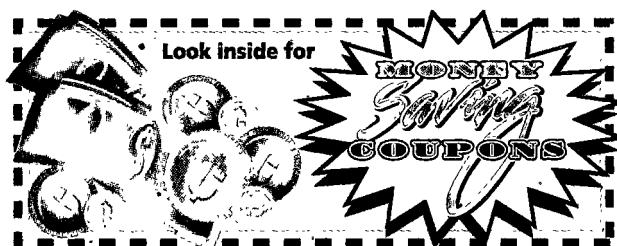


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**It's a date**

Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department will host its annual Daddy-Daughter Date on Wednesday, Feb. 6. The evening includes pictures of the dads and their daughters starting at 6 p.m., followed by square dancing 7-8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for a dad and daughter, \$14 for dad and two daughters and \$5 for each additional daughter. Nonresidents tickets are \$11 per couple and \$15 for two daughters. Families also can make a date for the Family Hoedown 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at the community center. Tickets are \$6 per person or \$20 per group or family of four or more for residents and \$7 per person and \$25 for a group or family of four or more. Tickets for both dances include square dance, a corsage, goody bag, cookies and beverages. There's an additional charge for pictures. Tickets are on sale at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, at Annapolis, in Wayne. For more information, call the community center at (734) 728-2900.

**Council actions**

The Westland City Council has approved the mayoral reappointment of Carol Rutz to the Westland Economic Development/Tax Increment Finance Authority to a four-year term that will expire Feb. 2, 2017. Rutz is general manager of the Westland Shopping Center, a licensed broker, a certified shopping center manager and a certified marketing manager. The nine-member TIFA board implements infrastructure improvements within the TIFA district. Past projects have included construction of the William P. Faust Public Library and street, utility, landscaping and other public improvements.

- The Wayne City Council has reapproved the appointment of Debbie Sparks to the Wayne Housing Commission. Her term will expire Feb. 28, 2018.
- The Wayne council also accepted the resignation of Stanley Sak from the Dangerous Buildings Appeal Board. Sak cited health reasons in his resignation. He served on the board for eight years.

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**Clarification expected on  
how cities collect zoo tax**

**By LeAnne Rogers**  
Observer Staff Writer

While it seems likely that litigation or new legislation will be forthcoming to clarify how communities collect the Detroit Zoo tax, Westland stopped recapturing those tax dollars last year. The city, like a num-

ber of other Wayne County communities, including the City of Wayne, had followed their normal procedure of recapturing tax dollars through its Tax Increment Financing Authority, Local Development Finance Authority and Downtown Development Authority after the 2008 zoo levy was added to tax bills. The recap-

tured tax dollars are from properties within specific districts and used to fund improvements in those designated areas. Westland stopped recapturing money from the zoo levy after a February 2012 letter from Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz. "There was a legal opinion that we weren't sup-

posed to capture the taxes," said Mayor William Wild. "If we sent the 2011 winter taxes, they wouldn't seek the taxes retroactively. We didn't capture the winter taxes in 2012 and sent it to Wayne County." In his letter, Wojtowicz notes that if communities don't comply it was likely that the Wayne Coun-

ty Zoological Authority would file a lawsuit and seek retroactive payment. Some communities are fighting to keep their recapture while at least one legislator has called for bills to clarify the situation. The .1-mill levy for

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After winning the Wayne-Westland Middle School Spelling Bee, Melaina Climer (center) strikes a victory pose with retired assistant principal Earle Chorbagan (left), her grandmother Rose Carol Toth, her mother Karen Climer, Franklin Middle School principal Sandra Bock and Michelle Langa, ELA department chair.

**Bee good: Students  
test word skills in  
annual contest**

**By Sue Mason**  
Staff Writer

Ben Biber has taken a lot of ribbing from his parents about the word "bouffant." He missed one letter in spelling it and lost the chance to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in 2011. He may have a new word. The Stevenson Middle School eighth-grader saw his hopes of making a run for the national spelling bee dashed on Thursday when he misspelled "fallibility," opening the door for Melaina Climer to win the middle school spelling bee and

the chance to represent the Wayne-Westland Community Schools at the regional spelling bee in Detroit on March 2. "If his father were here, he'd be pacing," said his mother, Mary, who tracked her son's words on paper as he spelled his way through them. Biber and Climer went toe-to-toe for seven rounds before he stumbled on the word which means capable of making an error. Climer needed to spell one word to win and did it with the word "compartment." "My mom tells me to try and do my best," said Melaina.

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Fifth-grader Nivene Rizkallah kept Marshall Upper Elementary School's streak alive by winning the annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee for fifth-sixth-graders on Thursday.

**Historic  
Village to  
get county's  
Eloise  
artifacts**

**By LeAnne Rogers**  
Observer Staff Writer

Medicine cabinets, a milk can, a fire pole, a staff photo — those are some of the artifacts from Eloise that will soon be moving over to the Westland Historic Village Park. "When the Rowe House (restoration) is done, we plan to make it into an Eloise museum," said Jo Johnson of the Westland Historical Commission. On Monday, the Westland City Council approved a memorandum of understanding with Wayne County loaning the historical items for display at the historic village. The loan expires Dec. 31, 2061. "The Kay Beard Building has the items in it. Originally, you could tour it. I did a lot of the tours," Johnson said. "Because of the activities in the building, they don't do tours anymore." Taking its name from the daughter of the Detroit postmaster in 1894, at its peak, Eloise consisted of 78 buildings over 902 acres. Only four buildings remain. Two are still in use, including the Kay Beard Building. Predating the Eloise name, a poorhouse and

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**Wayne council OKs turning car wash into detailing business**

A structure formerly listed as a dangerous building is getting a full makeover. The Wayne council recently approved a site plan that will develop an

auto detailing business in a former car wash at 32995 Glenwood, just west of Venoy. Four of the six self-serve car wash bays will be enclosed to serve as

office space. The remaining two bays will be used for the vehicle detailing. Part of the conditions for the site plan approval included taking care of deferred maintenance,

including removing all concrete blocks, posts and bollards from the site and all debris and graffiti. When asked about signage for the business,

Steve Hamade, representing the business owner, said minimal signs would be required, if any. "The business is wholesale only — it's not open to the public," he said.

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U.S. Bar and Grill owner John Goci (left), trainer Mike Toler and motivational speaker Buddy Shuh with U.S. 12 Weight Loss Challenge winners Heather Huffman and Christopher Sanders.

## Two win U.S. 12 weight loss challenge

About 70 people participated in the recent U.S. 12 Bar and Grill Weight Loss Challenge. Event sponsor and U.S. 12 owner John Goci organized the 60-day weight loss program prior to the Christmas holidays. The restaurant also offered some healthier high protein offerings.

Goci partnered on the program with Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union, Anytime Fitness of Westland and motivational/nutrition speaker Allen "Buddy" Shuh, a contestant from the *Biggest Loser*. Anytime fitness gave all contestants one free month of gym time, Shuh offered motivation

and nutritional guidance and U.S. 12 organized it all. Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union sponsored the prize of \$250 for first-place male and female participants. Heather Huffman, who lost 10 pounds, and Christopher Sanders, who lost 27 pounds, were the winners.

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farm operated at Michigan Avenue and Henry Ruff in Nankin Township beginning in 1839. It developed into an asylum and a hospital that by 1886 was known as the Wayne County House. In 1913 there were three divisions collectively known as Eloise: the Eloise Hospital, which served the mentally ill;

the Eloise Infirmary or poorhouse; and the Eloise Sanitarium or tuberculosis hospital. The facility continued to change over the years. In 1945 it was called Wayne County General Hospital and Infirmary at Eloise. It had two divisions in 1974 — the Wayne County General Hospital, which officially closed five years later, and the Wayne County Psychiatric Hospital, which closed in 1977.

"Each week, I get a couple of requests or emails for Eloise death information," Johnson said. "This will be a big attraction for the museum. I'm excited. I can't wait." It's not clear yet when the historical items will be ready for public viewing. Johnson said the first step will be getting the items boxed up for the move.

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Earle Chorbogian, who started the district spelling bee 33 years ago, joins Marshall principal Kelly Kaminski in congratulating Nivene Rizkallah.

## BEE

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na, an eighth-grader at Franklin Middle School. "That what I will do at the regional, I will try my hardest."

Fifth-grader Nivene Rizkallah extended Marshall Upper Elementary's winning streak to three years by correctly spelling the word curiosity. She also will represent Wayne-Westland at the regional bee.

"I feel like a celebrity," said Rizkallah. "I knew most of the words, but I had a problem with curiosity. I thought there might be a U at the end."

This was the 33rd year the district hosted the spelling bee named after retired middle school Principal Earle Chorbogian and the third year that individual contests were held for fifth-/sixth-graders and seventh-/eighth-graders. It's also the third year the students will compete in the regional bee. In the past two years, Wayne-Westland students have been the runners-up at regionals.

"The regional can run almost four hours," said Aaron Baughman, executive director of curriculum development. "The last two years, we've had the runners-up and it's come down to one letter. It's very intense."

Climer used her hands to write out the words before spelling them. It was something she started doing when she got the list of spelling bee words at school. She also studied with fellow spelling bee

## IN THE BEE

Competing in the 33rd annual Earle Chorbogian spelling bees were:

- Adams Upper Elementary — fifth-graders Sabrianna D'Water, DaYonna Embry and Claudia Lazorishchak and sixth-graders Jasmine Elder, Anthony Thibodeaux, Carter Vair and Xavier Walker. Fifth-grader Adalia Kirby was at camp and did not compete.
- Marshall Upper Elementary — fifth-graders Madison Carroll, Erik Luke, Othniel Mykojomolade and Nivene Rizkallah and sixth-graders Sarah

Bigelow, Emily Gamble, John Lachine and Mikaila Stone.

- Franklin Middle School — seventh-graders and Skye Bolden, Isabella Goff, Cassie Jackson and Kaylin Scott and eighth-graders Jacob Clark, Melaina Climer, Yasmin Flint and Ethan Morgan.
- Stevenson Middle School — seventh-graders David Kaiser, Raven Mayle, Kevin Partin and Sabrina Yuchasz and eighth-graders Jonathon Allison, Benjamin Biber, Victoriana Schwartz and Dajanae Walker.

contestant and eighth-grader Jacob Clark, who misspelled "curiosity" early on in the competition.

"I study for four hours straight when I studied with Jacob, and I also studied with my mom," said Climer.

"I knew she could do," said her mother, Karen Climer. "She just has a great memory."

Also watching the contest was her grandmother, Rose Carol Toth, who said she wasn't a bit nervous.

"I knew she could do it," she said.

Rizkallah spent between a half hour and an hour with her father every evening studying for the district bee. She plans on bumping that up to one-two hours a night for the regional bee.

"In the beginning, I thought it would be hard, but then I figured I was just up here talking," she said. "I didn't notice the

pressure." "I'm proud she even made it this far," said her mother, Amy Albany. "I'm really impressed with her ability to spell."

Chorbogian was on hand to congratulate the winners. He used his time with the microphone to encourage all of the students to use their words wisely.

"Obviously, you're good students and you have a way with words," he said. "Don't waste it. Use your ability with words and read, read, read. It's going to pay off for you in the future."

The regional spelling bee will be held March 2 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. The winner will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee May 26 through June 1.

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## TAX

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the Detroit Zoo, levied in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, generates about \$150,000 in tax revenue from Westland.

The local recapture totaled about \$22,000 annually but Wild notes much of the TIFA recapture was

refunded since there were no projects being funded. Without the TIFA, he said the city recaptured about \$5,000 annually from the zoo millage.

"We are complying with it. I didn't want people to think we weren't compliant," said Wild.

The same issue arises with the first levy of the .2-mill Detroit Institute of Arts millage. That

millage would generate \$300,000 in Westland and \$44,000 in the TIFA, LDFA and DDA.

"I think they are looking for a clarification. Right now, we are collecting that (DIA millage). We'll see if it falls under that as well," said Wild.

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## 'The Hour Lift' facelift now most popular cosmetic procedure — lasts for 10 years



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“The results will last between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient.”

Dr. Eric Seiger  
Skin & Vein Center in Fenton

She eats right, she works out and takes care of herself every day. She wants her face to reflect this same youthful vitality that the rest of her body shows.

That's why one local 69-year-old woman, who asked to remain anonymous, is in the preop area of the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton for "The Hour Lift," a mini face lift procedure that's becoming more and more popular.

"We've been doing these for about 15 years, but they've become much more mainstream now since makeover shows on TV began to glamorize them about 10 years ago," said Dr. Eric Seiger, board certified dermatologist and cosmetic surgeon. "It's not a 'taboo' thing anymore."

Dr. Seiger estimates he has done between 2,500 and 3,000 of these procedures, on women as young as 24 and for a couple who was each

86 years old.

"I'd say the median age for this surgery is about 58, and 95 percent of my patients are women. The results will last between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient."

The difference between The Hour Lift and a regular facelift is that The Hour Lift involves cutting the skin and tightening the facial muscles, rather than moving the facial muscles.

The areas primarily improved by a facelift are the jowls, cheeks and neck. There's a huge difference in recovery time and price.

"It's the difference between a three-day recovery and a two-week commitment," said Dr. Seiger.

The price is also a huge factor in a person's decision to undergo this procedure. Dr. Seiger says he used to charge \$3,800, and he cut the

price to \$2,900 when the economy changed a couple of years ago. A full facelift will cost between \$6,000 and \$15,000 — depending upon the scope of the procedure. These elective cosmetic procedures are not covered by insurance.

"The number one thing that patients say to me is, 'I don't want to look 20 years old again. I just want to look in the mirror and be able to look as good as I feel inside. I want to feel refreshed,'" said Dr. Seiger.

For the 69-year-old patient who was waiting for her procedure, The Hour Lift was not only for her own self-esteem, but also for her success in the business world.

"A youthful appearance validates your professionalism," she said. "This is how we get measured for our success."

### Thinking about having 'The Hour Lift'?

#### Here's what to expect:

**Q: What happens before the procedure?**

**A:** Prior to surgery, you may be given a medication to help you relax. Local anesthesia is then administered to minimize discomfort.

**Q: How long does the procedure take?**

**A:** One to 1½ hours.

**Q: What actually happens during the "One Hour Lift"?**

**A:** A short incision is made in front of the ear. The surgeon gently lifts the tissues under the skin, removing any extra skin. The surgeon re-drapes the overlying skin, leaving the patient wrinkle-free with a firmer, more youthful jaw line.

**Q: What can I expect during recovery?**

**A:** Post surgery, patients wear an ice-containing head garment for 24-48 hours. They are likely able to shampoo and wear make-up the day after surgery. Sutures will be removed in six to eight days, resuming normal activities within three days.

**Q: Does it hurt? Will I bruise or swell?**

**A:** Approximately 85 percent of patients experience no bruising. There is minimal pain, controlled with oral medication.

**Q: How long will the results last?**

**A:** Look five to 10 years younger, with results lasting usually five to 10 years.

**Q: Can I talk to anyone who has had the procedure?**

**A:** The Skin and Vein Center can arrange for a contact with someone who has had the procedure and agrees to speak to prospective patients. Carol Beale, interviewed right, is one such person.

Source: skinandvein.com

### Meet Carol Beale

Carol Beale, 63, had a "One Hour Lift" when she turned 60, traveling from her home in Canton to the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton for the procedure.

She said the procedure was painless and she returned to work for a half-day just two days after surgery. "I laid-low the day I had the procedure done, and the next day," said Beale. "When I went back to work, I made sure not to bend over or lift anything."

Her face was a little bit bruised, but it wasn't very noticeable and was easily concealed with make-up and her hair style. "You wouldn't notice if you didn't know I had the procedure done," said Beale. "Once I was healed, though, people noticed all the time, because my skin really does look a lot smoother and more youthful. It's softer, too."

Beale advises people considering the procedure to use good quality skin care products on their skin afterwards plus sunscreen.



Debbie Purcell is prepped for a mini face lift on Monday, at the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton. Dr. Eric Seiger directs resident physician Kate Johnson. They are assisted by nurse Amy Sowers.

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## Beards or clean shaven? Schoolcraft students asked for their preference

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

A national razor manufacturer conducted a little informal research Thursday at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

"Kiss & Tell" was a chance for couples or friends to let Gillette know their preference — a kiss with someone with a beard or stubble or a clean-shaven face. While some couples participated, it didn't stop some young men from getting a free shave and a free razor to try during the promotion.

"It is part of a 15-city tour," said Stephen Snart, senior account executive with Ketchum, a public relations firm handling the event for Gillette. "We invited couples to come out and test whether his face is preferred with stubble or clean shaven."

Snart said research has shown that "two out of three women have avoided kissing a guy because he had facial hair."

The idea was for couples to kiss beforehand in one booth, then shave

the man's beard. The couple would kiss again in a second booth and participate in a short survey on the preference. The men received free Gillette swag (a razor), while the women received a lip gloss balm.

Chelsea Nguyen of Westland and Mario Hernandez of Novi joined in the fun. Nguyen, who said she and Hernandez are friends, preferred the clean shaven over the stubble. "The clean shaven face is definitely a lot smoother," Nguyen said.

"I thought (the promotion) was a great idea, bringing it around college students," Nguyen said.

Hernandez called the experience "weird" as all eyes were on him as he shaved, as lenses were aimed by several photographers taking his picture. "I had to make sure I didn't mess up," he said.

Hernandez showed up with stubble that morning, but said he normally keeps a clean shaven look for his job at Aber-



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Christa Mott, of Westland, and Nicholas Mencotti, of Northville with a before and after memento.

crombie & Fitch. "I use an electric (razor), but I like this because it is really smooth," he said.

For Hernandez, he didn't have a preference for himself with the stubble or clean shaven look. "I got a kiss both times," he said.

Tim Daul of Livonia showed up to try a razor and get a free razor. "It's pretty good," he said. "It didn't catch or drag."

Jake Mulka of Livonia didn't bring his girl-

friend, but got a clean shave. "It didn't catch on my face," he said. "I like it a lot. My beard is like sandpaper, so it's nice."

Mulka said his girlfriend prefers him without the beard. "She likes it neat, not the full beard," he said.

Gillette will announce results from its "survey" Valentine's Day.

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## Career Technical Center holding open house

The William D. Ford Career Technical Center is inviting the public to come and see at an open house 6-8:30 Tuesday, Jan. 29.

