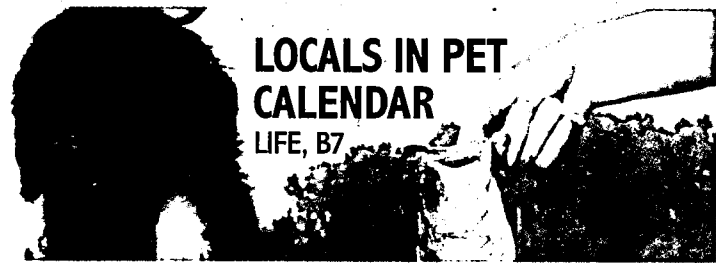


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## First Aid training

The Farmington Hills/Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission is encouraging citizens to Resolve to be Ready in the New Year by making a resolution to be prepared for emergencies. The EPC is hosting a free First Aid Awareness training class on Saturday, Jan. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, just east of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills.

The class will not offer certification, but will focus on demonstrating what you should do until first responders arrive. Participants will rotate through one session every 15 minutes with a short break halfway through the program. Each of the sessions will be taught by a professional First Responder or First Aid Instructor. Advance registration is required; call the Costick Center at (248) 473-1800.

## A resolution

The holidays always seem to leave a little leftover weight for many. Just in time for those post-holiday pounds, the Take Pounds Off Sensibly group will host an open house event 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 5 at the St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. Meet TOPS' 2010 International Division 4 Winner Barbara Harness, a nurse who lost 65 pounds in 2010. There is no charge to attend. RSVP if you plan to attend, by calling (734) 634-7558.

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## Suicide called the 'gorilla in the room'

By Stacy Jenkins  
Observer Staff Writer

Reports of suicides in public places made local headlines throughout 2011, raising the attention on a topic that remains taboo.

In Farmington Hills, there were two murder-suicides, one in which a 34-year-old dad shot and killed his 22-month-old son before turning the gun on himself in October. Reports indicated he was upset about an impending divorce.

A 21-year-old Oak Park man was found with a fatal self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest in October — he was found by a drinking fountain at the Marie Tot Lot, a children's park. He left a note at the scene. In Plymouth, police deter-

mined the death of a 51-year-old Plymouth man was a suicide when his body was discovered on the train tracks after being struck and killed by a CSX Corp. train.

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Winner of Westland's "We Promise You a White Christmas" poster contest, Carl Anthony Yalo plays in his prize — a load of snow for the front yard. It's his first winter in Michigan.

## Poster earns youngster a white Christmas

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

It's his first winter in Michigan and Carl Anthony Yalo had a white Christmas courtesy of the City of Westland.

The five-year old was the winner of the "We Prom-

ise You a White Christmas" Children's Poster Contest, open to all Westland elementary school students. Youngsters drew a poster of their house covered with snow. Carl's drawing was a unanimous pick by the four judges.

The contest winner

receives a delivery of snow from Mike Modano Arena to cover their yard. An alternate prize is offered in case of snow, which didn't apply this year.

"This is his first time in America, his first time to go

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## Medical pot issues wind way through courts

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

In 2008, 63 percent of Michigan voters approved the use of medical marijuana.

Yet three years later, attorneys battle in the state courts over whether communities have the right to prohibit an activity, which in their eyes violated federal law, even when approved by a voter referendum.

Communities throughout the state are watching what courts decide in particular with one local case.

The American Civil Liberties Union has appealed a Wayne County Circuit Court ruling that supported the city of Livonia's ban on medical marijuana facilities. Circuit Judge Wendy Baxter granted the city's motion for summary disposition and dismissed the case. Communi-

Please see MARIJUANA, A6

## Plymouth-Canton will review banned book

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Supt. Jeremy Hughes has reversed his decision to unilaterally ban the use of Graham Swift's 1983 novel *Waterland* from use in district English classes, instead opting to

send the book through the district's review process to determine its suitability.

In a statement issued Thursday, Hughes said he made the decision after "a flurry" of comments he has received in the intervening weeks since banning the book.

He did reiterate, however, he will ask teachers not to use the book until the district's review committee makes a decision.

"Although it has been argued that I took action solely on the complaint of one parent, it was my judgment at the time that the majority of parents in

Plymouth-Canton would have a similar objection if they read what I read," said Hughes, who found at least one passage extremely sexually explicit. "As it turns out, from the comments I have received from

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# Redford teen shot during home invasion

By Pat Murphy  
Observer-staff writer

A 19-year-old Redford Township man was shot, but not fatally injured, early Friday when he struggled with two men who had entered his house.

The victim, who was not identified, was in the home in the 19900 block of Denby about 3:40 a.m., police said, when the intruders entered the unlocked house.

A struggle ensued, police said, and the 19-year-old victim was shot. He was treated at a local hospital and released.

This did not appear to be a random home invasion, police said. The victim appeared to have been specific-

ly targeted.

The intruders, both black males, are in their mid to late teens. One is described as having a dark complexion and about five feet, eight inches tall. He weighed about 150 pounds and was wearing a white T-shirt.

The other suspect is described as having a lighter complexion, about six feet tall and about 160 pounds. He was reportedly wearing a gray jacket with a hood.

A white, General Motors pick-up truck may be involved, police said.

Anyone with information is urged to call Redford Township police at (313) 387-2551.

# Suspects sought in thefts

Canton police are seeking help identifying two suspects wanted in connection with thefts from a local retailer and possibly another location in Southfield.

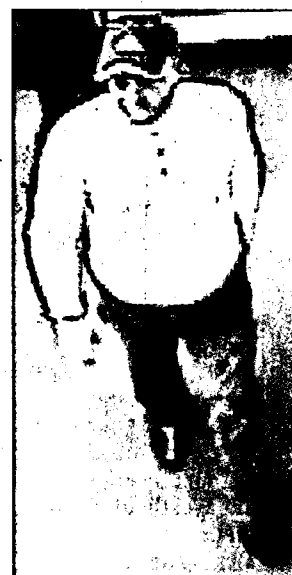
The male is described as 50 years old with a dark complexion. He was wearing a long-sleeve white shirt with three buttons near the collar, jeans, black shiny cowboy boots and a dark-colored baseball cap.

The woman is about 40 years old and wore a long black coat and black pants. She had her hair pulled back and sunglasses on her head.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.



Canton police are asking for tips to find this suspect, wanted for questioning in a retail theft.



Canton police are looking for this man, wanted in connection with a retail theft.

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# WDIV's Baracy: First job is her dream job

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

*Last Call with Carson Daly* may be late, late night TV, but for Ashlee Baracy, it's time to rise and shine for early morning news.

A typically day for the WDIV-TV (Channel 4) traffic reporter starts with a 2 a.m. wakeup alarm so she can make the commute from her home in Westland to downtown Detroit in time for a 3:45 a.m. meeting. It ends around 4 p.m. in the offices of WLND, Westland's local cable channel.

"Working an early morning show shift is a lifestyle shift," Baracy said. "I try to be in bed by 7 p.m., but in the summer, it's impossible, so I push it to 8-8:30. I eat lunch at 10 in the morning, squeeze in a half-hour nap and come back to Westland to work."

Communications wasn't the career Baracy envisioned when she was graduating from John Glenn High School. She loved math and science in high school and started out wanting to be an engineer, but realized that wasn't "where she wanted to wake up" every day. She also considered veterinary medicine and physical therapy, but somewhere between being Westland Junior Miss and competing for Miss Michigan, she realized how comfortable she was with public speaking.

She ended up with a bachelor's degree in general studies and got a master's in integrated marketing and communications. Now she's looking to expand her skills. She's back in school,



Ashlee Baracy credits her experiences with scholarship pageants and her work with WLND in helping her land her job at WDIV Channel 4.

studying for a master's degree in meteorology.

"Actually working in the weather department would go back to my roots of math and science," she said. "In traffic, I realized how much I liked math and science. I like doing news, but with the weather, you're in the studio, not out in the elements and everyone jokes that you can be wrong half the time."

"Weather and traffic turn into news and that's job security," she added.

### Getting started

Baracy was in a contest WDIV held in 2008 to find a new traffic reporter. She lost out to Lauren Podell, a loss that allowed her the flexibility to work as a substitute teacher in the Garden City Public Schools and compete in and win Miss Michigan. She went on to the Miss America pageant, where she finished in the top 10.

Those experiences gave her

confidence and she credits her work at WLND — where she became comfortable working with a Teleprompter and a green screen — for getting the job at WDIV. The job offer "came out of left field," last December, and she was ready to be on a local station with people she felt she already knew.

"I grew up watching Guy (Gordon) and Rhonda (Walker)," she said. "They're like my second family. I feel like I'm hanging out with friends."

Baracy said she is blessed to land a job at a No. 1 station in the TV market. Her goal was to come and work in Detroit, but she figured it would be by way of places like Alpena and Grand Rapids.

"It's almost unheard of to start off in a large market," she said.

She's now in the public eye even more than when she was Miss Michigan and her personal life has changed. She's recognized, even at the grocery store, and as a local celebrity, she's become a fashion icon. People tune in to see what she's wearing.

Working in front of a green screen, she has to stick to solids and nothing green or with a hue of green "because my head will look like it's floating." She's challenged to find suits that are "youthful, professional and trendy."

"I mix it up, two days I'll wear suits and then a blouse with a skirt," she said. "I have a spread sheet on what I wear, so nothing is worn twice in six weeks."

### Shoes and more shoes

Baracy also is known for her shoe collection. At one time



Ashlee Baracy spreads her time between work with Westland's WLND cable channel and as a traffic reporter with WDIV Channel 4 News.

she had more than 200 pairs, explaining that the number includes her dance shoes — she's been dancing since she could walk. However, she's "slimmed down some." The closet space at her condominium won't accommodate that many shoes.

"I have about 100 that get used throughout the year. My favorite is my black stilettos," she said. "My dance shoes are always my favorite."

At age 26, Baracy said she doesn't feel that old, possibly because she is so career driven. She fell behind many of her friends who are married and have children, but then she's "so

far ahead in my career." Granted, juggling two jobs doesn't leave much time for a personal life and the worst part is the early hours, but she's "happy and content" with her work in Detroit. She has embraced social media and challenges herself to be the first traffic reporter who tweets about an accident.


"The best part of being on TV is that it gives you local celebrity status and a microphone to speak," she said. "The best part of having a crown on your head and being on TV is that people listen."

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# Resolve to be ready in 2012

As 2011, one of the most active years for disasters in recent history, comes to a close and Americans get ready to ring in a new year, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is encouraging all Americans to Resolve to be Ready by making a New Year's resolution to be prepared for emergencies.

As a recent report by the National Climatic Data Center highlights, 2011 has seen more billion-dollar natural disasters than any year on record.

This year alone, the U.S. experienced its first hurricane landfall since 2008, the most deadly series of tornadoes since the 1950s, significant earthquakes and severe flooding — hazards that impacted every region of the country.

All of these events have served as important reminders that disasters can strike anytime, anywhere, and being prepared is one of the most effective things we can do to protect our homes, businesses and loved ones.

FEMA has just kicked off its 2012 annual campaign, Resolve to be Ready, which urges Americans to make preparedness a priority by making a New Year's resolution to be ready for disasters.

"One of the most important lessons we can take away from this year is that disasters can impact all of us, no matter what part of the country we live in," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. "While we can't control where or when they might hit, we can take steps in

advance to prepare for them — efforts that can go a long way toward protecting our families, homes and businesses. Resolving to be Ready in 2012 could be the most important pledge you make this year."

By making a resolution to take a few simple steps in advance, Americans can minimize the impact of an emergency on their families, homes or businesses. To take the pledge, visit [www.ready.gov/resolve](http://www.ready.gov/resolve), which offers free information, checklists, and guidelines about how to put together a kit, make a plan, and stay informed.

Resolve to be Ready in 2012 is a nationwide effort to increase awareness and encourage individuals, families, businesses, and communities to take action and prepare for emergencies in the New Year. This effort is led by FEMA's Ready Campaign in partnership with Citizen Corps and The Advertising Council.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

The award-winning Farmington Hills/Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission holds monthly meetings, open to the public, to discuss these same awareness issues.

For more information, visit the EPC website at [www.fhready.com](http://www.fhready.com) or in the event of a local emergency, go to radio station 1650AM.

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Lt. Denny Hughes

# Enjoy your fireplace - the safe way

By Tom Kiurski  
Guest Columnist

Relaxing with the family in front of the fireplace during the cold winter months is a wonderful way to pass some of the cold evenings we face here in Michigan. While we can get great pleasure out of this activity, if we do not properly maintain our fireplaces and chimneys, it can lead to a tragedy.

One problem with fireplaces is the buildup of creosote inside the chimney walls. Creosote is the byproduct of burning wood, but when it builds up inside the chimney, it can cut off ventilation and catch fire. If you use your fireplace, you should have your chimney cleaned and inspected at least once a year.

As you prepare for your first fires of the season, make sure you go over the basics. Open the damper to allow the smoke (as well as other dangerous gases) and heat to rise up and out of the chimney, move flammable decorations away from the area and keep small children back from the fireplace as you prepare for lighting the fire. Never use flammable or combustible liquids to "help" the fire start, and avoid the temptation of getting the fire too large.

Inside the house, we have a rule about open flames. All combustible materials should be kept at least three feet away from any open flame or heat source. This means the fireplace,

*Don't leave the home or go to bed with a fire still burning in the fireplace.*

so even after a cold evening of building a snowman and lighting a fire in the fireplace, you, your kids and your gloves should all be kept back three feet from the fireplace. The fireplace screen should be used so that sparks and embers cannot leave the fireplace. Supervision is a must, so based on the ages of your children, you must determine if an adult must be in the room in which the fire is burning, or if the children are old enough to understand the hazards involved.

Don't leave the home or go to bed with a fire still burning in the fireplace. Use only dry wood or other commercially available fireplace products (but only after reading the directions) in the fireplace. They are not designed to burn cardboard, trash or wrapping paper, as this can cause a premature buildup of creosote inside the chimney.

Be sure that all ashes have thoroughly cooled before you dispose of them, preferably in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Once the ashes are in the container, it is best to store them outdoors and away from the home.

Once you have read and planned for your upcoming season of fireplace fires, you have now completed the "Fireplace 101 Refresher Course." Enjoy the season!

**Tom Kiurski** is training coordinator for the Livonia Fire Department.



Tom Kiurski

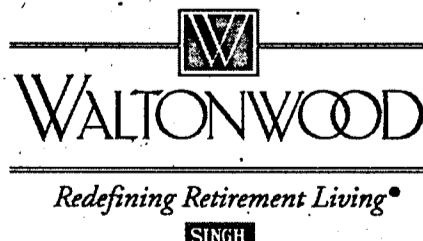


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# Murder suspect faces examination

The suspect in the Christmas Day shooting death of a 27-year-old Redford Township man has been scheduled for preliminary examination on Jan 10 in 17th District Court.

Andre L. Johnson, also 27, was arraigned Wednesday afternoon on three felony charges in the death of his roommate, Dexter Stafford, at the home they shared in the 20500 block of Denby. Judge Charlotte L. Wirth set bond at \$1 million.

Johnson is charged with second degree murder, manslaughter — death by weapon aimed with intent, but not malice —

and felony firearms, or possessing a firearm in commission of a felony. He has no criminal history, according to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

Police were called to their home shortly before noon on Dec. 25, where they found Stafford had been shot. He was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. The Oakland County medical examiner's office said he was killed by a single shot to the head fired at close range.

Services for Stafford were Friday at the O.H. Pye III Funeral Home in Detroit.

# Injured teens leave hospital, crash probe continues

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Two teenagers ejected through a rear door of a Ford Taurus during a Monday evening accident in Canton have been released from a hospital as authorities continue to investigate the car-bicycle crash, Canton police Sgt. Pat Sullivan said.

Though the pair suffered injuries such as broken bones, they — along with three other teens inside the car and an adult bicyclist who was struck — escaped what Sullivan said could have been a much worse outcome during the 8:30 p.m. accident near

Lotz and Burlington, south of Cherry Hill.

The teen driver and the bicyclist also had been taken to a hospital but were released after they received treatment.

Sullivan said Wednesday that authorities could be "a couple weeks away" or possibly even longer before a decision has been made about possible charges or citations.

Police already have said it didn't appear that alcohol or drugs were involved in the accident.

Police have said the driver apparently lost control of the Ford Taurus and struck the bicyclist before crashing into a utility pole,

knocking out power for hundreds of residents until DTE Energy crews made necessary repairs.

Sullivan described all five people in the car as teenagers.

The two teens who were thrown from the car were ejected through a rear driver's side door after the latch was damaged from the impact of the crash, Sullivan said.

"They didn't go through the window," he said.

The accident remains under investigation by the Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team.

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# Women arrested trying to pass off counterfeit bills

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia police arrested two women who tried to purchase approximately \$2,000 worth of items with counterfeit \$50 bills at a Target store Tuesday night.

Livonia police were notified after loss prevention officers at Target, 29451 Plymouth Road, observed the women making several purchases of electronic equipment with what was later found to be counterfeit money, according to Sgt. Patrick Moug.

At 7:15 p.m., one of the women purchased items totalling \$66, and paid for them with two counterfeit \$50 bills. "She then walked immediately with her items to the customer service desk to return the items for cash," Moug said.

A second woman purchased \$741 worth of items, including DVDs,

iPods and clothing, using 15 counterfeit \$50 bills. She was also seen purchasing six more similar items worth \$87 at another register.

When Target loss prevention officers noticed what was happening, they contacted police. Officers arrived and found a white Impala in the parking lot with one of the women in it with a man. The woman was arrested and a few minutes later the first woman who was seen at the registers returned to the car and also was arrested. She had purchased another \$484 worth of items with counterfeit money.

The two women, both from Detroit and ages 20 and 25, face several charges and are being held by Livonia police, Moug said. The man was released.

Police continued their investigation into the source of the counterfeit money.

The following Red Cross blood drives will be held in the area over the next few weeks:

- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, at the Livonia Blood Donation Center, 36650 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia.
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Victory Toyota, 46352 Michigan Ave., Canton.
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Dr. Canton.
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at the Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark, north of I-96, Livonia.
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Victory Honda of Plymouth, 315 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday,

Jan. 3, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia.

