nice to get a win and get everyone got a lot of playing time," Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade said. "We will be working on free throws in practice. We need to improve on that area of the game."

**N.D. PREP 49, C'VILLE 31:** On Monday, host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (2-0) jumped out to a commanding 34-10 halftime lead en route to a victory over Livonia Clarenceville (0-5).

Kiaya Bowman led the Fighting Irish with 12 points, while Jessica Green added nine. Clarenceville got nine points from sophomore center Aynna Buckley.

## CHARGERS

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"We wanted to turn the corner much quicker on that last possession," said GC coach Greg Williamson. "We didn't want the clock to run down as much as it did."

"We played pretty well in the fourth quarter, but we didn't play well at all during the first three quarters. We dug ourselves a pretty big hole that we weren't able to get out of."

The Cougars trailed 27-19 at the half and 38-28 with eight minutes to go before surging back behind their havoc-creating full-court press and some clutch shooting from Gonzalez, senior forward Tyler Steele and senior guard Jared Conroy, who wished a fourth-quarter 'three.'



ED WRIGHT  
Livonia Churchill's Romello Brown powers through the lane for two of his 17 points Tuesday night in the Chargers' 53-50 victory over Garden City. Brown pulled down 22 rebounds.

"I told our kids before the game that when you play Garden City, it's not about X's and O's," Solak said. "You have to come out with maximum effort

from beginning to end and you have to do the little things, because I guarantee you they're going to do the little things."

"I was proud of the way our kids played. Every time you can beat Garden City it's a nice win. They're so hard to play against."

Churchill outrebounded the Cougars, 38-17.

Steele contributed 10 points and four rebounds to the Cougars' cause.

Robert Foster Jr. netted six points and four rebounds for the Chargers.

Churchill canned just 8-of-20 free throws, while Garden City was 10-of-16 from the stripe. The Chargers turned the ball over 22 times against GC's frantic pressure. The Cougars suffered 16 miscues.

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# Lady Saints torch MU

A cold day shooting from the floor and second-half foul trouble was too much for the Madonna University women's basketball team to overcome Saturday as the Crusaders suffered their first home floor setback of the season against Siena Heights University, 77-58.

Junior guard Michelle Lindsey and junior forward Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) led MU with 14 points each, while junior guard Heather Pratt connected for 13

points thanks to a trio of three-pointers.

Madonna falls to 5-5 overall 2-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, while the Saints improve to 8-3 and 2-2.

Forward Nikki Hughes paced Siena Heights with a game-high 23 points to go along with 11 rebounds.

Raina Chambers chipped in with 17 points and Samantha Wolford came off the bench to score 15.

MU shot just 35 percent from the floor (19-of-54)

compared to 44 percent for Siena Heights (25-of-56).

The Crusaders struggled at the free throw line as well, knocking down just 11-of-22 attempts compared to the Saints' 24-of-34 (70.6 percent).

MU was whistled for 22 fouls during the second half as three players fouled out.

The Crusaders don't return to action under Wednesday, Dec. 21 when then travel to NCAA Division I foe Bowling Green State University (Ohio).

## MADONNA

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12:53 to go.

The Saints used a 16-5 run over the next 5:25 of action to take a 51-49 lead with 7:28 left. Siena Heights went in front by four, 59-55, on a Cecil Clark layup with 4:37 left.

On the next offensive trip, Naubert drove to the basket, made the layup and was fouled. He made the free throw to pull MU within one, 59-58, before putting the Crusaders on top by three with another layup and free throw make for a 61-59 advantage.

A pair of free throws

from Chris Lemm pulled the Saints within two, 63-61, before Vince Schantz tied the game for the ninth and final time at 63-all. Chris Lemm then scored on a fast break basket to put the Saints on top 65-63 with 54 seconds to go.

After a MU miss, Siena Heights called timeout, but committed a shot clock violation on its possession to give MU the ball and a chance to take the lead.

Naubert drove the lane and found Schuba in the corner and Schuba nailed the 3-pointer over his defender to put the Crusaders in front 66-65.

Shuba's long two-point attempt fell short and after MU inbounded the

ball, Schuba was fouled and sank both free throws to lock up the three-point win.

Clark and Lemm paced the Saints (4-8, 1-3) with 13 points each, while Schantz added 12.

The Crusaders, who moved up to a program-best No. 21 in the NAIA Division II Coaches' Poll, are in the midst final exams before hosting the annual Crusader Classic this weekend at the Activities Center.

Goshen (Ind.) and Marygrove square off at 5 p.m. followed by Madonna and Roosevelt (Ill.) at 7 p.m., both on Friday. Win or lose, Madonna will play at 3 p.m. Saturday. The first game starts at 1 p.m.

## GYMNASTS

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there. I was very pleased with the score of the first meet. The overall energy was very good.

"Shannon Diaz on beam had a great routine. I was very pleased with the girls on beam and floor. We're looking to improve our vault and especially bars."

### DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA BLUE 137.8  
LIVONIA RED 136.4  
Dec. 13 at Churchill  
Vault: 1. Alex Kitz (Blue), 9.2; 2. (tie) Sydney Grenier (Red) and Haley Olson (Blue), 8.65 each; 4. Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 8.6; 5. Malory Dorton (Red), 8.55.  
Uneven bars: 1. Kitz (Blue), 9.15; 2. Shannon Diaz (Red), 8.55; 3. Olson (Blue), 8.05; 4. Maggie McGowan (Red), 8.0; 5. Zafarana (Blue), 7.9.  
Balance beam: 1. Kitz (Blue), 9.35; 2. Rose Prebola (Red), 9.25; 3. Diaz (Blue) 9.2; 4. (tie) McGowan (Red)

and Allison White (Blue), 9.0 each.

Floor exercise: 1. Kitz (Blue), 9.05; 2. Prebola (Red), 8.9; 3. McGowan (Red), 8.8; 4. White (Blue), 8.65; 5. Andrea Irvine (Blue), 8.6.

All-around: 1. Kitz (Blue), 36.75; 2. McGowan (Red), 34.00; 3. Olson (Blue), 33.6; 4. Dorton (Red), 33.1; 5. Zafarana (Blue) 32.40; 6. Grenier (Red), 32.10; 7. Jackie Dziurgot (Red), 31.10.

Dual meet records: Livonia Blue, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA A Kensington Division; Livonia Red, 0-1 overall, 0-1 Kensington Division.

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## BOYS SWIMMING CAPSULE OUTLOOK

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
Head coach: Aaron Rieder, League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
Last year's finish: fourth, division meet; ninth, conference meet.

Last year's dual meet record: 4-9 overall.

Notable losses to graduation: Chris Sharp, Brian Sharp, Brandon Saltzman, Linus Ziemba, Erik Vingsness, Ian Clemens.

Leading returnees: Kenny Denstaedt, Sr., IM-butterfly-backstroke; Brad Johns, Sr., backstroke-butterfly; Derik Atzinger, Sr., butterfly-freestyle; Thomas Nawrocki, Sr., freestyle-breaststroke; Jason Hodges, Sr., breaststroke; Michael Sessaman, Sr., freestyle-backstroke-butterfly; Daniel Saltzman, Soph., freestyle-backstroke; Jared Quick, Soph., freestyle-backstroke; Franklin Qiu, Jr., freestyle-breaststroke; Patrick Dahlin, Soph., distance freestyle.

Promising newcomers: Kyle Reppenhagen, Fr.; Shantam Ravan, Fr.; Jacob Adams, Soph.; Jose Melendez, Soph.  
Rieder's 2011-12 outlook: "We will continue to work incredibly hard in order to realize tremendous improvements throughout the season. We hope to be competitive in our division as well as our conference meets and have set goals that focus on achieving this."

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN**  
Head coach: Kevin Hafner, 12th year.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
Last year's finish: sixth, division meet; 11th conference meet.

Last year's dual meet record: 1-8 overall.

Notable losses to graduation: Brandon Larkins, Scott James, James Fite.