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Students from Wayne-

Westland, Belleville, Plymouth-Canton, Redford, Melvindale, Inkster, Huron Valley Lutheran and Westland Lutheran are offered the chance to earn practical in the areas of auto

body repair and automotive technology where students work on actual customer vehicles. The students in the child care program plan and operate a preschool for 3-5-year-old children. and the Café Marquette is an on-site restaurant that is run by culinary arts students and open to the public for lunch and dinner.

The construction technology students work out in the field either building or renovating a local home.

Other programs offered at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center include CADD (computer aided design drafting), digital media, electronics/robotics technology, electronics/alternative energies, emergency medical technician (EMT), game design and programming, graphic design, graphic/printing, communications, health occupations, heating/air conditioning/refrigeration (HVAC), media production, medical assisting and welding technology.

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# Hi ho, hi ho

## AAUW members stage fairy tale classic 'Snow White'

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

It could be said Kristen Cupp has had a meteoric rise to stardom.

One minute she was a new member of the Plymouth-Canton American Association of University Women, the next minute she was playing the title role in the group's live theater production of *Snow White*.

"I was looking for a small part like a lady in waiting, but I only got to try out for *Snow White*," the Plymouth resident said. "Becky (Copenhaver) was all casual, all nonchalant about it. She called me to read for *Snow White*. I thought she needed someone to read the lines."

"She came to the branch meeting on Thursday, tired out on Tuesday and she got the lead," said Copenhaver, who is directing this year's production. "She's done an amazing job."

Sandra Iannucci, who plays Dopey, laughs about choice. She had enticed Cupp to come to the branch meeting, telling her she was going to be *Snow White*.

"I kept telling her, 'I know you're going to do it,'" Iannucci said.

The women's group will present the fairy tale classic Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 31 through Feb. 2, at Garden City High's O'Leary Auditorium. In its 53rd year, the members started out as a branch interest group aimed at bringing live drama to children in Plymouth. It has now become the major project of the branch, which is known around the state for its live theater.

The organization takes classics like *Snow White*, *Peter Pan* and *Cinderella* and crafts hour-long AAUW versions. Its first production was *Hansel and Gretel*, and the group now has a repertoire of seven plays that it rotates through and updates every few years.

More characters have

### SNOW WHITE

**What:** The 53th annual Plymouth-Canton AAUW's children's theater production of *Snow White*.

**When:** 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2. The Thursday evening and Saturday morning performances will be for Boy and Girl Scout troops. Scouts, families and friends are invited to experience a "behind-the-scenes" look at live theater by the cast at 6:15 p.m. Thursday and 10:15 a.m. Saturday, followed by the show.

**Where:** Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford, Garden City.

**Tickets:** Presale tickets cost \$5 and are available at Fanatic U, 30409 Ford, Garden City, and Sideways-Plymouth, 505 Forest Ave., Plymouth. Tickets will be available at the door for \$6 each.

**Contact:** For more information, go online to [www.aaum-pcmi.org](http://www.aaum-pcmi.org) or call (734) 546-3122.



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**Snow White** Kristen Cupp of Plymouth (center) is surrounded by five of the Seven Dwarfs - Kathy Sharpe (Happy) of Garden City (bottom row, from left), Mickey Edell (Doc) of Canton, Dawn Parker (Sleepy) of Canton (top row, from left), Lisa Noel (Sneeze) of Plymouth and Esther Nelson (Grumpy) of Canton.

so a new one is being built.

"We've even added a line about right-to-work," Copenhaver said. "As the characters start doing their lines, they'll embellish them, but they check with me first."

The play serves as a fundraiser for the branch, which uses the money to provide scholarships for women attending school or returning to school at places like Schoolcraft College and Madonna University. It also has become a popular program for Scouts who attend presentations and watch the show Thursday evening and Saturday morning, while earning fun patches.

Sharon Belobraidich, a retired Plymouth-Canton teacher, has been doing the plays for 42 years. As it has been in the past, she's cast as a meanie, this time as the queen.

"I'm either stupid or mean or I direct," Belobraidich said.

"When I'm cast as a meanie, I think mean. I like to be mean. When I started doing these plays, I played the piano. We had live music."

In the play, the queen transforms into the peddler woman, played by Helene Lusa of Livonia. This is her 29th production and her role is definitely different than in the past.

"I usually play someone neutral or nice, but I wanted to play someone I could lose myself in," she

said. "I love it, I'm having fun with this. And I get to have a scratchy voice."

Last year, Sue Bellows of Garden City played the fairy godmother in *Cinderella*, this year she's cast as Sir Dandipratt, a know-it-all member of the queen's court. Bellows is a relative newcomer to the branch. She joined four years ago because of her daughter Kaytee, who was Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*.

"She came home and said, 'Mom, we need a

bear,'" Bellows said. "I said, 'I can do that.' I love doing this. This is such an incredible group of women. I'll hang around them as long as I can."

Cupp feels the same. "This is a great group of ladies, they're so dynamic," she said. "I feel honored to be able to work with them. I've gotten to meet a great group of women."

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In her fourth AAUW production, Sue Bellows of Garden City has been cast as Sir Dandipratt, who works for the queen.

been added to the beginning of this year's production. There also will be two new backdrops — a terrace scene and one of the dwarfs' home. Copenhaver wanted the dwarfs to walk over a bridge onto the stage, but the bridge the group had didn't work,

## Project Graduation benefits from vendor show

Are you planning a graduation party this year or next?

Garden City High School's Project Graduation has the answer - Destination Graduation, a vendor show 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the cafe at Livonia Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, east of Merriman, Livonia.

There will be an opportunity to sample foods from some local caterers and bakers, as well as arrange for party rentals, such as tents, table

and chairs, outdoor bounce rentals and popcorn machines, as well as arrange for a DJ, select decorations and more. There will even be event planners present to help bring it all together.

Tickets are priced \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door. If purchasing tickets at the door, make sure to tell them you are with Garden City High School. Fifty percent of every ticket sold will go to GCHS Project Graduation Fund. Tickets can be pur-

chased by through Carolyn Burek call (734) 891-5243 or by email at [carolyn\\_burek@hotmail.com](mailto:carolyn_burek@hotmail.com), or by submitting your name address, telephone number, email address, number of tickets requested and cost in the main office at Garden City High school. Put the information in an envelope marked Destination Graduation and ask that it be placed in the Project Graduation mailbox. Names will be placed on a master list.

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Dinners includes baked or fried fish, baked potato or french fries, vegetable, cole slaw and a roll. A child's meal is also available - nuggets or one piece of fish, french fries, vegetable, cole slaw and a roll. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for the child's meal. Home made pies are also available for \$1.00 a slice.

The church is at 3 Town Square across from the Wayne Post Office. The church is handicap accessible. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

## Tax assistance

The AARP Tax Assistance is available Wednesdays Feb. 6 through April

3 by appointment only at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, at Annapolis, in Wayne.

There is no age or residency restrictions. Clients must file basic/simple forms only to have preparations done at this site. All taxes will be electronically filed. For appointments, call (734) 721-7460.

The Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland, is now taking appointments for 2012 Income Tax Preparation for all Westland residents. For more information or to make an appointment, call (734) 722-7628.

## Bowling benefit

Bowl for the Westland Historic Village Park noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Vision Lanes at 38250 Ford Road, west of

Newburgh Road.

Tickets are \$25 each and include three games, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and pop. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, mystery prize, door prizes and more. Advanced tickets can be purchased for \$20 at the Westland Historic Village at 857 N. Wayne Road. They also will be available at the door the day of the event. For tickets or more information, call Ryan at (734) 756-0769.

## Blood Pressure Checks

The Four Seasons Nursing Center will provide free blood pressure checks 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland.

## The brain: Complex and in control

One commonality all of us humans share is that we all have a brain. Compared to all other organs in our bodies, it is extra special. The brain is the center of the nervous system, allowing it to maintain control over all organ functions of the body. Even more importantly, it is where the mind resides, where all mental activities such as thinking, perception, awareness, consciousness and reasoning take place.

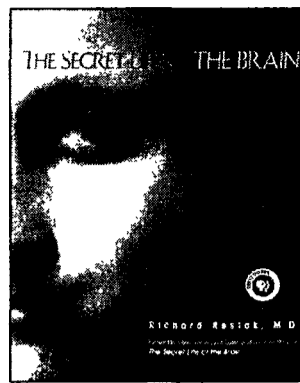
Being that the brain is responsible for so much and is so complex, there are many different approaches used to study it, ranging from neurology to psychology. Despite all the attention and study it receives, the brain still remains extremely perplexing.

The library is the perfect place to learn more about the brain. Begin with *A Brief History of the Mind: From Apes to Intellect and Beyond* by William Calvin and *An Alchemy of Mind: The Marvel and Mystery of the Brain* by Diane Ackerman for a broad overview. In *The Secret Life of the Brain* by Richard Restak, the author explains complex neurological processes in a fascinating and easy to understand manner.

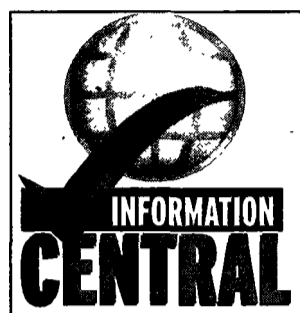
Then there's the research on how the brain affects our personalities. *Brain Bugs: How the Brain's Flaws Shape Our Lives* by Dean Buonomano and *Connectome: How the Brain's Wiring Makes Us Who We Are* by Sebastian Seung are just two recent titles that delve into this topic. Daniel Amen's *Change Your Brain, Change Your Life* offers a program on how any of us can alter parts of ourselves with our brains.

Oliver Sacks is a best-selling author and probably the most famous neurologist in the world. His books explore fascinating aspects of the mind. *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat* is considered Sacks's best work, giving compassionate stories of people suffering from neurological disorders. In *Musicophilia*, he examines how music affects the brain. *Hallucinations* is Sacks's newest offering. He shows that hallucinations are not relegated to the insane, but are much more common than thought. All of the different types of hallucinations and what is happening in the brain during a hallucination is explained in comprehensible language.

This is just the tip of a huge area of inquiry. Come in and find out more about what is going on in your head. Visit the library's website at [www.westlandlibrary.org](http://www.westlandlibrary.org), give us a call at (734) 326-6123 or stop by the reference desk.



In *The Secret Life of the Brain* by Richard Restak, the author explains complex neurological processes in a fascinating and easy to understand manner.



The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and closed Sunday-Monday.

## HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Noontime Book Club: noon Jan. 29

*A Move to Luxembourg* promises new opportunities for Americans Kate and Dexter Moore in this suspense novel from Chris Pavone. Washington, D.C., wife and mother Kate sees Dexter's job offer in Luxembourg as a means of escaping the CIA career she has kept secret from her husband. She quits the agency, moves to Europe, and watches her hopes for a normal life quickly fade. Dexter's mysterious job keeps him away from home, and something about their new American friends just doesn't seem right. With her espionage instincts triggered, Kate embarks on an investigation that grows more and more dangerous. Limited number of copies will be available at the Reference Desk

Running 101: 7 p.m. Jan. 30

Two experts from the Running Fit in Novi will be here to teach you the basics of becoming a runner. Have you always wanted to be a runner, but you aren't sure where to start or what the benefits are? No matter your age or fitness level, find out how you can progress from your couch to running your first race. Sign up online at [westlandlibrary.org/events](http://westlandlibrary.org/events), at the Reference Desk, or by calling (734) 326-6123.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club: 7 p.m. Jan. 30

Join us for a discussion of Daniel H. Wilson's *Roboapocalypse*. Not far into our future, the dazzling technology that runs our world turns against us. Controlled by a child-like — yet massively powerful — artificial intelligence known as Archos, the global network of machines on which our world has grown dependent suddenly becomes an implacable, deadly foe. At Zero Hour — the moment the robots attack — the human race

is almost annihilated, but as its scattered remnants regroup, humanity for the first time unites in a determined effort to fight back. Copies will be available at the Reference desk a month before the meeting.

Writers Club: 7 p.m. Jan. 31

Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not necessarily critique, in a casual atmosphere? Looking to get back into writing but could use some support and/or exercises? Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads the Westland Library Writer's Club.

Friday Night Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Feb. 1

Friday Night Movies continue through the winter with a selection of Oscar and Golden Globe nominees and recently-run favorites. Tonight's movie is *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*. A fisheries expert is approached by a consultant to help realize a sheik's vision of bringing the sport of fly-fishing to the desert and embarks on an upstream journey of faith and fish to prove the impossible possible. Rated PG-13. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m. No sign-up required.

Take Your Child to the Library Day: Feb. 2, all day, all ages, all fun

Join us as we celebrate this special day. Bring your young ones to the library for crafts, a family movie, a "bunny hunt," a story and craft program, a raffle, a Guessing Jar, and more! Join us for a story and craft at 10 a.m. Try a make-it-take-it craft in the Activity Room from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Watch a family movie at 1 p.m. and try other fun activities in the Children's Area as well. Visit [westlandlibrary.org](http://westlandlibrary.org) for more information or call the Children's Department at (734) 326-6123.

Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Chess Group: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No signup required.

Computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library to find out more. The library offers One-on-one computer classes. Call (734) 326-6123.

Information Central was compiled by Andrea Perez, homebound delivery coordinator. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to [westlandlibrary.org](http://westlandlibrary.org).

## GC board seeks Hometown Spirit nominees

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

This Wednesday, Jan. 30, is the deadline to submit nominations for the Garden City School's Hometown Spirit awards.

Garden City Board of Education will once again recognize staff, students and residents for their commitment to the community and school district. Nominations are being sought for:

- Educator — Teaching with the Head and Heart.
- Coach — Coaching with Courage and Compassion.
- Support Staff — Going the Extra Mile.
- Administrator — Leading with Integrity.
- Parent — Parenting with Pride.
- Community Member — Lifelong Learner.
- Business Award — Reaching Out to Education.

• Nonprofit Organization — Lending a Helping Hand.

The student awards include Mental Attitude and Outstanding Sportsmanship (sports), Learning with Passion (academic) and Giving Graciously (volunteerism).

Individual, Class or Group awards are Leading with Positive Spirit and Global Awareness and Outreach.

The 13 awards will be presented on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the close of a fundraiser for the Garden City Giving Tree and Garden City's Students and Staffs Got Talent. The district has been staging the talent show since 2009.

All nominees will be presented with two complimentary tickets for the fundraiser. Entrance to the event for the presentation of awards will be open to the public free

of charge.

Each winner will be presented with a gift and his or her name will be placed on a plaque to be displayed in the Board Room at 1333 Radcliff.

Nominations should be submitted to Garden City Board and include the award category, name, address and telephone number of the nominee, name address and telephone number of the person submitting the nomination. Also include a description in 200 words or less of why this person is deserving of the award.

All nominations must be received by noon, Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the school board office at 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, MI 48135. They also can be faxed to (734) 762-6310.

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to conditionally rezone the property located at 111 Middlebelt Road from C-1 Local Business District to C-3 General Business District.

NOTE: A public hearing was previously scheduled for January 10, 2013 regarding this application. The January 10, 2013 public hearing was postponed and rescheduled for February 14, 2013.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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# Barbara Jones: She found good in people

By Julie Walker Altesleben  
Guest Columnist

I remember the day in fifth grade when Grandma's rotating teaching job brought her to my classroom at Farmington Elementary. Before I could gasp, she'd glided in and began rattling the stats to my teacher Mr. Qualls and, of course, the whole class. "Earl and I have six kids: Gary, Judy, Shirley, Cathy, Becky and Randy. Shirley is Julie's mom, and she's our only granddaughter, but we have two grandsons, Stephen and Tony. Isn't that right, Toots?" Grandma said, turning and smiling at me.

The class laughed on cue — I was a buck-toothed, frizzy haired new girl that year. "Toots" stuck.

I don't think anybody would call Grandma — or Barbara Ann Jones, as the world knows her — a Betty Crocker-type. Old school and tough, it's known she ran her bustling home like a drill sergeant back when my Ma and aunts and uncles were squiggly little babies.

And boy, can my Grandma chat. I have had to skip her calls on days I only had five minutes — but not too often, or she'd snail-mail me a Post-it note saying something like, "Answer your phone!"

### Helped children

Grandma may work an ear or two, but she also knows everybody's story. By day in her career, she helped teach kids with minds that work differently. She chipped away at her degree and certification in special education for half a century. She also helped teach English to adults who were learning a second language.



Earl Jones joins his wife Barb Jones (right) and their granddaughter, Julie Walker Altesleben, in celebrating their July birthday at Antonio's in Dearborn Heights.

If you're reading this, I promise you've come across "Miss Barb" some time. Maybe you saw her leading a line dance at the Senior Center or the St. Raphael's Festival. Maybe she taught you or your child.

My Grandma was a youthful force. She usually wore bright lipstick, a hue I fondly called "fire engine orange," and often wore the matching nail polish. When I was young, her thick, dark hair tumbled past her shoulders, and though she tastefully shortened it as she got older, she always took care to stay stylish.

It doesn't matter how busy or populated our family gets, either, Grandma still hosts all the big holidays and birthday dinners, if you want one. She's infamous, too, for her extensive knick-knack collection and I do believe she loves the unspoken, kinda-friendly lawn-decorating competition that

goes down every season in her subdivision over by Garden City Park.

My Grandma can bust a move to any song on 104.3 and I've grown to appreciate her more since I became a mom two years ago. I remember telling her, "Dang. I can't keep up with one. I don't know how you all did it with six."

### Cancer survivor

A survivor of breast and skin cancer, Grandma bordered on paranoid when getting her check-ups and any needed tests

or procedures. I guess cheating death a couple of times will do that. On Jan. 17, my mom called to remind me to call Grandma. She was having a cancerous mass — and her kidney — removed the next morning. My mom and I weren't invited because we were battling the flu and pneumonia, respectfully.

I chatted with her later that night. If anybody could rival her in chattering, by the way, it's me. That gene must skip generations. I blabbered on

and when I sensed her nerves, I told her, "Oh, don't be silly. This is routine." I meant it. Grandma's a tornado, and who can stop the wind, right?

The next day I grabbed my phone after napping with my son. I had too many missed calls not to know.

My Grandma, a fiery force and pistol of a person, had died due to complications from surgery at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. She was born July 12, 1939, making her 73 years young. I rushed to

the hospital with crazy hair and a sweatshirt — the last to arrive.

My family and I were shocked. I mean, you just didn't tell Barb Jones what to do. Who did death think it was? She played in a pinocle club and often hosted parties at her home. And although she fiercely detested and abstained from drugs and drinks, she wouldn't dare turn a person away because she didn't agree with their choices. She chose to find the good in people. She even wrote fun facts about her pals in her phone book, as we discovered that night after the hospital.