- 1-6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, at the Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Drive, Novi.
- 1-6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, at the Northville Community Senior Center, 303 West Main St., Northville.
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, at Bill Brown Ford, 32222 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Donate and receive a coupon for \$10 off your next oil change. Call (734) 421-700 to make an appointment or just show up.
- 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at Hines Lincoln Park, 40601 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

• 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton.

- 2-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road, Northville.
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ties across Michigan will be watching to see how the state courts interpret state and federal law.

Early this year, attorneys from both sides will file respective motions to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Dan Korobkin, attorney with the ACLU, said the ACLU's position hasn't changed on the issue.

"Livonia or any other community can't make its own decision to ban medical marijuana in their community," Korobkin said. "The approval of medical marijuana was a decision made by the voters and approved throughout the state. Medical marijuana patients, who are registered with the state and got a doctor's approval, will not be prohibited or banned from an activity that is in accordance with state law."

Don Knapp, Livonia's city attorney, said the city's position hasn't changed. Knapp said the ordinance was not aimed at legal medical marijuana users, but was directed at the growing facilities and dispensaries. "We wanted to take away any of the problems associated with medical marijuana," Knapp said. "In Oakland, California, there are places with a lot of dope and a lot of cash that are the targets of armed robberies."

"We didn't want these places popping up next to pizzerias or other small businesses and be a target for crime that would impact these other businesses."

### State vs. federal law

At the heart of the case is whether the voter-approved state law permitting medical marijuana use or sales pre-empts

federal law banning marijuana or whether the federal Controlled Substances Act pre-empts state law.

Michigan voters approved the use of medical marijuana in 2008. The city of Livonia later enacted an ordinance that did not mention medical marijuana, but prohibited activities that violate federal law.

The ACLU filed a suit in December 2010 on behalf of Linda and Robert Lott of Birmingham against the cities of Livonia, Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham regarding the authority of communities to prohibit medical marijuana use or sales on the grounds that marijuana possession violates federal law. The Lotts own a portion of a property in Livonia where they said they wanted to grow medical marijuana, according to the ACLU. The ACLU argued in court that Livonia could not enact laws that violate state laws. The case against the cities of Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham was transferred to Oakland County Circuit Court.

Baxter agreed with the city of Livonia and dismissed the lawsuit.

"Livonia's ordinance directly conflicts with and is preempted by the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, which regulates the use, distribution and maintenance of medical marijuana and 'occupies the field of regulation,'" Baxter wrote in her ruling.

"However, the MMMA is pre-empted by the Controlled Substances Act, which completely bans the use of marijuana and bans its use by physicians for a medical purpose. Therefore, plaintiffs have failed to state a claim for which relief can be granted and no factual development

could possibly justify recovery."

On Nov. 29, Oakland County Circuit Judge Colleen O'Brien dismissed the ACLU claims against Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. Neither of the cities had applied their ordinances against the plaintiffs, so any question about how ordinances might apply was "hypothetical," O'Brien ruled. "The court, in its discretion, denies the request for declaratory relief for the reason that no actual controversy exists here for the court to decide," O'Brien wrote in her ruling.

### Patient-to-patient prohibited

In August, the Court of Appeals ruled in a separate case involving a dispensary in Isabella County that sales were not permitted between registered patients and ruled a dispensary closed as a public nuisance. The court found it violated state health laws. That ruling shut down most dispensaries because "they effectively said the Michigan Medical Marihuana law does not allow patient-to-patient sales," Knapp said.

All the Lotts wanted to do was grow it in Livonia and use it at their home in Birmingham, Korobkin said. "The fact that Livonia doesn't like the law isn't a reason to ban it from the city," Korobkin said.

When asked if the Lotts would be willing to discuss their situation for this story, Korobkin said the ACLU was acting as a spokesman for the Lotts during the lawsuit, Korobkin said. "The local laws have really taken a toll on the Lotts and hundreds of medical marijuana patients," Korobkin said. "Most patients have the doc-

tor's permission or they are registered as patients or caregivers. They don't consider themselves as criminals and they don't want to be treated as criminals in cities where they live or work.

"The decisions on the ordinances in Livonia, Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham has a detrimental effect on their health and takes a toll on their physical health."

One year ago, the Law Offices of Thomas M. Loeb of Farmington Hills, and Neil Rockind of Southfield, filed a joint lawsuit in Oakland County Circuit Court against Bloomfield Township for its medical marijuana ordinance passed in October. Rockind, whose case probably won't be heard until February, said the law is designed to be inclusive for patients and caregivers. "To me, the law isn't as confusing as people make it, Rockind said. "The act is designed to give very broad protection to caregivers and patients."

Rockind said some of the issues raised in some of the court cases don't even discuss the medical, pain-killing use of the drug, but whether growing facilities are enclosed in lots. Arguments also are raised on whether a doctor is an expert in cannabis and whether patients can self-medicate. "Ironically, the act isn't being used to help them, it's being used to hurt them," Rockind said.

Knapp would not be surprised if the Livonia case ends up in the Michigan Supreme Court. "If the city of Livonia was not successful before the Court of Appeals, we're going to try and take it to the Michigan Supreme Court," Knapp said.

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# Lawmakers hope to clarify medical marijuana law

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While the medical marijuana legal questions are examined in court, state lawmakers will study proposed legislation in 2012 aimed at clarifying the law.

House lawmakers are expected to study a package of bills introduced in 2011 that proponents hope will clarify ambiguities in the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act.

Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, chairs the House Judiciary Committee. State Rep. Phil Cavanaugh, D-Redford, also serves on that committee. Walsh expects to hear more public comments and receive more input in February about the proposed legislation. Walsh said he has met with dispensary operators, caregivers, patients and patient advocacy groups.

"We're trying to meet with everybody," Walsh said. "We're trying to cover all potential concerns. It's a one-shot opportunity to bring greater understanding and predictability of the law."

The proposed legislation:

- Requires traditional doctor-patient relationships to end the current practice of some doctors certifying patients for medical marijuana without even seeing the patient or knowing the patient's medical history. Walsh said a recent *Detroit Free Press* article reported that just 55 doctors have certified about 45,000 — or 71 percent — of all medical marijuana registrants;
- Prohibits patient-to-patient transactions and requiring growers to keep their plants in enclosed, locked facilities accessible only to the registered caregiver or patient;
- Allows access by law enforcement to the state's medical marijuana registry. Law enforcement currently can only verify a patient/caregiver by contacting the state Department of Community Health and verifying an identification on the patient/caregiver's card. It also requires an applicant include a photo during the registration process. The specifications for the photo mirror that for a passport photo.
- Clarifies zoning guidelines as many city, village and township boards do not know how to classify dispensaries opening within their boundaries.

Walsh said lawmakers welcome input. "Our intent is to provide legislative framework for the predictability and guidelines for all the state. You still have a right to use it, but we having difficulty with the distribution issue," he said.

Livonia City Attorney Don Knapp appreciates any legislative efforts, but wonders whether they will reach the 75 percent legislative threshold of support required for any change on voter-initiated measures. "I think any effort at clarity is good," Knapp said. "While I like the fact that they are studying legislation, I'm a little reluctant that its ultimately going to be adopted."

Dan Korobkin, attorney for the Michigan American Civil Liberties Union, which has filed a lawsuit currently on appeal against the city of Livonia over an ordinance that bans medical marijuana, said the state law and voters approval of medical marijuana allows its usage by patients without prosecution.

"If there are ways to make it better for everyone involved, that would be great," Korobkin said. "But if legislators think of getting rid of the law, that would go against what the vast majority of voters wanted when they approved medical marijuana. "I don't think they would do that. I don't think legislators are interested in going against the will of the people."

Attorney Neil Rockind isn't a fan of the legislation. Rockind believes the law should keep patient information confidential and ensure medical marijuana use. Rockind believes law enforcement agencies should not be what he called a stakeholder in this debate after voters have approved medical marijuana and its use is permitted under state law. "Law enforcement works for government," Rockind said. "Their job is harder, but who cares? Why is that an issue?"

Rockind isn't optimistic about medical marijuana's future. "I'd like to believe that legislators are going to be receptive and sympathetic, but the attorney general is going to have to have a change in mindset. I'm not optimistic about those things."

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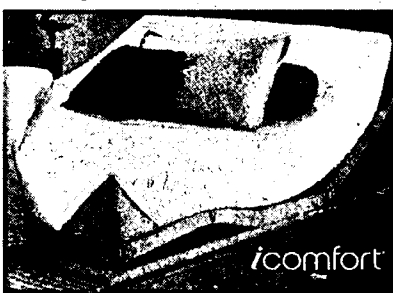
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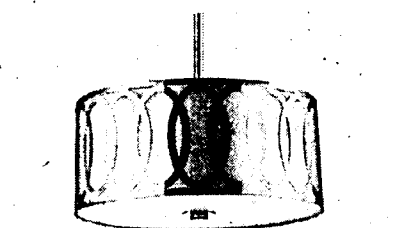
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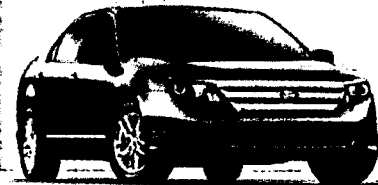


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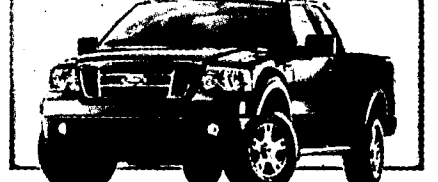


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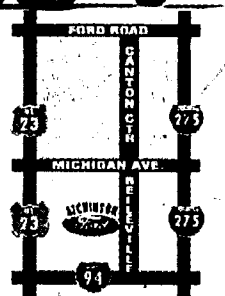


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to school," said Lee Vargas, Carl's grandmother. The youngster and his father Camilo Yalo recently immigrated from the family's native Philippines. His two older siblings are in the U.S. and his mother is waiting to join the family.

A kindergarten student at P.D. Graham Elementary School in Westland, Carl was so scared on his first day of school that his grandmother had to come pick him up because he wouldn't eat his lunch.

Now, Vargas said Carl enjoys schools and wants to be first in line waiting for the bus. His limited English vocabulary hasn't deterred him from drawing about his favorite things, including snow. "He was so excited

(about the snow delivery). The neighbor children came over. He was playing out there until about 9 p.m.," said Vargas. "My son has Christmas lights and deer lights, so it was well lit. The neighbors were happy for my grandson."

In addition to the snow, which was waiting for Carl when he arrived home from school, he also received a \$50 gift card, compliments of the Wayne-Westland Credit Union.

"It was great to see the smile on Carl's face when he saw the snow covering his yard. I'm sure he will have many children in his neighborhood wanting to play in the snow," Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski.

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## Livonia mayor expected to name police chief

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey is expected to name a new police chief later this week.

On Wednesday Kirksey said he was finishing his interviews with Acting Chief Curtis Caid and Capt. Ben McDermott to fill the seat vacated in October when former chief Robert Stevenson retired to become president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

"When we get back after Jan. 1, we will make an announcement within the first two or three days," Kirksey said.

Kirksey said he is reviewing the two candidates' backgrounds and careers with the Livonia Police Department. Both men would make "outstanding" police chiefs, Kirksey said.

Kirksey will review their plans and vision for the police department over the next 10 years, includ-

ing budget plans, reorganization of resources and use of police personnel.

Kirksey is also reviewing their efficiency reports over the years. Kirksey said he didn't want to hurry in making a decision after Stevenson left in October. Caid has filled in as acting police chief since then.

"The deputy chief knows the department really well," Kirksey said. "There was no urgency to fill the vacancy because there's no compromise in public safety so there's no need to rush it. He's making sure things are operating efficiently."

Kirksey, re-elected to another four-year term in November, doesn't officially take office for that term until Jan. 1. "I didn't want to do a lot of quick questions and I wanted to get to understand and know the candidates," Kirksey said. Kirksey also wanted to meet with Stevenson to get ideas on what the next chief can expect in the job.

Once that appointment is completed, another police captain is expected to be named from a field of three lieutenants who have interviewed for that position.

That will streamline the department's administrative positions from three captains to two. The deputy chief will take over the duties of overseeing the administrative division, a position once held by a police captain. The other captains will supervise the investigative division and the support service division.

Three police service aides were recently promoted to police officers after receiving training with veteran officers.

Six police service aides were recently hired by the city earlier in December. They were among 27 who tested for police positions earlier this year after the public safety millage was approved by voters.

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Youth Choir members from left, Summer Edwards, of Farmington Hills; Satyam Joseph, of Farmington Hills; Nora Wygant, of Farmington Hills; and Corey Goines, of Farmington Hills.

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The Youth Choir is led by director Brian Christian, who holds a master's degree in music from the University of Michigan and is a vocal instructor in the Farmington Public Schools.

"You can almost hear the camaraderie explode," said Christian. "It's a great way to meet new friends and be with old friends."

In addition to performing its own public concerts, the Youth Choir has opened for the Michigan Opera Theatre Ensemble at the Players Barn Theater, performed at the State Capitol, sings

annually at the city's Holiday Lights ceremony, and has shared the stage for selected numbers with the Farmington Community Chorus. For more information, call (248) 473-1859.

## BOOK

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parents, community members, students ... what has become overwhelmingly objectionable to the community is my decision to remove the book without instituting the complaint and review processes provided for in our district's Administrative Guidelines."

In his statement, Hughes said he had originally explained passages in the book "were shocking in their graphic explicitness and, in my judgment, not suitable for a high school English class."

"As a former high school English and Latin teacher, I am certainly aware that much of modern literature contains sexual material," the statement read. "It was my judgment, however, that the passages I read from *Waterland* had crossed the line in terms of graphic por-

trayal of sexual activity."

The review process requires the creation of a committee of teachers, parents, administrators, literary experts and community members who will be invited to read the book, consider arguments for and against its use, and in the end, develop a recommendation to the administration.

"Respecting what I now perceive to be the wishes of the community at large, I am modifying the earlier decision I made regarding the book and will be putting the book through the review processes outlined in the Administrative Guidelines," Hughes wrote. "Until that process is finished, I will ask that the book still not be used in class. It will be my intention to accept the recommendation of the review committee."

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Jean Michael has lived in Livonia 48 years. She will celebrate her 100th birthday Jan. 4.

## Livonia woman turns 100

Jean Michael weighed only 3 pounds when she was born Jan. 4, 1912, in Clyde Bank, Scotland, so her mother used her oven as an incubator to keep her warm.

This week, the longtime Livonia resident will celebrate her 100th birthday.

She lives with her sister, Betty Murdock, 84, her only surviving sibling, and still cooks and does laundry. She loves to bake traditional Scottish cakes and cookies.

She attributes her long life to having an optimistic outlook and being able to enjoy each day, said Robert Laughton, a nephew who lives in Brighton.

"Jean is an inspiration to her family," he said. "She is a generous, caring and cheerful person and everyone loves to have her around."

Mrs. Michael was born a twin, but her twin did not survive.

She lived in Clyde Bank during World War I and can remember watching the harbor being bombed.

In 1923 at age 11, she and her two sisters and brother came with their mother on the ship called the *United States* and

arrived in Montreal. Then they migrated to Detroit where their father was already employed at Detroit Lubrication and was waiting for his family. Mrs. Michael became a U.S. citizen on May 6, 1929, and has always been proud to be an American.

She graduated from the High School of Commerce in downtown Detroit. She and her sisters went to dances at the Grande Ballroom in Detroit and traveled downtown each Christmas to have lunch at Hudson's.

She married Charles Michael in 1941. They were married for 27 years before his death in 1968. Mrs. Michael worked as a secretary at Sylvania Electric for 25 years. After her retirement, she took up golf and was an avid player until just a few years ago.

At one time, Jean took in a foster boy for three years until his mother was able to care for him again. She still receives cards and calls from him.

A birthday celebration on Saturday will be attended by cousins, nieces and nephews.

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# SUICIDE

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In Livonia, a 51-year-old Plymouth man parked his vehicle on the shoulder of I-96 during morning rush hour, then opened the truck's hood and stepped out into the right lane, according to Michigan State Police. An armored truck struck and killed him.

In Birmingham, a 17-year-old Cranbrook student jumped to his death from the roof of an apartment complex at Old Woodward near Brown Street. A suicide note was found inside his apartment.

In Novi, a 39-year-old father and husband killed his wife and two young kids before killing himself last January. He was found deceased from carbon monoxide poisoning in his vehicle in the Walmart parking lot at I-96 and Milford Road in Lyon Township.

A Wayne man was hospitalized after police responded to a call that he was armed and suicidal in a vehicle parked at Kroger at Merriman and Michigan Avenue.

Family members contacted police after finding the man had left a suicide note and had withdrawn all of his money from his bank account. He was found slumped over in the vehicle with pills scattered around and he was lying on a loaded rifle. Police had the man hospitalized for psychiatric care.

## 'Increasing problem'

Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus said suicides and mental health issues are an increasing problem.

Nebus said in 2010, there were four adult suicides in Farmington Hills, no teen suicides and 220 people were petitioned for mental health treatment.

From Jan. 1 through Dec. 14, there were 10 suicides, including the two murder-suicides; 56 people threatened suicide; 50 sent to mental treatment after attempting suicide; and 50 people were people were petitioned for mental health treatment for other reasons.

The department now keeps detailed statistics, which show among teens, there were no suicides in 2011; 18 teens were referred for mental treatment for threatening suicide and eight for attempting suicide.

Nebus said some reasons cited from the investigations included relationship breakups, unemployment, financial problems, illness and history of depression.

In Livonia, there were 13 reported suicides from Jan. 1 through Dec. 6, compared to 11 in 2011.

Lt. Tom Goralski said the numbers of suicides remained "relatively stable."

"Sometimes we'll get calls of someone who may be suicidal or in a crisis, especially during the holidays, because there might be financial distress or turmoil in the family," Goralski said. "If they are dealing with those issues and need help, they should call us. We have a responsibility to them and we're here to help them."

In Canton Township, there were 11 reported suicides or attempts; in Redford Township, there was one reported suicide; in Plymouth Township, there were three reported suicides.