Leading returnees: Kyle Mikols, Sr., sprint freestyle; Justin Larkins, Jr., breaststroke-butterfly-distance freestyle; Graham Tyrrell, Soph., sprint freestyle; Nick DeLorme, Sr., butterfly-distance freestyle; Alex Herrick, Soph., IM-breaststroke.

Promising newcomers: Austin Klotz, Fr., butterfly-distance freestyle; Jacob Forgacs, Fr., freestyle; Ryan Cossin, Fr., freestyle-breaststroke.

Hafner's 2011-12 outlook: "This is a younger team this year with good numbers in the freshman class. This will be a rebuilding year for the team with only 25 percent of last year's team returning. The returning swimmers will look to get a few state qualifying times from Justin Larkins and Kyle Mikols. We'll count on sophomore Graham Tyrrell to follow an impressive freshman year with a strong sophomore year to help out on the relays. Alex Herrick will look to become a bigger part of the team as a sophomore. Senior Nick DeLorme will be looked to for leadership and strength in the butterfly and

500 freestyle events."

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
Head coach: Jeff Shoemaker, 12th year.  
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).  
Last year's finish: ninth, Division 1 state finals; fourth, division meet; fifth, conference meet.

Last year's dual meet record: 6-5 overall.

Notable losses to graduation: Kellen Schoff (first-team All-Area); Adam Ferrara (second-team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Grant McNamara, Soph., breaststroke-freestyle (first-team All-Area, 100 breaststroke; 200 freestyle relay); John Ferrara, Jr., backstroke-IM (second-team All-Area, 100 backstroke; 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays); Jake McNamara, Sr. captain, breaststroke-IM-sprint freestyle (first-team All-Area, 200 medley relay; second-team All-Area, 200 freestyle relay); Brandon Bielicki, Sr., sprint freestyle (first-team All-Area, 200 medley relay; second-team All-Area, 200 freestyle relay); Bradley Bielicki, Soph., IM-butterfly; Dave Ptsahnik, Jr., butterfly; Jesse Damesworth, Jr., diving; Eric Rathgeber, Sr., diving; Sean Reppenhagen, Jr., diving.

Promising newcomers: To be determined.  
Shoemaker's 2011-12 outlook: "We have some top state-level kids, but not a lot of depth. Our diving program is a little better, we had six come out for the team. It's a similar team to last year. We're missing a couple spots here and there for the relays, but we should be able to qualify two, maybe three at the state meet. It will be a dogfight in the division. South Lyon is strong. Northville clear-cut to be returning champs. Salem and us should be pretty close. They're working hard. It's a hard-working group. Our goal is to finish as high as we can in the conference meet and be in the top 10 in the state meet."

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN**  
Head coach: Bob Harding, sixth year.  
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
Last year's finish: second, division meet; eighth, conference meet.

Titles won last year: South

Division co-champions (7-1 dual meet record).

Notable losses to graduation: Paul Gutu, Connor Monroe, Ryan Boes.

Leading returnees: Joey Wakeford, Sr., sprint backstroke-freestyle (ninth in Division 1 backstroke); Jake Ferguson, Sr., distance freestyle; Josh Wakeford, Jr., freestyle-butterfly; Dave Vader, Sr., sprint freestyle; Nick Stevens, Sr., breaststroke-freestyle; John Kukulka, Soph., butterfly-backstroke; Cody Hodges, Soph., sprint freestyle; Tim Moran, Sr., breaststroke-IM.

Promising newcomers: To be determined.  
Harding's 2011-12 outlook: "We have a big team this year. We have 35, a lot of seniors and juniors. We only had two freshman who came out. It's early in the season. Probably our biggest two meets will be with Plymouth and Canton again. We hope to have two relays qualify for 'state' instead of one this year, and three individuals."

**WAYNE MEMORIAL**  
Head coach: Mike Greuber, 16th year.  
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
Last year's finish: fifth, division meet; 10th, conference meet.

Last year's dual meet record: 3-7 overall.

Notable losses to graduation: Corey Robbins, Brandon Harnos, Shane Schooley.

Leading returnees: Zach Williamson, Sr., freestyle-backstroke; Nick Williams, Sr., IM-butterfly; Antonio Heberling, Jr., freestyle-breaststroke; Mike Stover, Soph., distance freestyle; Zack Williams, Soph., freestyle-breaststroke; Tyler Collison, Jr., freestyle-butterfly; Donnie Dick, Jr., freestyle; Bobby Prough, Sr., freestyle.

Promising newcomers: Mack Beene, Fr., freestyle-backstroke; Tristin Coffin, Soph., freestyle-breaststroke; Alec Gibson, Jr., freestyle-breaststroke; Devin Gibson, Fr., sprint freestyle; Michael Gibson, Fr., freestyle; Angelo Greene, Soph., freestyle-breaststroke; Noah Karson, Fr., IM-breaststroke; Collin Malcolm, Soph., freestyle; Daniel Malcolm, Jr., freestyle-backstroke; Clint Smith, Fr., freestyle-butterfly; Ty Weatherwax, Jr., freestyle.

Greuber's 2011-12 outlook: "We lost some strong seniors last year, but our senior captains, Zach Williamson and Nick Williams, will provide some strong leadership. We have one of the best young swimmers in our division (Mike Stover) who will be even stronger after a year of high school swimming. Our team is very young, with many freshmen and first-year swimmers. We will be much stronger at the end of the season than we are right now. I am excited to see how much this team will improve in the coming few months."



John Ferrara Stevenson



Grant McNamara Stevenson

## Rocket boys orbit to Early Bird title

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Division 1 state runner-up Westland John Glenn boys bowling team apparently has picked up right where it left off from last season.

The Rockets led all 19 schools with a school-record pin total of 4,360 to capture the Farmington Early Bird Invitational Saturday at Drakeshire Lanes.

Lake Orion placed a distant second with 4,090 and Clarkston took third 4,080.

Glenn posted a six-game Baker set (alternating shots) with scores of 191, 186, 227, 172, 227, 172, 222 and 237 followed by a regular game three-game set of 1,000, 1,076 and 1,049.

Glenn junior captain Jordan Hornes, the defending Division 1 individual singles champion, rolled a school-record 748 series on games of 236, 269 and 243.

Senior captain Mitch Dean added a 631 series on games of 201, 227 and 203.

Other high games were turned in by Tom-

er games," he said. "They missed a few spares I would like to see them make, but overall they continue to be focused on executing every shot."

On Monday, Glenn upended rival Wayne Memorial in battle of Final Four teams from a year ago, 19.5-10.5, at Town 'N Country Lanes.

Wayne took the Baker two-game set, 417-394, to lead 6-4 going into match play.

But the Rockets, led by Ruark's 265 and Hornes' 265, took the first match game, 1,048-1,015.

In the second match game, Glenn pulled it out, 1,093-1,051, thanks to a 255 from Ruark and a 239 from Mark Kassab.

Ruark posted a 520 two-game set, while Hornes and Steven White added a 452 and 430, respectively, for Glenn, which improved to 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the KLAAs Central Division.

Elliot Arnold shot a 230-210 to lead Wayne (2-1, 0-1).

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## PREP BOWLING RESULTS

**BOYS DUAL RESULTS**  
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 19.5 WAYNE MEMORIAL 10.5

Dec. 10 at Town 'N Country  
Glenn scorers: Tommy Ruark, 265-255-520; Jordan Hornes, 259-193-452; Steven White, 226-204-430; Mark Kassab, 239; split score, 137-161-198. Team totals: 1,048-1,093-2,141 (15.5 points); Baker games: 173-221-394 (4 points).

Wayne scorers: Elliot Arnold, 230-210-440; Kody Wojewski, 221-203-424; Zack Huffman, 215-204-419; Shane Rinaldo, 188-216-404; Matt Mikulec, 161-218-379. Team totals: 1,015-1,051-2,066 (4.5 points); Baker games: 206-211-417 (6 points).

Dual match records: Glenn, 3-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs Central; Wayne, 2-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs Central.