My aunt pointed out that her calendar — normally filled out for the entire year by this time, was blank after the day marked, "surgery." We all agreed she'd had a premonition. I wish I'd had one.

If I didn't know already, the sheer amount of folks of all kinds who came to wish her and my family well — and thanks to each and every soul — told me that Barb Jones is just the kind of lady I'd like to become.

I think I'll start by retiring my going-out sweatpants and buying a pack of Post-it notes.

A former Garden City resident and journalist, Julie Walker Altesleben can be reached at juliemaewalker@yahoo.com.

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At times, physicians feel a push-back from a patient when the doctor recommends a consultation. Patients may respond saying that they have already told their story enough and been examined more than enough. Why go to another doctor and repeat what has happened yet another time?

The patient who presents such a case has a point: why say the same story yet another time? However, the patient's protest is overruled by a stronger argument. The purpose of a consult is to obtain a different viewpoint.

In turn, consultants learn early on in their careers never take anything for granted. It is the same for all consultants: if your computer screen suddenly turns black and you call the Microsoft technician, the first question the expert asks, whether you are Bill Gates or not, is: "Is your computer plugged in?" The technician, like the medical consultant, knows to take nothing for granted.

It is true that the consultant will ask to hear the story of the patient's illness all over again, but even more so. Often the consultant will drill down into details of exactly where the pain started, and want to know in a precise way the manner in which the pain changed or moved. The consultant is thinking ahead to what tests not yet done are in order or what biopsies or imaging could confirm a suspected diagnosis. These interventions can be expensive or carry risks. The consultant, to warrant recommending these orders, wants as much information as possible.

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# Westland man wins Pure Michigan hunt package

A Westland man's dream of participating in "the hunt of a lifetime" has come true.

Jason Webb of Westland along with Jim Bosscher of McBain and Dave Gittins of Kawkawli, recently received phone calls from Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason, letting them know they had been chosen as the three lucky winners of the 2013 Pure Michigan Hunt package.

"I am like a 5-year-old on Christmas Eve every moment of the day" since finding out, said Marine Corp veteran Jason Webb.

"I couldn't believe it, I thought it was a joke," said Bosscher, the Muskegon County sheriff.

Webb and the two other 2013 Pure Michigan Hunt winners will be officially awarded their hunting prize package at the Thursday, Feb. 7, Natural Resources Commission

meeting in East Lansing.

The three winners each purchased \$4 Pure Michigan Hunt applications between March 1 and Dec. 31, 2012, and were randomly drawn in the January lottery. They will each receive all of the available limited hunting licenses for 2013: elk, bear, spring and fall turkey, antlerless deer and first pick at a managed waterfowl hunt area opening morning.

In addition to the hunt-

ing licenses, each winner will receive the ultimate hunter's prize package:

- 2012 Darton Crossbow package.
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- Camouflage ground blind from Ameristep.
- Guided spring turkey hunt from East Lake Outfitters.

• Custom rear-window graphic from Steel Skinz Graphics.

• Gas cards and subscriptions from Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

- Sitka camouflage clothing from Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- Camouflage vest, custom box call and patch from National Wild Turkey Federation.
- Rapid River knife, duck decoy and membership from Ducks Unlimited.

• Herd monitoring kit and membership from Quality Deer Management Association.

- National and local memberships from Safari Club International.
  - Sweatshirt and hat from Southwestern Lake Erie Chapter of Waterfowl USA.
- The next Pure Michigan Hunt application period will start on March 1. Visit [www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt](http://www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt) for more information.

## Group holds sex education conference just for parents

Parent Action for Healthy Kids, with support from the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Michigan Department of Education, will present the first-ever sex education conference designed just for parents.

The conference will take place 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the VisTaTech Center - Schoolcraft College, Livonia.

The Talk Early & Talk Often Parent Connection Conference will offer parents of middle and high school aged youth the opportunity to learn how to talk to their children about sex. The conference, loaded with workshops, will highlight the facts about sexually transmitted diseases, how to navigate through sexting, texting and social media, how parents can work together to support effective sex education and much more.

This first of its kind conference is the brainchild of Barb Flis, founder of Parent Action for Healthy Kids. Flis' track record for parent workshops, webi-

nars and trainings debunks the myth that parents don't support sex education.

"Hosting a sex ed conference exclusively for parents has been a dream of mine since I first started working with parents on this topic," said Flis. "For nearly two decades I have been hearing from parents that they want more content and more information. More than anything parents have said they want to connect with other parents for support. They are thirsty for information, and this conference will finally give them exactly what they are asking for."

The conference keynote address, The Adolescent Brain: Under Construction, will explore the mysteries of the adolescent brain and how the adult and adolescent brain are different. Also, for parents who want to hear the real deal unfiltered, the conference will close with a panel of teens engaging parents in an honest conversation about how to make the most out of parent/teen relationships. The keynote, youth panel, as well

as conference workshops, will provide parents with the knowledge and skills to help their children make it through adolescence.

The conference fee is \$35. Parents must pre-register; there will be no on-site registration the day of the event. The conference includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

A pre-conference workshop, Roles & Responsibilities When Serving on Your School's Sex Education Advisory Board, will be held 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, at the VisTaTech Center - Schoolcraft College. The Pre-Conference is intended for parents who serve on a Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) or would like to learn more about the SEAB's roles and responsibilities. Pre-Conference registration is \$25 and includes dinner.

Visit [www.parentactionforhealthykids.org](http://www.parentactionforhealthykids.org) for conference information and to register. Be sure to use the hashtag #TPCC2013 when tweeting about conference, or when looking for tweets about conference.

## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

### Scrapbooking

St. Raphael Catholic School will hold a 12-hour scrapbooking fund-raiser 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, in the Activities Building, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City. All proceeds from the second annual 12-hour crop will go directly to the school. Bring are your pictures, scrapbook/stamping supplies, they'll supply a light breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and beverages. Vendors will be available with scrapbooking and stamping items available for purchase. There also will be items raffled off. The cost is \$35 per person for full day, \$25 per person for a half day.

The deadline to register is Feb. 2. Call Carrol Muglia at (734) 751-4776.

### Enrichment classes

The Garden City Public Schools' Enrichment Program is offering evening classes at Cambridge High School beginning the week of Feb. 4.

Classes include computer and career development, computer and career development with Microsoft Office 2010, beginning cheer class, open and family swim, a variety of Zumba classes, killer kickboxing, beginning and intermediate Stott pilates, Hatha yoga, akido, aerobics and Supersitter class for ages 11 and older.

There also are Dragon Tails and kenpo kids through the Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness studio and kids' power karate and Little Nin-

jas through PKSA Studio, self-improvement, estate planning, Protecting Your Assets from the High Cost of Long-Term Care, handmade cards, sewing and quilting, healthy cooking and roller skating classes.

For details on the classes, visit [www.gardencityschools.com](http://www.gardencityschools.com). For more information, call the high school at (734) 762-8430, Ext. 306.

### Project Graduation

Garden City High School Project Graduation 2013 is holding a dine and donate at Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Sports Venue Bar and Grill, 6327 Middlebelt Road Garden City.

Ten percent of all proceeds, including carry-outs, from open to close, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., will be donated to Project Graduation which provides an all-night party for graduating seniors. There also will be 50/50 drawings and basket raffles all day.

Project Graduation will hold a trip to Greektown Saturday, March 16.

Group 1 will depart from the Garden City High School parking lot at 2 p.m. and leave Greektown at 7:30 p.m. Group 2 will leave for Detroit at 3 p.m. and leave Greektown at 8:30 p.m.

The fund-raiser is for anyone age 21 and older with valid ID. It costs \$25 per person and includes \$20 of Casino play and round trip transportation.

For more information about Project Graduation contact Carolyn Burek at (734) 891-5243 or at Caro-

lyn\_burek@hotmail.com or Dawn Gabrielson at dawngabby@comcast.net.

### District hours

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will host district coffee hours on Monday, Jan. 28, in Livonia and Garden City. Citizens of the 6th Senate District are welcome to attend. No appointment is necessary.

The District Coffee Hours will be 9-10 a.m. at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia, and 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the Senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by email at [SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov).

### CPL course

Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness will be hosting a one-day CPL certification course (formerly known as CCW) on Saturday, Feb. 9.

The course will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost for the CPL Certification is \$135. Reservations and a \$50 deposit are required. Participants can use their firearm or one can be rented for \$10. The course topics include home security, firearm safety, legal requirements and range practice.

Contact GMA at (734) 266-0565 to reserve a space or for more information.

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### CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING February 11, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, February 11, 2013 at 6:56 p.m.** regarding an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Garden City.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE # \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY. THE ORDINANCE INVOLVES THE REZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED TO THE NORTH OF CHERRY HILL AND WEST OF VENOY ROAD, PARCEL ID 35-022-99-0006-000, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 32940 CHERRY HILL ROAD.**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on December 10, 2012 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Map of Garden City.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ that enacting said Zoning Ordinance map amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents:

**THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:**  
THAT THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, SPECIFICALLY THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY WITH RESPECT TO THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS PARCEL ID 35-022-99-0006-000, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 32940 CHERRY HILL ROAD SHALL BE REZONED FROM O-1, OFFICE TO C-1, LOCAL BUSINESS.

**REPEAL:**  
All ordinances or parts of other ordinances in conflict herewith are and the same hereby are repealed.

**SEVERABILITY:**  
This ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason, such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court, such judgment shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**  
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law

Publish: January 27, 2013



# Wheel time: Preschoolers have their own auto show

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The North American International Auto Show has some serious competition from a group of youngsters who rolled out their cars at Willow Creek Preschool's third annual auto show.

Fans flocked to the Westland preschool last Wednesday morning to tour the show that featured custom vehicles ranging from the Batmobile and a Jeep and a school bus. The vehicles sported working flashlight headlights, a hockey puck and Frisbee steering wheels, Duck Tape trim and engine pulleys for wheels. There was even a bumper sticker, "I Eat Road Kill" from the Beaver Creek restaurant.

"What a good thing to do," said Jim Brooks.

The Wayne resident was there to see grandson Jace Brooks' Lightning McQueen car built with the help of his father, Ryan Martin.

"He has Lightning McQueen all over his room," said Martin. "I asked him what he wanted to do and he said Lightning McQueen and we started reaming it up."

The car, with McQueen's distinctive eyeball windshield features, was finished in the nick of time. Martin put in three-four hard days' work on the vehicle which required six coats of red paint because the cardboard soaked it up. A tube fabricator, Martin also was able to make stainless steel pipes for the car at his work.

"I'd get home from work at 4 p.m. and would work until midnight," he said. "It had to dry overnight the night before and because of the weather, I had to heat the garage."

### Playing with boxes

Preschool teacher Carol Taig was thinking about how children love playing with boxes when she came up with the idea of having a car show.

"The first year we did



Driver William Holloway of Westland and passenger Grayson Brock of Wayne are ready to roll in William's school bus.

it in the classroom and it was too much, so we handed it off as a parent-child activity," she said. "Since then it's gotten bigger and bigger. All the kids talked about for a week and half was their cars."

The only limit on design specifications was imagination. One youngster's interest in dinosaurs turned into a camouflaged dinosaur hunting car complete with a dinosaur helmet. There

was a *Monster High* car with a fantail decorated with brightly colored fabric, the princess car with feather boa trim around the windshield and a Batmobile that an Arizona businessman, who bought the original Batmobile at auction for more than \$4 million, might want to add to his collection ... if the price is right.

One youngster's car reflected her recent trip to Walt Disney World with its Minnie Mouse ears for headlights, and William Holloway had hat boxes as wheels on his school bus.

### Bright colors

"He wanted a school bus with a passenger seat," said his father David. "Initially he wanted a green bus, but after we painted it, he wanted it yellow."

The Westland resident got help from his father-in-law Jim Neubecker, also of Westland, who came up with the idea for the tail pipes and credited his wife Natalie, "the creative one," for the idea of using hat boxes painted black for the wheels and the swing out stop sign by the driver's seat.

Looking over the competition, Holloway was already thinking about next year.

"I'm already thinking about how to make engine noises," he said.

Every child had the Vehicle of the Year and each received a medal and certificate. They also put the cars to good use, sitting in them on Tuesday to munch on popcorn at their "drive-in" movie.

"Every year they're doing more and more,"



Tyler Dreon rides in a camomobile that's perfect for hunting dinosaurs.



Alex Singleton shows off the medal he "won" for his car.

said Taig. "Some of these cars are made out of boxes, some are out of wood and some are out of fabric. And now the grand-

parents are starting to get involved. But the best part is it's fun."

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Perhaps Aiden Kirby wants to be a pirate when he grows up. His hood of his car sported the distinctive pirate skull and cross bones.



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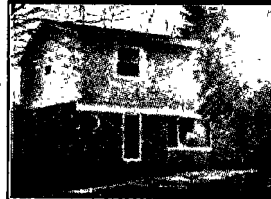
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# Students march marks 40th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

Nearly 60 Madonna University students participated in the National March for Life Rally in Washington, D.C., on Friday, marking the 40th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Roe vs. Wade.

They were among nearly 400 area high school and college students on eight charter buses that left Thursday night from the Troy office of the Oakland/Macomb chapter of Right to Life-LIFESPAN. The buses were scheduled to return to Michigan on Saturday morning.

Cathy Ligeski of Canton has made the "red-eye" bus trip for five years now. She is president of the Respect Life Club at Madonna, which values the dignity of all human life from womb to tomb.

"I think life is a miracle in every way, and I want to defend that gift that God gave us," said Ligeski, who is studying to be an obstetrics nurse.

"It's always a peaceful

march, all done in a very peaceful way," she said. "It's very prayerful, very joyful."

The theme for this year's march is "40=55M." According to the sponsor's website, www.marchforlife.org, the theme signifies that in the 40 years since Roe vs. Wade, 55 million abortions have been performed in the United States.

The website said 55 million is nearly the population of California and New York combined.

The landmark court decision legalized abortions for all nine months of pregnancy.

The march, beginning at the National Mall and going up to Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court building on Capitol Hill, is attended annually by an estimated 500,000 people.

## 'Marching for those who can't'

"We're trying to make a big statement that abortion is taking a huge toll on our nation," Ligeski said. "We're marching for those who can't."



PHOTO BY ALAN PINON  
Brien Dux of Berkley and Allison Follbaum of Livonia travel by charter bus to participate in the National March for Life Rally in Washington, D.C.

Ligeski said she hopes and prays Roe vs. Wade will be overturned. She said she thinks the march touches hearts, and a change of heart is what is needed to bring about a reversal. She said she thinks that's happening, starting with her generation.

According to the Pro Life Action League, the Public Religion Research Institute's

recent poll on millennial generation adults (ages 18-29) showed them to be, on average, more pro-life than those from other age cohorts.

Madonna senior Allison Follbaum of Livonia, who's studying journalism and public relations, is another member of the Respect Life Club who attended the march.

It was her second march.

She went during her freshman year and always wanted to return.

"We need to be here speaking for those who can't speak for themselves," she said during a cell phone interview while standing in the National Mall.

Follbaum said she has prayed outside abortion clinics for the women entering. She said she understands they feel scared and alone, but she wants them to know there are organizations to support them.

Follbaum has also participated in human life chains in which pro-life advocates stand shoulder to shoulder holding up signs along roadways.

She said she is encouraged by the viable pro-life movement, and the growing number of young people joining its ranks.

"If life is not respected in its most vulnerable form, how can we expect life to be respected at any age?" she asked.

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# Lawsuit might be necessary when loan goes bad

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I wrote you last year about loaning money to a friend. Unfortunately, I did not take your advice. I loaned my friend \$10,000 and, contrary to what you recommended, I did not have him sign anything. I simply gave him a check and assumed he would pay me back. He promised that it would be paid back by the end of last year. When I approached him about repayment, he told me that he thought it was a gift as opposed to a loan. He said he has no intention of repaying me any money. I can't believe how stupid I was. Is there anything I can do? It has been recommended that I consider suing him. Someone also suggested that I could write off the loss on my taxes. What do you think?

A: You shouldn't be kick-



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

ing yourself. It is only natural when dealing with family and friends to let our guard down. Unfortunately, that is what happened. We assume that our family and friends will not take advantage of us, but in too many cases they do. As far as I'm concerned, it shouldn't be shame on you, rather it should be shame on him.

In reviewing your options, a lawsuit is a possibility. The problem is that as the plaintiff you would have the burden of proof that it was a loan vs. a gift. In this situation it could

be difficult, but not impossible. I recommend that you discuss the case with an attorney.

One issue to consider is how much this going to cost you. Many attorneys will take a case like this on a contingency fee. That means they collect if they win. In other words, if they take the case and you lose, you're not liable for any attorney fees. On the other hand, other attorneys will charge an hourly fee, which you are liable for whether you win or lose. I believe in this situation, an attorney who will handle on a contingency fee basis would be preferable for you.

As to writing off the loss on your taxes. There is a provision in the tax code that allows you to write off bad debts. However, it's not that easy. In order to

write off a bad debt, you have to prove that you tried to collect the debt and in many cases that means you brought a lawsuit.

Loaning money to friends and family is certainly admirable, however, it can cause problems. If you loan money to a friend or a family member, put it in writing. This includes terms of the loan, such as when it is due, payment, schedule and interest.

Many people will say, I don't need it in writing because I trust them. Reducing an agreement to writing has nothing to do with trust. You wouldn't loan money to someone that you didn't trust. The reason you put it in writing is to make sure everyone understands the terms of the agreement.

Loaning money to family and

friends is commendable, but it has pitfalls. I always recommend that in addition to putting the terms of the understanding in writing, discuss the consequences of non-payment. This is an uncomfortable conversation to have, however, it is important.

Putting the arrangement in writing and discussing the consequences of default helps reduce the risk of something going wrong. Spending a few minutes dotting your I's and crossing your T's can save you lots of aggravation. Good luck!