## Taking action

In Farmington and Farmington Hills, news that there were several students who had expressed thoughts of suicide in a short time frame prompted city leaders to take action. It was also noted that the 10 adult suicides is the highest number ever recorded in Farmington Hills.

Public officials and members of the community formed the Farmington Area Suicide Prevention Task Force, and hosted a community forum in September. It was attended by about 200 people. A second forum was co-hosted by the Farmington Schools PTA Council in October.

Guest speakers at the September forum were former Detroit Lions player Eric Hipple and Jeff Edwards, who

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## Resources:

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: (800) 273-TALK, or www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
- Common Ground for mental health and crisis intervention: (800) 231-1127 or www.commongroundhelps.org
- The Michigan Association for Suicide Prevention at www.masponweb.org
- The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention at www.afsp.org
- It Gets Better Project: www.itgetsbetter.org
- Samaritan Counseling Services (248) 474-4701
- The Farmington Area Suicide Awareness Group is on Facebook
- Ozone House (734) 662-2222
- Family Resource Center, located in the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City; (734) 793-1860

is chairman of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Both men lost their sons to suicide.

Edwards said a survey showed 28 percent of Michigan high schoolers cited feeling depressed and 9 percent had contemplated suicide. It's the third leading cause of death among people ages 15-24.

"It's rampant," Edwards said. "It's an epidemic that we don't talk about. It's the 10,000-pound gorilla in the room."

He said he finds it ironic that the media and community will push out an information blast if there's an attempted abduction of a child; yet little, if anything, is shared about this epidemic that's taking the lives of so many young people.

## Encouraging

The work the task force has already tackled is encouraging.

"I am grateful that Farmington and Farmington Hills started the Farmington Area Suicide Task Force at the start of 2011, so we are already promoting awareness and education," Nebus said. "We must educate teens that it is a duty to report or get help for a friend or help for themselves. I am encouraged that we have had examples of teens who have reached out to a school official or to a police liaison officer."

Founding task force member Ken Massey, who is a Farmington Hills city councilman, said the work of the task force is being noticed statewide. A March 20 suicide prevention training workshop will be hosted at a Michigan Municipal League meeting.

"It really is getting some attention," Massey said, noting the city of Saginaw may be setting up a similar task force.

He's also encouraged that a group called MINDS visits classrooms all around the state and local area. He's disappointed it doesn't visit Farmington Public Schools, though.

Massey said he knows the challenge in addressing the topic of suicide.

"We've got plenty of people who need help and plenty of resources, but the problem is connecting the two — because we don't talk about it," he said.

For more information about the group, its meetings and events, find it on Facebook by searching "Farmington Area Suicide Prevention Task Force."

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PHOTO BY CHRIS WALL

A crowd gathered outside of Farmington Hills City Hall in September, following a community forum on suicide prevention. Candles were lit to symbolize "shining the light" on the topic.

# Family members journey through pain, acceptance

By Stacy Jenkins  
Observer Staff Writer

When Farmington Hills City Councilman Ken Massey and his wife were making the long drive to Texas, following the death of their son Graham Smith, they received a call from a friend who asked a tough question.

"He said, 'What do you want me to tell people?'" Massey said.

It was at that moment that he realized they had to address Graham's suicide publicly and candidly.

"It was the hardest thing to say that he committed suicide," said Massey, who just a few months prior helped start the Farmington Area Suicide Prevention Task Force. "But it is what it has to be."

Massey knew that brushing the topic under the rug wouldn't do anyone any good. In fact, he recognizes that the secrecy only furthers the taboo surrounding suicide.

Seven months later, it's still hard to talk about. "It is very hard for us to say Graham killed himself," Massey said. "It's like somehow we let him down."

Looking back, trying to connect the clues why the 27-year-old took his life, Massey said he thinks Graham had exhibited signs of depression. But when asked about it, Graham would always say he was fine.

Of course, he wishes everyone would have pressed Graham a little more, to find out what was going on in his mind.

"If your guts tells you there's a problem, go with your gut," Massey said.

Sara Majoros, of Farmington, also said there were signs before her brother took his own life in 2001, at age 33. One major sign was a suicide attempt when he was 16. "My brother and I never talked about it — that's

the hugest regret of my life," she said.

She said back then, no one talked about suicide.

"It was an era where there was no support," she said.

Now, Majoros finds herself on the other end of the phone, with desperate people who call the Common Ground crisis hotline with a variety of problems.

From 2010-11, the crisis line received 1,436 calls relating to suicide. That number is up from 1,227 the previous year.

She said the training she received as a volunteer at Common Ground was worthwhile.

"The Common Ground training has been one of the most rewarding and coolest things I've ever done," she said.

She said people just need a listening ear.

"People are in hard times," she said. "I thought I'd be giving advice, but I'm not — I'm listening. By listening, you are giving them hope."

It's been helpful for her, as well.

"I'm making my worst thing my best thing," she said, smiling.

She's come a long way from the days of silence surrounding her younger brother's death.

"Now I'm yelling it out on the mountain tops," she said. "This experience (at Common Ground) has made my life better. How I handled it originally is 'what not to do,' unfortunately."

Majoros is also a founding member of the Farmington Area Suicide Prevention Task Force.

"I'm so proud to be working on that — it's just an amazing group of people," she said. "I can't wait to see what we'll do next."

Jeff Edwards is also turning his worst thing into his best thing. The Brighton resident is the chairman of the American

Foundation for Suicide Prevention and spends his time telling his story at forums and in schools.

He captivated the crowd of about 200 recently in Farmington Hills, at a forum presented by the Farmington Area Suicide Prevention Task Force — and challenged them to see beyond the surface.

He showed a collage of photos depicting a happy, healthy boy who was silly; who was athletic; who appeared to be a normal boy, enjoying life.

"What don't we see?" Edwards asked. "Where are our blind spots when we're looking at this?"

They didn't see that the happy, smiling kid in the photos was suffering inside so intensely that he killed himself in March 2003.

That boy was Chase Michael Edwards, the 12-year-old son of Jeff Edwards.

"I've got a Chase-sized hole in this heart," Edwards said. "Why would you know that about me? I do a pretty good job of covering it up."

## Looking for clues

Edwards, like every loved one of someone who takes their own life, searched for clues and answers. He found a poem his son had written that described himself as crazy, schizo and depicted himself as being tortured and guilty — then set free, like a bird.

Edwards now knows that his son suffered deeply and wanted his pain to end. He now knows that his son was ill and undiagnosed.

Majoros said the answers aren't always there.

"That will always be there — you won't know why," she said. "It's just accepting that you'll never know."

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# Twelve lessons in 12 years of parenting

By Rebecca Kavanagh  
Guest Columnist

This Christmas, smiley Riley burst into our house, making everything merry and bright with her toddler antics and infectious laughter. Having not seen her for a month, my niece astonished us with how much she's learned since Thanksgiving, and how quickly she's grasping new things.



Mom's the Word

Rebecca Kavanagh

Big cousin Sophia was giving Riley a tour of our kid-friendly Nativity set, prompting her little student to moo for the cow and baa for the lamb. When Sophia pointed to one of the wooden people and said, "This is a shepherd," Riley obediently said, "Shepherd" — a tricky word that she repeated on command throughout the evening. My eldest and I were impressed. Not only had this 18-month-old listened, she'd absorbed, retained and repeated.

In fact, Riley is constantly listening, absorbing, retaining and repeating, just like my own kids do all the time. But I don't notice it as often with them because I'm too busy being busy. Sometimes you just have to stop and say wow.

Slowing way down helps me realize that I'm learning, too. As I flip the calendar and head into my 12th year of parenting, this seems a fitting time to reflect on 12 things my kids have taught me about motherhood along the way.

**1. It's hard.** In late 1999, I could not wait for baby Sophia to show up and snuggle sweetly in my arms, cooing and gazing up at me adorably. And that probably did happen on occasion, before a colic freakout or after a diaper blow-

out. But mostly she screamed. Eventually, Sophia settled into a bright, bouncy, babbling baby, but those early months were H-A-R-D hard. Those early months taught me that I can handle anything — a confidence that has come in handy more times than I can list.

**2. Family ties are comforting, not confining.** Despite having planned to raise our kids in sunny San Diego so they'd never know a gray Michigan day, Don and I hightailed it back to our home state even before Sophia could crawl. For us, raising our kids surrounded by grandparents and aunts and uncles and (eventually) cousins won out over ideal weather and breathtaking scenery. Sure, there are dreary times when we bemoan our flight back to the nest. But we know deep down that Michigan is where we belong.

**3. Hearts expand.** When I was expecting Jackson, I secretly doubted that I would ever love another creature as much as I loved 2-year-old Sophia. But I did. I do. Not only that, but my kids love each other. And I think that because of the two of them, Don and I love each other even more.

**4. I'm strong.** Jackson was born with health issues that made his first few years a challenge for all of us, physically and emotionally. Dealing with nail-biting procedures and bad-news appointments has taught me that when circumstances warrant, I can be faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive and able to leap tall buildings in a single bound.

**5. Sharing a secret eases its burden.** By way of playgroups and school, my kids have introduced me to a collection of warm and witty women who have become my friends. It's been a relief to compare notes and confess my sins to mommies living my exact same life. During those early years,

we hashed through sleepless nights and potty training and bratty behavior, and if we didn't conjure solutions, we at least offered absolution. More often than not, those supercharged talks have inspired material for this column, which was born in 2004. Working my way through parenthood in print has helped me understand what I'm doing and why — and has forced me to search for the silver lining.

**6. Accept help when it's offered.** I have an independent streak. My first impulse is to say I can do it myself, thanks. Parenthood taught me that there is no such thing as too much help. Even if that means a mother-in-law stifling a gasp when she arrives unannounced to find piles of dirty laundry and yesterday's dishes in the sink.

**7. Kids are people too.** When they fluttered out from under my wing to attend school for seven hours each day, my children made me realize that there was only so much I could control. After having orchestrated their every minute from birth through kindergarten, they now were loose in the world to make independent choices left and right. At some point, I relaxed my grip enough to notice that those choices were mostly good ones. And when they weren't, the kids were learning from them. Even without bossy mom saying "No!" and "Because I said so!"

**8. Be grateful for what you have.** In 2007, I lost my beloved grandma. She was my mentor, my cheerleader, my friend. I suspect I could have gone adrift without her anchor, had it not been for my kids. I was buoyed by their very presence, and seeing my grandma's spirit shine in them. Soon, my grief turned into gratitude for the nearly four decades I had with Grams, and the shorter but significant amount of time my children had with her as well.

**9. Laughter makes it easier.** I suppose it's possible that Don and I could have ended up with somber children, but I'm tickled to say we didn't. It's a yuk-fest at our house. My kids crack me up constantly, each with their own brand of humor. Ha-ha-hooray for funny kids!

**10. Adjustments are necessary.** For a decade, I stayed home and worked as a freelance writer. Then I accepted a full-time job that separated me from everything and everyone I loved, for 10 hours a day. I had to learn to be a mom all over again. From figuring out how to get dinner on the table five minutes after walking in the door to mourning missed classroom parties, that juggling act was the toughest trial I've yet to face. I know so many of you are keeping your balls in the air with grace. I'm still dropping a few here and there, but my balance is improving.

**11. Breathing is crucial.** Last year, amidst the chaos, I began to meditate. The practice slows me down and helps me achieve focus. When I take time to breathe, I feel calmer and more present for the people who need me most, which has helped me realize that ...

**12. It's easy.** So much has changed since those early days of wailing and wet diapers, except for the fact that I am still burdened by this tremendous responsibility. But as hard as parenthood continues to be, taking note of beautiful everyday moments is a cinch. Listen: Sophia is plunking out a new song on the piano. Look: Jackson is paging through a book on the floor. These people I created and continue to nurture are full of delightful surprises. Appreciating them is as easy as counting to 12.

Mom's the Word appears on alternate Sundays in the Farmington Observer. Write to columnist Rebecca Kavanagh at rakwordplay@att.net.

## Zumba



FILE PHOTO

Zumba Fitness classes at Merriman Road Baptist Church will feature rhythms set to high-energy Latin, international and Christian music.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FAMILY PROGRAM

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3 and Jan. 10, remaining sessions for the year will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, starting on Feb. 14

**Location:** Chapel on the Botsford Commons campus at 21440 Archwood Circle, between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Dementia is a devastating part of aging, both for the person with dementia and their families. To help navigate these troubled times, Botsford is offering a monthly series on the topic as part of its Botsford University Educa-

tion Program for Families. The program, "Developing Meaningful Connections with People Experiencing Dementia," will look at the normal aging memory changes vs. causes of dementia, differences between Alzheimer's disease and dementia, understanding brain changes, person-centered care, building a rapport with people with dementia, understanding and preventing challenging behaviors, and visiting people with dementia. Guest speakers will present periodically throughout the series. The sessions are free of charge

**Contact:** For more information on the sessions, call (248)

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### ZUMBA FITNESS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Jan. 5

**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Zumba Fitness classes at Merriman Road Baptist Church will feature rhythms set to high-energy Latin, international, and Christian music. Before you know it, you will be feeling fit and your energy level will be soaring. It's easy to do, and suitable for all exercise levels. Registration is 7:30 p.m., class begins at 8 p.m. and is approximately one hour long. Adults 18 years or older only. Wear comfortable workout wear - a sweat towel and a bottle of drinking water are recommended, too. A donation will be taken at the door for every class to cover the cost of the certified Zumba instructor's services. Visit [www.MRBC.us](http://www.MRBC.us) and click on Women's Ministries, 'Girl-friends of Grace', and 'Zumba Fitness for Women' or e-mail us at [info@mrbc.us](mailto:info@mrbc.us)

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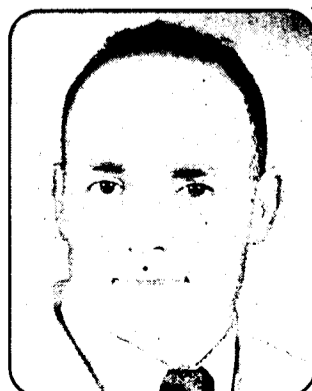
That may sound like a bold statement, but that's how confident I am in our weight loss program. **Not only can I make you lose weight, I can show you how to keep it off forever!** In 22 years of practice I have found that helping people lose weight and keep it off is the one single thing that has the potential to create the most numerous changes in overall health problems.

If you are like most people, you have probably lost weight in the past only to gain it back and then some. *The old yo-yo dieting syndrome.* There is a reason for that and I'll show you what it is. There is no gimmick or quick fix that will ever make you lose weight permanently. **This is the REAL THING!**

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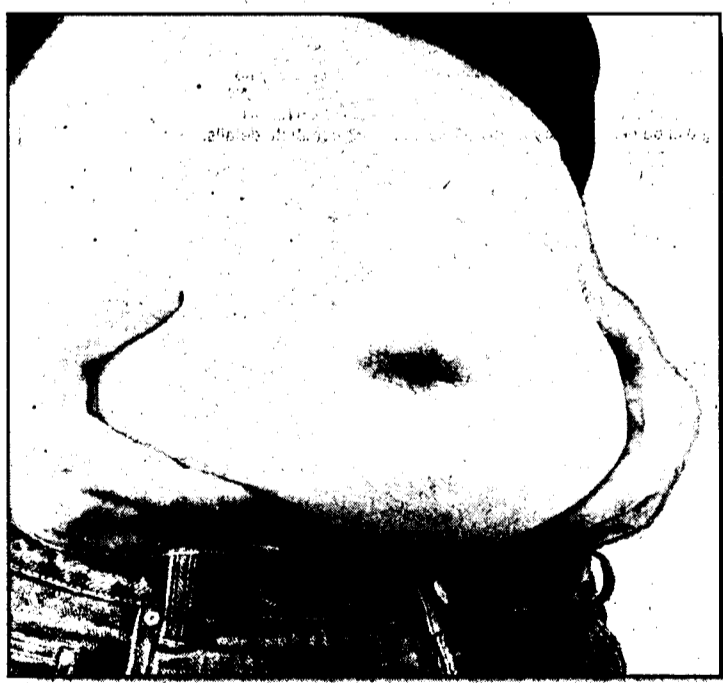
My goal for this year is to help as many people as possible to reach their goal weight and reclaim their lives! Will you be one of them? If you are suffering with a weight problem or any of the related illnesses that go along with it, don't wait another minute. Let me help you out. This seminar could literally change your life the way that it has for so many people just like you.



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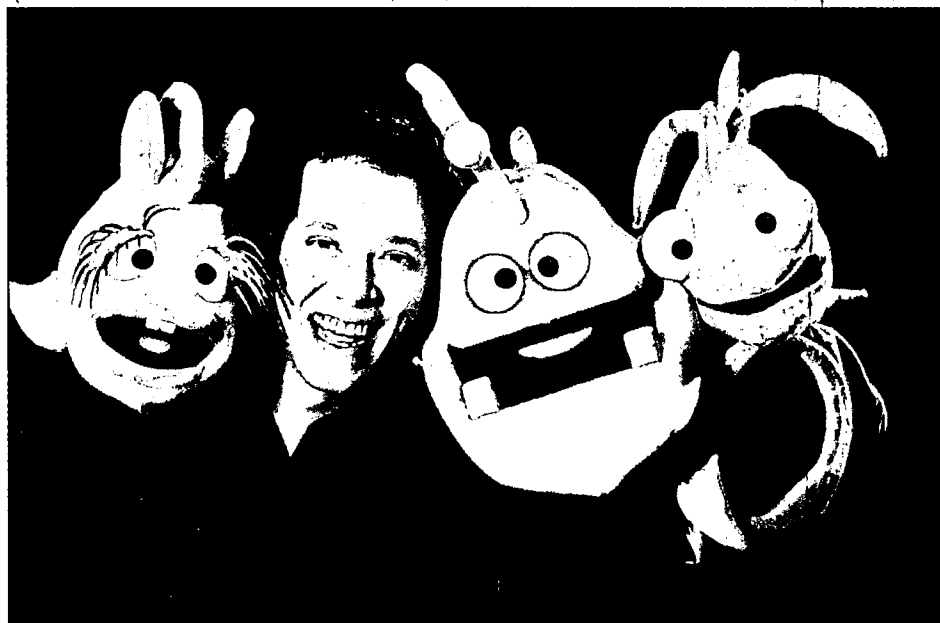
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John Tartaglia brings his production of "ImaginOcean" to the 400-seat Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

**'Underwater' family adventure awaits at Village Theater**

John Tartaglia's *ImaginOcean*, billed as a family musical adventure created and written by the Tony Award-nominated actor, takes center stage at Canton's Village Theater at Cherry Hill for performances at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road between Denton and Ridge in Canton, is a regional, 400-seat center for the arts.