**GIRLS DUAL RESULTS**  
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 24 WAYNE MEMORIAL 6

Dec. 10 at Town 'N Country  
Glenn scorers: Olivia Cabildo, 214-166-380; Jessica Pate, 181-173-354; Caitly Lenard, 162; Sara Aulidge, 158; Bre Riblett, 155; Montana Graszak, 141; Beccah Lenard, 130. Team totals: 844-765-1,609 (18 points); Baker games: 164-135-299 (6 points).

Wayne scorers: Lorissa Willet, 176-168-332; Tiffany Markham, 127-168-295; Sarah Shurge, 176-108-284; Kira Leach, 95-173-268; Tiffany Ozog, 106-112-218. Team

totals: 680-717-1,397 (2 points); Baker games: 132-139-269 (4 points).

Dual match records: Glenn, 2-1 overall, 1-0 KLAAs Central; Wayne, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAAs Central.

**SALEM 16**  
WAYNE MEMORIAL 14

Dec. 6 at Novi Bowl  
Wayne scorers: Tiffany Markham, 201-223-424; Lorissa Willet, 143-131-274; Tiffany Ozog, 132-122-254; Kira Leach, 111-133-244; Sarah Shurge, 109-118-227. Team totals: 696-727-1,423; Baker games: 129-163-292.

**WALLED LAKE WESTERN 19**  
WAYNE MEMORIAL 11

Dec. 5 at Novi Bowl  
Wayne scorers: Tiffany Markham, 179-223-402; Lorissa Willet, 140-141-281; Kira Leach, 159-122-281; Sarah Shurge, 110-104-214; Tiffany Ozog, 105-107-212. Team totals: 693-697-1,390; Baker games: 145-108-253.

**TOURNEY RESULTS**  
FARMINGTON EARLY BIRD INVITATIONAL

Dec. 10 at Drakeshire Lanes

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Westland John Glenn, 4,360; 2. Lake Orion, 4,090; 3. Clarkston, 4,080; 4. Oxford, 4,001; 5. Berkley, 3,944; 6. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 3,902; 7. Walled Lake Central, 3,802; 8. Royal Oak, 3,722; 9. Northville, 3,675; 10. Walled Lake Northern, 3,652 (19 schools).

Individual winner: Jordan Hornes (John Glenn), 236-269-243-748.

Other Glenn scorers: 8. Mitch Dean, 201-277-203-631; Steven White, 243; Thomas Brusseau, 221; Daniel Ammons, 210; Mark Kassab, 197; split score, 191-128-150; split score, 151; Team totals: 1,000-1,076-1,049.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Clarkston, 3,816; 2. Walled Lake Central, 3,781; 3. Oxford, 3,536; 4. Lake Orion, 3,505; 5. Westland John Glenn, 3,434; 6. Farmington Hills Mercy (A), 7. North Farmington, 3,309; 8. Novi, 3,191; 9. Walled Lake Western, 3,173; 10. Northville, 3,151; 13. Livonia Ladywood, 2,886 (19 schools).

Individual winner: Stephanie Lavelly (Clarkston), 236-214-237-687.

Glenn scorers: 4. Olivia Cabildo, 207-231-194-632; Jessica Pate, 147-184-181-512; Bre Riblett, 166-150-316; Yvette Ayers, 166-140-306; Caitly Lenard, 153-151-304; Sara Aulidge, 185; Montana Graszak, 115; split score, 149. Team totals: 858-870-791.

Ladywood scorers: Amy Lewandowski, 143-170-190-503; Sabine Hutter, 189-162-151-502; Shelby Fielding, 128-125-137-309; Sarah Knapp, 134-128-262; Veronica Estiguy, 103-117-220; Kailyn Delonis, 131; Victoria Anic, 111. Team totals: 558-651-458.

## BOYS SWIM RESULTS

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
Dec. 13 at Livonia Stevenson  
TEAM SCORES: Stevenson 122, Monroe 64; Stevenson, 115; Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day 68; Country Day 99, Monroe, 84.

**FINAL RESULTS**

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (John Ferrara, Jake McNamara, Bradley Bielicki, Brandon Bielicki), 1:42.77; 200 freestyle: 1. Michael Allen (M), 1:54.22; 2. Grant McNamara (LS), 1:55.24; 3. Brandon Shatter (LS), 1:59.91; 200 individual medley: 1. Ferrara (LS), 2:03.21; 3. Bradley Bielicki (LS), 2:16.75; 50 freestyle: 1. Jonathon Voelker (M), 23.35; 2. Brandon Bielicki (LS), 23.67; 1-meter diving: 1. Zach Nofzinger (M), 192.23 points; 2. Brian Atiyeh (LS), 1:56.75; 3. Eric Rathgeber (LS), 138.53; 100 butterfly: 1. Kelsey Kerbawy (DCCD), 56.82; 2. David Ptsahnik (LS), 59.99; 100 freestyle: 1. Voelker (M), 52.23; 2. Brandon Bielicki (LS), 52.3; 500 freestyle: 1. G. McNamara (LS), 5:07.12; 200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (J. McNamara, Ptsahnik, G. McNamara, Brandon Bielicki), 1:35.56; 100 backstroke: 1. Ferrara (LS), 54.13; 100 breaststroke: 1. J. McNamara (LS), 1:03.92; 400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Bradley Bielicki, G. McNamara, Brandon

Shatter, Ferrara), 3:32.76.  
Stevenson's dual meet record: 2-0 overall.

**ROCKET RELAYS**  
BOYS SWIM MEET

Dec. 10 at John Glenn

**FINAL RELAY RESULTS**

200-yard medley: 1. Westland John Glenn (Jacob Burcicki, Josh Wakeford, John Kukulka, Nick Stone), 1:55.16; 2. Wayne Memorial (Zach Williamson, Mike Stover, Nick Williams, Zach Williams), 1:56.99; 3. Dearborn, 1:59.13.  
800 freestyle: 1. John Glenn (Aaron Alholinna, Brad Alholinna, Josh Farrough, Josh Wakeford), 8:42.02 (meet record); 2. Dearborn, 8:43.02; 3. Wayne, 10:13.05.  
1-meter diving: 1. Dearborn, 178.60 points (meet record); 2. John Glenn (Ainsworth Orr, Sean Taylor, Nick Taylor), 143.25.

400 individual medley: 1. John Glenn (Dave Vader, Burcicki, Stevens, Joey Wakeford), no time available (meet record); 2. Wayne (N. Williams, Noah Karson, Williamson, Stover), 4:41.37; 3. Dearborn, 5:20.87.  
100 butterfly: 1. John Glenn (Tim Green, Josh Jenderat, Chris Sabal, Vader), 57.37; 2. Dearborn, 2:15.59; 3. Wayne, 1:34.59.  
200 freestyle: 1. John Glenn

(Stone, Jenderat, Green, Stevens), 1:43.08; 2. Wayne (Z. Williams, Mack Beene, Devin Gibson, Williamson), 1:48.99; 3. Dearborn, 1:53.78.

100 medley: 1. John Glenn (Jake Ferguson, Derek Sweet, Josh Ferguson, Ruben Maya), 1:01.16; 2. Dearborn, 1:10.92.

1,500 freestyle: 1. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Tim Moran, Jake Ferguson), 16:47.64; 2. Dearborn, 17:34.98.

100 freestyle: 1. John Glenn (Cody Hodges, Nate Alvord, Farrough, Rory Kemp), 49.87; 2. Wayne (D. Gibson, Z. Williams, Michael Gibson, Karson), 53.06; 3. Dearborn, 54.95.  
200 breaststroke: 1. John Glenn (Stone, B. Alholinna, Moran, Jenderat), 2:20.8; 2. Dearborn, 2:41.83; 3. Wayne, 2:55.95.