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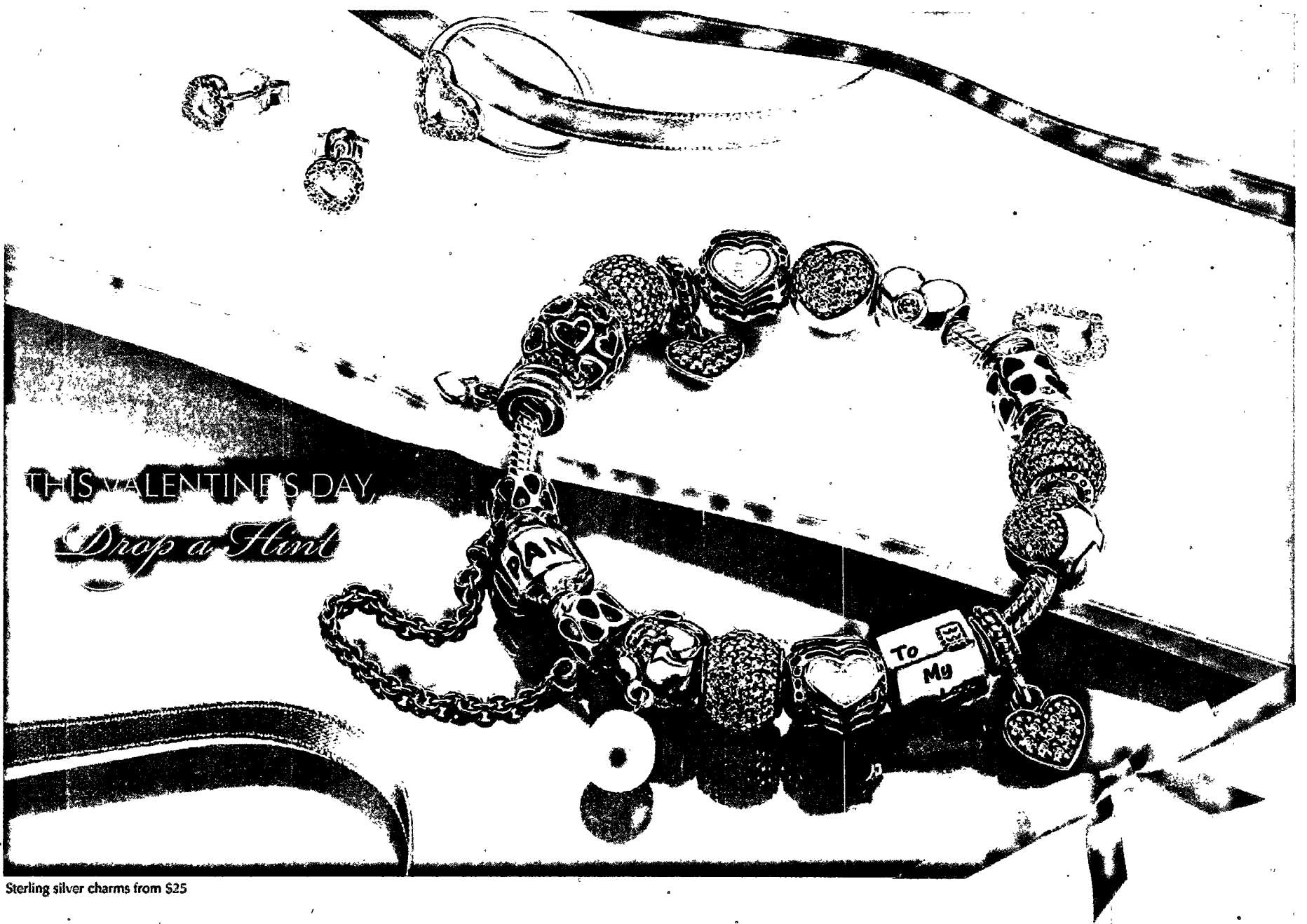
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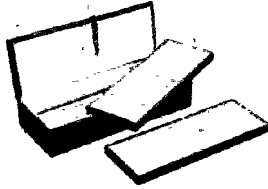




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# SPORTS

BOYS HOOPS

## Chiefs defuse Glenn, 55-50

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn had a chance to put itself in the driver's seat in the KLAA South Division boys basketball race Friday night at home. Instead, the Rockets find Canton sitting in the passenger side ready to grab the wheel following a 55-50 upset win that ended Glenn's 10-game winning streak. Both teams now stand 5-1 in the division with four games

left. Glenn captured the first meeting Jan. 4 at Canton, 53-48, by making most of the right plays down the stretch. But the Chiefs (7-5 overall) had other ideas in the rematch, getting a huge 3-pointer from Josh Mayberry with 3:16 left to make it 49-48, followed by critical baskets from Scott Gring and Greg Williams during the final 2:25 to help secure the win. Mayberry then connected with a pair of free throws with 1.97

seconds to put it away. "It's a big time win, on the road, against a really good team," said Canton coach Jim Reddy, who played and coached under Glenn's Dan Young. "And Coach Young is a big-time coach. I've learned so much from him playing for and coaching with him. The difference tonight is that we finished the game. We played with more purpose and poise than we did three weeks ago." Although the Rockets (10-2

overall) trailed most of the first half, they got untracked in the third quarter, outscoring Canton 16-10 to pull even at 37-37. Glenn then scored the first five points of the fourth quarter, with senior forward Richard Roberts (14 points) nailing a 3-pointer with 6:55 to put the Rockets up 42-37. Canton used a balanced scoring attack led by Gring, a 6-foot-3 sophomore senior, who fin-

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## MHSAA touts top scholars

Shelby Walsh (Livonia Ladywood) and Kerigan Riley (Livonia Churchill) are among the 120 finalists announced Friday for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award. Walsh, considered for the Class B girls award, participates in basketball and soccer, while Riley, a cross country and track athlete, is in the Class A girls category.

To be eligible for the award, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale), and previously have won a varsity letter in at least one sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a postseason tournament. The 32 Scholar-Athlete Award recipient will be honored during a halftime ceremony of the Class C Boys Basketball Final, March 23, at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing.

## Coliton signs with Jackson

Jackson Community College recently announced the signing of Livonia Stevenson senior outfielder Megan Coliton. "We are very excited to get Megan," Jackson CC coach Heather MacKenzie said. "She will bring quickness, as well as a strong and accurate arm. She will also give us experience in big and important games."

## Pom event at Churchill

A Mid American Pompon regional competition, featuring Class A, Class B, junior varsity and middle school teams, will be Sunday, Jan. 27, at Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy Road. The four-school middle school competition starts at 10 a.m. followed by Class B varsity, 10:20 a.m.; JV, 10:30 a.m.; and Class A varsity, 11:05 a.m. Class A teams include Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Canton, Plymouth, Garden City, Crestwood and Northville. Ladywood and Divine Child will be in Class B, while middle school teams include Plymouth Canton, Northville, GC and Livonia. For more information, visit [www.pompon.com](http://www.pompon.com).

## Steelheaders meet Feb. 5

Richard Offner, a member of the HOBI pro fishing staff, will speak on the challenges and benefits of kayak fishing at the Metro West Steelheaders meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5 at the Livonia Senior Citizens Center, 15128 Farmington Road, Livonia. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790.

BOYS HOCKEY

## Trenton OT goal sinks Stevenson

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Phil Pugliese tallied a pair of goals, including the game-winner with only 32 seconds left in overtime to give host Trenton a 4-3 boys hockey victory Wednesday night over Livonia Stevenson at Kennedy Arena in a battle of top 10-ranked teams in Division 2. The Trojans improved to 9-6-1 overall, while Stevenson falls to 11-5-1. Both teams will be headed to the same Division 2 regional next month.

"It was a good, even, up-and-down hockey game," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "It was a good game and we'll definitely learn from this." The Spartans led 2-1 after one period as Dominic Lutz opened the scoring at 2:58 on an unassisted goal, but Pugliese answered to make it 1-1 at 10:08.

Lutz scored again at 15:09 on a power play effort from Tyler Irvine and Devin Kelly. But Trenton took a 3-2 lead heading into the final period as Quinn Preston scored short-handed at 15:09 of the second followed by Justin Dunn's goal at 11:55. Down a goal late in the third period, Stevenson took a penalty, but pulled goalie Connor Humitz for the extra attacker and scored the equalizer Irvine's short-handed goal from Lutz and Jake Kierdorf to force and eight-minute overtime. The shots were 37-all with Humitz making 33 saves, while Trenton's Garrett Carroll had 35 saves.

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## Bankston's trip Canton

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Paige Aresco put Canton's varsity girls basketball team on her back and nearly carried it over the finish line Friday night against Westland John Glenn.

But not even Aresco's stellar, 28-point game — a career high — could offset the dangerous Bankston twins as the visiting Rockets earned a 52-43 KLAA South Division victory. "That's what I was looking to do. I wanted to score," Aresco said following the game, which kept the Chiefs from tying Glenn in the division standings. "I know we needed to score because they score a lot, they're a great team.

"This was a huge game. We really needed it if we wanted to tie for first in the division. We were ready to go for this game." Countering Aresco for Glenn was senior guard Raven Bankston, who led all scorers with 28 points and pushed the pace all night. Contributing 11 for the Rockets (11-1, 6-0 in the KLAA South) was her twin sister Raine. The loss dropped Canton's record to 8-4 overall and 4-2 in the division. "Paige is a great player and she got hers," Glenn coach Eric



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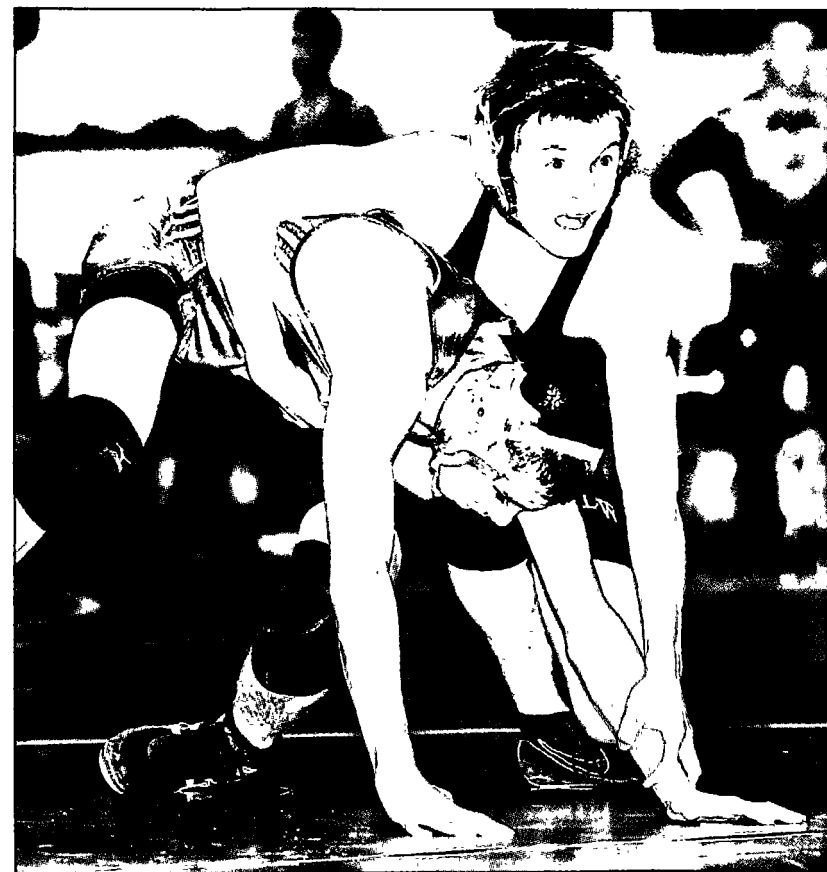
John Glenn's Raven Bankston (left) puts the brakes on against Canton defender Rachel Winters during Friday's first-place showdown in the KLAA South.

Kovatch said. "I think we made it difficult for her at times and we focused on shutting everybody else down." The strategy worked almost to perfection as Aresco piled up points on aggressive drives to the basket — she scored 15 of her team's 24 first-half points and nine of 11 points in the third. Unfortunately for the Chiefs, not much else was working offensively.

Almost there Still, the Chiefs were within reach of the Rockets until about three minutes to go in the final quarter, when a triple try that would have tied the game at 46-46 fell short. That chance followed a block by junior center Taylor Hunley at the other end. Hunley had a solid all-around game with eight points, seven rebounds and four blocks. And at the start of

the quarter, an off-the-mark jumper kept Canton from making it a 37-37 game. "We were right there, we had a couple opportunities where we didn't make those shots," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "You're going to have to make shots down the stretch. You never know what would happen if you tie the game and go from

## Locked in



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Lutheran Westland's Caleb Richter (top) posted a win at 135 pounds over Clarenceville's Alan Baumgardner in Thursday's double-dual meet. For more on the story and prep wrestling results, see page B7?

## Patriots promote volleyball coach

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin is no longer hedging its Betts when it comes to the future of its volleyball program. After head coach Linda Jimenez resigned recently following seven seasons, junior varsity coach Desiree Betts has been elevated to the varsity position. The 30-year-old Betts served the past five seasons as the Patriots' JV coach and has an extensive volleyball background. She played at Livonia Ladywood, two seasons at Schoolcraft College and two more at Saginaw Valley State as a defensive special-



Desiree Betts

ist and libero. Betts has also coached in Madonna University's Crusader Junior AAU program. She currently teaches K-8 physical education and health, along with being the first-year athletic coordinator, at Universal Learning Academy in Westland. "Desiree been a part of the program since Linda has been the head coach," Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye said. "She's very knowledgeable and is a great lady to deal with kids." Betts inherits a varsity team that finished 9-30-1 last fall. "I feel like we're going to have to start in the middle school, run camps and start them while they're young, so when they get to freshman and JV season they already have basic skills to

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# Night moves

## Warriors rule meet; Bibik wins 100th

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

There were plenty of accolades to go all the way around Thursday night as the host Lutheran High Westland wrestling team proved to be clutch in prime time earning a pair of dual meet wins.

The Warriors upped their overall record to 18-7 with a 66-18 triumph over Harper Woods followed by a hard-fought 47-36 victory over Livonia Clarenceville.

Not to be overshadowed was Livonia Clarenceville senior Aaron Bibik earning his 100th and 101st career victories.

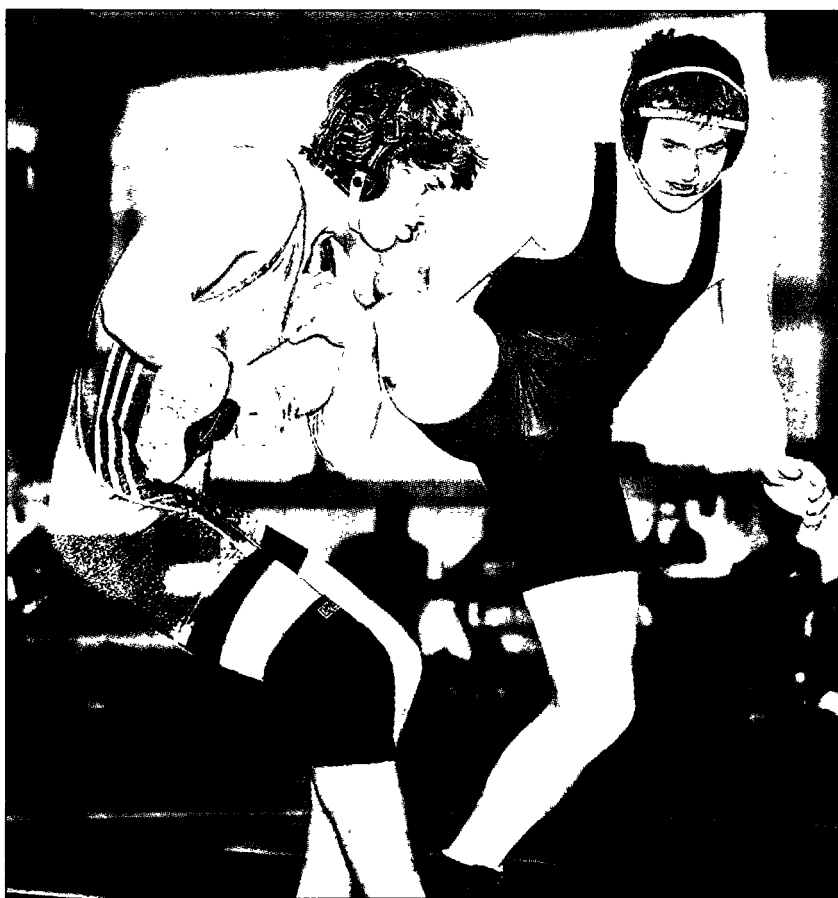
"It was nice to see Bibik get his 100th win in our gym since I've known him and his family for quite along time," Lutheran Westland coach Joe Schmidt said.

Meanwhile, the Warriors boasted seven double winners on the night including Manny Rankine (103 pounds), Marco Golombo (112-119), Zachary Francis (125), Caleb Richter (135), Jonah Lambert (152), Alex Reardon (189) and Brad Hura (285).

"It was a very tough victory against Clarenceville," Schmidt said. "Jonah was the big hero of the night with a big pin over a very talented and very good wrestler from Clarenceville."

"I was also very pleased with Thomas Krueger, who wrestled very well again. It's just rare to get a sophomore 215-pounder that is this competitive."

Meanwhile, injuries and voids caught up with Clarenceville (10-8).



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Clarenceville's Aaron Bibik (left) recorded his 100th career victory against Lutheran Westland's Martin Kemp in a 171-pound match during Thursday's double-dual meet.

"We had six pins, but we couldn't find the seventh to get the win," Clarenceville first-year coach Nick Elam said.

In addition to Bibik going 2-0, the Trojans also had three other double winners including Elijah Bean (119), Bryce Cozart (130) and Joey

Walker (140). The Trojans, however, came up with enough pins to pull out a 42-40 triumph in their other dual against the Dearborn Heights Crestwood 'B' team.

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### PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

#### DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA FRANKLIN 36 WAYNE MEMORIAL 30 Jan. 23 at Wayne

**145 pounds:** Allen Parker (WM) won by major decision over Tyler Solnikowski, 14-6; **152:** Nick Frazier (LF) won by major dec. over Kevin Marz, 16-6; **160:** Shamen Hall (WM) won by major dec. over Mitchell Retting, 13-5; **171:** Jordan Atienza (LF) pinned Sam Ekanem, 3:31; **189:** Allen Steele (LF) won by technical fall over Lucas Hofbauer, 19-2; **285:** Aaron Mauldin (WM) won by void; **103:** Jack Nawa (LF) won by tech. fall over Jack DeJack, 21-6; **112:** Nick Robertson (LF) p. Dominick Sanders, 3:16; **119:** Tyler Mulligan (WM) dec. Jeremy Nelson, 11-5; **125:** Tim Way (WM) dec. Adam Ross, 11-4; **130:** Colin Smith (LF) won by major dec. over Christopher Pernell, 21-7; **135:** Dan Martinez (LF) p. Tim Flores, 1:30; **140:** Marcus Jordan (WM) p. Kenneth Steele, 2:23.