*ImaginOcean* follows the undersea adventures of a group of fish friends, who discover a treasure map that leads them to learn about themselves and ultimately uncover the treasure of each other's friendship. It's produced by Jellyfish Jive Productions.

Tartaglia, along with Philip Katz of Broadway Theatrical and musical theater veteran Michael Shawn Lewis,

have teamed up to bring the black-light musical puppet show to the stage. *ImaginOcean* takes audiences on a one-hour magical underwater journey full of surprises and special effects.

The seafaring stars Dorsel, Tank and Bubbles open an enchanted world of aquatic adventures where they meet jiving jellyfish, a strong-willed seahorse and a new friend, lovable Leonard the Octopus. The production features a lively original score with music and lyrics by composer William Wade, plus characters that light up the stage with their effervescent color and personalities designed and built by the innovative artists at The Puppet Kitchen in New York City.

*ImaginOcean* is the latest creation of Tartaglia, a nominee for his performance in the Tony Award-winning Broad-

way musical *Avenue Q*, for which he originated the roles of Princeton and Rod. Tartaglia was most recently seen on Broadway appearing as Pinocchio in *Shrek The Musical* and previously starred as Lumiere in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*.

A 10-year veteran of *Sesame Street*, Tartaglia is one of the youngest puppeteers ever to perform on the show, starting at the age of 16.

All tickets for the 10 a.m. Jan. 20 show of *ImaginOcean* are \$8. Tickets for the 7 p.m. performance are \$16 for adults, \$13 for seniors and youths; \$8 for groups of 15 or more—and they can be purchased online at [www.CantonVillageTheater.org](http://www.CantonVillageTheater.org) or by calling (734) 394-5460.

For more information about Tartaglia's *ImaginOcean*, visit the official show website at [www.imaginocean.com](http://www.imaginocean.com).

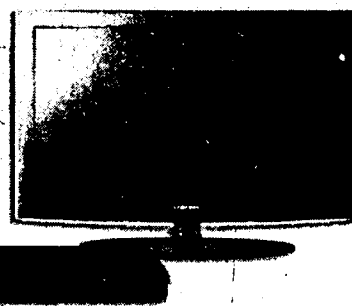
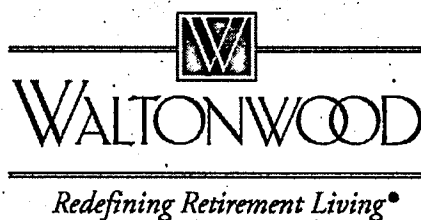


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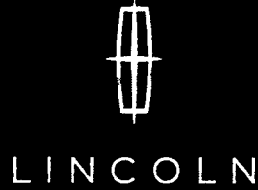


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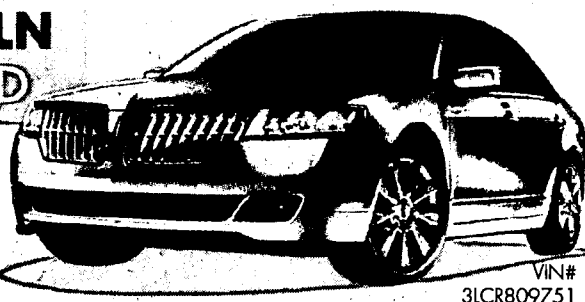


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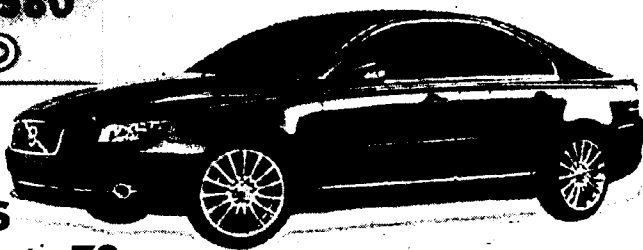


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# SPORTS

## Whalers matinee idols

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Several of the Plymouth Whalers' big guns are playing for various teams at the World Junior Championships, but you wouldn't know the team was shorthanded if stopped by Compuware Arena on Wednesday afternoon.

With winger Alex Aleardi of Farmington Hills scoring a hat trick (plus two assists for five points) and backup netminder Matt Mahalak superb between the pipes, the Whalers rolled to a 6-1 OHL victory over the Western Conference-leading London Knights.

Netting two goals for Plymouth was forward Stefan Noesen while left wing Jamie Devane

chipped in with a goal and two helpers, making it a fun time for the 3,254 fans attending the annual Kids Day matinee.

"It was a big game," said Aleardi, the game's deserving first star. "Coach (Mike Vellucci) wanted to win this game, so we got it done tonight." Vellucci, who noted the Knights were without several top players due to the World Juniors, said he'd gladly take the two points under any circumstances against London.

Plymouth improved to 23-9-2-1 for 49 points, two behind London (25-8-0-1) entering Friday's games (which took place after this holiday edition of the Observer went to press).

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Plymouth's Garrett Meurs (No. 16) wheels around the London net Wednesday, fighting off Knights defenseman Tommy Hughes in the process.

## Bachrouche wins 4 golds

North Farmington High grad and former University of Virginia swimmer Katya Bachrouche, who will represent Lebanon in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London, recently captured four gold medals at the Pan Arab Games held in Doha, Qatar.

Bachrouche also won two bronze medals to set a record for most ever for the nation of Lebanon.

She has now qualified in four Olympic events — the 200-, 400-, and 800-meter freestyles and the 200 individual medley.

## MU adds two

Madonna University women's golf coach Scott Marzolino announced the signing of two players last week including All-Observer and Division 1 All-Stater Jordyn Shepler of Livonia Churchill.

Marzolino also signed Holly Laginess of Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

Shepler placed ninth individual at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals last fall after placing 13th at the regional. She also finished fourth in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Tournament.

Laginess earned four letters in both golf and tennis for the Kestrels.

During her senior year Laginess was named the Monroe County Co-Player of the Year after earning medalist honors at the Monroe County Championship and winning her second Lady Marauder Open championship.

Laginess capped her prep career with an all-state honorable mention selection.

## Baseball camp

The sixth annual Future Stars baseball camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session 2) on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

Session 1 consists of hitting, base running skills, and infield work, along with taking the extra base, hitting for average, and proper infield approach.

Session 2 consists of pitching and defense, pitch location, catching drills, and outfield approach.

Lunch is from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (bring your own). The cost is \$30 per session or \$50 for both (includes T-shirt).

For more information, e-mail Franklin coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (734) 968-0499.

## Behind the mask

### Ex-goalie starts up his own company

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

When Kevin Marlowe decided to start his own hockey company, he drew from experience.

"I grew up playing hockey in the LHA (Livonia Hockey Association) and always had a passion for the game," said the 29-year-old, who manufactures and sells hockey goalie masks from his parents' home in Livonia. "I've always had a passion for hockey — just

filling out my notebooks and designing the equipment I wanted and coloring the equipment ... I just loved doing it. So, when I had a chance to start up my own hockey company, I jumped at the opportunity."

Marlowe is a 2001 Stevenson grad who played three years of high school hockey. He also played club hockey for Western Michigan University and has a degree in Managerial Communications from Wayne

State.

After graduating from Wayne State, Marlowe sold industrial rags for a year before moving on to his current job at Aerotech, a job placement company that does recruiting and staffing.

In 2008, Kevin Marlowe and his father Dave, who works in sales as an associate publisher for Motor Information Systems, started the goalie mask company on the side —

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Livonia native Kevin Marlowe displays two of his goalie mask products after starting up his own company.

## Brighton 1st at Chiefs' tournament

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

The Bulldogs' bite was as strong as their bark during Thursday's Canton Varsity Team Wrestling Invitational in the Phase III gymnasium.

Brighton outlasted an impressive field — including Adrian, 55-12, in the title bout — to earn the first-place trophy.

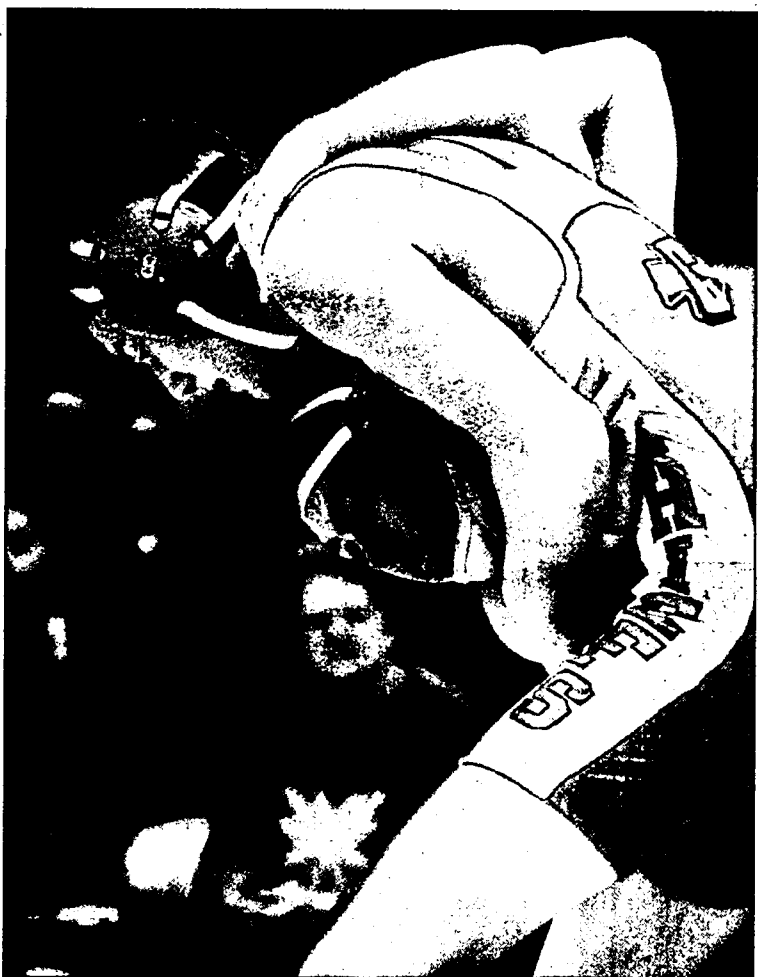
Downers Grove South (Ill.) made its several-hours trip east pay off with a third-place showing.

The host Chiefs, who battled to a 49-49 draw with Downers Grove South in their fifth match of the day, finished fourth.

Two Chiefs racked up 5-0 records: senior Keshav Patel (130 pounds) and sophomore Ben Griffin, (112 pounds).

Earning 4-1 marks for the Chiefs were Alec Pantaleo (135 pounds), Marc Przybylski (140), Richard DeMarois (119), Austin Pilmer (119) and Zach Marsh (152).

Other highlights for the Chiefs included 215-pounder K.J. Wooley's 6-1 triumph



Canton's Marc Przybylski (top) defeated Belleville's Hunter Manke, 8-3, in a 140-pound match Thursday afternoon.

over Belleville's Kyle Rodgers; 171-pounder Alex Cole's 5-2 win over Chippewa Valley's Aidan Toth; and heavyweight Allan Beckman's 15-4 decision

against Chippewa Valley's Justin Marcum.

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## Roundball no Classic for Glenn

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn used Wednesday's Motor City Roundball Classic against host Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day as a barometer for its girls basketball team.

And gauging from the Rockets' performance, there's work to be done after they suffered a 73-39 setback.

"It was definitely a step backwards," said Glenn first-year coach Eric Kovatch, whose team slipped to 4-2 overall. "I don't have a lot to say. We just didn't bring it today. Lack of effort, lack of execution. Granted, Country Day is a very good team and personally I think is the best team in the state of Michigan. But that's no excuse. We made it way too easy for them."

Glenn was coming off a spirited performance eight days earlier in a 56-53 loss to defending state Class A champion Inkster. And the Rockets stayed close

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Tuesday, Jan. 3  
Saline at Canton, 5:30 p.m.  
Belleville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Farm. at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 4  
Skyline at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Cranbrook at C'ville, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Central at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 5  
Thurston at Woodhaven, 3 p.m.  
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 6  
Thurston vs. Westside Christian at Woodhaven Tourney, 3 p.m.  
South at Luth. W'sld, 5:30 p.m.  
HVL at Taylor Baptist, 7 p.m.  
C'ville at Lutheran North, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at S. Lyon, 7 p.m.  
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Harrison at W. Bloom., 7 p.m.  
N. Farm. at Clarkston, 7 p.m.  
PCA at Roeper, 8:30 p.m.
- GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Tuesday, Jan. 3  
Franklin at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Inkster, 7 p.m.  
N. Farm. at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
Mercy at Divine Child, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 5  
Thurston at Woodhaven, 3 p.m.  
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Athens at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
N. Farmington at Troy, 7 p.m.  
Oxford at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 6  
Thurston vs. Westside Christian at Woodhaven Tourney, 3 p.m.  
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
S. Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.  
South at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m.  
C'ville at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.  
PCA at Roeper, 7 p.m.  
N.D. Prep at Mercy, 7 p.m.  
Regina at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.
- PREP HOCKEY**  
Wednesday, Jan. 4  
Churchill vs. Waterford Mott at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 6  
Plymouth vs. Warren Mott at Compuware Arena, 8 p.m.  
Franklin vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 7  
Canton at Midland, 5:15 p.m.  
Waterford Mott vs. Harrison at Farm. Hills Arena, 7 p.m.  
Salem vs. Big Rapids at Ply. Cultural Center, 6 p.m.  
Plymouth vs. Flushing at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
Churchill vs. S.C. Shores Unified at S.C. Shores Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
Ladywood vs. G.P. North at Arctic Pond, 7:30 p.m.
- PREP WRESTLING**  
Wednesday, Jan. 4  
N. Farm. at Groves, 5 p.m.  
Farmington Quad, 5 p.m.  
Churchill Quad, 5:30 p.m.  
Wayne Quad, 5:30 p.m.  
Canton Quad, 5:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 5  
Clarenceville Quad, 5:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 6  
Harrison at Lake Orion, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 7  
Lakeland Invitational, 8 a.m.  
Bishop Foley Invitational, 9 a.m.  
CC Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Howell Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Wyandotte Inv., 9:15 a.m.  
Clarenceville Tourney, 9:30 a.m.  
Roch. Adams Invitational, TBA.
- BOYS SWIMMING**  
Thursday, Jan. 5  
Seaholm at N. Farm., 6:30 p.m.  
Rochester Adams at North-Harrison, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 7  
Salem Invitational, noon.
- PREP BOWLING**  
Wednesday, Jan. 4  
(3:30 p.m. at Country Lanes)  
Farmington vs. N. Farmington.  
(3:30 p.m. at Westland Bowl)  
Clarenceville vs. Plymouth.  
John Glenn vs. Northville.  
Wayne Memorial vs. Salem.  
Thursday, Jan. 5  
Ladywood vs. A.A. Richard at Drakeshire Lanes, 3:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 7  
Ladywood Holiday Tourney at Super Bowl, 12:30 p.m.
- GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
Tuesday, Jan. 3  
Canton at Northville, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 4  
Livonia Red at Salem, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 5  
Livonia Blue at Plym., 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 7  
Rockford Inv., 10 a.m.  
Fraser Invitational, TBA.
- COMPETITIVE CHEER**  
Wednesday, Jan. 4  
Franklin Quad, 6 p.m.  
Stevenson Quad, 6 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 5  
Canton Quad, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 7  
Novi Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Allen Park Tourney, 10 a.m.  
Oxford Invitational, 10 a.m.  
Titan Invitational, TBA.
- MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS**  
Wednesday, Jan. 4  
Concordia at MU, 7:30 p.m.  
Kirtland at S'craft, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 7  
MU at Davenport, 3 p.m.  
S'craft at Wayne County, 3 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS**  
Wednesday, Jan. 4  
Kirtland at S'craft, 5:30 p.m.  
MU at Concordia, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 7  
Davenport at Madonna, 1 p.m.  
S'craft at Wayne County, 1 p.m.



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Whalers defenseman and captain Beau Schmitz (No. 17) leads another goal celebration during Wednesday afternoon's rout of the London Knights at Compuware Arena.

**WHALERS**  
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**Good win to get**

"It's good, we want to get those points, we want to catch them," said Vellucci, whose team is first in the West Division. "They had the same amount of guys out as we did, maybe a few more. But that's the way it goes at this time of the year. We use it as an excuse when we lose and we don't use it as an excuse when we win."

The Whalers led from start to finish, with plenty of offense along with physical play and timely saves by Mahalak (36 saves), who is filling in while Scott Wedgewood plays for Team Canada at the world juniors. (By the way, Wedgewood pitched a 5-0 shutout Wednesday night against the Czech Republic.)

"He's playing great," said Vellucci about Mahalak. "I said at the beginning that they're both really good goalies. Wedge is playing at world juniors. We got 1A and 1B."

Aleardi opened the scoring at 4:40 of the first period, converting a pass from Devane past London goalie Michael Houser. About three minutes later, Devane deflected defenseman Curtis Crombeen's point shot

to give the Whalers a 2-0 lead.

The Knights briefly got back into the game at 1:18 of the second period. Chris Tierney motored up the ice and feathered a pass to right wing Jared Knight who blasted a high shot over Mahalak's glove. But off the ensuing face off, Aleardi answered at 1:34 to make it 3-1. He cut over the blue line and drilled a high shot into the London net.

"We had the next shift (after the Knights scored) and we knew we had to go out there and make something happen," Aleardi said. "Devane tipped it to Bathgate and Bathgate hit me in the middle. I just walked in and took a shot."

Vellucci said Aleardi's goal really fired up the Whalers while putting a crimp in London's short-lived momentum.