100 backstroke: 1. John Glenn (Jesse Osoria, Jake Deering, Jason Burcicki, Kemp), 1:10.17; 2. Dearborn, 1:11.03; 3. Wayne, 1:21.54.  
200 butterfly: 1. John Glenn (Josh Wakeford, Green, Sabal, Joey Wakeford), 2:00.18.  
400 freestyle: 1. Dearborn (August McHugh, Andrew Rinke, Ryan Denison, Alex Green), 3:40.06; 2. John Glenn (A. Alholinna, Hodge, Kukulka, Vader), 3:45.38; 3. Wayne, 3:56.44.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Thursday, Dec. 15  
Frankel at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 16  
S.L. East at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Novi at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

South Lyon at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Cville at Groves, 7 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Thursday, Dec. 15

Oakland Christian at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.

HVL at Parkway, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 16  
Churchill at S.L. East, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Novi, 7 p.m.

Wayne at S. Lyon, 7 p.m.

Lady. at Grosse Ile, 7 p.m.

Madison at Cville, 7 p.m.

**PREP HOCKEY**  
Friday, Dec. 16

Ladywood vs. Northville at Farm. Hills Arena, 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17

Stevenson vs. Brighton at Edgar Arena, 7 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Regina at Arctic Pond, 7:30 p.m.

**PREP WRESTLING**  
Friday, Dec. 16

Oakland Co. at Oxford, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17

Wayne County Invitational at John Glenn, 9 a.m.

Oak. Co. at Oxford, 10 a.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING**  
Thursday, Dec. 15

Churchill at WLC, 6:30 p.m.

Truman at Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

**PREP BOWLING**  
Saturday, Dec. 17

Bay City Tournament at Monitor Lanes, 9:30 a.m.

**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
Tuesday, Dec. 13

Livonia Red vs. Liv. Blue at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

**COMPETITIVE CHEER**  
Thursday, Dec. 15

Kettering Quad, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17

Onsted Invitational, 10 a.m.

Cousino Cheer, 2:30 p.m.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Friday, Dec. 16

(Crusader Classic at MU)

Goshen vs. Marygrove, 5 p.m.

MU vs. Roosevelt (Ill.), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17

Crusader Classic 1 & 3 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

## Learn to Skate

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its Learn to Skate winter session II beginning the week of Jan. 9 through Feb. 27 at Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon (one half mile south of Five Mile and just west of Farmington Road).

Each class for the eight-week program is 25 minutes.

Classes offered include: ages 4 and up - 5 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 6 p.m. or 6:25 p.m. Mondays; hockey skills - 6:25 p.m. Mondays; and 3-year-olds only - 5 p.m. Mondays. (No equipment is need

for boys hockey skills. No sticks or pucks are used. Limited skate rental is available at no charge.)

Walk-in registration will be from 6:30-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at the Livonia Community Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

The fee is \$62 (residents) and \$76 (non-residents). Private lessons are also available. For more information, call (734) 466-2412.

## Softball camps

Coach Al White of Madonna University will stage a series of winter softball camps for ages 7-18 including:

Hitting - 9-11:30 a.m. (session 1) and noon to 2:30 p.m. (session 2) on Sunday, Dec. 18 (cost \$30);

Fundamentals (session 1) - 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28 (cost \$125 before Dec. 1 or \$150 after Dec. 1);

Fundamentals (session 2) - noon to 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 (cost \$125 before Dec. 1 or \$150 after Dec. 1).

**RELIGION CALENDAR**

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com). If including a photo, it must be in jpg format, attached to the e-mail.

**Dec. 15-21**

**ADVENT SERVICES**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Dec. 21  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Special worship services

**BREAKFAST**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 18  
**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** All you can eat, pan-

cakes, French toast, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, apple-sauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk with appearance by Santa Claus; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10  
**Contact:** (734) 425-4421  
**HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17  
**Location:** Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave., in Detroit's Indian Village neighborhood.  
**Details:** The Community Chorus of Detroit with the CCD Chamber Orchestra and soloists, and special guests, the Detroit Children's Choir's Touring Choir

**Contact:** [www.community-chorusofdetroit.com](http://www.community-chorusofdetroit.com)  
**SOUP & SCRIPTURE**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. supper, followed by service at 7 p.m. Dec. 21  
**Location:** Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Hearty soup and bread supper followed by Advent service  
**Contact:** (734) 427-2290

7:30 p.m.  
**Contact:** (248) 553-3380  
**Dec. 29-Jan. 4, 2012**

**THESIS**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Jan. 2, 2012  
**Location:** Gesu Catholic Church, 17180 Oak Drive, Detroit  
**Details:** Helen Marie Berg, senior at Catholic University, will present her thesis: "In Unity, There is Hope: A Story of a Detroit Parish." She will tell the story of how Gesu Catholic Church and School has changed as Detroit has changed.  
**Contact:** (313) 862-4400 or visit <http://gesudetroit.org>

**Dec. 22-28**  
**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**  
**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24; 10 a.m. Dec. 25  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Family service at 5 p.m.; candlelight service at

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**DOLMETSCH, MARY LOU (DEACY)**  
 Age 80, December 8, 2011. Born in Chicago, resident of Livonia for 44 years. Beloved wife of Bob. Loving mother of Bob (Sharon) & Jim (Lisa) Dolmetsch, Mary Jo (Mark) Westbrock, Patti (Rick) Galli. Dear grandmother of Edward, Kristin, Mike, Anthony, Sara, Gina, Jeanette, Jackie, Troy. Visitation at Harry J. Will in Livonia Sunday, December 11 from 2-9. Rosary at 8:00pm. Funeral service on Monday, December 12 at 10:00am at St. Colette Church in Livonia. In lieu of flowers, donations directed to Angela Hospice or Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Please view memorial tributes at [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)



**WILSON, WILLIAM**  
 Age 76. Beloved husband of Shirley (nee Davies). Devoted father of Michael (Shawn) Wilson, and Tracy (Marty) VanEe. Loving grandfather of Samantha, Nathan, Jacquelyn, Rachel, Carly, Isabella and Jack. Fond brother of Judy (Tom) Piccinin and the late Hugh Wilson Jr. Ford Motor Employee for over 33 years. Graduate of Tulelake High School, CA & Kent State University and a US Air Force Veteran. Visiting Thurs Dec. 15th 3-8 pm at Charles Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (Btw 6-7 Mile.) In State Friday 10:30 am until 11 am services at St. Paul Presbyterian Church. Interment at Glen Eden Cemetery. Donations to Michigan Humane Society or Wounded Warriors Project appreciated. Condolences to StepFunerals.com



**YOUNG, JERRY JOSEPH, SR.**  
 Of Gramps Wooden Toys in Farmington Hills, age 82, died December 8, 2011. Husband of Lyla Young for 62 1/2 years. Respected and loved father of Cindy (Robin) Priemer, Jerry (Debbie) Young, Jr., Pamela Schultes (deceased), Judy (Karl) Chimmer, Craig (Sue) Young, Todd (Lisa) Young, Louise "Bunny" (Tom) Hozeska, and Jennifer (Jim) Young. Gramps to 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Brother of Susan, Joe, and David. The family would like to thank Jerry's longtime clients for their support through the years. Memorial visitation will be on Saturday, December 17, 2011, 11:30am until the time of the memorial service 1:00pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his name to the American Diabetes Association. [www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)



**TUPAJ, STANLEY**  
 Age 90. Beloved husband of Lottie. Dear father to Tom of Colorado, Patricia Robak, Laurie (Kerry) Banka, Gary (Teresa) of Virginia, and Carol Prokop. Proud grandfather of 7. Loving brother of Sophie (Don) Pfeiffer, Henry Tupaj and the late Mary Navin. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel, 36100 5 Mile Rd., Livonia (E. of Levan) Thursday 3-9pm with 7pm Military Honors and 7:30pm Rosary. Funeral Service Friday at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. In-State 10am Mass 10:30am. Memorial Contributions may be made to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 150 Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Please visit online guestbook [fredwoodfuneralhome.com](http://fredwoodfuneralhome.com)



**Party focuses on saint, holiday traditions**

By Sharon Dargay  
 O&E Staff Writer



St. Nicholas will distribute candy coins and pose for photos with the children after talking about his origin at the party.