**Dual match records:** Franklin, 18-5 overall, 4-1 KLAASouth Division; Wayne, 14-3 overall, 3-2 KLAASouth.

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**152 pounds:** Jarek Ammons (BW) pinned Aaron Heinonen, 1:19; **160:** Robert Duncan (BW) decided Shamen Hall, 8-3; **171:** Sam Ekanem (WM) won by injury default over Mickey Sutton; **189:** Lucas Hofbauer (WM) p. Justin Patton, 5:22; **215:** Chris Gutmann (BW) dec. Tyler Casteels, 3-2; **285:** Aaron Mauldin (WM) dec. Quintin Ruddell, 9-3; **103:** Jack DeJack (WM) p. Jeff Cross, 1:45; **112:** Matt Horne (BW) p. Dominick Sanders, 3:00; **119:** Tyler Mulligan (WM) dec. John Hancock, 11-7; **125:** Tim Way (WM) won by major dec. over Devin McClain, 11-3; **130:** Austin Avison (BW) p. Aaron Stone, 1:58; **135:** Tim Flores (WM) p.

lan Sikina, 1:58; **140:** Marcus Jordan (WM) p. Josh Ozog, 2:28; **145:** Allen Parker (WM) won by technical fall over James King, 22-5.

#### LIVONIA STEVENSON 39 NOVI 30 Jan. 23 at Novi

**103 pounds:** Dan De-nova (LS) won by void; **112:** Marco Lytwyn (LS) pinned K. Larkin, 1:21; **119:** A. Park (N) decided Emmanuel Austin, 14-12; **125:** E. Davis (N) dec. Trevor Demers, 7-2; **130:** Sandro Lytwyn (LS) dec. G. Burr, 10-5; **135:** Tyler Statham (LS) p. G. Sparing, 4:15; **140:** K. Bendarsk (N) p. Majdi Hatem, 4:45; **145:** Kody Roy (LS) won by void; **152:** Ben Wright (N) p. Justice Betke, 1:08; **160:** Connor Vaughan (LS) p. John Hood, 3:22; **171:** Jacob Kelley (LS) dec. Ben Landry, 6-4; **189:** Matthew Spohr (LS) p. J. Engbreton, 1:29; **215:** Zach Roush (LS) p. Joe Newman (LS), 0:24; **285:** Zach Saleh (LS) dec. M. Boston, 3-2.

**Stevenson's dual match record:** 7-8 overall, 2-3 KLAASouth Division.

#### PLYMOUTH 40 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 29 Jan. 23 at Churchill

**103 pounds:** Mohamad Youssef (P) pinned Spencer Blanchard, 1:12; **112:** Dylan Dwyer (P) p. Zachary Smith, 2:19; **119:** Trey Berry (P) decided Josh Perez, 5-4; **125:** Jonathon Locklear (LC) p. Austin Currier, 1:25; **130:** Jake Hale (LC) won by major dec. over Spencer Schifart, 13-5; **135:** Jon Conn (P) p. Zachary Leck, 1:19; **140:** Alec Breckenridge (P) p. Jake Humphrey, 2:17; **145:** Hussein Youssef (P) maj. dec. Justin Baker, 13-0; **152:** Ben Leck (LC) maj. dec. Caeron Smyth, 16-4; **160:** Ter-ek Tamimi (P) p. Matt Siemasz, 1:39; **171:** Joseph Shaver (P) dec. Nathan Dietrich, 7-0; **189:** Baker Hauwan (LC) p. Michael Jordan, 4:43; **215:** Jacob Mer-cieca (LC) dec. Ronnie Dancer, 4-3; **285:** Emmanuel Haddad (LC) p. Adam DuLong, 2:33.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Tuesday, Jan. 29**  
Calvary at L. W'sld, 5:30 p.m.  
HVL at Greenhills, 7 p.m.  
Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 1**  
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Franklin Rd. at L. W'sld, 7 p.m.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Tuesday, Jan. 29**  
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Hazel Park at C'ville, 7 p.m.  
Greenhills at HVL, 7 p.m.  
Divine Child at Lady, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 31**  
Marian at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 1**  
Glenn at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.  
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.

#### PREP HOCKEY

**Monday, Jan. 28**  
Franklin vs. Novi  
at Novi Ice Arena, 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 30**  
Franklin vs. Plymouth  
at Arctic Edge, 6:30 p.m.  
Churchill vs. Brighton  
at Kensington Valley I.H., 7 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. Northville  
at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 1**  
Churchill vs. South Lyon  
at Kensington Valley I.H., 8 p.m.

#### (Grand Blanc Winter Classic)

Franklin vs. Lapeer  
at Perani Arena, 8 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 2**  
Grand Blanc Winter Classic  
at Perani, 2:30 & 4:30 p.m.

Stevenson vs. Novi-Detroit CC  
Compuware Arena, 2:30 p.m.

Ladywood at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.

Churchill vs. Salem  
at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 8 p.m.

#### PREP WRESTLING

**Wednesday, Jan. 30**  
Clawson at Luth. W'sld, 6 p.m.  
(KLAASouth Meets)

Glenn, Kettering, Hartland  
at Northville, 5:30 p.m.

Franklin, Brighton, W.L. Central  
at South Lyon, 5:30 p.m.

Wayne, Grand Blanc, Northern  
at Novi, 5:30 p.m.

Lakeland, Howell, Canton  
at Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.

Churchill, Western, Pinckney  
at South Lyon East, 5:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, Feb. 2

Adrian Madison Tourney, TBA.  
KLAASouth Championship  
at EMU Bowen F.H., 9 a.m.

Wayne Co. Individual Meet  
at Summit Academy, 10 a.m.

#### BOYS SWIMMING

**Thursday, Jan. 31**  
Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.  
Glenn at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at N'ville, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 1**  
Stevenson, Salem  
at A.A. Pioneer, 6:30 p.m.

#### PREP BOWLING

**Monday, Jan. 28**  
Ladywood vs. Marian  
at Thunderbird Lanes, 3:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 30**  
John Glenn vs. Canton,  
Wayne vs. Plymouth  
at Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 31**  
Clarenceville vs. Oxford  
at Collier's Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 1**  
John Glenn vs. Plymouth,  
Wayne vs. Novi  
at Town N' Country, 3:30 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 1**  
Ladywood vs. Regina  
at Sterling Lanes, 3:45 p.m.

#### GIRLS GYMNASTICS

**Tuesday, Jan. 29**  
Livonia Red vs. Livonia Blue  
at Churchill H.S., 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 2**  
Canton Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

#### PREP SKIING

**Monday, Jan. 28**  
Ladywood vs. W. Bloomfield  
at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Lakeland  
at Mt. Holly, 3:30 p.m.

#### GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

**Sunday, Jan. 27**  
Catholic League Championship  
at Ladywood H.S., noon.

**Saturday, Feb. 2**  
KLAASouth Championship  
at W.L. Northern, 9 a.m.

#### MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

**Wednesday, Jan. 30**  
N'west Ohio at MU, 7:30 p.m.  
Kirtland at S'craft, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 2**  
Davenport at MU, 3 p.m.

#### WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

**Wednesday, Jan. 30**  
N'west Ohio at MU, 5:30 p.m.  
Kirtland at S'craft, 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 2**  
Davenport at MU, 1 p.m.  
Wayne Co. at S'craft, 1 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

### BETTS

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accomplish to have a winning team," Betts said. "My goal is to start camps at the middle school level and really get them involved in volleyball and hopefully get them involved in AAU, so they're playing more than just one season. I do know all the other schools are doing that and we're slacking on that, so we need to get them motivated at a younger age."

The new Franklin varsity coach plans on meeting with returning players in the near future.

"I've coached all the girls on varsity

because I had them on JV sometime in their high school years, which is nice because it will be an easier adjustment for the seniors," Betts said.

In her seven seasons as varsity volleyball coach, Jimenez posted an overall record of 73-182-25. She also currently serves as Franklin's freshman girls basketball coach and varsity softball coach (entering her 18th season).

"Linda has dedicated much of her time in the summer and fall in an attempt to make our volleyball program better," Hammye said. "And along with her educational commitment, we will miss her greatly."

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# Pats prevail

## Franklin beats Wayne on Senior Night

Eight of 13 players scored Friday as host Livonia Franklin celebrated Senior Night with a 45-37 KLA South Division girls basketball victory over Wayne Memorial.

Franklin got a team-high 15 points from senior Katelynn Devers, while fellow senior Natalie Desautel 10 and sophomore Sarah Cramton seven.

Junior Julie Magdowski also grabbed a team-best nine rebounds as the Patriots improved to 7-5 overall and 3-3 in the KLA South.

Wayne (1-10, 0-6) got a game-high 23 points from junior guard Ashley Bland. Honia Williams added seven for the Zebras, who were outscored 19-10 in the second quarter.

Wayne made 14-of-26 free throws on the night, while Franklin hit 2-of-7.

**STEVENSON 47, S. LYON 38:** Livonia Stevenson (6-6, 2-4) overcame a 25-20 halftime deficit Thursday to earn a KLA Central Division victory over the visiting Lions (7-5, 2-4).

The Spartans got a team-high 13 points from junior forward Charlesann Roy, including a pair of triples.

Katelyn Foster and Rachel Wilkinson added nine and eight, respectively.

Jessica Mehr scored 13 of her game-high 19 points for the Lions, who were outscored 14-9 in the third quarter and 13-2



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Franklin's Julie Magdowski (right) fights for the ball against Wayne's Quay Nichols during Friday's KLA South Division clash.

in the fourth.

"Our bench was on fire, our defense was great, we caused turnovers and we were making really great things happen," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said.

The Spartans also got a boost from post players Kyra Johnson, a junior, and Uzoma Nwankwo, a senior, who combined for 18 rebounds.

Nwankwo also blocked four shots.

On the downside, Stevenson made just 7-of-16 free throws, while South Lyon connected on 6-of-13.

**PLYMOUTH 38, CHURCHILL 23:** Shelby Cheston scored 12 points

Friday to lead the host Wildcats (5-7, 4-2) to a KLA South Division victory over Livonia Churchill (5-7, 1-5).

Kylie Robb and Jada Woody each added six for Plymouth, which outscored Churchill 28-21 in the second half after trailing 12-10 at intermission.

Sophomore center Hannah Pummil paced the Chargers and all scorers with 15 points. Senior guard Sydney Anderson added six.

"I thought we played really hard, but we have to stop their runs," Churchill coach Matt McCowan said. "I thought Hannah (Pummil) played well against their big people. I'm excited for her future being a sophomore."



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John Glenn's Kaira Barnes (left) fends off Canton defender Natalie Winters (13) during Friday's first-place showdown in the KLA's South Division.

## GIRLS

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there. Then you don't have to foul, you just got to guard."

The Rockets took off from there, making six straight free throws and pestering the Chiefs into costly turnovers (Canton had 19 for the game, 12 in the second half).

Samulski praised Aresco's performance, calling it "nothing new, we know she has that capability."

He also said his team worked "super hard," but had trouble with John Glenn's pressure defense and speed. Although Hunley did some damage in the paint, it wasn't nearly enough for the Chiefs' offense to really get going.

"I thought Taylor was great inside, she rebounded the ball well," Samulski said. "What I would have liked to do is get the ball to 'T' a little more inside. Because of their pressure, we got backed away from the rim and we weren't able to get the ball to her inside as much as I would have liked to." Kovatch, meanwhile, lauded the seven girls



Canton's Rachel Winters (left) is guarded by John Glenn's India Gillespie during Friday's KLA South Division showdown.

he had available for the game for their effort. John Glenn is without guard ShaKeya Graves and 6-4 center Diamond Jordan, both injured. "ShaKeya Graves is one of the top three players

in the state of Michigan," Kovatch said. "And we came in here and still got a great win, a gummy win, with the girls we have."

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## CHIEFS

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ished with 14 on 5-of-6 shooting. Jordan Nobles, a 6-7 junior, added 12 points and nine rebounds.

"It's great because it gives us a great chance of winning the division because nobody else could beat them," Nobles said. "We had a team meeting after the first (Glenn) game and we felt like we're the only team that could beat them in the division."

But Nobles came up with a big hoop with 6:30 left in the final quarter to stem a Rocket surge and cut the deficit to 42-39.

"The third quarter they (Glenn) got 16 points and made a 5-0 run to start the fourth, so they scored 21 during that time," Reddy said. "We challenged our guys. They dug in and guarded. The last six, seven minutes we guarded well."

"That's a big possession in the game. They're making their run and we weathered the storm."

Williams, a 6-2 sophomore forward, and Mayberry, a 6-2 senior point guard, added 11 and 10 points, respectively. Ryan Planey also contributed eight off the bench.

"It's always one of the toughest games and they're always one of the best defensively," Young said. "That says a lot because they're not going to quit and he (Reddy) is not going to quit. He never quit and they're good."

"It's a little bit of an eye-opener for us. They were better than us tonight. The four years we've been going against each other, every game seems to come down right until the end. They were very good tonight, very ready to play."

Glenn, despite leading by as many as five early in the fourth quarter, made only 4-of-18 shots from the floor and ended up 19-of-61 overall (31.1 percent).

"We took a lot of bad shots, we really did," Young said. "Obviously, for whatever reason, we were out of sync offensively. But I want to give all the credit to them because they were better than us."

In the first meeting between the two teams, Nobles came on in the final quarter, scoring eight of his 11 points.



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John Glenn's Dre Black (11) gets blocked from behind by Canton's Ryan Planey as teammate Isaac Everette (4) looks on.

"Three weeks ago when we played Glenn, we went into halftime and he (Nobles) had zero points and zero rebounds," Reddy said. "We challenged him because he's the most skilled player on our team. And since then, he's been delivering and playing like he's able to."

The Chiefs held Glenn's top scorer, senior point guard Nick Daniels, to 13 points on 4-of-13 shooting. James Pruitt, a 6-6 junior, added 10.

"Defensively we went with the same game plan," Reddy said. "Offensively we wanted to attack the rim more. I don't think we shot nearly as many threes. I think the last time we played them we shot 22 threes. That's too many for us. We've been doing a better job of attacking the rim and playing inside-out since then."

Canton made 20-of-46 shots from floor and committed only 12 turnovers.

"We played as a team," Nobles said. "We played great offensively and didn't turn the ball over. We crashed the boards and did everything right."

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## BOYS SWIM RESULTS

### DUAL MEET RESULTS

#### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

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#### Jan. 24 at John Glenn

#### 200-yard medley relay:

1. Canton (Kyle Bindas, Alex Bourdreau, Trevis Majtara, Josh Joy), 1:54.92; 2. John Glenn (Jacob Burcicki, Petr Orzech, John Kukulka, Chris Sabal), 1:56.58; 3. Canton (Travis Alber, Michael Wilyard, Cole Malhoit, Chris Jenner), 2:01.24.

#### 200 freestyle:

1. Aaron Alholinna (WJG), 2:01.55; 2. Brad Alholinna (WJG), 2:05.65; 3. Jake Derring (WJG), 2:07.82.

#### 200 individual medley:

1. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 2:13.19; 2. Bourdreau (C), 2:19.39; 3. Burcicki (WJG), 2:27.56.

#### 50 freestyle:

1. Cody Hodges (WJG), 24.67; 2. Majtara (C), 24.85; 3. Bindas (C), 25.41.

#### 1-meter diving:

1. Dave Cunningham (WJG), 157.70 points; 2. Nick Osam (C), 150.95; 3. Austin Tetlow (C), 118.20.

#### 100 butterfly:

1. Wakeford (WJG), 59.52; 2. John Kukulka (WJG), 1:03.35; 3. Malhoit (C), 1:07.71.

#### 100 freestyle:

1. Hodges (WJG), 54.58; 2. Majtara (C), 55.87; 3. B. Alholinna (WJG), 57.01.

#### 500 freestyle:

1. A. Alholinna (WJG), 5:34.02; 2. Deering (WJG), 5:38.64; 3. Wilyard (C), 6:00.5.

#### 200 freestyle relay:

1. John Glenn (Kukulka, Burcicki,

Hodges, Wakeford), 1:39.23; 2. Canton (Majtara, Joy, Bindas, Jenner), 1:41.99; 3. John Glenn (Nate Alvord, B. Alholinna, Deering, A. Alholinna), 1:46.98.

#### 100 backstroke:

1. Kukulka (WJG), 1:07.82; 2. Alber (C), 1:11.52; 3. Burcicki (WJG), 1:11.83.

#### 100 breaststroke:

1. Bourdreau (C), 1:09.63; 2. Orzech (WJG), 1:20.21; 3. Derek Sweet (WJG), 1:21.45.

#### 400 freestyle relay:

1. John Glenn (Hodges, A. Alholinna, B. Alholinna, Wakeford), 3:45.84; 2. Canton (Jehner, Noah Adams, Alber, Alex Sogge), 3:59.95; 3. Canton (John Everitt, Kyle Spence, Bourdreau, Wilyard), 4:08.03.

#### Dual meet records:

John Glenn, 5-0 overall, 3-0 KLA South Division; Canton, 0-5 overall, 0-3 KLA South.

#### LIVONIA FRANKLIN 68

#### Jan. 24 at Churchill

#### 200-yard medley relay:

1. Churchill (Daniel Saltzman, Franklin Qiu, Jackson Norwood, Ryan Soules), 1:58.43; 2. Franklin (Austin Klotz, Ryan Cossin, Alex Herrick, Danny Cebula), 2:05.3; 3. Franklin (Ethan Nordstrom, Atharva Dixit, Drew Niemiec, Gavin Lambert), 2:35.07.

#### 200 freestyle:

1. Jacob Forgacs (LF), 2:07.97; 2. Kyle Reppenhagen (LC), 2:11.42; 3. Patrick Dahlin (LC), 2:24.13.

#### 200 individual medley:

1. Justin Larkins (LF), 2:15.17; 2.

Jose Melendez (LC), 2:26.29; 3. Cossin (LF), 2:33.89.