"That was a big goal, it was huge," Vellucci said. "But even before he scored the goal he had a great backchecking play. He's playing better defensively and that's why he's scoring more goals."

Midway through the stanza, Aleardi potted his third goal of the day and 20th of the season.

Aleardi fielded a pass from center Michael Whaley inside the London blue line and skated in on Houser, going forehand-

backhand before slipping the puck inside the right corner.

**Double power**

Before the frame ended, Noesen buried a centering pass from winger Tom Wilson (PCEP alum) on the power play for a 5-1 advantage.

Noesen netted his second power-play goal at 8:22 of the third to finish the scoring, with assists by defenseman Austin Levi (Farmington Hills) and Aleardi — for his fifth point.

That last goal was scored against London goalie and former Whalers property Jake Patterson, who took over to open the third. Housen stopped 20 of 25 shots while Patterson handled all but one of the five shots he faced.

The lone downer of the afternoon was a leg injury by Wilson, who limped off the ice during the third after blocking a shot on a London power play. He missed the final 14 minutes or so.

"He's a tough kid," Vellucci said. "What's really important is he blocked the next one too, while he was laying down there."

Vellucci said he didn't know whether Wilson would be available for the 7 p.m. Friday home game against Saginaw.

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**Franklin icers triumph in OT, 2-1**

Livonia Franklin gave itself a post-holiday gift Wednesday night at Edgar Arena with a dramatic 2-1 boys hockey victory over Walled Lake Central in overtime.

The Patriots, who improved to 2-5-1 overall, forced OT by scoring with less than a second remaining in regulation on captain Danny Donahue's goal from Brian Roulier and Tyler Satkowiak.

The power play goal came after Franklin goaltender Matt Slinder

(20 saves) was pulled for the extra attacker with 1:43 left on a four-on-four situation.

Franklin's Josh Dudek then tallied the game-winner 1:09 into the five-minute OT on a one-timer after taking a pass from the point off the stick of Josh Leonard. The other assist went to Ryan Pace.

"We were playing four-on-four with three forwards and one defenseman," Franklin coach Scott Wirgau said. "Josh Leonard faked taking the

shot and gave one of the most unselfish passes you'll ever see."

The Vikings (4-7) took a 1-0 advantage with 9:08 remaining in the second period on Jarret Lazare's goal from Austin Krus and Brendan O'Malley.

Freshman goaltender Sam Woznicki made 29 saves in the loss, the fifth straight for the Vikings.

"One of our goals was to get 30 shots on net," Wirgau said. "Their goalie (Woznicki) stood on his head."

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**MASKS**

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it's named 21° Degrees, L.L.C.

"We had one goal in mind and that was to make a high-quality, American-made mask that was affordable," Kevin Marlowe said. "Through hard work we achieved that goal and earlier this summer we received HECC certification to sell our hockey masks in the U.S."

All components for the 21° Degrees' Phantom Mask, which sells for \$349.99, come from Howell and are assembled in Kevin's old bedroom. The masks are geared primarily for youth players.

The first challenge in starting the company was meeting HECC safety standards.

"That's U.S. certification, so anybody under the age of 18 can wear my helmet," Marlowe said. "If you're over 18 in certain leagues you don't need HECC approval. It's been tested and proven it's going to withstand punishment and daily wear and tear, so it's safe for the kids that they can

use. "We're working on the Canada approval, which is CSA. We're hoping to have that within the next year."

Marlowe said he got a late start marketing his masks, but hopes to make up for lost time.

"By the time we got everything certified, it was already half of the beginning of the season, and pretty much everybody had bought their own equipment," he said. "So trying to get a kid to buy another helmet when they already bought one is tough. We just kind of had to get word of mouth by now."

Marlowe's website is www.21degreesllc.com. The company also provides goalie accessories and a link for custom painting of masks.

The company sells direct and is available at a few retail outlets. Masks do not come custom fit, only in stock (small, medium or large). They are painted in stock white, black or primed and come with a one-year warranty.

"We're focusing on an age-range anywhere from 10-to-16, and then also when somebody is

done with hockey ... the beer leagues we're also targeting as well.

"We sell ours for \$349.99, and that is relatively cheap. We are probably on the lower end price-wise for the goalie masks out there, yet our quality is probably one of the higher based on testing and everything we've done personally."

The biggest challenge is marketing, but Marlowe is confident his business will grow.

"The sky's the limit," he said. "We're going to sponsor the Rick Heinz Goalie School, so we're going to be dealing with a lot of the goalie camps. I will take this as far as I need be. The Heinz camp is based out of Kitchener, Ontario, but it actually travels all over the world, which is really nice. The farthest place we've gotten an order from is Alaska. Word of mouth travels fast, but then again, not fast enough."

And once again, Marlowe biggest advantage is being a former goaltender.

"This has helped in the development of this mask and just being one will help with the development of this company because I'm not just a person who wanted to start a business, I actually lived it," he said.

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# Franklin doesn't fare well in final

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Doug Host was the first to admit: "It was not a work of art."

But the South Lyon coach was able to hoist the championship trophy Thursday night following a 49-46 win over host Livonia Franklin in the fourth annual holiday boys basketball tournament.

The Lions, who improved to 3-2 overall, won despite making only 12-of-30 shots from the floor (40 percent) and only 20-of-33 free throws (60.6 percent).

South Lyon, however, made 10 straight from the foul stripe in the final quarter to hold off a late Franklin rally.

Another key stat in South Lyon's favor was three pointers as the

Lions made five to Franklin's one.

"The last couple of games we started knocking down 'threes,'" Host said. "The first three games we struggled from the perimeter, so it's refreshing to see some fall for us."

"And in clutch time we did knock down from free throws. You hope that happens when you get a lead and close out the game. We responded late in the game."

Guard Luke Short scored a team-high 14 points, while all-tournament picks Bill Harrison and Joe Remstad each added nine.

Franklin got a game-high 20 points and 11 rebounds from 6-foot-7 senior center Jake Barham, while Andrew Lebbos and Tommy Smith contributed eight and

seven points, respectively.

It was 18-all at halftime, but the Patriots attempted just two field goal attempts during the second quarter - both 'makes' by Barham.

"We didn't know if we wanted to challenge the big guy because he's an imposing player," Host said. "But as the game went on we went to the rim and challenged him."

With 2:30 left in the third quarter, South Lyon built an 11-point lead thanks to a basket by Dominick Quinlan. The Lions led 31-27 after three quarters.

"We were kind of passive against their zone (defense) and not attacking the seams," Host said.

"It was one catch and shots, but as the game went on we did better breaking down their zone

and getting it inside." Meanwhile, the Patriots went stone cold in the third quarter going 0-of-6 from the field with their only points coming from the free throw line (6-of-10).

"The turnovers... I think we had 11 at the half probably," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said. "We struggled with that last night (in a 64-50 win over Dearborn Heights Crestwood). I thought we did better tonight, but we're really struggling with taking care of the basketball. Our turnovers don't allow us to get these shots. We're losing shot opportunities with these possessions. We're giving them away each day."

It was a parade to the free throw line in the final quarter as both teams were in the double

bonus. (A total of 56 fouls were called on the night.)

Franklin's best chance came with exactly three minutes left when Smith's three-pointer, which would have closed the gap to 40-38, was nullified by a foul away from the basket.

"It would have been huge, it would have helped us defensively," Rheault said. "All these missed free throws and the turnovers, and such... it doesn't allow us to defend like we want to. We're rushing offensively and not playing the way we want to. Those turnovers and missed free throws changed the game on how we want to play."

Franklin shot only 33 percent from the floor (10-of-30) and was 62.5 percent from the line (25-of-40).

The loss drops Franklin

to 1-4 overall. The Patriots were also searching for their first-ever tournament title.

"It's December and that's December ball," Rheault said. "I'm trying to stay positive about it. The turnovers we can work on. The free throws we can work on. We can be better at those things."

"The guys really wanted to make it to the championship game in our tournament. They really wanted it. I feel bad for them, but we're going to learn from it."

Other all-tournament picks included Barham and Smith; Jawad Badih and Hiatham Jawad, both of Crestwood; Troy Baertson and Casey Palanca, both of White Lake Lakeland.

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## Barham plays big in Patriots' win; Farmington win battle of Falcons

Jake Barham turned in a sterling performance Wednesday as host Livonia Franklin moved

**BOYS HOOPS** into the finals of its fourth annual holiday boys basketball tournament with a 64-50 victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Barham, a 6-foot-7 senior center, finished with a team-high 22 points and grabbed 19 of the Patriots' 32 rebounds. He also dished out four assists as Franklin outscored the Chargers 40-26 in the second half.

Senior forward Tommy Smith chipped in with 12 points and three assists, while junior guard Andrew Lebbos added eight points and six assists as the Patriots improved to 1-3

overall. Crestwood (1-4) got a game-high 22 points from Jawad Badih, while Hiatham Jawad added 13.

**FARMINGTON 78, GROVES 51:** In a battle of Falcons on Thursday, Bryan Green tallied 21 points to carry Farmington (2-2) past host Birmingham Groves (2-2).

Valentino Kalaj and Chris Harr each chipped in with 15 points for Farmington. Grant Henderson paced Groves with 13 points.

**RENAISSANCE 55, N. FARMINGTON 47:** Stephen Harrod and Clark Bishop each scored 13 as Detroit Renaissance (6-1) turned back North Farmington (3-4) in the Motor City Roundball Classic Thursday at Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

Dorrell Foster scored 20 and Caleb Hogans added 14 for the Raiders.

**KENNEDY 42, PLYMOUTH 40:** In a non-conference game Wednesday, host Taylor Kennedy (2-2)

downed the Wildcats (1-3), who got 11 points from Brendan Swanson and nine from Josh Priebe.

Ryan Karr added six for Plymouth, which led 23-17 at halftime.

"We started out strong," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said. "We did not handle their pressure well. We lost all loose ball battles tonight. With our youth we cannot have an off-effort night and we did tonight. We will have to cut down our turnovers or play with a greater sense of urgency for us to see better results."

Andre Marsh and John Hubbell tallied 11 and 10 points, respectively, for Kennedy.

**AB&T 86, FARMINGTON 62:** On Monday, Perron Ramsey poured in 29 points and Kenneth Hoften added 16 as Melvindale Academy of Business & Technology downed the Falcons (1-2) in the Motor City Roundball Classic hosted by Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

Jordan Degreffrenreed tallied a team-high 22 points for Farmington.

## Blazers fall in Roundball Classic; Harrison nipped in 2 OTs, 36-34

Monique Howard and Caprice Dennis combined for 38 points Thursday to propel unbeaten Detroit Pershing to a 63-48 girls basketball win over Livonia Ladywood in the Motor City Roundball Classic held at Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

Pershing (8-0) sprinted to a 24-14 first-quarter advantage and held a 37-30 halftime lead. The Doughgirls then outscored Ladywood by a 12-5 margin in the third period.

Howard, a 5-foot-11 senior, finished with 20 points, while the 5-9 Dennis, a senior guard, added 18.

Janae Hill also chipped in with 11 points. "The first half Dennis hit some 'threes,' but we did a better job defending that in the second half," said Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti, whose team slipped to 4-3 overall. We just

couldn't keep them off the boards."

Junior point-guard Andie Anastos paced the Blazers with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Briana Combs and Shelby Walsh chipped with 10 and nine points, respectively.

"We did a good job of competing," Coratti said. "We got shots we normally make. I like our chances moving on."

Pershing connected on 14-of-26 free throws, while Ladywood made 13-of-23.

**NORTHVILLE 36, HARRISON 34 (2 OTs):** On Thursday, Alex Moynes poured in 26 points to lead the host Mustangs (4-2) to the holiday tournament title in double overtime against Farmington Hills Harrison (2-5).

A basket by Moynes sent the game into OT at 29-all, while Harrison's Joslyn Wilcox forced a second OT with a hoop. Moynes then scored on a putback to win the game. Junior guard Marissa Cot-

ton and senior guard Tiera Parker paced the Hawks with 14 and 12 points, respectively. Wilcox, a senior forward, had seven.

"We beat them in double overtime last year and we lost to them in double overtime this year - kind of eerie," third-year Harrison coach Tim Micklash said. "I was very pleased how my girls competed for that amount of time. We controlled the pace and tempo. We lost a tough game to a good team. You don't like to lose, but it was a fun game to play in and we can take a lot of positives from going forth the rest of the season."

**HARRISON 43, MILFORD 26:** Senior guard Tiera Parker scored 15 points and freshman center Kyla Roland added 13 points and 10 rebounds to lead Farmington Hills Harrison (2-4) to a win Wednesday over the Mavericks (0-5) in the Northville Holiday Tournament opener.

Junior guard Marissa Cotton chipped in with 11 points for the victorious Hawks, who led 21-15 at halftime and 30-20 after three quarters.

Senior guard Claire Slaughter tallied seven points for Milford.

## Naubert sparks MU victory

Madonna University sophomore point-guard Bobby Naubert experienced a Rocky Mountain High scoring a game-high 24 points as the Crusaders downed host Johnson & Wales (Colo.), 75-68, in a men's basketball game at the Wildcat Center.

The 5-foot-10 Naubert, who hails from Livonia Stevenson High, hit 7-of-13 shots from the floor, including a pair of tri-

ples, to go along with 8-of-9 free throws as MU improved to 10-5 overall.

Senior forward Tyler Coker chipped in with 11 points, while freshman forward Eoghann Stephens and sophomore guard Travis Schuba each added 10.

Fred Williams came off the bench to contribute nine points, while Matt Jenkins grabbed a team-high eight rebounds. MU won despite hitting

only 24-of-69 shots from the field (34.8 percent).

Johnson & Wales (3-13), which trailed by only two at intermission (30-28), got 12 points from Aaron Lampkin and 11 each from Kahler Grandbouche, Eric Gardzina and Cedric Ennis.

The Crusaders completed their trip to the Mile High City on Friday when they took on Bethany College (Kan.) at the Wildcat Center.

## Crusader women 0-2 on Vegas swing

The Madonna University women's basketball team closed its trip to Sin City with a 66-34 setback at the hands of Lewis-Clark State College (Idaho) on Thursday night in the Las Vegas (Nev.) Frontier Shootout at Desert Oasis High School.

**COLLEGE HOOPS** Lewis-Clark State College (Idaho) on Thursday

night in the Las Vegas (Nev.) Frontier Shootout at Desert Oasis High School.

Lewis-Clark came into the game leading the NAIA in defensive field goal percentage (29.8 percent) and held the MU to 23 percent (14-of-60) from the floor.

Junior forward Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) paced the Crusaders (5-8) with 12 points and eight

rebounds, while Michelle Lindsey added eight points.

The Warriors (13-1), ranked No. 4 in the latest NAIA Division I Coaches Poll, jumped out to a 29-8 halftime lead and never looked back.

Jasmine Stohr paced Lewis-Clark and all scorers with 27 points. Kirsi Voshell added 18 points, while Alyssa Fierro grabbed 10 rebounds.

MU returns to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference action beginning at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at No. 6 Concordia University.

**MONTANA-WESTERN 82, MADONNA 69:** On Wednesday, Madonna University (5-7) could not overcome hot-shooting Uni-

versity of Montana-Western (10-2) falling in the opener of the Las Vegas (Nev.) Frontier Shootout at Desert Oasis High School.

Guards Heather Pratt and Michelle Lindsey paced the Crusaders with 14 and 13 points, respectively. Shantelle Herring and Kristie Porada came off the bench to add 12 and 11, respectively.

Hayley Pettit led Montana-Western with a game-high 25 points on 9-of-13 shooting from the floor and 7-of-9 free throws.

Sami Bignell added 17 as the Bulldogs shot a blistering 59.3 percent (32-of-54) from the floor.

Montana-Western led 38-28 at halftime before the Crusaders cut the deficit to 61-57 during the second half, only to have the Bulldogs go on a 21-8 run to end the game.

The Bulldogs outrebounded MU, 47-25, on the afternoon.

## HOOPS

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for a quarter (13-all) before the Yellowjackets went on a 20-8 second-quarter run to take a 33-21 halftime lead.

Part of Glenn's problem was that 6-foot-1 senior forward Joslyn Massey, who has signed with Purdue, spent much of the quarter on the bench after picking up her third foul.

"That hurt them a little bit," Country Day coach Frank Orlando said. "She's a great player. I wish her a lot of luck at Purdue. It was good to play this game against a real top-notch player like that."

Glenn, also missing Temple signee Erica Coville (knee injury), simply couldn't match up against Country Day's talented senior tandem of Amber Deane (23 points) and Aerial Powers (17 points).

"I was happy because everybody got involved in the ballgame," said

Orlando, whose team outscored Glenn 20-6 in the third period. "We started out a little slow, but they picked it up. What I was real happy about was that we really shared the basketball today. It looked like whoever was open scored. I thought that was a good thing."

"We're trying to work on being a full team where there's not one person running the show and trying to get everybody involved."

Country Day (6-1), whose only loss this season came on a last-second three-point shot against defending Ohio Division I state champion Twinsburg, also got solid offensive performances from Chelsea Bridgewater and Mary Kate MacLean (eight points apiece).

"Kasey Crockett did a tremendous job scoring and rebounding, and Asia Doss was very good," Orlando said. "I think it was a real balanced attack. And Mary (Kate MacLean) did a great job defensively on Joslyn for

awhile. I thought it was a good overall game for us."

Sophomore guard Kaira Barnes paced Glenn with 11 points, while junior ShaKeya Graves added eight and senior Abbey Wright seven. Massey finished with only six points.

"When she's not on the court, it's a totally different ballgame," Kovatch said. "Not saying anything about our other girls, but Joslyn makes that big of a difference whether she's rebounding, whether she's scoring or not. That makes a big difference when she's on the court out there."

Glenn returns to action at 7 p.m. Friday on the road against defending KLAA South champion and state Class A semifinalist Canton in a key division matchup.

"We're going to start over and find our identity as far as what we want to be, and keep working," Kovatch said.