Forget the fur-lined red coat and Santa hat. Kindly old St. Nick — Santa Claus' predecessor — will be decked out in his authentic bishop's vestments and mitre when he greets youngsters Saturday, Dec. 17 at St. Thomas Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills.

"He'll tell the story of how he became a saint and how he has helped call Santa Claus to give gifts in good cheer to everyone," said Richard Shebib, a board member of the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit, the group organizing the children's party.

The event, now in its second year, is open to the public. Shebib said the festivities last year drew both church members and non-Orthodox visitors.

Although Santa Claus images dominate the holiday season, Shebib said most children are likely to be familiar with St. Nicholas.

"When I was a little boy we used to call him (Santa) St. Nick. I think a lot of children's stories refer to Santa as St. Nick. The parents will know and children will be in tune to that."

St. Nicholas was a Fourth Century bishop in what today is southern Turkey. He used his inheritance to do good works, according to the Web site Catholic.org. In one case, he paid the dowries of three poor sisters by throwing bags of gold into their home at night. Some stories say the bags fell into shoes drying by the fire, which led to the Christmas custom of hanging stockings or putting out shoes to receive gifts from the saint.

Youngsters also can pose with two live reindeer from noon-2 p.m. The event will run from 2-4 p.m. at the church, located at 29150 W. 10 Mile.

"This is an outreach program for the Council," said Shebib, adding that nursing home residents have been invited to attend each year. "It's also a community service for young teens to come in and help us out."

Young adult members of Orthodox churches will be stationed around the church hall and will explain various traditions of Christmas, such as trees, stars, angels, and wreaths. "We'll ask the children to go around the hall to each tradition and listen to the presentation. When they are done they will come to me and I give them a small gift," Shebib said.

Refreshments will be served and a service of Great Vespers will follow the party at 4 p.m. For more information call Shebib at (248) 345-9346.

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For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 248-437-2011, Ext. 247 or e-mail: [dhart@dnp.com](mailto:dhart@dnp.com)

## Add this grab-and-go snack to holiday recipes

If you're planning a long day of holiday shopping, don't forget to slip a snack into your pocket or purse. Raisins are the perfect portable food to help you recharge as you negotiate the mall crowds.

This little fruit has big benefits that help to maintain a healthy lifestyle, according to the California Raisins Marketing Board. Raisins, which are dried grapes, are fat and cholesterol free, naturally low in sodium, packed with antioxidant protection for heart and colon health, a great addition to the day's total intake of dietary fiber and potassium, known to contain compounds that may inhibit growth of the bacteria associated with tooth and gum disease and an ideal source of all-natural energy.

Raisins rank among the top antioxidant foods, according to USDA government tests.

They're also a sweet addition to favorite foods — from beverages to treats. Try these recipes, courtesy of Sun-Maid, for your next holiday gathering:



Merry Munchies

### Merry Munchies Makes 3 dozen cookies

½ cup butter or margarine softened  
1½ cups firmly packed brown sugar  
1 large egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1½ cups all-purpose flour  
1½ teaspoons baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
1 package (1 cup) Sun-Maid Baking Raisins

Heat oven to 350 F. Combine butter, brown sugar, egg and vanilla; beat until well blended. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add to butter mixture; mix well. Stir in walnuts and raisins. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto cookie sheets. Bake at 350 F for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from cookie sheets; cool on wire racks.

### Raisin Chocolate Fudge Makes 25 pieces

1½ cups sugar  
½ cup light corn syrup  
¼ cup milk  
½ cup butter or margarine  
12 large marshmallows or 1½ cups mini marshmallows  
12-ounce package (2 cups) semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1½ cups coarsely chopped walnuts  
1 cup Sun-Maid Natural Raisins

Butter an 8-inch square pan. In 2-½-quart saucepan, combine sugar, corn syrup, milk and butter. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until butter melts and sugar is dissolved. Add marshmallows. Bring to a full boil, stirring constantly; boil 5 minutes. Remove from heat; add chocolate pieces and vanilla. Stir until chocolate is melted. Stir in walnuts and raisins; pour into buttered pan. Let stand until firm; cut into squares.



Raisin Chocolate Fudge

### Baked Brie with Zesty Raisins Makes 24 servings

2 (4½ ounces each) wedges or rounds Brie cheese  
2 tablespoons orange juice  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
½ cup Sun-Maid Golden Raisins or Sun-Maid Natural Raisins  
1 tablespoon packed brown sugar  
2 tablespoons finely shredded orange peel

Cut Brie wedges in half horizontally. Set aside. Heat juices just to boiling in a saucepan. Remove from heat. Stir in raisins. Cover and let stand 10 minutes. Drain. Stir in sugar and peel. Spoon half of mixture on bottom of Brie wedges, place wedge on top. Cover with remaining raisin mixture. Wrap individually and chill for a minimum of 2 hours or up to 3 days.

To serve, bake uncovered at 400 F for 8 to 10 minutes or until Brie is warm and slightly softened. Serve with crackers.

### Hot Fruit Punch Makes about 1½ gallons

1½ gallons water  
7 to 8 sticks sugar cane (or 1 16-ounce can with syrup)  
4 to 5 tamarind pods, husked and strings removed

2 to 3 cinnamon sticks  
1 cup Sun-Maid Natural Raisins  
1 cup Sun-Maid Pitted Prunes  
3 to 4 apples cored and sliced  
3 to 4 fresh or frozen guavas  
Granulated sugar to taste  
Brandy, optional

Heat water, sugar cane, tamarind and cinnamon sticks in a large pot. Boil uncovered for 6 to 7 minutes. If desired, use a slotted spoon to remove sugar canes and cinnamon sticks. Add raisins, prunes, apples, guavas and sugar to taste. Simmer until fruit is soft, approximately 5 to 10 minutes.

Serve hot with brandy, if desired.

### CITY BITES

#### Brunch anyone?

**PLYMOUTH** — Get prime rib, Eggs Benedict, Belgian waffles, smoked salmon, bacon, sausage, salads, desserts and more at Sean O'Callaghan's Holiday Brunch, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Cost is \$18.99 for adults and \$8.99 for children. Make reservations by calling (734) 459-6666. The restaurant is located at 821 Penniman.

#### Tasty fundraiser

**PLYMOUTH** — Selling lots of Grand Traverse Pie Company certificates was no pie-in-the-sky dream for the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC). The organization sold more than 200 certificates, each good for one nine-inch pie, earlier this fall to help fund its youth theater program, Plymouth Uptown Players, (PUPS). The group earned \$1,000 from the fundraiser, which will benefit PUPS' in project development and prop purchases. Learn more about PUPS at www.plymoutharts.com. For more about Grand Traverse Pie Company call (734) 459-9200.

#### Apple honors

**SOUTH LYON** — William Erwin and William Emery of Erwin Orchards & Cider Mill in South Lyon earned a fourth place — and honorable mention — for their apple cider at the 15th annual Michigan Apple Cider Contest, held earlier this month in Grand Rapids. The contest is sponsored by the Michigan Apple Committee and Bob Tritton, a Michigan State University Extension District Fruit Educator.



### Red Kettles

**SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN** — Donate \$1 to The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit at Buddy's Pizza and you'll receive a paper Red Kettle that can be signed and displayed in the store. The donation drive continues through Dec. 24 at all nine Buddy's locations. Local stores are at 31646 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills and 33605 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

## Celebrate breakfast with the crunch of almonds

Some things are just better together; milk and cookies, Bert and Ernie, and breakfast with almonds.

It's not surprising that breakfast — known as the most important meal of the day — is often skipped thanks in large part to chaotic mornings that leave little time for making nutritious meals.

But it's always good to remember why the most important meal of the day earned its reigning title.

Cynthia Sass, author of the New York Times Best Selling Book *Cinch! Conquer Cravings, Drop Pounds and Lose Inches*, is a great believer in the power of a nutritious breakfast.