#### 50 freestyle:

1. Saltzman (LC), 25.66; 2. Soules (LC), 27.35; 3. Cebula (LF), 27.54.

#### 1-meter diving:

1. Ethan Burke (LC), 198.60 points; 2. Kameron Stancer (LC), 121.73.

#### 100 butterfly:

1. Melendez (LC), 1:02.74; 2. Klotz (LF), 1:04.85; 3. Herrick (LF), 1:07.31.

#### 100 freestyle:

1. Larkins (LF), 52.0; 2. Qiu (LC), 53.09; 3. Soules (LC), 1:02.35.

#### 500 freestyle:

1. Reppenhagen (LC), 5:45.34; 2. Forgacs (LF), 5:45.34; 3. Dahlin (LC), 6:38.33.

#### 200 freestyle relay:

1. Churchill (Qiu, Melendez, Soules, Reppenhagen), 1:45.61; 2. Franklin (Cossin, Forgacs, Cebula, Larkins), 1:48.52; 3. Churchill (Stancer, Jake Jarvis, Santosh Srinivasan, Dahlin), 2:01.84.

#### 100 backstroke:

1. Saltzman (LC), 1:05.79; 2. Norwood (LC), 1:10.83; 3. Klotz (LF), 1:13.3.

#### 100 breaststroke:

1. Qiu (LC), 1:15.44; 2. Herrick (LF), 1:16.06; 3. Cossin (LF), 1:16.59.

#### 400 freestyle relay:

1. Churchill (Melendez, Reppenhagen, Norwood, Saltzman), 3:56.34; 2. Franklin (Klotz, Herrick, Forgacs, Larkins), 4:08.48; 3. Churchill (Srinivasan, Dahlin, Kevin Tarta, Dylan Fetter), 4:48.09.

#### Dual meet records:

Churchill, 2-6 overall, 1-2 KLA South Division; Franklin, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLA South.

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# Pats shoot down Wayne; Chargers fall to Wildcats

Livonia Franklin got contributions from a number of different sources in a 70-57 boys basketball victory Friday at Wayne Memorial.

The Patriots, who improved to 5-7 overall and 3-3 in the KLAA's South Division, had four players score in double figures led by Olushakin Cole's 17 points and game-high 10 rebounds.

Tyrone Rayford added 16 points, while Alex Armstrong contributed 14 and Michael Gluth 10 for the Patriots, who led 34-24 at halftime and 49-34 after three quarters.

Franklin shot a blistering 55 percent from the field (22-of-40), including 8-of-17 from three-point range led by Armstrong's four triples.

Senior Josh Lowry led the Zebras (2-9, 0-6) with a game-high 22 points, while Rio Washington contributed seven.

The Patriots made 18-of-29 free throws, while Wayne was 14-of-20.

**PLYMOUTH 47, CHURCHILL 38:** Josh Priebe's 19 points carried the Wildcats (5-7, 3-3) to a KLAA South Division triumph Friday at Livonia Churchill (4-8, 2-4).

The Wildcats, who also got nine points from Tyler Gamblin, fell behind 16-4 after one quarter before pulling to within four at halftime, 27-23.

Dwayne Scott, a senior guard, paced Churchill with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Freshman Jon Hovermale added seven points and six boards.

The Chargers shot just 33 percent from the field (15-of-45) and 25 percent from the foul stripe (2-of-8).

"Some of our old habits crept back in after the first quarter," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "A lot had to do with Plymouth's toughness and effort. It's disappointing because we didn't respond like we should have."

Plymouth shot 14-of-33 from the field (42.4 percent) and 10-of-14 from the foul line (71.4 percent).

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 44, LUTHERAN SOUTH 31:** Lutheran High Westland (5-4, 4-2) overcame a sluggish first half to earn a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win Friday at Newport Lutheran South (3-8, 3-4).

Nick Andrzejewski led the victorious Warriors with 18 points, nine rebounds,

five steals and two assists.

Brandon Wyman added eight points and nine boards.

Michael Roebke led South with eight points.

The Warriors trailed 12-6 after one quarter before getting untracked and put it away with a 14-6 fourth-quarter run.

"We knew coming out of halftime that they had only two main threats," Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoefl said. "We decided to switch things up on defense in the second half and we completely shut down their go-to guys. Overall, it was our team defense that won this game for us. Our shots weren't falling (19-of-65), but we ramped up our defensive intensity."

**BAPTIST PARK 67, HVL 48:** Ryan Schaffer's game-high 25 points were not enough Thursday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-7, 1-5) fell to Taylor Baptist Park Christian (6-3, 4-2) in a MIAC Red Division game.

Kirk Thomas led the victorious Wildcats with 23 points, while Jovan Shell and Anthony Kaminski added 19 apiece.

HVL trailed 28-23 at that, but was outscored 39-25 in the second half as Baptist Park shot 50 percent from the field, including 5-of-12 from three-point range.

# MU men's cagers upset by Lourdes

Corey Harvey hurled the dagger that pierced the first-place Madonna University men's basketball team Wednesday night leading Lourdes University to an upset 53-51 win over the host Crusaders.

Harvey, who scored a team-high 13 points, tallied the game-winning jumper with only seven seconds left to end MU's eight-game winning streak.

Madonna falls to 16-6 overall and 11-3 in the WHAC (tied to Davenport), while Lourdes improves to 14-7 and 9-5.

Dorel Southerland and Alex Davis added 10 points apiece for the Gray Wolves, who rallied from a 29-20 halftime deficit.

Lourdes held a decided advantage on the boards outrebounding MU 38-24 and also enjoyed a 10-0 bench scoring edge.

The Crusaders, who shot only 39.2 percent from the floor (20-of-51), got a game-high 18 points

from junior point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson).

Fred Williams added 16, but only four in the second half, and Matt Jenkins added nine.

MU played without 6-6 back-up sophomore center Donald Owens, who was out with a thumb injury.

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY 80, SCHOOLCRAFT 73:** Austin Shell's 26 points and 11 rebounds proved to be the difference Wednesday as St. Clair County Community College (10-8, 3-4) earned an MCCA Eastern Conference victory over host Schoolcraft College (4-12, 1-6).

Ken Bradshaw and Johnnie Mills added 17 and 16 points, respectively, for the Skippers.

Richmond Jackson scored a game-high 28 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Ocelots, who trailed by only four at the half, 38-34.

Terrance Coles chipped in with 11 points and 10 rebounds, while Grantham Bettner (Salem), making the start in place of the injured Jonathan Campbell (Livonia Stevenson), added 10 points.

The Ocelots shot only 35 percent from the floor (23-of-80) and only 52.4 percent from the foul line (11-of-21).

## BOYS HOOPS

# Spartans stumble in 4th vs. Lions

By Jeff Theisen  
Gannett News Service

Livonia Stevenson played South Lyon close for three quarters Thursday night, but the host Lions ran away with the game in the end for a 54-38 KLAA Central win.

"You've got to give credit to South Lyon," said Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi, whose team slipped to 6-5 overall and 2-4 in the division. "He's got them playing such good defense, and we just couldn't score. We could not find a way to get a basket."

"We were hanging around within five points, three points - we couldn't get over that hump."

The Spartans lone lead of the night came at 4-2 with a hoop by Chris Hal-dane.

South Lyon finished the quarter with a 14-3 run to lead by nine heading into the second.

Stevenson came out much more aggressive on both ends of the floor, starting with a three from Josh Campbell and a bucket from Devin Kelly.

After forcing just two turnovers in the first quarter, the Spartans took the ball away five times in the second.

Stevenson pulled within 20-19 before a three from Lion senior Conner Weidman helped give the Lions a 23-20 halftime edge.

South Lyon put up the first six points of the third to go up nine before Stevenson fought back.

Jailen Webber started an 8-0 run finished off with a three by Billy Bonanno to trail just 31-30.

But the Lions fired back with the final seven points of the third and took a 38-30 lead into the fourth.

Stevenson got the opening bucket of the fourth by Campbell, but it was as close as the Spartans would get the rest of the way. The Lions closed the game on a 16-6 run to blow the game wide open.

"That 31-30 mark - we ended up with 38 points," said Sinawi. "That wasn't

an impressive fourth quarter for us.

"I'm frustrated with a couple of my guys that didn't show up tonight, but we'll battle back. We've got a tough week ahead with Northville and Salem next week."

Campbell, who fouled out early in the fourth quarter, led the Spartans with nine points followed by Kelly with eight and Justin Bradford with seven.

Weidman paced 10 Lions in the scorebook with 12 points, while Justin Short was next with eight and Dominick Quinlan had seven.

The Lions, 9-2 overall, stand atop the Central at 5-1 (tied with Salem in the loss column).

# Crusader women cage Gray Wolves

Livonia Stevenson grad Kaylee McGrath popped in a game-high 25 points to spur the Madonna University women's basketball team to a 67-55 victory Wednesday night at home over Lourdes University (Ohio).

McGrath, a 6-foot senior center, hit 8-of-15 shots from the floor and 8-of-10 free throws as the Crusaders improved to 13-8 overall and 9-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. She also pulled down a team-best seven rebounds.

Rachel Melcher came off the bench to post a double-double for MU with 13 points and 10 rebounds, while Kristie Porada chipped in with 13 points as well.

Madonna, which led 35-31 at halftime, led by as many as 17 points in the second half. The Crusaders converted 23 Lourdes turnovers into 26 points.

MU overcame 18 turnovers and 18-of-49 shoot-

ing from the floor (36.7 percent) by making 25-of-29 free throws (86.2 percent).

Taryn Hampton scored 18 for the Gray Wolves (6-16, 3-11), while Tiffany Scott added 13 points off the bench. Emily Orsini also had a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY 89, SCHOOLCRAFT 48:** Tenth-ranked St. Clair County Community College (16-1, 6-1) rolled to an easy MCCA Eastern Conference victory Wednesday night at Schoolcraft College (5-12, 2-5) as Teisha Knott led the way with 22 points and nine rebounds.

The Lady Skippers, who led 42-26 at halftime, also got 14 points apiece from Sheyna Deans and Cianna Peterson. Lairah Stevens and Heidi Highstreet chipped in with 12 and 11, respectively.

The Lady Ocelots, who made just 11-of-59 shots from the floor (18.6 percent) and committed 26 turnovers, got 18 points from Courtney Dyer and 13 from Toi Brown.

Providence University transfer Ajai Meeks, bound for Eastern Michigan University, grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds.

# Sarnia stings Whalers in shootout

Sarnia needed a shootout to defeat visiting Plymouth 5-4 Friday night in an Ontario Hockey League contest.

The Whalers tied the game at 4-4 with a three-goal second period, with goals by Garrett Meurs, Cody Payne and Sebastian Uvira.

But neither team could break the tie during the third period and overtime, sending the contest to

the shootout which Charles Sarault one for the Sting. It was the only goal by either team in the shootout.

Both teams are tied at the top of the OHL West Division with 57 points after 47 games.

Making 24 saves in a losing effort for the Whalers was Matt Mahalak.

Plymouth got on the board in the first when Meurs found the range

with 2:16 left to cut Sarnia's edge to 2-1. His second goal, which tied the game on the power play, gave him 22 for the season.

On Thursday, forwards Vince Trocheck and Matt Misteles scored two goals each in the Whalers 8-2 road win against Windsor.

One of the Windsor goal scorers was former Whaler and Farmington Hills product Alex Aleardi.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Girls softball

The Livonia Storm is starting a new developmental machine pitch, spring softball league for 8- and 10-and-under girls with walk-in registration from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Storm's Washington practice facility, located at 9449 Hix Road, Livonia.

Eight-and-under is an infield-only league open to the first 36 registrants. The 10-and-under is full field and limited to the first 44 that apply.

The cost is \$75 and mail-in registration is currently ongoing.

For more information, visit [www.livoniastorm.com](http://www.livoniastorm.com).

For more information, call Keith DeMolay at (734) 722-1251.

### Baseball clinic

The seventh annual Livonia Franklin Future Stars spring baseball clinic (grades 2-6) will be 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session 2) Saturday, Feb. 23, at the high school fieldhouse, located at 31000 Joy Road.

The first session consists of hitting, base running and infield skills, while the second includes pitching, defense and outfield approach.

The cost for both sessions is \$50 (includes camp T-shirt) or \$30 per session. Bring a sack lunch between sessions from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

For more information, email Franklin varsity baseball coach Matt Fournier at [mfournier2@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:mfournier2@livoniapublicschools.org).

### Softball camps

•Madonna University will hold a winter softball fundamentals camp (ages 7-18) from noon-2:30 p.m., Sundays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

The cost is \$125. For more information, visit [www.madonna.edu](http://www.madonna.edu).

MadonnaCrusaders.com.

•The Livonia Churchill Chargers Fundamental Camp for girls in grades 3-8 will be from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 2 at the high school fieldhouse.

The cost is \$35 (pre-registration required).

For more information, call or email Churchill head coach Steve Gentilia at (734) 776-1716; or [churchillsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:churchillsoftball@gmail.com).

### Girls slow-pitch

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer open registration for its 2013 girls 10-and-under slow-pitch softball program, which runs from May through July, by mail will be through Feb. 15.

Walk-in and fax-in registration will be through Feb. 22, or until enrollment reaches 160. The fee is \$40 per child (resident) or \$50 (non-resident).

Registration forms are available at area schools or at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

Late registration for residents will be from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 23 at the LCRC. The fee is \$50.

Non-resident late registration follows beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, March 25 at the LCRC's recreation office and openings will be filled until April 29 on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$60.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410 (hit option No. 2).

### Girls pom clinic

The state champion Livonia Pom team is staging a clinic for grades 3-8 from 8:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Learn pom basics, kick line and a full pom routine taught by Livonia Pom team

members.

Included in the \$25 cost is a T-shirt. For more information and tryouts, visit [www.livoniapom@gmail.com](http://www.livoniapom@gmail.com)

### Livonia baseball

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will have open registration for its 2013 co-ed instructional, T-ball (ages 5-6) and coach-pitch (7-8) baseball program which runs from May through July.

Livonia or Clarenceville public schools residents can register by mail through Feb. 8. Walk-in and fax-in registration will be through Feb. 8 (or until enrollment reaches 640).

The cost is \$40 per child (resident) and \$50 (non-resident).

Registration forms are available at area schools or at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

Late resident registration will be from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 23 at the LCRC. The fee is \$50 per child.

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T-ball scrimmages are played Monday evenings, while coach-pitch is Thursday evenings.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410 (hit option No. 2).

### Weekly 5K runs

All runners, joggers and walkers are welcome to participate in a weekly timed 5-kilometer run-walk at 9 a.m. each Saturday at Livonia's Bicentennial Park.

Participation is free, but you must bring your registrant barcode to earn by registering at [www.parkrun.com](http://www.parkrun.com) or [www.park-run.us](http://www.park-run.us).

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Uneven bars: 1. Rhoad (Blue), 8.8; 2. Alex Zukowski (Blue), 8.35; 3. Merlotti (S), 8.25; 4. Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 8.2; Allgeyer (S), 8.15.

Balance beam: 1. Merlotti (S), 9.2; 2. Soper (S), 8.85; 3. Rhoad (Blue), 8.6; 4. Zafarana (Blue), 8.45; 5. Emily Chatterjee (Blue), 8.3.

Floor exercise: 1. Soper (S), 9.5; 2. (tie) Zukowski (Blue) and Merlotti (S), 9.0 each; 4. (tie) Rhoad (Blue) and Maddie Burt (S), 8.9 each.

All-around: 1. Merlotti (S), 35.55; 2. Rhoad (Blue), 35.30; 3. Soper (S), 35.20; 4. Chatterjee (Blue), 33.55; 5. Paulette Martino (S), 33.55.

Dual meet records: Salem, 4-1 overall; Livonia Blue, 2-6 overall.

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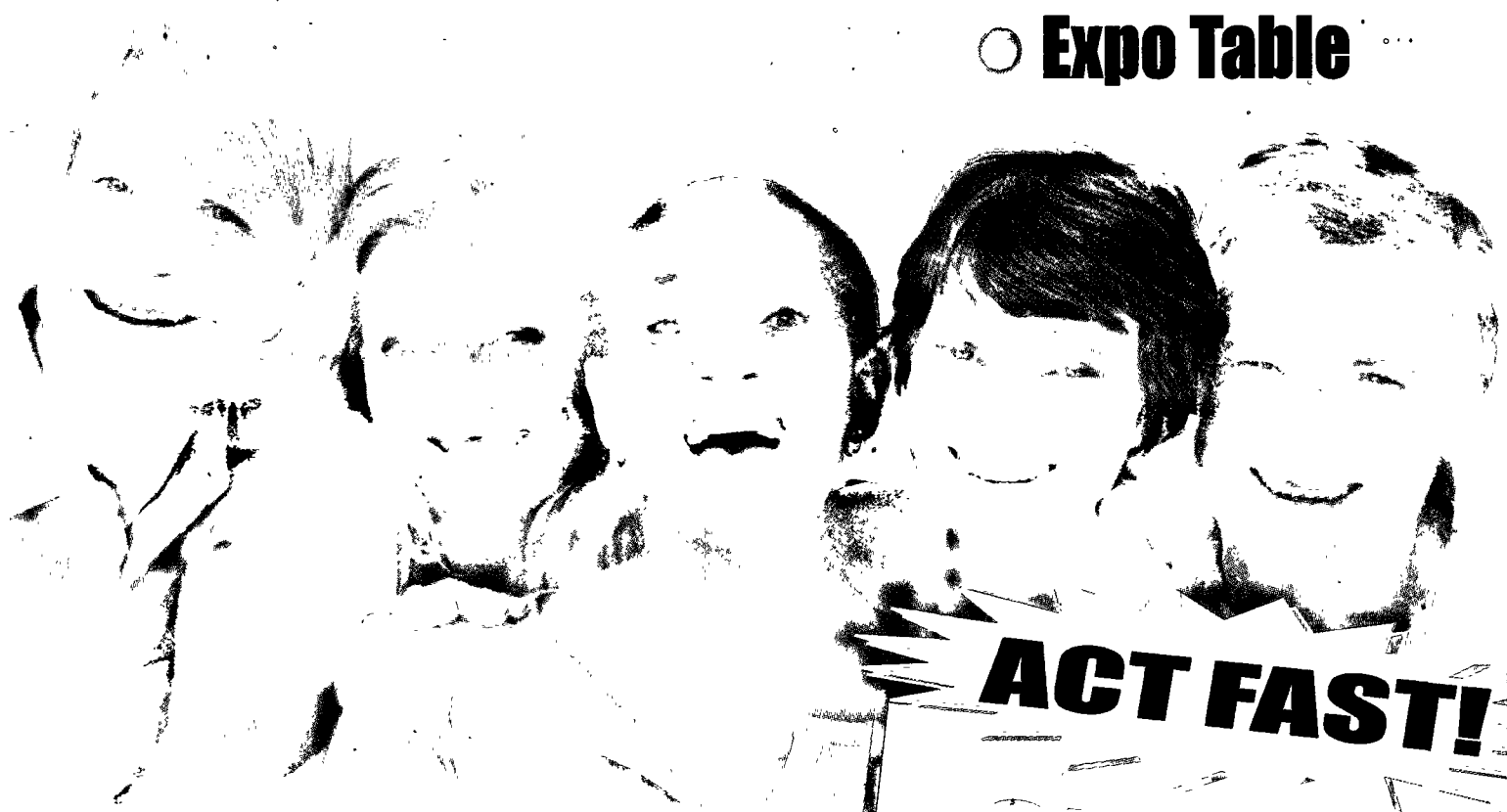
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## Building an 'ARK'

### Women fundraise for pet housing at First Step shelter

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Ailsa Blunk was volunteering with a friend at First Step's new domestic abuse shelter in 2011, when she noticed the agency's wish list included a safe haven for clients' pets.