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PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

**WAYNE COUNTY INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS**  
**Dec. 17 at Westland Glenn**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Franklin, 163.5 points; 2. Wayne Memorial, 132.5; 3. Brownstown Woodhaven, 126.5; 4. Plymouth, 125.5; 5. Westland John Glenn, 108; 6. Northville, 100; 7. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 84.5; 8. Highland Park, 84; 9. Melvindale, 80; 10. Canton, 78; 11. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 69; 12. Dearborn Fordson, 69; 13. Gibraltar Carlson, 61; 14. Belleville, 58; 15. Romulus Summit Academy North, 57; 16. Allen Park, 57; 17. Dearborn Heights Ann Arbor, 48.5; 18. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Dearborn Divine Child, 46 each; 20. Dearborn, 45; 21. Garden City, 35.5; 22. Lutheran High Westland, 33; 23. Lincoln Park, 31; 24. Redford Union, 30; 25. Romulus, 26; 26. (tie) Dearborn Edsel Ford and Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 19 each.

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**  
**103 pounds:** Brandon Harris (Ply.) d. Mohammed Yousef (Mel.), 14-11; **3rd place:** Devin McClain (Woodhaven) d. Austin Rice (Wyand.), 4-1; **5th:** Shawn Cohen (DHA) won by technical fall over Kevin Charara (N'ville), 16-0; **7th:** Jack Newa (Franklin) won by tech. fall over Jeremiah Gaynier (Summit), 18-1.

**112:** Trey Berry (Ply.) won by tech. fall over Jake Polenciewicz (AP), 17-2; **3rd:** Dylan McLeod (LP) d. Ramzy Yousef (Mel.), 3-2; **5th:** Anthony DeGiorgio (N'ville) d. Austin Koehler (Bell.), 8-3; **7th:** Aly El Kalouby (DHC) d. Tyler Antonian (Woodhaven), 6-2.

**119:** Danny Martinez (Franklin) d. Ali Ayache (DHC), 3-1; **3rd:** Richard DeMarois (Canton) pinned Ijji Raza (N'ville), 1:04; **5th:** Cade Barwig (Wyand.) d. Imad Soukar (Fordson), 4-2; **7th:** Mike Farkas (AP) d. Tim Way (Wayne), 4-3.

**125:** Gabe Martinez (Franklin) won by major dec. over Keshav Patel (Canton), 8-0; **3rd:** Chase Kalil (Ply.) d. Jake Jones (LP), 10-7; **5th:** Zachary Francis (Luth. Westland) d. Dylan Ouder (Mel.), 5-3; **7th:** Kevin Hart (DDC) d. Tristan Jarosiewicz (Wayne), 4-3.

**130:** Andrew Barron (Mel.) d. Sam Polocoser (DHC), 10-5; **3rd:** Jon Conn (Ply.) d. Corey Davis (Stevenson), 6-3; **5th:** Sean Wagner (N'ville) p. Bobby Webb (AP), 0:56; **7th:** Tito Sanchez (Woodhaven) p. Ryan Siegler (Canton), 0:20.

**135:** Alec Pantaleo (Canton) p. Quentin Santiago (Wyand.), 1:36; **3rd:** Travis Corpio (N'ville) d. Robert Davis (LP), 7-6; **5th:** Kody Roy (Stevenson) d. Jarrod Ammons (Woodhaven), 12-5; **7th:** Kawan Larence (Robichaud) p. Hussein Yousef (Ply.), 1:43.

**140:** Jordan Ateiza (Franklin) won by major dec. over Said Yousef (Ply.), 12-3; **3rd:** Ali Saad (Dearborn) d. Allen Parker (Wayne), 10-5; **5th:** Donavan Reilly (Glenn) d. Marcel Mrech (Woodhaven), 9-5; **7th:** Samer Shebak (Stevenson) d. Victory Lindsey (Fordson), 4-2.

**145:** T.J. Barnes (Summit) p. Sadiq Al-kafil (Fordson), 4:36; **3rd:** Keven Wacker (Glenn) won by injury default over Jake Scheffler (Carlson); **5th:** Arfan Kathem (Dearborn) d. Brendon Davis (Ply.) 7-1; **7th:**

Anthony Rodriguez (Woodhaven) p. Anthony Azzi (DDC), 0:52; **152:** Derrick Hillman (Woodhaven) won by major dec. over Anthony Long (Glenn), 15-6; **3rd:** James Jakes (DDC) won by major dec. over Daries Davis (Wyand.), 11-2; **5th:** Jake Sanders (Carlson) d. Alex Coe (N'ville), 5-4; **7th:** Yeyia Taleb (Fordson) p. Christian Lalone (Summit), 1:23. **160:** Demitius Maddoz (HP) p. Jake Yydloski (Carlson), 5:32; **3rd:** Jimmy VanAssche (Rom.) won by injury default over Matt Wisniewski (GC); **5th:** Shames DeLahaye (Bell.) d. Sam Ekanem (Wayne), 3-2; **7th:** Husam Ateyia (Fordson) p. Nick Mencotti (N'ville), 0:47. **171:** Trevor Maresh (N'ville) d. Danny Croft (Glenn), 6-0; **3rd:** Zac Juchartz (Bell.) d. Collin Rankin (Woodhaven), 5-1; **5th:** Mickey Sutton (Woodhaven) p. Samer Abboud (DHC), 2:35; **7th:** Paul Sawicki (Carlson) d. Lucas Hofbauer (Wayne), 6-5.

**189:** Devin Korzetki (Wayne) p. Nick Maher (Woodhaven), 8-1; **3rd:** Hunter McCoy (DHA) d. Josh Childs (DDC), 10-4; **5th:** Matt Horne (Franklin) d. Zack Underwood (Carlson), 8-6; **7th:** Chris Donaldson (Glenn) d. Daven Gardiner (RU), 7-5.

**215:** Dimitrus Renfro (Wayne) d. Jake Range (Stevenson), 3-1; **3rd:** Yousef El Sayed (DHC) d. Chris Gutmann (Woodhaven), 8-6; **5th:** Jordan Brandon (Glenn) d. Alan Taylor (HP), 6-5; **7th:** David Meyer (DHA) d. Morgan Pultorak (Edsel), 7-5.

**285:** Martez Crutchfield (HP) p. Omar Haymour (Franklin), 5:54; **3rd:** Vincent Pizzo (Wyand.) d. Dylan Morantes (Glenn), 3-0; **5th:** Joe Lennis-Saunders (DHA) p. Alla Ali (Dearborn), 2:37; **7th:** Nick Luchonok (Edsel) d. Allan Beckman (Canton), 2-1.

**52ND OAKLAND COUNTY WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**  
**Dec. 16-17 at Oxford M.S.**

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 367.5 points; 2. Oxford, 243; 3. Rochester, 178; 4. Holly, 169.5; 5. Clarkston, 162.5; 6. (tie) Lake Orion, Rochester Stoney Creek, 130; 8. Ortonville Brandon, 126; 9. Rochester Adams, 124; 10. Birmingham Brother Rice, 110; 11. Farmington Harrison, 95; 12. Hazel Park, 93.5; 13. Waterford Kettering, 93; 14. Farmington, 86; 15. Pontiac, 85; 16. Auburn Hills Avondale, 84; 17. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 83.5; 18. Milford, 77.5; 19. Walled Lake Central, 73; 20. Southfield, 68; 21. Troy Athens, 67; 22. (tie) Novi, Walled Lake Northern, 64.5; 24. White Lake Lakeland, 61.5; 25. (tie) Birmingham Seaholm, 57; 27. South Lyon, 54; 28. West Bloomfield, 53.5; 29. Royal Oak, 51; 30. Birmingham Groves, 46.5; 31. North Farmington, 46; 32. Ferndale, 43.5; 33. Livonia Clarenceville, 28; 34. (tie) Troy, Berkley, 27; 36. Waterford Mott, 21; 37. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 19; 38. South Lyon East, 15; 39. (tie) Walled Lake Western, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 14; 41. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 11; 42. (tie) Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Southfield-Lathrup, Heights Madison Lamphere, Madison Heights Madison, 0.

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**  
**103 pounds:** Trevor Zdebski

(CC) p. Kyle Noonan (Stoney Creek), 1:39; **3rd place:** Justin Schofield (Adams) major dec. Daniel Shear (WL Central), 11-2; **5th:** Nick Bis (Brandon) p. Daniel Moore III (Lake Orion), 2:34.

**112:** Myles Amine (CC) p. Nimantha Herath (Farmington), 2:38; **3rd:** Andrew Hahnenberg (WL Northern) d. Logan Crandall (South Lyon), 3-2; **5th:** Dan Curtis (Oxford) d. Brandon Calma (Lakeland), 9-7.

**119:** Evan Toth (CC) d. Edwin Schlickemeyer (Oxford), 3-2; **3rd:** Tyler Gibson (Holly) tech. fall over Ross Bahro (West Bloomfield), 15-0; **5th:** Cameron Wilkie (Clarkston) p. R.J. Poole (Milford), 3:12.

**125:** Mason Cleaver (Holly) d. Josh Wood (Rochester), 3-0; **3rd:** Charlie Highlen (Lake Orion) p. Andrew Fialka (Harrison), 4:28; **5th:** Jazz Hubbard (Athens) d. T.J. Fagan (CC) by injury default.

**130:** Ken Bade (CC) p. Kyle Hill (Oxford), 4:00; **3rd:** Trevor Bourdeau (Brandon) p. Kyle Babin (Lakeland), 3:54; **5th:** Christian Luderback (WL Northern) d. Manny Govantes (Farmington) by injury default.

**135:** Malik Amine (CC) d. Kaelen Richards (Rochester), 5-3; **3rd:** Andrew Napieraj (Brother Rice) d. Cody Vanderhagen (Hazel Park), 2-1; **5th:** Mike Willets (Oxford) p. Ryan Howcroft (Adams), 1:52.

**140:** Dean Vettese (Rochester) d. Riley Hanson (CC), 5-3; **3rd:** Anthony Gonzales (Holly) p. Adrian Quintero (Hazel Park), 2:07; **5th:** Noah Cantera (Oxford) tech. fall over Andrew Price (Stoney Creek), 15-0.

**145:** Logan Marcicki (CC) major dec. Rocco Borg (Oxford), 10-1; **3rd:** Deishawn Stewart (Pontiac) d. Andrew Scot (Holly), 4-3; **5th:** Aaron Morgan (Rochester) d. Marcus Shepherd (Harrison), 8-1.

**152:** Alec Mooradian (CC) d. Nick Vandermeer (Clarkston), 6-3; **3rd:** Jemit Lee (Kettering) major dec. Shane Shadaia (Rochester), 8-0; **5th:** Luke Rea (Milford) p. Chris Jaber (Andover), 3:37.

**160:** Shon Powel (Brother Rice) d. Eric Vanden Bossche (Brandon), 5-3; **3rd:** Nick Mason (CC) major dec. Mitch Craig (WL Central), 15-5; **5th:** Jake Pankey (Stoney Creek) d. Ethan Gros (Lake Orion), 4-1.

**171:** Drew Garcia (CC) d. Chevez Ferris (Ferndale), 5-4 in OT; **3rd:** Cody Devoe (Rochester) d. Sultan Hubbard (Harrison), 3-1; **5th:** Marty Goianola (Oxford) d. Blake Cuthbert (Holly) by injury default.

**189:** Shawn Scott (Holly) d. Kevin Beazley (CC), 5-2; **3rd:** Ethan Frick (Clarkston) p. Schwan Shadaia (Rochester), 0:27; **5th:** Charles Sovel (WL Central) d. Kevin Miller (North Farmington) by injury default.

**215:** Prescott Line (Oxford) p. Brody Wagerson (Andover), 0:22; **3rd:** Serge Andreou (Stoney Creek) d. Antonio Echols (Southfield), 6-2; **5th:** Adam Myers (Clarkston) d. Matt Okayie (Kettering) by injury default.

**285:** Nick Gajdzik (Stoney Creek) p. Matt Smith (Brandon), 0:49; **3rd:** Chris Wilson (Avondale) d. Darius Durrett (Southfield), 2-1; **5th:** Richard Hinojosa (Hazel Park) d. Zach Wood (Oxford), 9-5.



Hawk cagers soar

On Dec. 10, the newly-formed under-11 Livonia Hawks captured their division, Dec. 10, at the Chelsea Girls Basketball Tournament. Team members include (kneeling, from left): Danica Nichols, Olivia Napier; (second row, from left) Katie Sopko, Sarah Tanderers, Taylor Jakubiec, Laynie Tatigian, Abby Cormier, Kimmy Freed, Elisa Lebron; (back row, from left) coaches Jennifer Sopko and Doug Freed. (Not pictured is Jayla Perkins.)

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Fishing meeting

The Metro-West Steelheaders monthly meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3 at the Livonia Senior Center, located at the southeast corner of Farmington and Five mile roads.

The featured speaker will be Michigan Department of Natural Resources research biologist supervisor Liz Hay-Chemielewska, who give insight into the condition of Lake Erie along with bag limit for walleye in 2012.

Meetings are free and open to the public. No reservations needed.

For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790.

Thunder go 7-0-1

The under-10 HV Thunder girls soccer team recently posted a 7-0-1 record at High Velocity in Canton.

Team members include: Andrea Abramson, Aya Braish, McKenna Coury, Jayna Fraser, Allie Fulton, Alexis Gibbons, Mandy Laiaccono, Jenna McCann, Maya Patel, Julianna Racette, Jada Sabir, Jade Sabir, Abby Wood and Emily Wood. The Thunder are

coached by Laura, Don and Lesley McDougall.

Moose vs. Wings

The Detroit Moose Hockey Club and Detroit Red Wings Alumni will face off 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 at Arctic Edge Ice Arena on Michigan Ave. in Canton.

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Elks Hoop Shoot

Four champions were crowned in the 42nd Annual Elks Hoop Shoot contest held Dec. 3 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center. The Elks Hoop Shoot was co-sponsored by the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department along with Livonia Elks Lodge No. 2246. The top shooter was Boys 8-9 winner Gabe Nazelli (19-of-25). Other winners included Luke Jaroszewicz, Boys 12-13 (16-of-25); Noah Fuller, Boys 10-11 (10-of-25); and Heather Burke, Girls 12-13 (9-of-25). The four winners advanced to the Southeast District finals on Saturday, Jan. 7 at the Flat Rock Community Center versus nine other age-group finalists from the metro Detroit area.

PREP BOWLING RESULTS

**GIRLS BOWLING RESULTS**  
**NOVI 27, WAYNE 3**  
**Dec. 20 at Novi Bowl**  
 Novi scorers: Sarah Schulz, 166-212-378; Calie Wright, 156-166-322; Abby O'Leary, 174-129-322; Rebecca Rush, 154-140-294; Megan Angels,

121; Jessie Snider, 116. Team totals: 771-763-1,534 (17 points); Baker games: 155-180-355 (10 points).  
 Wayne scorers: Lorissa Willet, 154-173-327; Kira Leach, 151-148-299; Tiffany Markham, 161-134-295; Tiffany Ozog,

116-121-237; Sarah Shurge, 98-109-207. Team totals: 679-693-1,362 (3 points); Baker games: 133-138-271 (0 points).  
 Dual match records: Novi, 2-3 KLAAC Central Division; Wayne, 2-4 overall, 2-3 KLAAC Central.

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## Quit smoking with seven-day program

Dr. Arthur Weaver, Emeritus Professor of Surgery from Wayne State University, will offer his popular "Breathe Free Smoking Cessation Program" beginning with an introductory meeting on Thursday, Jan. 6 in Livonia.

Each session will include a video presentation about smoking, group interviews and interaction, a lecture with advice on successfully quitting and remaining smoke-free. One session will include information on how to stop smoking without gaining excessive weight. Participants also are given information on other lifestyle changes that enhance their likelihood of remaining smoke free.

Sessions start at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the Livonia Library, located at 5 Mile and Farmington Road. In addition to the introductory meeting, sessions run Monday-Friday, Jan. 9-13. A graduation is set for Monday, Jan. 16.

A three-night "Stress Control Clinic" follows the smoking program. It will meet at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 19, 24 and 26 at the Livonia Library.

Weaver has led the Breathe Free Smoking Cessation Program since 1966 in the Detroit Metro area and has helped thousands of people to stop smoking. He has been involved in a wide range of community and industrial-based programs for promoting a healthier lifestyle for nearly 40 years.

His expertise in smoking withdrawal has been shared nationally and internationally with clinics in Russia, Pakistan and Taiwan.

He has won various awards for his efforts, including a Michigan Cancer Foundation "Man of the Year" award and the Wayne County Medical Society award for Humanitarian Achievement.

He has served on the board of trustees of the American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan and as president of the Wayne County Council on Smoking and Health.

Weaver's non-profit corporation, "Better Living Seminars" offers nutrition and cooking classes, weight control and exercise programs and stress management seminars, in addition to an annual health camp.

Weaver is a graduate of Loma Linda University, a general surgeon and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

## Recognized for excellence



Linda Chomin, (right), freelance writer and a Canton resident, shows her Pulse Award as she poses with Kathy Kauffmann, executive director of the southeast Michigan Heart Association. The Association and Beaumont Health System earlier this month recognized media outlets and reporters in five categories ranging from heart and stroke coverage to CPR education, at the inaugural awards event. Chomin was honored for an educational piece she dedicated to Go Red For Women. The story ran in all editions of the Observer & Eccentric, which also was recognized for supporting the Go Red For Women movement since its implementation in 2006.

## Light treatment aids Alzheimer's patients

A Wayne State University researcher has found that Alzheimer's disease patients respond positively to treatment by blue-green light.

In a study published recently in the Western Journal of Nursing Research, LuAnn Nowak Etcher, assistant professor of nursing, reported that caregivers perceived improved functioning in their patients. They said their charges seemed more awake and alert, were more verbally competent and showed improved recognition, recollection and motor coordination. They also said patients seemed to recapture their personalities and were more engaged with their environment. They also saw improvement in

their patients' moods.

Etcher's work is inspired by her interest in a phenomenon known as "sundowning," when Alzheimer's patients sleep during the day, wake up later and may be up all night. Part of her doctoral research was to use light to regulate the rest-activity patterns of women with Alzheimer's.