"My first tip when counseling people is to get them started on breakfast. Something is better than nothing. People may think skipping breakfast means saving calories, but in fact it forces your body to work when it doesn't have fuel, which can result in a sluggish metabolism," Sass explains. "Even if you aren't hungry, train your body to eat something in the morning. People tend to eat fewer calories and make healthier choices throughout the day when they start

with breakfast."

Sass's secret weapon for a breakfast packed with a whole lot of punch? Almonds.

The almond, in all of its versatile forms — whether whole, sliced, roasted, chopped, as almond butter or almond milk — often makes a daily appearance in Sass's morning menu.

Including almonds in your breakfast is the extra boost a bowl of cereal, cup of low-fat yogurt, or slice of whole wheat toast needs to go from good to even better.

A recent study published in the February 2011 issue of *Nutrition & Metabolism* by Dr. Mori, et al, found that eating a breakfast upgraded with almonds (a low glycemic index food) aided in stabilizing blood glucose levels for the better part of the day, while also keeping study participants satiated for a longer period of time. Read the article, "Acute and second-meal effects of almond form in impaired glucose tolerant adults: a randomized crossover trial" by Dr. Mori and her team, at [www.nutritionandmetabolism.com/content/8/1/6](http://www.nutritionandmetabolism.com/content/8/1/6).

In addition, the U.S. Dietary Guidelines recommend that the

majority of your fat intake come from unsaturated foods. One serving of almonds (28g) has 13 grams of fat and only 1 gram of saturated fat, so almonds are a healthy snack you can eat worry free.

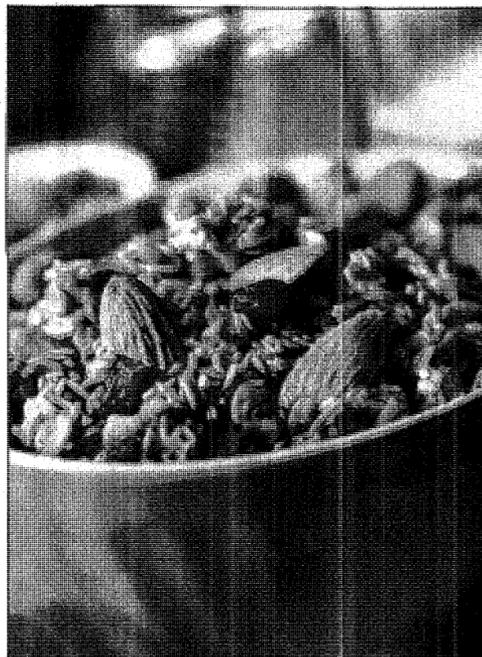
Here are some favorite almond breakfast ideas to help start the day right:

- Top whole wheat toast with almond butter and sliced bananas.
- Add almonds to oatmeal with skim or low-fat milk topped with dried or fresh fruit.
- Sprinkle sliced almonds into your breakfast parfait layered with low-fat yogurt and fruit.

- Toss toasted, sliced almonds into scrambled eggs or a veggie omelet for an extra healthy boost.
- Dip half a banana into non-fat yogurt, then roll into chopped roasted almonds and oatmeal.

- Wrap in parchment paper and freeze overnight.
- Smooth rich almond butter onto apple slices and enjoy.

For more breakfast recipe ideas, tips from registered dietitians and the latest almond research visit [www.AlmondBoard.com](http://www.AlmondBoard.com).



Almonds added to cereal

— Courtesy of Family Features

**GET OUT!**

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**Film**

**PENN THEATRE**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 17-18

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

**Details:** "Polar Express," \$3

**Coming up:** "Elf," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22 and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23; "The Big Year," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29 and Jan. 5, 2012, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 30; and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31; "Puss In Boots," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2012; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 7-8, 2012; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012; all seats \$3

**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

**REDFORD THEATRE**

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Dec. 16 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 17

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

**Details:** "It's a Wonderful Life," tickets \$4

**Coming up:** "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," 8 p.m. Jan. 6, 2012 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 7, 2012



Youth Choir members are Summer Edwards, (left) Satyam Joseph, Nora Wygant, and Corey Goines. All are from Farmington Hills. They and other members will perform Dec. 22 at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre.

**Contact:** (313) 537-2560

**Museums**

**CHARLES H. WRIGHT**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

**Details:** Dance Theatre of Harlem, through Dec. 31 Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free

**Contact:** (313) 494-5800

**CRANBROOK**

**Time/Date:** 2 p.m., Thursday-Sunday

**Location:** 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills

**Details:** Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or shine.

**Contact:** (248) 645-3200 for house tours; http://science.cranbrook.edu

**KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, through Dec. 18

**Location:** In the heart of the University of Michigan campus, 434 S. State, Ann Arbor

**Details:** "Karais Revealed: Discovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt" will explore the story of a site excavation initiated by U of M in the 1920s and 1930s. It will illuminate the historical records of a single village community, located 80 kilometers southwest of Cairo in the Egyptian countryside, during Egypt's Greco-Roman period

**Contact:** (734) 764-9304

**JAZZ**

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piece, but there's also the blues shuffle, straight forward jazz-blues."

The concert will start at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the DiPonio Room of the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College. Tickets are available at www.schoxoffice.com and at the main bookstore. Cost is \$8 general admission; \$5 students and seniors; children under 12 will be admitted free.

**Joining in**

All of the clinics are open to the public. Musicians of all ages may bring their instruments. They'll form "pick up" groups if they don't have their own jazz ensembles.

"There's nothing like making music with your friends," Selva said, who plays in a jazz ensemble with men in their 70s and 80s. Many of his fellow musicians have played an instrument for most of their lives.

"The music is something very near and dear to them," he said. "They pass it on to their children. They love music and they sometimes play in groups together. It brings us all together, all ages, and it's something that enriches everybody's life."

For more information, e-mail Selva at rselva@schoolcraft.edu.

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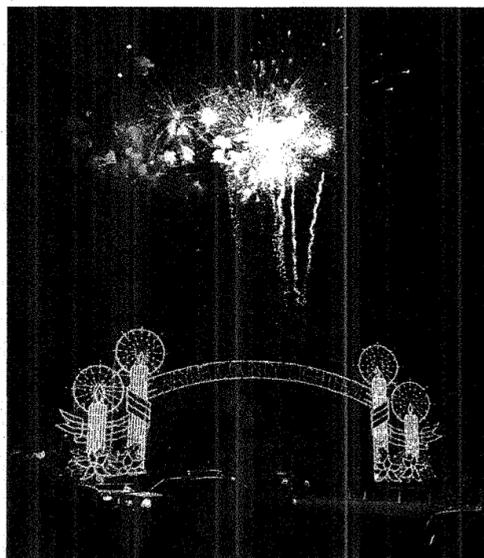
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**Location:** Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Singles and couples dance to music of the '30s, '40s and '50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members  
**Contact:** Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

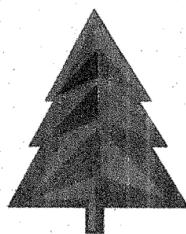
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## Clinics, concert offer 'All That Jazz' for young musicians

By Julie Brown  
 and Sharon Dargay  
 O&E Staff Writers

Musicians of all ages can practice their jazz skills at a series of clinics offered by Schoolcraft College, Friday-Monday, Dec. 16-19.

Anyone simply interested in listening to the music and watching the musicians also may attend the free sessions, which will culminate in a concert by four college jazz groups on Monday.

Riccardo Selva, director of jazz studies at Schoolcraft College since 2009, looks forward to bringing his former professor and mentor, Don Owens of Northwestern University, to the four-day event.

"He is just a wonderful teacher and musician," Selva said.

Last May, Schoolcraft's jazz program went to Northwestern as part of a Chicago tour. "All of the students really liked him. We're bringing him back in," said Selva, a Southgate resident.

The upcoming clinics evolved from a one-day event with guest jazz artist Wayne Bergeron last spring.