"Right away my eyes zoomed onto that. They said they needed \$80,000 to make that come to fruition," said Blunk, a Northville resident and pet lover. "I said we know 80 people we can get \$1,000 from. That was our first plan."

A year and a half later, Blunk is in charge of the First Step ARK (Animals Receiving Kindness) Committee, a 12-member group dedicated to building and operating temporary housing for family pets at the agency's shelter. In addition to Blunk, the

group includes Tami Rager, Karen Thiele, Jane Weaver, Susan Johnson, Susan Lee, Susan Kage, Amy Marmaduke, Kathy Bernard, Eileen Freeman, Joanne Sawicki and Marjorie Lynch. First Step has offices in Plymouth and supports victims of domestic and sexual violence through a variety of programs, including emergency housing in western Wayne County.

Nine of the Committee's members are friends who attend church together at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. They came together in October 2011, spent a year researching domestic abuse shelters — including La Casa in Howell, Michigan's only shelter with pet housing — made connections with local veterinarians and res-

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# Spin, knit, weave, crochet at fiber event

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Knitters, it's time to cast on. From backward loop to long tail to magic and cable, Marti Bush is ready to show you which technique will best serve your fiber project. Bush, of Redford, is among the knitting teachers who will lead classes at a day-long fiber arts event, Knit Michigan, Saturday, Feb. 2 at Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington, in Bloomfield Hills. The event will include instruction in knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving; demonstrations; a market; a knit and crochet help area; group "knit-in" and "spin-in;" silent and live auctions; raffle; yarn dying and more.

Early Bird Admission is \$15 and allows participants to enter the market and shop for one hour before Knit Michigan officially opens. The market, with more than a dozen different yarn shops from southeastern Michigan represented, is the only area open at 9 a.m. All other areas, which also are included in the Early Bird Admission price, open at 10 a.m. General admission to the event, which runs 10 a.m.-4 p.m., is a minimum \$10 donation.

Ten different classes will begin at 10 a.m.,

Ten different classes will begin at 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. They cost an additional \$35 each. Bush, who teaches regularly at 'Art Is In Market' in Livonia and Novi, will present 'Cast On! Many Different Ways,' in the morning session and 'Continental Knitting' in the afternoon.

and 2 p.m. They cost an additional \$35 each. Bush, who teaches regularly at "Art Is In Market" in Livonia and Novi, will present "Cast On! Many Different Ways," in the morning session and "Continental Knitting" in the afternoon. She has been knitting since she was a child and began teaching five years ago.

The "Cast On!" class will show knitters of all skill levels how to start a project. "Continental Knitting" is aimed at those with at least basic knitting skills. It's designed to help the English-style knitter make a smooth transition to the



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Want to learn to knit and help charity at the same time? You can, at Knit Michigan, an annual fiber arts event, Feb. 2 in Bloomfield Hills.

Continental method and will include instruction in knit and purl stitches, three types of cast-ons and binding off. English-style knitters keep the yarn in their right hand; Continental knitters use their left hand.

In addition to Bush, Cherie Cornick, a Canton resident, will teach a morning class, "Carding a Perfect Rolag." Carding is one of the steps involved in preparing fiber to be spun

into yarn. Cornick teaches classes at Heritage Spinning and Weaving in Lake Orion and learns new techniques through the Michigan Fiber Festival and Spin Off Autumn Retreats.

Class registration is online only at [knitmichigan.org](http://knitmichigan.org). Registration closes Jan. 31.

"I am excited to teach at Knit Michigan. It is a great way to volunteer my time, support a

great cause and still play with yarn," said Bush, in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "Knit Michigan offers classes, knitting supplies, and is a wonderful way to make new friends that enjoy the same hobbies."

Knit Michigan is a non-profit organization. Nearly all funds raised through the event are used to support charities that help cancer patients and their families, including Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer

Institute in Detroit, Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Gilda's Club in Royal Oak, Beaumont Hospital's Rose Cancer Treatment Center in Royal Oak, and U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center in Ann Arbor. The group also makes and donates chemo caps, lab blankets and other comfort items to patients.

For more information, e-mail to [info@knitmichigan.org](mailto:info@knitmichigan.org).

# Tickets on sale for rock-n-roll fundraiser in Canton

Old Time Rock-n-Roll is in. Old Man Winter is out. At least, that's the plan for this year's Partnership for the Arts & Humanities second annual rock fundraiser, featuring the popular Livonia-based band, Steve King and the Dittilies.

The band performed at last year's event, billed as a Valentine Rock-n-Roll concert, which raised

\$8,700 for the Partnership and drew 324 supporters — through a snowstorm — to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Jill Engel, Partnership executive director, said afterward that the show might have sold out if the weather had been better.

This year's fundraiser, "Old Time Rock-n-Roll," is set for March 2 — a little closer to spring and

with a better chance to thwart Mother Nature. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for a reception, followed by the show at 8 p.m., at the Village Theater.

The event will include sample-sized treats from Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Hayden's Grill & Bar and Panache 447, along with specials from Showroom of Elegance and Indigo

Salon & Day Spa, in addition to the rock concert. King said he supports the arts because "it is our collective heritage and an economic engine for a vibrant community."

"I have heard it said that creativity will be the currency of the 21st century and anything that I can do to elevate the arts to the level of math and science as an educational pursuit I am obligated to do." Tickets are on sale now for \$25 per person if purchased by Jan. 31. After that date, they increase by \$5.

Get tickets at [www.cantonvillageheater.org](http://www.cantonvillageheater.org) or by calling (734) 394-5460. Gil-Mar Manufacturing Company is entertainment sponsor and Reliable Carriers and MSA Delivery Service are the event sponsors.

By Sharon Dargay



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# The weather starts many conversations

By Joe Gagnon  
Guest Columnist

Have you noticed that television newscasts often will start off with the weather person telling the viewer what it's going to be like for the next few days? This can turn out to relax you or make you a nervous wreck.

I received an e-mail the other day from a lady in Marietta, Ga., who has a concern with her 6-year-old Kitchen Aid microwave oven. Her husband, an engineer, was taking it apart to try and fix it and I passed on some friendly advice. Simply put, the microwave will kill him if he touches a wire when it is plugged in and operating.

That lady's name is Sharon Stein who used to write a newspaper column. Over 30 years ago, she wrote a story about a survey she was doing for her column which pointed out how much it would cost to have a service technician come to her home and change the bake element in her General Electric range. She called several appliance repair companies and received estimates from all of them. She called my appliance repair shop and I informed her that she didn't have to spend the money for a technician if she would just come to my store and I would sell her the element and show her how to install it herself. That was the first story every written about me and so I called her in Georgia and we had a nice conversation. The first thing I asked her was, "how's the weather?"

I interviewed a Dr. Abbasi the other day and asked him if the dry Michigan weather is a factor with many of his patients. He pointed out that many homeowners do not have a humidifier working on their furnace and itchy skin certainly is a problem for many. I have written many times about the importance of proper humidity in your homes

and again the colder it is outside the more humidity you need inside.

Speaking of temperature, it was 44 below zero on Jan. 16 in my home town of Timmins, Ontario. Now that is not the "feel like" temperature, it is actual and they are only half way through the winter season. It gets colder and I can't imagine how I managed to play hockey every day on outdoor rinks. I remember my father coming home from work and hooking up a hose to the boiler in the basement of the house and watering the rink he made for us in my backyard. I was so proud to see him standing at center ice dressed in his police officer uniform making sure he could do something for the neighborhood kids. It was so cold that if you took a puck in the face it would only take seconds to stop bleeding. I met a guy just a few years ago who I hadn't seen since I was 15 years old. He said, "Do you remember when we painted the center red line on your rink with the cut on my chin?"

The weather can also affect the operation of a clothes washer today. If it's too cold on the wall behind the washer the transmission oil can congeal and cause the belt to slip and become glazed. It wasn't a problem with my mother's old wringer washer, which was down in our basement. That coal-fired boiler kept the basement nice and toasty even when it was 50 below zero. I would help her put the clothes through the wringer and then I would look with disdain at the long woolen long johns hanging on the clothes line. Gosh, I hated those things, they were so itchy but they sure kept me warm. To this day I still have an indentation on my right cheek. It was caused by sitting for so long on the button for the trap door. OK, I'm just trying to be funny and you can't see it.

Recently we lost the humor in weather when Sonny Eliot passed away. Now it's become frontline news. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to [apldr@twmi.rr.com](mailto:apldr@twmi.rr.com).



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

## GARDEN & NATURE

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

### Native tree seminar

Home gardeners with an interest in native trees and Rouge River ecology may attend a public seminar 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. The seminar title is "Go Native! ...with Trees and Shrubs!" Featured speakers will include Bill Schneider, owner of WildType Nursery, and Kim Thompson Everett, a landscaper specializing in tree and shrub maintenance. Program topics will include benefits of native trees and shrubs; species recommendations and availability; planting and maintenance tips, and more. The seminar is sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) in cooperation with the City of Southfield and Rouge River municipalities. The seminar is

free, but advance registration is required at (248) 288-5150 weekdays, or e-mail to [LFDDean@aol.com](mailto:LFDDean@aol.com).

### English Gardens

- Get tips on attracting birds to the garden in a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26.
- Youngsters, 3-12, can make a pine cone bird feeder for \$5 at a workshop, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Register at [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).
- The store runs its annual "Orchid Festival" with first two Saturdays in February. Visitors can learn about growing orchids at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2. Then at 2:30 p.m. find out how to re-pot orchids. "More About Orchids" runs 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, with a free re-potting session following at 2:30 p.m. that same day. Orchids available during the festival include cattleya, with large showy flowers in white, lavender, purple, yellow and red; dendrobium, which are easy to grow, and available in white, yellow, green, pink, red, purple, stripes or spotted; miltonia, known as the pansy orchid, featuring breathtakingly beautiful flowers; oncidium, distinct and airy blooms on tall stems; papilionidum, compact plants that produce a single flower; and phalaenopsis, commonly known as the moth orchid, one of the most popular and easiest to grow orchids.
- Find out the basics of landscape design, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 at a free presentation.
- Learn about fresh flower arranging at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23.
- Make a spring flower arrangement for \$29.99, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23. Register at [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).

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.

## ARK

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cue organizations and now are poised to begin fundraising.

"We're planning our fundraising blitz in February," Blunk said. "We're going to send letters to friends and family. We're thinking of celebrities we know. We have canisters we plan to put out at area pet stores, vets and hair salons. We're going to try anything and everything."

The group has printed brochures, videotaped a short program about the project, and made a PowerPoint presentation to shelter staff.

### Healing process

"They were very enthusiastic. They felt it was a definite need. It's a place where the family and their pets can start the healing process. Those of us who have animals know that if you are suddenly torn out of everything you know — especially for children — leave your house, leave your friends, leave your school, leave everything that is familiar and leave your pet behind knowing it could possibly be abused — how can you ever begin the healing process?"

"We know how much animals can assist in that healing process."

Theresa Bizoe, First Step associate director, said that when she mentioned the

plan at a meeting of shelter staff and clients a few months ago, two women burst into tears. They had given away their pets when they fled abusive environments.

"It is something very personal. Your animal companions, these wonderful creatures, are there when you are sad, hurt and injured. Sometimes they are the protectors of victims of violence," Bizoe said. "Animals know what is going on in the house. The Animal bond is an important part

of the healing process."

Bizoe expects that approximately 20 percent of shelter clients might need help with pet care. The shelter consists of 10 apartment-like mini suites. Clients who seek temporary shelter, most of whom are women with children, typically stay anywhere from a month to three months.

"Based on our research, we might see 30 animals a year," Blunk said.

### Building project

The Committee envisions four dog indoor dog kennels with adjacent outdoor runs, a separate room for cats with three "cat cabins," a quarantine room and a family gathering area. Pet owners would be required to care for and clean up after their animals, but the Committee members hope to fundraise another \$20,000 annually for utilities, pet care sup-

plies, food and veterinary expenses.

The animal housing is part of a larger building project that includes a playground, healing garden, and heated resource center. The resource center would include storage space for clothing, food, personal hygiene products, and other donated items, in addition to the animal haven.

Bizoe placed donated playground equipment in storage, while fundraising continues for drainage, fencing and cement work. She also welcomes in-kind donations and volunteer help.

Blunk hopes her group can meet its fundraising goal for animal housing this spring. In the meantime, she and other members are on call to find interim lodging at local veterinary hospitals and with rescues and foster parents. Two elderly cats stayed temporarily at a Westland veterinarian's office and Blunk's son offered to foster chihuahua for a First Step client. He adopted the dog and renamed it Chico after the shelter resident relinquished ownership.

To donate to ARK, send checks made out to First Step — with ARK on the memo line — and mail to First Step ARK, 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170. To volunteer for the project, e-mail to [lem-onblunk@aol.com](mailto:lem-onblunk@aol.com) or call Blunk at (248) 719-1291.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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January

ANNULMENTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30
Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: The Rev. Ron Richards, a canon lawyer with experience working on the Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Detroit, will present information about annulments in a question and answer format...

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Jan. 30
Location: Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield
Details: Runs through March 6, is nonsectarian and designed for those who have lost a spouse. Call the National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section for information and registration...

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31
Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia
Details: Tour the school, talk to other parents and staff during this open house for the school, which includes classes for preschool through middle school, CYO sports, bus transportation for Livonia residents, and flexible payment plans...

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27

Location: All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Parents who are interested in learning more about All Saints, may tour the school and meet teachers, staff and students. This year's open house will highlight All Saints' rigorous new curriculum, which since 2012 encompasses not only the State of Michigan and Common Core standards, but also the Core Knowledge curriculum developed more than 25 years ago by education reformer E.D. Hirsch...

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27
Location: 11311 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: St. Michael's School, Livonia's oldest and largest K-8 parochial school, invites all interested families to take student-led tours of their facilities, to meet staff members who will be available to answer questions and concerns, and to share refreshments and conversation with other parents and students...

February

CONCERT

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10
Location: Sacred Heart Banquet & Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: Christian concert for children starring Rob Evans, "The Donut Man" and his sidekick, Duncan. The musician is nationally known for Bible story-songs. Admission is \$5 per person; kids, 3 and under are admitted free...

DINNER DANCE

Time/Date: 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills
Details: This Valentine's Day event will include a sit down dinner, DJ and dancing, and photo booth for special memories. Tickets are: \$35 per couple or \$20 per person. They're available by calling the church office...

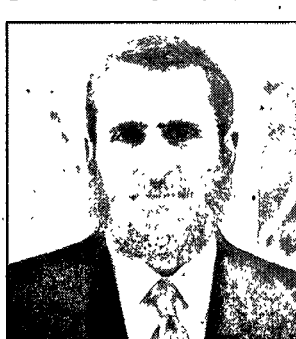
DIVORCE SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Junior High Commons, 1062 Church Street, Plymouth
Details: New Beginnings, support group for divorced Catholics, holds its next monthly meeting which will include a talk by the Rev. Ben Luedtke. Participants also will meet in small group discussions, giving them the opportunity to discuss issues related to divorce and faith in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment...

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13 and 20
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: The church and L.J. Griffin Funeral Homes present "Grieving with Great Hope," a five-week grief support series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for people who are mourning the loss of a loved one...

Hope," a five-week grief support series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for people who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include the Rev. Bill Tindall as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry...



Rabbi Shmuley Boteach will speak Feb. 11 at The Berman Center for Performing Arts on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Detroit, in West Bloomfield.

LECTURE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11
Location: The Berman Center for Performing Arts, on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, columnist and author of "The Fed-up Man of Faith," argues against Rabbi Harold-Kushner's best-selling "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People" and boldly guides listeners to the conclusion that challenging God and his actions is not just a right but also a foremost obligation for human beings...

SOLANUS CASEY CENTER

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9
Location: Met Hotel, 5500 Crooks, Troy
Details: The Capuchin ministry will hold its ninth annual wine, dinner, and

auction featuring a cocktail hour with appetizers, a sit down dinner, exquisite wines from around the world along with a silent auction and live auction. Tickets are \$75 per person
Contact: www.SolanusCenter.org or (313) 579-2100, Ext. 153

Ongoing

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491
New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation
Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200, or www.livoniast-michael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

CLOTHING BANK

Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1

p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPNext. Both programs run September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children. Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPNext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
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**Walker-Wilson**

Emily A Walker and Daniel C. Wilson announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Margie Wallace and Frank Walker of Flushing, attended Ferris State University. She is employed as a cardiovascular RN at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of Steve and Pat Wilson of Livonia, attended Ferris State University and is employed as a cardio-thoracic critical care RN at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital.



The couple plans to honeymoon in Mexico after an August 2013 wedding in Grand Blanc.

**Milestones**

**Guetschow-Spitzley**

Lauren Guetschow and Michael Spitzley announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Gary and Marcia Guetschow of Brighton.

Her fiancé is the son of Michael and Mary Spitzley of Canton.

They plan a January 2014 wedding in Detroit.



**STUDY: FLU VACCINE SAFE FOR KIDS WITH EGG ALLERGY**

Children who are allergic to eggs, including those with a history of anaphylaxis to egg, can safely receive a single dose of the seasonal influenza vaccine, according to a new study from the University of Michigan.

Historically, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended that children with egg allergies not take a seasonal influenza vaccine. Recent research conducted at the University of Michigan and elsewhere, helped modify this recommendation in 2011 so that caution was warranted for only those with severe egg allergy.