The study involved 20 women older than age 65 with Alzheimer's dementia from nursing homes in southeast Michigan. Each patient was assigned randomly to an experimental group receiving blue-green light treatments or a control group receiving dim red light.

A commercially available visor used to treat season-

al affective disorder and jet lag was used to administer the light to patients. Caregivers — patients' family members and nursing facility personnel — were not told which kind of light was thought to have physiologic effects.

Although blue-green light recipients comprised the active experimental group, Etcher said she was surprised when some recipients of red light — the placebo group — also were reported as showing improvements, with caregivers saying their patients were calmer and less resistant to care.

The level of effects varied. Although caregivers reported that blue-green light recipients improved, a few patients showed little

or no effect from the treatments.

Calling her study preliminary, Etcher said it now needs to be replicated with a larger sample and different demographics.

"If they sleep better at night, and are more awake during the day, they can eat, they can interact with other people and they can take advantage of other cueing agents in the environment," she said. "In addition to light during daytime and darkness during the nighttime, smells at mealtimes, food intake, interactions — all these things in conjunction help regulate our day."

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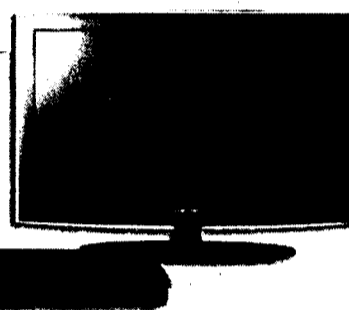


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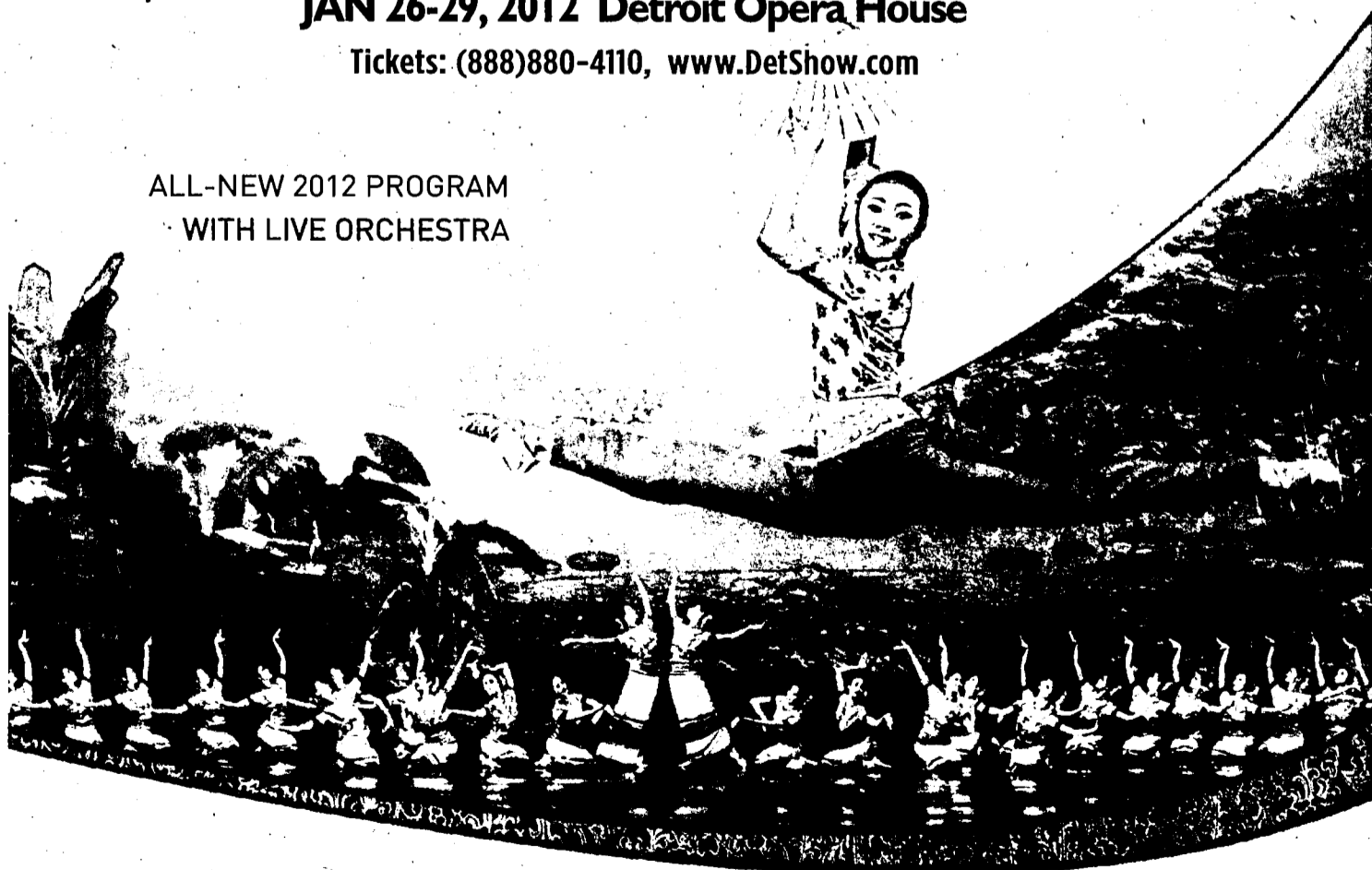
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# It's good to be bad

## Local pets are famous for one day in nationally-sold calendars

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Maizie isn't a "bad dog" but she plays one in the Workman Publishing Co., 2012 Bad Dog page-a-day calendar.

"She is a Golden (Retriever) and she's going to be nine in March," said Denise Zlonkevitz of Plymouth. "The worse thing she does is take papers and tear them up or dollar bills. She's torn them up. You can't mention take a bath or trimming nails or getting brushed ... you will get growls."

Denise and her husband, Jeffry, sent photos of Maizie to Workman's annual contest for four years, hoping she would win a spot in one of its wall or desk calendars. They stopped sending the snapshots last year while Maizie underwent her final treatments for lymphoma that was diagnosed in April 2009.

"We gave up," Jeffry said. "We hadn't sent any and I didn't realize they saved the old photos," Denise added.

But then last August, the couple received a letter from Workman stating that Maizie's photos would be in two of their calendars for 2012.

"We were quite honored," Denise said. "It's almost like your kid's going to college," Jeffry quipped, remembering the moment they received notification.

A photo showing Maizie as a puppy took the Nov.

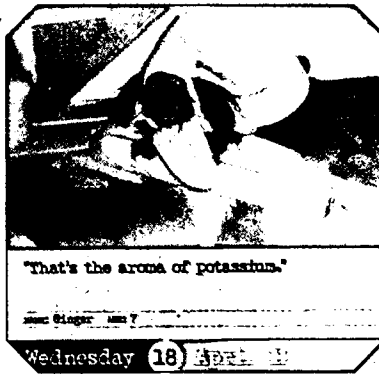


Jeff, Denise and Maizie Zlonkevitz of Plymouth attend the annual picnic sponsored by Animal Cancer and Imaging Center, Canton. Maizie is a cancer survivor.

21st space in a favorite dogs calendar and the snapshot of her with toy gun under her paws is on the Feb. 15 page in the Bad Dog calendar. The couple's son, Jeremy, 23, set up the winning Bad Dog shot.

### Animal lovers

Denise and Jeffry said they grew up with dogs and got their first Golden Retriever together when their children were young. After "Sadie" died, the couple brought Maizie into the family. Her name is a nod to the



University of Michigan's maize and blue colors. Nearly everyone in the Zlonkevitz clan attended U of M or are "hardcore"

fans. "We've given the calendar for Christmas," Denise said. "The cancer vet said it would be

framed and put up in the office."

"We're just happy and we're wondering if Hollywood is going to call," Jeffry added.

If it does, Maizie may face competition from another local canine, Ginger, of Canton, whose photo on Bad Dog's April 18 page clearly shows her aspirations to become a top banana.

"She likes to have her picture taken and sometimes she likes to dress up ... and sometimes not," said owner Connie Serwonski, who submitted

a winning photo of her Long-Haired Dachshund wearing a banana costume while lounging on a banana-shaped pillow. "I buy the calendar yearly and I love looking at all the dogs. I thought, we'll enter her and see what happens."

Like Denise and Jeffry Zlonkevitz, Serwonski submitted photos every year for about four years. Most of them showed Ginger in a costume.

"She does eat bananas for breakfast every day. She's a family-type dog and she enjoys everyone," Serwonski said. "She's not a bad dog."

### Getting in

Pets don't have to look "bad," or threatening to secure a place in the Bad Dog and Bad Cat calendars, but must inspire the writers who pen captions to go along with the images.

"A huge pile of photos is sent to the (Bad calendar) writers and they do the selection," said Susan Bolotin, editor-in-chief at Workman. "The easiest way to get into the Bad calendar is for the picture to be funny."

For its other pet calendars, such as the 365 Cats or 365 Dogs, a photo researcher sifts through thousands of images, looking for variety, and works in conjunction with a writer and editor.

"Sometimes a dog or cat doesn't make it into a calendar one year ... maybe there are too many of that

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**CALENDAR**

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particular breed or too many look like him," she said. "We ask people to write a sentence or two about their pet. Sometimes the story is what gets attention."

The company began publishing the 365 Dogs and 365 Cats calendars more than 25 years ago. Its Bad Cat calendar has logged seven years and Bad Dog is in its sixth year.

Kitten and puppy wall calendars also consist of photos from the public.

New this year is the LEGO calendar that also accepts submissions.

Visit [www.workman.com](http://www.workman.com) for entry details. Calendars also include submission guidelines.

"Calendars can be so many things. We've started calendars that are wall art. You can create a whole space around the calendar with

decals. We're trying to break the mold of what a calendar is," Bolotin said, pointing out that Workman's Hoops calendar comes complete with hoop, net and ball. "We try to make them fun ... we look for something people want to look at day after day."

Other local winners in Workman's pet contest included Bad Dog entries:

- Toby of Canton, submitted by Doug and Laurie Dersnah

- Jackson of Northville, submitted by Marybeth and Chuck Howard

Bad Cat calendar entries were:

- Boogie of South Lyon, submitted by Carly Main

- Steve of Plymouth, submitted by Christine Matthews

Kittens calendar entries were:

- Sherman of Northville, submitted by Ken and Lisa Brundage

- Ozzie and Sunny of Bloomfield Hills, submitted by Sophie Hurwitz



"Keep the fish. Throw me back."

NAME: Jackson AGE: 8 months



-BAD DOG-  
MOMENTS IN  
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Toby Rathbone is told she's too old to play Stella in Streetcar.

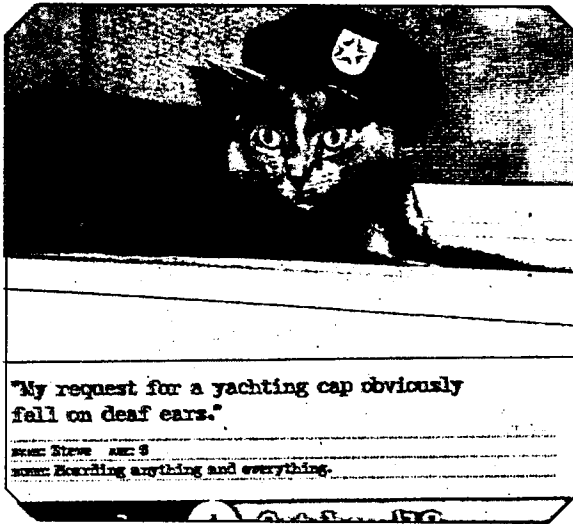
NAME: Toby  
AGE: 8

Friday 8 June '12

Toby, a Canton resident living with guardians, Doug and Laurie Dersnah, strikes a dramatic pose on the June 8 page of the Bad Dog page-a-day calendar.

Tuesday 1 May '12

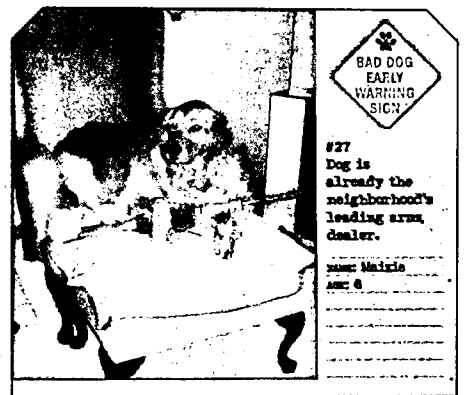
A photo of "Jackson" the pup, submitted by Marybeth and Chuck Howard of Northville, of Northville, can't help but bring on smiles. It earned the May 1 spot in the Bad Dog calendar.



"My request for a yachting cap obviously fell on deaf ears."

NAME: Steve AGE: 8  
NOTE: Barking anything and everything.

Steve the cat earns a spot in the Bad Cats calendar. Christine Matthews of Plymouth submitted the photo.



BAD DOG EARLY WARNING SIGN

#27 Dog is already the neighborhood's leading area dealer.

NAME: Maizie  
AGE: 8

Wednesday 15 February '12

Denise and Jeff Zlonkevics's Golden Retriever, Maizie, is both a cancer survivor and a celebrity, with photos in two Workman Publishing Co. calendars. This shot is in the Bad Dog calendar for 2012.

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# Protecting your home from heat loss

By **Lon Grossman**  
Guest Columnist

If your chimney flue has not been cleaned recently and you use the fireplace weekly, have it cleaned to prevent a chimney fire. Also, examine the firebox for loose or crumbling bricks. Make any necessary repairs using fire clay, which is a heat resistant mortar.

Take a look at your chimney from the outside. If ivy or tree limbs are near the top, cut them back. If you have loose or missing bricks, have them repaired or replaced before you use your fireplace.



Lon Grossman

Most fireplaces built since 1990 have dampers just above the firebox that close off the flue to limit heat loss

when it's not in use. Make sure the damper is not damaged by age or stuck open (or shut) because of fallen debris. Call in a chimney sweep for major problems. They should be able to make a "clean sweep" of anything wrong.

If your house has a crawlspace make sure you've closed all the vents. Also, if you have little or no insulation in the crawl, add R30 insulation to the perimeter walls, a vapor barrier (generally 4-6 mil plastic) should be covering the dirt ground of the crawlspace. And finally, insulate all plumbing pipes with insulation or pipe wrap.

Does your house have a whole-house fan in the hall ceiling? Install a plastic vapor barrier on top of it and then cover it with insulation to prevent heat loss. The heat loss through those louvers is considerable. One problem I find when inspecting houses is some families don't seal the whole-house fan, which causes rotting and mold in the attic to the roof sub-structure. That is not good.

If you total up all the areas around the average house that need caulking and weatherstripping, you're looking at an equivalent of a three-foot gaping hole in the wall. Weatherstripping consists of those slim strips of rubber, plastic, metal and foam that seal the moving edges of doors, windows and other areas. To stop air leaks, weather stripping has to make a good seal between the door or window and its frame.

Storm windows not only protect the main window from water, winter, rain and snow, they slow heat loss by creating a dead-air space if they are tight enough to limit air movement. Make sure storms fit snugly all around the window frame, leaving only small weep holes along the bottom edge to allow condensation, rain and moisture vapor to escape. Loose storms are not only ineffective, they promote frost on the indoor window surface.

Pipes, vents, hatches, recessed lights, and cracks that penetrate the upper floor ceilings are easy avenues for heat loss. Even more important, they allow moisture vapor to migrate to the attic, where cooler temperatures cause it to condense into water that saturates insulation and freezes into frost. Close off large penetrations with plywood or wallboard, then seal all joints and cracks with caulk.

If you think you have "bats in the belfry" what do you have up there? You'd better make sure you have good attic ventilation. In an insulated attic, the rafters and roof boards are cold. Any warm, moist air reaching them through the insulation immediately condenses into moisture. The moisture gets trapped and eventually rots the wood. So whenever you add attic insulation, make sure you have good attic ventilation. To see how much insulation and ventilation you need, go to my Web site at [www.technihouse.com](http://www.technihouse.com) and click on "Insulation: Packing It In".

If a winter storm strikes, close off those rooms that are not absolutely essential. Listen to TV and radio for weather developments. Letting faucets drip a little may prevent freezing damage. If a power failure occurs, turn off most light switches, your furnace switch, and unplug the freezer and refrigerator. The surge of returning electrical power can damage the motors of appliances.

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

### REGULAR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 18, 2012

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for January 18, 2012 has been canceled due to the lack of agenda items

The next regularly scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held on February 15, 2012 in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI at 5:30 p.m.

Publish: January 1, 2012

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## CITY OF LIVONIA

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received a request from Livonia - IT Building, LLC, dated November 21, 2011, proposing the establishment of an Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended, the Council has the authority to establish Industrial Development Districts within the boundaries of the City of Livonia; and

WHEREAS, there is located within the boundaries of the City of Livonia an area of approximately 10.43 acres lying in Southeast 1/4 of Section 6 as more particularly described in the attachment to the application which is hereby incorporated by reference and which is hereinafter referred to as "Proposed City of Livonia Industrial Development District No. 114";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LIVONIA, as follows:

1. The City Clerk is directed to give written notice by certified mail of this action to all owners of real property within the boundaries of Proposed City of Livonia Industrial Development.
2. This City Council sets **Wednesday, January 18, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the date and time for the holding of a public hearing on the question of whether this City Council should establish the Industrial Development District described above.
3. This City Council directs the City Clerk to provide notice, as required by law, of the public hearing fixed above, so that all residents or taxpayers of the City of Livonia shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the question of establishing the Industrial Development District described above.

TERRY A. MARECKI, CITY CLERK

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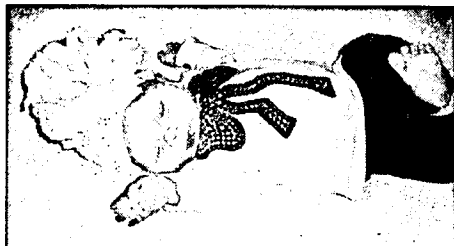


**Cecelia Coraleigh Adelman**

Cecelia Coraleigh Adelman was born Dec. 13, 2011 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

She joins her parents, Ronald and Vanessa Adelman, and sister, Alexis Caroline, 2½, at home in Plymouth.