"That was in April and that was our first big guest artist. As a result, I applied for a grant and received funding from the Schoolcraft College Foundation for our current guest artist and four days as opposed to one," said Selva, adding that the spring clinic and



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Don Owens Northwestern University faculty

concert "attracted a lot of people."

He expects the upcoming series will draw organized student jazz groups, individual musicians, as well as jazz lovers who simply want to attend the series to watch and hear the performances.

### Involving youth

The program will feature an open rehearsal Sunday, Dec. 18, at



Schoolcraft College's Jazz Ensemble performs in Chicago, Ill., earlier this year.

Schoolcraft, located on Haggerty north of Six Mile in Livonia.

"We're really trying to spread the arts to the

younger generation," Selva said. "There's nothing like participating in a musical group. We're trying to turn them on to

### JAZZ CLINICS

**Friday, Dec. 16:** Peggy Babcock, Farmington Harrison High School Jazz Band director hosts a clinic, 3-6 p.m. at Farmington Harrison High School, 29995 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Owens will work with local high school jazz ensembles and visitors. Bring your own instruments.

**Saturday, Dec. 17:** School, community groups and individuals can participate in a clinic from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Alexander Music Building at Eastern Michigan University, in Ypsilanti. Bring your own instruments.

**Sunday, Dec. 18:** The open rehearsal, with the Schoolcraft College Jazz Department and the Eastern Michigan University Jazz Ensemble, runs 3-6 p.m. in the DiPonio Room at Schoolcraft's VisTaTech Center. Bring your own instruments to sit in with the college musicians.

**Monday, Dec. 19:** A composers workshop runs 10:30 a.m.-noon, in the Presentation Room at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College. Participants should bring their instruments and may bring their original compositions. Piano and drums will be provided. From 3:30-5 p.m., professional jazz musicians and professors talk about the specific roles of each player in both a jazz combo and jazz ensemble. They'll also present ideas and strategies for improvisation. Participants with instruments will form a jazz combo and receive coaching. Piano and drums will be provided.

that. That should be really fun."

Selva has contacted Livonia schools and found interest among local educators in working with Owens. He sent out mailings to 57 high school music programs in the area.

"I'm working hard to get kids to join us in the (Sunday) rehearsal. Experiencing some great music-making is unlike recorded music. It's an aesthetic experience unlike anything else."

Owens will premiere an original work, *The Chicken Borman Shuffle*, named for one of his grandkids, at the con-

cert on Monday, Dec. 19. Performers will include the Eastern Michigan University Jazz Ensemble, Schoolcraft College's Jazz Ensemble and its Jazz Combo, along with a group consisting of Selva, his Schoolcraft colleague, Barton Polot, drummer Bill Cairo, bass player Paul Keller and Don Babcock of Eastern Michigan University.

"No one has heard that piece. I have the score and I'll be rehearsing it with some of my people," Selva said. "There are elements of contemporary music to the

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## Specialty: Helping seniors move to new quarters

By Nancy Austin  
Seniors Real Estate Specialist

I specialize in helping seniors move. Usually that statement will evoke a surprised, questioning look. Most people don't realize there are Realtors who are dedicated to helping seniors move. If you glance at the foot of this column you will see I am a Seniors Real Estate Specialist. The designation is awarded by the National Association of Realtors. Let me tell you a little bit about it.

Seniors Real Estate Specialists (SRES) are Realtors qualified to address the needs of home buyers and sellers age 50+. The SRES Council awards the designation to those members who have successfully completed its education program.

The Realtor has demonstrated the necessary knowledge and expertise to counsel clients age 50+ through major lifestyle transitions involved in relocating, or selling the family home or both. The SRES also receives regular updates and is prepared to offer the options and information needed in making life-changing decisions.

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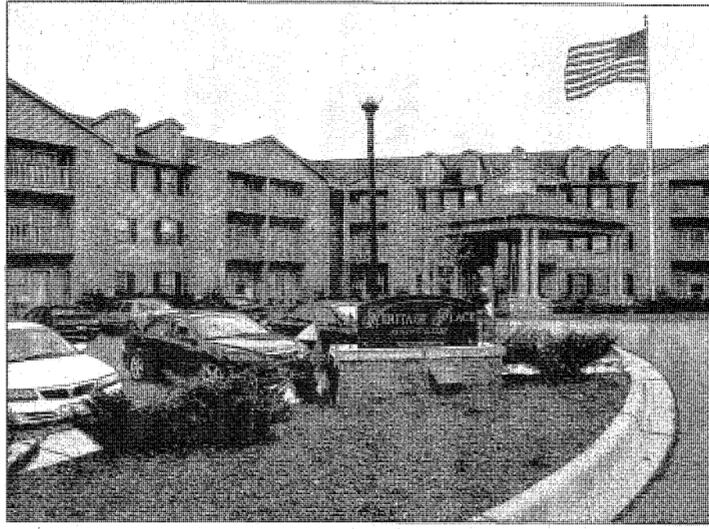
and can be found in metro Detroit, in Michigan and in our 50 states. Most families find us through referrals from retirement communities, workshops, and word of mouth.

I have been an SRES, for approximately 15 years. I love it. It is my passion. I love helping the seniors and working with their families.

My interest in obtaining my designation began with my parents. During their later years, their concerns about their home centered around which updates were most important so the house would sell easily. Utilizing the expertise I have acquired over the years, I was able to advise them of the importance of the updated kitchen and bath, removing wallpaper, neutral paints, decluttering and maintaining pleasant landscaping. These are the kinds of things that affect the overall appeal to a potential buyer.

I also realized at the same time that other seniors were exposed to losing equity in their homes due to a lack of updating; or perhaps, not knowing which were the more valuable updates. I knew I could help minimize their loss as well as smoothing and de-stress the moving transition.

How does it all work? Say, for example, I visit your home and ascertain through our visit and conversation, that your



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home needs some paint, new carpet or refinished hardwood floors. Additionally, since you have been in your home for the last 20-40 years or more, you have accumulated antiques, china, figurines, tools, vintage clothing, and years and years worth of National Geographic magazines. Maybe furniture needs to be repositioned to show off the space you are selling. I can advise you as to what is best for the appearance of your home. My consultations are complimentary. I can then refer you to my list of trusted contractors. If you engage any of these services, you would then pay whatever fee they charge. Or, of course, you are free to use your own plumber, electrician, painter or organizer.

We also recognize that many times the adult children, who could otherwise be helping, may live in other parts of the state or even in other states. I have worked with families who have adult children both locally and long distance keeping all abreast of the work being done. I work with compa-

nies that, if you have no help (or even if you do), will help from organize the move to the actual move. There are dedicated employees within these companies that are so thorough that they make sure that in your new living quarters, your new bedroom is readied, including making your bed to insure a good night's sleep. They will also make sure your kitchen is usable when you wake up your first morning there. There are companies that will dispose of or move items to children's houses or will dispose of articles through consignment, estate sales, and donations.

We know and respect the seniors' various financial and legal positions. Should you need professional help in those areas, we have contacts which include financial planners and elder law attorneys.

We have a firm grasp on retirement living options such as retirement communities, assisted living, Alzheimer units, senior condo complexes and other living arrangements such as retrofitting a

house to enable a senior to age in place if so desired.

There are so many facets to helping seniors with the transition. In short, an SRES understands that this can be a stressful time for a family. An SRES works with seniors because he or she enjoys interacting with them. They enjoy helping others. They have respect for older individuals. They have an ability to listen and to ask the right questions. They like to sit and chat with the senior and the family. They enjoy learning about their life and ambitions. They are there to tailor the move to the senior's needs. They are patient and are prepared to take as long as the families deem necessary for this transition. An SRES is there for the senior. Short and simple. I think the best way to describe the help with the move is: if you need it, we can see to it that it will be accomplished.

Seniors Real Estate Specialist Nancy Austin may be reached at nancyaustin@gmail.com or by calling her at (734) 718-8900.

## Food draws a crowd

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** We have a problem which I suspect is like many other associations in that our co-owners are apathetic about attending meetings. Do you have any suggestions?

**A:** I have somewhat tongue in cheek told my association clients that there are two ways of getting co-owners at annual meetings. First, levy an additional or special assessment and, second, have an open bar. There is some truth to the latter in that I have seen situations where participation is



Robert Meisner

engendered by serving coffee and cake. It is also important to start the meeting with an explanation of what is going

to take place and what procedures you are going to follow. Another interesting idea is to schedule guest speakers; they could be local politicians or people of interest in your area. It could even be a fellow co-owner who has expertise in an interesting subject that they want to share with the community and, finally, it is the need to participate in the democracy of your association which directly affects the way in which you live. That is, of course, the most important reason for anyone to attend.

**Q:** We have a unit owner in our condominium that has asked the association to be placed at the top of a rental waiting list as an accommodation for their daughter's handicap. They live in a second floor unit (no elevator) and it is difficult to carry her up the stairs. So far the unit owner says that installing a lift up the stairs is not possible. They want to move where there is better access for her and they say that they need to rent their existing unit sooner rather than later in order to afford the new home. What do you think we have to do?

**A:** This is, indeed, a difficult question, but in a federal court case in the 2nd Circuit it was held that the Federal Fair Housing Act addresses accommodating handicaps, but not alleviating economic disadvantages with having a handicap. The court held that there is not an obligation under the FHAA to provide an accommodation to remedy economic status. Simply stated, the FHAA is intended to insure that a handicap person has an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a unit, but renting the unit isn't using or enjoying the unit. At best, it allows them to use and enjoy a different unit in a different property. They aren't asking for an accommodation to use a unit in the condominium. The association should be willing to let them install a lift or make other modifications to the building to accommodate them so they can use and enjoy their unit, but that should be enough. You are best advised, however, to retain an experienced condominium lawyer who can opine on the specific facts of your case.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 6-9, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### CANTON

44152 Arlington Rd \$128,000  
44042 Bannockburn Dr \$142,000  
41663 Bedford Dr \$47,000  
49068 Belfair Ct \$400,000  
1660 Bennington Ct \$50,000  
6845 Bridgmont Dr \$272,000  
655 Cherry Orchard Rd \$125,000  
44941 Coachman Ct \$126,000  
3903 Cornerstone Dr \$105,000  
6230 Cottonwood Dr \$675,000  
4031 Elizabeth Ave \$70,000  
42135 Fairview Dr \$125,000  
3998 Fieldview Dr \$199,000  
41447 Glade Rd \$100,000  
1749 Glenshire Dr \$160,000  
3088 Haverford Dr \$344,000

45097 Horseshoe Cir \$120,000  
44700 Kirk Ct \$175,000  
48895 Manhattan Cir \$268,000  
45195 Middlebury Ln \$272,000  
1704 Orchard Dr \$23,000  
47584 Pembroke Dr \$76,000  
377 Queens Way \$159,000  
7734 S Royal Ct \$150,000  
1789 Stonebridge Way Ct \$335,000  
45165 Thornhill Rd \$269,000  
8127 Warfield St \$145,000  
1031 Wildwood Ln \$169,000  
42087 Woodcreek Ln \$293,000  
2133 Woodmont Dr W \$75,000  
2500 Woodmont Dr W \$150,000  
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32139 Balmoral St \$45,000  
30944 Barton St \$62,000  
29688 James St \$40,000  
341 W Rose Ave \$40,000

#### LIVONIA

36725 Angeline Cir \$120,000  
15989 Blue Skies Dr \$200,000  
33998 Bretton Dr \$200,000  
29680 Clarita St \$52,000  
14320 Doris St \$145,000

18590 Gill Rd \$190,000  
19626 Hardy St \$92,000  
32052 Joy Rd \$100,000  
18857 Lathers St \$71,000  
29260 Lyndon St \$135,000  
18916 Norwich Rd \$145,000  
16540 Riverside St \$155,000  
15145 Taylor Blvd \$190,000  
16237 Wayne Rd \$152,000  
28562 Wentworth St \$110,000

#### NORTHVILLE

16932 Algonquin Dr \$363,000  
16022 Brook Trout Ln \$135,000  
18190 Cascade Dr \$341,000  
16856 Dundalk Ct \$255,000  
705 Randolph St \$54,000  
715 Randolph St \$65,000  
18549 Steep Hollow Ct \$440,000  
39748 Village Run Dr \$195,000

#### PLYMOUTH

764 Ann St \$195,000  
11846 Brownell Ave \$140,000  
8839 Cobblestone Cir \$350,000  
49559 Donovan Blvd \$90,000  
15214 Lakewood Dr \$165,000  
51191 Plymouth Lake Cir \$540,000  
11420 Spicer Dr \$185,000

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12903 Beech Daly Rd \$48,000  
14383 Fenton \$61,000  
15087 Fenton \$75,000  
15803 Fox \$42,000  
9648 Garfield \$60,000  
9218 Louis \$49,000  
11439 Seminole \$31,000  
18457 Sumner \$15,000  
15425 Woodworth \$23,000

#### WESTLAND

34130 Beechnut St \$50,000  
33421 Fran Ct \$60,000  
8039 Fremont St \$57,000  
7912 Gary Ave \$73,000  
33530 Harvard Ave \$130,000  
30340 Marshall Ct \$66,000  
485 N Sybald St \$72,000  
34538 Nancy St \$75,000  
2054 S Newburgh Rd \$72,000  
8335 Sanford Dr \$80,000  
267 Summerfield Dr \$165,000  
30963 Windsor St \$41,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 29 to Sept. 2, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### BEVERLY HILLS

16925 Birwood Ave \$127,000  
19200 Devonshire St \$360,000

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812 Chapin Ave \$470,000  
1368 Cole St \$94,000  
685 Kennesaw St \$450,000  
351 Lake Park Dr \$905,000  
1245 S Bates St \$290,000  
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit \$210,000  
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100 Shirley Rd \$335,000  
1621 Torry St \$108,000  
1347 Villa Rd \$290,000  
2236 W Lincoln St \$665,000

#### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

717 Browning Ct \$635,000  
2802 Heathfield Rd \$218,000  
3865 Oakhills Dr \$185,000  
1768 Shaker Heights Dr \$265,000  
2742 Turtle Bluff Dr \$199,000  
4224 Wabek Lake Dr S \$165,000  
4755 Walnut Lake Rd \$250,000  
1515 Winthrop Rd \$20,000

250 Billingsgate Ct \$75,000  
1873 Chipping Way \$140,000  
2171 Devonshire Rd \$100,000  
1310 E Square Lake Rd \$230,000  
5530 Farmers Ct \$171,000  
1207 Hidden Lake Dr \$1,310,000  
3372 Indian Summer Dr \$605,000  
2617 Kopson Ct \$220,000  
2895 Meadowood Ln \$1,398,000  
3926 Oakland Dr \$1,400,000  
3915 Orchard Hill Dr \$240,000  
3842 Wabek Lake Dr E \$355,000  
341 W Rose Ave \$40,000

#### COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP

2016 Alpha St \$58,000  
2170 Applebrook Dr \$285,000  
4660 Benstein Rd \$92,000  
4070 Bluebird Dr \$27,000  
4918 Driftwood Dr \$270,000  
7970 Flagstaff St \$485,000  
5170 Joe Dr \$260,000  
3712 Loch Bend Dr \$345,000  
6025 Lochmore Dr \$150,000  
2574 Solace Dr \$40,000  
5662 Strawberry Cir \$383,000

#### FARMINGTON

32010 Grand River Ave \$19,000  
32655 Meadowlark Ct \$107,000  
23800 Power Rd \$98,000  
29463 Breezeewood \$105,000  
30041 Briarton St \$101,000  
31118 Country Ridge Cir \$105,000

33453 Harlan Dr \$201,000  
28300 N Skye Dr \$83,000  
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