Grandparents are Timothy and Adrienne Bodnar of Plymouth, and Michael and Melodie Adelman of Monroeville, Ohio. Great-grandparents are Cece-



lia Bodnar of Latrobe, Pa., Richard and June Leber of Willard, Ohio, and Ruth Adelman of Monroeville, Ohio.

**Milestones**



**Ehlert-Escott**

Katy Mary Ehlert and Robert Phillips Escott announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Susan Ehlert of Northville, graduated in 2006 from Northville High School. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology and sociology in 2010 from Kalamazoo College. She expects to complete a master's degree in human resources and labor relations in 2012 at Michigan State University.

Her fiancé, son of Jim and Nora Escott of Farmington Hills, graduated in 2005 from Farmington High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in 2009 from Kettering University and is pursuing a master's degree in business administration at the University of Michigan. Rob is employed as a substation design engineer at ITC in Novi.

A September 2012 wedding is planned in Livonia.



**Kevra-Jones**

Jeanette Kevra and Greg Jones announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Karl and Cathy Kevra of Livonia, is a 2004 graduate of Stevenson High School, has earned undergraduate and graduate degree from Eastern Michigan University, and currently is employed as an occupational therapist at the Kaufman Children's Center.

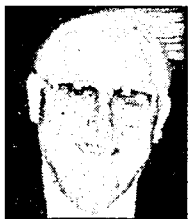
Her fiancé, son of Greg and Katy Jones of Allen Park, is a 2004 graduate of Divine Child High School. He earned an undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University and a law degree from Loyola University in Chicago, Ill. He currently is employed as an attorney with the law offices of Joumana Kayrouz.

An October 2012 wedding is planned in Livonia.

**Passages**

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

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Deadlines: Friday 4:15 p.m. for Sunday • Wednesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday



**BRADBURN, WARREN R.**

Passed away December 29, 2011 at the age of 83. He was born December 26, 1928 to Ralph and Mary Belle (Wilkinson) Bradburn. He married the love of his life Vivian in 1949 who passed away in 2007. Warren was the owner/operator of Air-Tite Inc., Plymouth, an insulation contracting company. He was also a Real Estate investor. He was a former member of the Plymouth Rotary Club and a huge University of Michigan Football fan. Warren will be remembered for being a man of great integrity and honesty. Warren is survived by his children Beverly (Philip) Venables, Peggy (Michael) Krigg, Terri (Douglas) Young, Richard (Polly) Bradburn and Beth Ann (Michael) Murphy. 14 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. His brothers James (Marlys) Bradburn and Charles (Carol) Bradburn, he was predeceased by his sister, Jane Carey. Funeral Services will take place Tuesday, January 3, 2012, 10:30AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. Friends may visit at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Monday 3-8PM and Tuesday at church 10AM until time of service. A prayer service will take place Monday evening at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association <http://www.alz.org/> or to SouthernCare Hospice, 437 Fern Ave., Suite B, Jackson, MI 49202



**McCORMICK, EDNA**

Age 83, December 25, 2011 of Garden City. Beloved wife of the late Joseph A. McCormick. Loving mother of Ellen (Bob) Norgren, Bett (Tom) Arnold and the late Robert. Dear grandmother of Shannon Slebodnik, Jessica Novak, Tara Novak, Lauren Novak, Kristen Novak, Racheal (Frank) Pies, Jillian Norgren and Jacob Norgren. Great grandmother of Frankie and Aiden Pies. Sister of Albert (Neva) Evans. Funeral service was held Thursday at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City. Family suggests donations to the Michigan Humane Society. Please sign the on-line guest-book at [www.rggharris.com](http://www.rggharris.com)

**RITCHIE, BETTY A.**

Age 87, December 25, 2011. Beloved wife of 61 years to the late Frank Ritchie. Mother of John (Sharon), Elizabeth and Mark (Lynda). Dear grandmother of John David, Kathryn, Andrew, Leah, Katelynn and Maggie. Born in Covington, KY. Graduated from the University of Cincinnati. Married Frank and moved to Canada in 1946. They moved to Northville/Farmington Hills in 1971. She was active in the AAUW, Farmington Hills Garden Club and the Friends of the Farmington Library. She loved gardening, golf and curling. She was an excellent mother, loved to cook and she will be missed by all. Memorials to the Friends of the Farmington Library and Salvation Army. Arrangements by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. [harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

**SMITH, KRESTYN GARDNER (Ken/KG)**

Of Redford, MI. Born January 7, 1916 in Rossville, Illinois passed away peacefully on December 26, 2011 at the age of 95. Krestyn is survived by his wife Betty M. (Halifax) Smith of 59 years. He was a loving and devoted father to sons Dennis (Lynda) of Port Huron, MI and Kenneth (Karyl) of Livonia, MI as well as daughter Sandra Smith of Redford, MI who survive him in death. Krestyn was a caring brother to sister Cleeta Prillaman as well as a loving and protecting grandfather to 9 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; all of them were special and brought much joy to his life. His kind, generous spirit and appreciation for life allowed him many years of helping others. He is preceded in death by daughter Virginia (Orville) Williams as well as parents Ara J. and Samuel Q. Smith. Krestyn served in World War II at Fort Knox, Kentucky. His successful 45 year career was spent working for Montgomery Ward & Co. in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan; where he retired in 1981. He enjoyed retirement by traveling and spending time with family and friends. Services were held Thursday at the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland. Memorial Contributions to Greater Michigan Chapter of Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. Share a memorial tribute with the family at [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com)



**MCGREGOR, JUNE TAYLOR**

Died at her home in Beverly Hills December 22, 2011. She was 87 years old. June was born June 8, 1924, in Detroit, to Mollie and Charles Taylor. She graduated from Southeastern High School followed by secretarial school. June met Bob McGregor at the GM Tech Center and had their "first date" by the fire hoses. They were married for 49 years. June was very active in her community and was the 1998 Birmingham Volunteer of the Year. She was actively involved with the Salvation Army, Adopt-a-Family, First Citizen, Women's Auxiliary, Pilot Club of Greater Birmingham, Birmingham Parks and Recreation Committee, and Youth Assistance. June was also a Camp Fire Girl leader and for 30 years involved with Birmingham Concerts in the Park. She was very involved with the Muscular Dystrophy Association and chaired the MD Ball. Professionally, June worked as a travel agent. She is survived by her beloved husband, Bob, and her daughters, Karen (Joe) Coan and Molly McGregor. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Allyson, Katharine, Colleen, and Bryn Coan, Daniel, Hutzley, Sunset Hardigan, and Robin Wilson, and her great-grandchildren, Mason Hardigan and Jayden Wilson. Services have been held. Memorials appreciated to the Salvation Army, 16139 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075, Beaumont Hospice, P.O. Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007-9620 or charity of donor's choice. Offer condolences at [lynchfuneraldirectors.com](http://lynchfuneraldirectors.com)



**STEVENS, MARJORIE F.**

Age 90, of Westland, formerly of Coldwater and Harlowton, Montana. Loving wife of the late James Stevens. Dear mother of Shanna (Tom) Yanity & Cheri (the late Chuck) Avigne. Also survived by four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren & four great-great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held Monday at the Uht Funeral Home, in Westland. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart or Lung Associations would be appreciated. Please visit and send condolences at: [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)

**RATTAI, ERNEST S.**

Age 86, December 28, 2011. Beloved husband of Ruth for 64 1/2 years. Loving father of Rick (Debbie), Randy (Kirsten), Rob (Kathy), Ruthann (Mike) Arntson, and Ron (Robin) Rattai. Cherished grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather of 17. Dear brother of 4. A funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 31st, at Brighton Assembly of God, 7770 Whitmore Lake Road, Brighton 48116. Memorials suggested to the Church. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)



**IACOBELLI, OTTAVIO**

Age 85, December 24, 2011. Beloved husband of Maria for 50 years. Loving father of Carlo (Shelly) and Linda (Ed) Lutz. Dear nonno of Dominic, Alexandria, Julia, Paulina and Victoria. Visitation Wednesday 1-9pm with a 7pm rosary at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia. Funeral Service was held Thursday, in state 9am until the time of Mass at 9:30am at St. Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Rd. in Livonia. Entombment Glen Eden Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

**JUREK, EILEEN**

Age 87, of Farmington Hills. Passed away December 22, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



**KROUT, JUNE NISSEN PROCTOR**

Wife of the late John Proctor and the current Col. Harold E. Krout, USAF, RET, passed peacefully into heaven on Saturday, December 10, 2011. June was born in Royal Oak, Michigan in 1923 to Christian and Elsie Nissen. Her surviving siblings are Donald, James and Joan. She is the beloved mother of five children, David, Sandra, Nicholas, Christina and Timothy; grandchildren David, Johnathan, James, Matthew and Austin; great grandchildren Sean and Jerica and great great grandchild Kasey. June was a member of both the First Baptist Church of Wixom and Wayne while she resided in Michigan. She moved to Naples, Florida in the late 90's. June worked in the medical field as an LPN for over 30 years in both Michigan and Florida and was highly respected by her co-workers and patients. Those who knew her for her love of life, family and God will remember June. She will also be remembered for her great pies and jams. A Celebration of Life will be held summer 2012 in Wixom, Michigan. Donations in memory of June can be made to Samaritan's Purse, World Vision or the Alzheimer's Association.

May you find comfort in Family and Friends

**RELIGION CALENDAR**

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

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207

**FILM SERIES**

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 8, 15 and 22

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: An Israeli film series explores the beginning of modern Israeli politics and the interplay between Jewish tradition and secular Israeli culture. Howard Lupovitch will introduce each film and lead a discussion afterward. Films are "I Love You Rosa" on Jan. 8, "Three Days and a Child" on Jan. 15, and "Flames of Revolt" on Jan. 22. Cost is \$15 per session

Contact: David Goodman at (248) 851-6880

**GRIEF RECOVERY**

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 8

Location: Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia, near Six Mile and Beech Daly, in Redford

Details: The six-week support program, Living with

the Loss of a Spouse," offered by Widowed Friends, will cover issues related to the grief process, including loneliness. A trained peer member will facilitate. Cost is \$20. Widowed Friends is a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit

Contact: Register by calling Joan at (248) 478-1084

**NEW SERVICE**

Time/Date: 10:10 a.m. Sunday, beginning Jan. 8

Location: Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth

Details: A new 55-minute contemporary worship service called Impact will feature a praise band, lots of upbeat music and a powerful message in a relaxed atmosphere. Child care will be offered

Contact: (734) 453-5280

**NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE**

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Jan. 1

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Contact: (734) 968-3523 or (313) 532-8655

**NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE**

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 1

Location: St. John's Church, 555 Wayne Road, Westland

Contact: (734) 721-5023

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Time/Date: 12:30-2:30

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Join the Arbor Day Foundation in January and you'll receive 10 flowering trees for spring planting.

Trees include white flowering dogwoods, flowering crabapples, Washington hawthorns, American redbuds and goldenrain trees.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

They'll be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Feb. 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Jan. 31. Or join online at [arbor-day.org/january](http://arbor-day.org/january).



White flowering dogwoods are among the trees new members receive when they join the Arbor Day Foundation.

## GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature announcements to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com)

### Livonia Garden Club

Ron Worth, a professional from English Gardens, will demonstrate how to select a container and combine different plants and flowers to create a one-of-a-kind look at the group's next meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, in the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road. The Livonia Garden Club welcomes visitors.

### English Gardens

Learn to decorate your home with plants and flowers, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7. The free presentation includes information on selecting and caring for indoor plants.

Garden experts will talk about starting flowers, vegetables and herbs from seed, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14. Learn which varieties work best and what's required to get the best results at this free presentation.

Get advice on arranging flowers at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21.

Find out which plants will attract birds to your garden at a free presentation, 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28.

Youngsters can make a project to feed the birds and learn how to attract more feathered friends to the garden at a "make it and take it" workshop, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28. They'll choose between making a pine cone feeder or orange cup feeder. Fee is \$5. Sign up online.

Get a basic overview of the best varieties of orchids to grow and tips for year-round care at a free in-store presentation, 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4.

Create an orchid garden at a "make it and take it" workshop, 2:20 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4. Cost is \$49.99. The store will supply everything needed for the project.

Learn tricks to get orchids to re-bloom in your home at a free presentation, 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11.

Learn how to re-pot orchids and make them thrive at a free presentation, 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor; (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto [www.EnglishGardens.com](http://www.EnglishGardens.com).

# Contest to award a family reunion

If you have a family member with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, you may have a chance to win a family reunion through Home Instead Senior Care network's essay and video contest.

Home Instead Senior Care network, a worldwide provider of non-medical in-home care services for seniors, is accepting submissions for its "I Will Remember for You Family Reunion Giveaway" competition.

Contestants submit a story in either written or video format about their experience with a family member who has Alzheimer's disease or dementia. Essays and videos must:

- Share how Alzheimer's has impacted your life.

- Talk about the role that memories and remembering have played in your family, especially with regard to your family member who now has or had Alzheimer's.

- Share specific stories or examples of how you and your family members cope or coped with challenges of Alzheimer's disease.

- Tell why you deserve to win this family reunion.

Entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Jan. 31. Three finalists will be notified by a judge's panel by Feb. 15. Online voting to select the grand prize winner will occur from March 28-June 30.

The "I Will Remember for You Family Reunion Giveaway" grand prize winner will have the

opportunity to experience an unforgettable family reunion. The event, funded by Home Instead, Inc., the franchisor of the Home Instead Senior Care network, will include activities to help family members create and capture special memories together, such as a scrapbooking and shadow box station, a memory booth to capture videos, photos or written thoughts, and assistance from a professional family historian to create a family memory anthology.

Attendance of the family member with Alzheimer's disease will be left to the discretion of the grand prize winner. If the individual with Alzheimer's does not attend, the Home Instead Senior Care network will arrange for a local office to provide the family member with in-home care services during reunion activities.

"We hope this contest will help turn some of the negative aspects associated with this disease into proactive projects that will preserve family memories for generations to come," stated Jeff Huber, president and chief operating officer of Home Instead, Inc.

For more contest details, go to [www.rememberforalzheimers.com](http://www.rememberforalzheimers.com), and for additional information about Alzheimer's disease including a blog and resources, visit [www.helpforalzheimersfamilies.com](http://www.helpforalzheimersfamilies.com).

## In Loving Memory

..... at the Holidays

**In Loving Memory Of**  
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*Dearest Chuck,*  
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Love always,  
Mary

**David Harry Lynch**  
March 31, 1960 - October 2, 2011

*My sweetheart, every day you have been gone seems like an eternity. You were the most loving husband I could have ever imagined.*

You were kind and generous to everyone in your life, but I was the luckiest of all to have so many years with you by my side. You taught me the true meaning of love and friendship.

The Christmas lights will remind me of you: a bright star in my life. I know you are now in a beautiful place, and I can't wait to see you again.

I miss you and love you so much.  
Your sweetheart, Angelyn

**Deb Borst,**

I miss you so very much. The hurt and pain of missing you is still so real. You are the best thing that ever happened to me. I could not have asked for more. My love for you will be everlasting. Your husband, best friend and soul mate.

**Roger**

**Fran Condon**  
March 6, 2011

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**Kelly Moscarello**  
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One year ago last Christmas Eve; I prayed along the bedside of a very special, amazing friend who was fighting for her life. I held her hand in my hand as the tears rolled down my face and sadly wondered why God would take her away to heaven, a beautiful but far unreachable place. As I held her hand, I kissed her cheek; and told her it's okay, "I whispered, Kelly don't be scared, an angel will show you the way". I tried so hard to stay strong, but couldn't help but cry. I knew she earned her angel wings, and soon she'd be able to fly. Kelly an amazing friend whose smile was as bright as the moon, was taken away from all that knew and loved her, unfairly way too soon, but as angry as we all want to be, we must accept God's plans. He needed a very special angel, and placed Kelly in the palm of his hands. I will never forget our special times through the passing years. We sure enjoyed our morning coffees, shared lunches, long talks on the phone, long walks, hang outs, lots of hugs, smiles and laughter and many unforgettable tears and how you'd hand me your brush at work and say, "Sheree, will you brush my hair"? I am so proud of you Kelly, your strength, your dignity and pride. You amazed all of us with your unforgettable, courageous fight to survive! You will live forever in my heart, YOU inspire me. I will never let you go, I love you, and I miss you, My Dear Friend, Kelly Moscarello!

(Written by Sheree Hockenberg)

**Brian Hinzman,**

We think of you and miss you every single day. This is especially true during the holiday season.

'Til we meet again.

With love,  
Your family

**Ben R. Davis**

One year ago today you left us. It's hard to believe you are no longer here, We think of you, you feel so near, In some small way, every single day, Memories of you come our way.

With love,  
Your family

# Veterans' group seeks garage sale items

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Livonia Unit 114, is accepting donations for its spring "Garage Sale for Veterans."

Items should be in good condition and may be dropped off between 10 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, at the DAV Hall, 30905 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No computers will be accepted.

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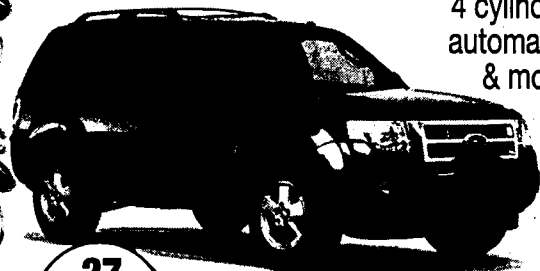
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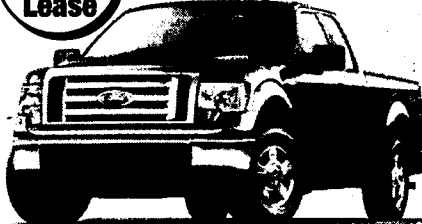
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Month  
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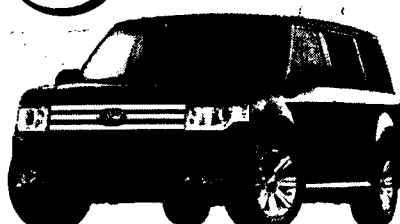
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27  
Month  
Lease

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