The new study, published in the *Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology*, is good news for children who have severe egg allergies. In the study, none of the children with severe egg allergies developed an allergic reaction after receiving the vaccine, said Dr. Matthew Greenhawt, M.D., lead author of the study and assistant professor of allergy and immunology at the University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

"The flu vaccine is grown in embryonated chicken eggs and contains residual amounts of ovalbumin, a major egg allergen. This has historically raised concern about the safety of the vaccine in children with egg allergies," Greenhawt said.

"But this study shows these children, all of whom either had anaphylaxis or a severe allergic reaction from egg, can tolerate the vaccine. That's important because we know it's crucial that children get a vaccine to avoid the flu, especially this year as we've seen such an increase in cases and severity. The benefits outweigh the risks."

Influenza A is responsible for 21,156 annual hospitalizations of children, 4 and younger. The CDC reports that influenza activity right now is high and widespread across the nation. Thirty states and New York City were reporting high activity during the week of Jan. 6. As of Jan. 12, the total number of influenza-associated pediatric deaths was 29 for 2012-13. As many as one-third of children with a food allergy have asthma, and this group is particularly susceptible to influenza.

The American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology this month announced that administration of the flu vaccine is safe even in children with a history of a severe allergic reaction to eggs. In its recommendation, the College cited the U-M study.

Egg allergy is one of the most common food allergies in children, but by age 16 about 70 percent outgrow the allergy.

The study showed that a single dose is safe, making it unnecessary to administer the dose in two steps, which was a technique used in the past to minimize the risk of allergic reactions.

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Services were held by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. [santeiufuneralhome.com](http://santeiufuneralhome.com)



**GILLIS, JOHN PATRICK**

Age 94, of Livonia, passed away peacefully at Angela Hospice, surrounded by family on January 23, 2013. Gillis moved to Livonia in 1950 and established Gillis Electric, Inc. with his wife, Margaret, who predeceased him in 2003. Together John and Margaret raised a family of seven children: Patricia, Louise, Daniel (Laura), Laura (Nathan Butler), Marian, James, and Andrew (Marlene). John had 15 grandchildren. John's four sisters and three brothers preceded him in death. John Patrick was born in New Victoria on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia on St. Patrick's Day, 1918, the seventh child of Daniel Gillis (b. 1866) and Mary Ann (MacDonald). John lost his parents at a young age. At age 8, John moved to the farm of cousin Neil J. Gillis and his sister Kate in Grand Mira. Neil later married Annie MacArthur. Neil and Annie's children became a second family for John. After a brief stint as a coal miner, John joined the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), eventually serving as a lieutenant. During WWII John survived several plane crashes while performing reconnaissance and supply drops in Europe. He was picked up by fishermen in the North Atlantic and Dutch farmers in Holland. John met his wife of 57 years, Margaret Redmond, in 1942, when he came to visit his sister Helen Beaton in Detroit. Margaret's family had migrated from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia when she was a small child. John and Margaret married in 1946. As president and founder of Gillis Electric, John helped to provide a good living for hundreds. John and Margaret began the business in the basement of the family home in 1955, and Gillis Electric has operated an office and warehouse on Schoolcraft Road in Livonia since 1971. John also served as vice-president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, and treasurer of the Thomas Edison Club. John and Margaret were active at St. Maurice Parish in Livonia, and St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center in Detroit. John served as St. Maurice's retreat captain for St. Paul's for many years, and he attended retreats there for over 30 years. John learned to speak Scottish Gaelic when he moved to Grand Mira as a child. He had a deep knowledge of, and devotion to the history and Celtic culture of Cape Breton Island; he visited there every summer. He especially appreciated Cape Breton's unique music; it gave him much comfort in his last days. His love is a never ending circle. All our love "Beannachd Leibh". Visitation will take place at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile Road, East of Levan Road in Livonia, on Monday, January 28th, 4-9 PM, Tuesday, January 29th, 2-9 PM. A scripture service will take place on Tuesday at 7 PM. Funeral Services will take place at St Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft Detroit, MI 48223, Wednesday January 30th. The body will be in state at 9:30AM, and Mass will be celebrated at 10:30AM.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Angela Hospice [www.angelahospice.org/donate](http://www.angelahospice.org/donate), or St Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center [www.stpaulretreat.org/giving](http://www.stpaulretreat.org/giving) Please share memories at [fredwoodfuneralhome.com](http://fredwoodfuneralhome.com)



**JONES, BARBARA ANN**

Age 73, January 18, 2013. Beloved wife of Earl for 55 years. Loving mother of Judy (Ric) Kargel, Gary, Shirley (Charlie) Walker, Cathy (Dave) Glenn, Becky Morgan and Randy (Laurie). Dear grandmother of Julie (Joe), Tony, Stephen, Ricky and the late Chris. Loving great-grandmother of Shane and Joey. Dear sister of Mike (Debbie) Bush and Jon (Jayne) Bush. She will be dearly missed by her nieces and nephews, family, friends and all of Garden City. Funeral services were held at the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)



**PIERCE, MALCOLM GENE "MAC"**

Age 82, January 16, 2013. Mac was an only child of parents Cyrus E. Pierce and Helen Millard Pierce, both teachers. Father was also principal for many years at various schools. The family moved from Mason, Michigan to Plymouth, Michigan when Mac was 16 years old. Mac excelled in a number of sports and other activities during his school years and beyond. He graduated from Ypsilanti Normal Teachers College, presently Eastern Michigan University, where he was a member of the men's basketball team and Zeta Chi Sigma Fraternity. He earned his Masters and Elementary Education credentials from the University of Michigan. There he met his wife to be Marilyn "Lynn", Nursing school student. One of Mac's all time greatest joys has been his many years teaching fifth graders at Bird Elementary School in Plymouth. Mac is survived by wife Lynn, four children and eleven grandchildren. Daniel with daughter Lyndse. David with daughters Amanda, Kari, Riley, McKenna. Joseph with wife Nancy and sons Brett and Craig. Susan and husband Chris with children Mark, Samantha, Emily and Hallie Jo. Visitation at 10:00 am followed by 11:00 am Celebration of Life at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Luncheon to immediately follow. The salvation Army, located at 9451 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, was a long time favorite of Mac. Should friends wish to make a contribution, materials will be available.



**WHITE, HELEN E.**

Age 87, of Prudenville passed away on Sun. Jan. 20, 2013 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor with her family by her side. Helen was born on Nov. 15, 1925 in Detroit, MI; to Constantine & Mary (Telesou) Johns. Helen married her loving husband of 60 years Harry S. White on Oct. 6, 1946 in Detroit. The couple moved to Prudenville in 1979 from Livonia. Helen enjoyed spending time at the Houghton Lake Senior Center with "The Ladies". Helen is survived by her daughter, Kimberley (Jim) Barefield of Colorado, daughter, Michele (Keith) Helfrich of Novi, four grandchildren Jessica, Charlotte, Natalie, Brittany, four great grandchildren, and daughter-in-law Lisa White. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Harry S. White in 2006, son, Michael in 1995, son, Philip in 1999, sister, Elsie, sister, Florence and a brother, George. Visitation is scheduled at Christler Funeral Home-Prudenville Chapel on Sat. Jan. 26, 2013 at 11 am until the time of the service. The funeral will take place on Sat. Jan. 26, 2013 at 1 PM. Father Joe Muszkiewicz will conduct the service. Burial will take place in Denton Township Cemetery in the spring. You may express your condolences to the family at [www.christler-holdship.com](http://www.christler-holdship.com) Christler Funeral Home-Prudenville Chapel is handling the arrangements.

In Memoriam



**MEYERAND, ROBERT (BOB)**

9-24-1947 to 01-30-2009  
Four years ago you passed away, yet it seems like yesterday that as I held your hand God wrapped his loving arms around you and took you home. My heart aches, you were my best friend, my soul mate and my eternal love. I miss your smiles that warmed me and your hugs that always said "I love You". There is an emptiness in our family and our lives will never be the same. We miss your incredible laughter, your smile, sense of humor and your unconditional love. These memories will always be in our hearts; your our Hero, we love and miss you. As long as I live, you will live. As long as I live, you will be remembered. As long as I live, you will be loved.  
Your beloved wife, Bonnie, our children, grandchildren and family.

**SWAIN, ROBERT MICHAEL**

May 30, 1985 to January 19, 2013. Robert was a great guy and a great friend but most of all he was a beloved son to Mary, grandson to Virginia, brother to Kayla, nephew to Annie, Eileen, Carol and Bruce; and cousin to Rebecca, Raymond, Bruce Jr., and Breanna. He will be missed but never forgotten.



**WILLIAMS, MARY SUE**

January 23, 2013, age 71. Beloved wife of John. Dear mother of Michael, Daniel (Elizabeth) and Timothy (Michelle). Grandmother of Ian and Lila. Sister of the late J. Michael Nalley. Visitation Sunday, 2 pm until 9 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Rosary Service 7 pm. Visitation will continue on Monday 10 am until time of the Funeral Mass at 10:30 am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial (at Beck) Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154. Share your memories at: [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)



**LITVINA, ALBENA**

Age 95. Devoted wife of the late Albert. Beloved mother of Charles (Shirley). Loving Grandmother of Christopher and Gregory. Sister of the late John Staniones and Aunt to Carol Daniels. Visitation Thursday, 5 pm to 8 pm and Friday 1 pm to 8 pm with the funeral service Saturday at 12 Noon at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btw 6 & 7 Mile) in Redford. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery.



**LOUGH, DOROTHY "DOT"**

71 years, died peacefully in her home. She is survived by her loving husband Edward of 55 years of marriage, her daughter Laurie (Tony), son Daniel (Suzzy) and four grandchildren, Jacqueline, Troy, Rebecca and Jacob. Memorial visitation Friday 10am until time of service 12pm at McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to: Kalkaska County Animal Shelter, 605 N. Birch Street, Kalkaska, MI 49646 [www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)



**PANKAS, CAROL J.**

70, of Farmington Hills, January 21, 2013. A longtime member of Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star and Job's Daughters. Carol was survived by James, her beloved husband of 40 years; her loving children, Eric Ross, Amy Allen and Deanna Pankas; cherished grandchildren, Linda (Christis), Rachael, Nicholas, Shelby and her great-granddaughter, Kaylynn; her devoted mother, Carmen Ybarra, and sister, Belinda Vada Tsolis (James). She was also survived by many other loving family members. Memorial Service Monday, Jan. 28th, 11:00am (gathering 10:30am) at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Memorial gifts suggested to Nardin Park United Methodist Church. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). [www.heeneey-sundquist.com](http://www.heeneey-sundquist.com)



**FOSTER, ROBERT "BOB" J.**

Age 94, a resident of Bloomfield Hills for almost 50 years, died January 19, 2013 at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital in Pontiac. He was born October 29, 1918 in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Franklin and Marjorie Foster. Mr. Foster was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran who served in the South Pacific. He was the founder of Foster Machinery Sales in Madison Heights, Michigan. Mr. Foster was a Board Member for the Christian Businessman Association, Board of Regents with Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, Board Member with Detroit Bible College and Board Member of Camp Michawana in Hastings, Michigan. He was a Financier of the Camp Michawana Chapel. He was a major donor to the Salvation Army, where an arts building is being erected at Echo Park. They are currently building a new surgical wing in Honduras at Hospital Bautista. This hospital which services the poor for \$1.00- \$2.00 day, also received the gift of a chapel and a previously constructed surgical wing. 18 teams of surgeons are expected in 2013. He's financed all of his children and grandchildren's education through college, as well as provided 32 college scholarships to Detroit Bible College and William Tyndale College. He also sponsored 32 Korean orphans to adulthood. He is survived by his wife Mary Elizabeth "Betty", whom he married on March 16, 1941, his children, Cynthia Lynne (Gary) Simpson, Craig (Beth Ann) Foster, Julie Grace Foster, his foster son Dr. Doo Yung (Eun Yung) Kwun, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is predeceased by his daughter Cheryl Lee Bullard. Services were held at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills. Inurnment will take place at Kirk in the Hills, Salvation Army or Samaritans Purse in Boone, North Carolina are appreciated. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak.

Share your memories at [sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://sullivanfuneraldirectors.com) "In every accomplishment, he gave God the glory".

**WINCE, JOE**

Age 81, January 22, 2013. Beloved husband of Lily for 58 years. Loving father of Daniel, Veronica Ostaszewski, Anne (Ronald) Bolda, Joanne (Marty) Pfaff and the late Marie and Lawrence. Grandfather and great-grandfather of 11. Also survived by many nieces & nephews. Visitation Sunday 3-8pm with an evening Rosary at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City (Between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). In state Monday 9:30am until 10am Mass at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman Road, 2 blocks north of Ford Rd.). [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)



## Be sure to put safety first: Avoid frostbite with these tips

Frostbite is a serious tissue-destroying disorder that is easier avoided than treated.

"When you're out in the cold, your body works hard to stay warm by altering blood flow toward your heart and lungs," says Dr. Jodie Sengstock, MPMA immediate past president of the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA). "This leaves your extremities — arms, legs and feet — vulnerable to cold injury, especially toes and fingers."

Depending on the severity of the exposure, frostbite can affect the skin or underlying tissue. In most cases the area becomes numb and feels frozen. Skin will appear waxy, white or grayish. Any exposure should be evaluated and treated by a physician.

If you must go out in bitter cold, be prepared.

- Dress in light, loose, layered clothing for ventilation and insulation. Water-repellent fabric is a good overlay.

- Make sure that your head, hands and feet are properly covered. Mittens are warmer than gloves, and two pair of socks (wool over lightweight cotton) will help keep your feet warm.

- Avoid alcohol, caffeine and nicotine prior to, and while, you are outside. They leave the skin more prone to thermal injury.

- If you get wet, remove wet clothing as



quickly as possible and get to a warm location.

- Check yourself every half-hour or so for signs of frostbite. If your toes, fingers, ears or other body parts feel numb, get inside.

- If you believe you have frostbite, there are some things you can do right away. However, medical assistance should still be sought as soon as possible.

- Again, remove wet clothing as quickly as possible and get to a warm location. Do not expose the area to cold again.

- Avoid rubbing the area and warming by dry heat such as a fire, radiator or heating pad.

The affected area is numb and is vulnerable to burns.

- Soak the affected area in warm water for 30-45 minutes. This may cause pain, swelling and the skin's color may change. Keep in the water until the area feels warm and felling returns.

- Warm up the rest of the body by drinking a warm drink or broth.

- If blisters appear do not open them. Cover with a clean cloth and seek medical attention.
- Do not walk on frost-bitten feet. Keeping the foot elevated will also help.

For more information visit [www.mpma.org](http://www.mpma.org).

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### January

#### YOGA CLASSES

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer beginning and intermediate Hatha Yoga classes 5:15-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, beginning Jan. 29 in Classrooms 1 and 2, at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan. Classes run through March 5. The hospital also will offer Therapeutic Yoga 5:15-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Jan. 30, in Classrooms 1 and 2. Hatha Yoga increases flexibility, energy level and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting. Meditation and breathing techniques included. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring a firm blanket or sticky mat and bottled water. They should refrain from eating at least two hours before class. Therapeutic Yoga blends restorative yoga (supported postures), and gentle yoga, with chair and floor poses. This class is for those who may need something gentle yet effective for bringing the body into balance and reducing stress. Meditation and breathing techniques are included. Registration is required. Each class is \$45 for the six-week session. Space is limited. To register, call (734) 655-1162 or register online at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes and events."

### February

#### CELIAC

The next Tri County Celiac Support Group (TCCSG) meeting is 7 p.m., Feb. 4, at First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Thomas Alexander will talk about "Celiac Disease, Fatigue, and Hypoadrenalism." For more information about the group contact Marge Orlando, president, at [maorlando39@gmail.com](mailto:maorlando39@gmail.com) or (586) 751-8592. The group's new website is [www.tccsg.net](http://www.tccsg.net).

#### JOINT REPLACEMENT

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars with orthopedic surgeons and expert staff who will answer your questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures, and available implant options. Upcoming sessions are 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29 with David Mendelson, MD; and Wednesday, March 27 with Jeffrey Mendelson, MD. All meetings are held in Classroom 10 at the hospital, located on Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Register by calling (734) 655-2345.

#### LADIES' NIGHT OUT

The event, hosted by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will feature a presentation focusing on women's cardiovascular health, Thursday, Feb. 21, in the hospital's South Auditorium. "Know Your Numbers" screenings — blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index — as well as massages will be offered from 4-6:45 p.m., and Dr. Delair Gardi, M.D., a St. Mary

Mercy cardiologist, will speak from 7-8:30 p.m. Participants will learn about reducing their risk for heart disease, as well as heart conditions, including coronary artery disease, abnormal heart rhythm (arrhythmia), aortic valve disease, cardiomyopathy, aortic aneurysm, stroke and heart attack. Light refreshments, prizes and community vendors will be provided. Registration for this event is required. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 to register. Or register online at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes and events."

#### MICHIGAN BARIATRIC INSTITUTE

The Institute offers free monthly educational seminars, from 6-7:30 p.m. about Bariatric weight loss surgery. Tallal Zeni, MD, director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, and Jacob Roberts, DO, bariatric surgeon, will lead the sessions on Thursday Feb. 7, and March 14 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, North Auditorium, located on the hospital campus at Levan and Five Mile, Livonia. The Michigan Bariatric Institute offers three options for Bariatric weight loss surgery, including laparoscopic gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy and adjustable gastric banding. Bariatric surgery is a minimal surgical approach to treating obesity and is performed laparoscopically, resulting in minimal pain, less scarring, shorter hospitalization and recovery time. For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) 949-9344, located at 14555 Levan Road, Suite 311, Marian Professional Building, Livonia.

#### SLEEP HEALTH

John Colasanti, DDS, will discuss options for snoring, obstructive sleep apnea and oral dental sleep appliance treatment from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan. Participants will discover the latest in medical equipment; masks and supplies for sleep disorders, such as CPAP technology. Those who currently have a CPAP machine, may bring it to the session for a free pressure accuracy check. This "Stay Awake" series presentation is offered by the Sleep Disorders Center. Refreshments and a drawing for movie tickets will be offered. The presentation is free, but registration is required. Call (734) 655-4640 for more information, or to register. Register online at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes & events."

#### THYROID CANCER SUPPORT

Thyroid Cancer Support meets monthly and is free and open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their families and friends. The group's next meeting is 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 1641 Charlevoix Dr., Troy. For more information call Gwynne at (248) 515-0348. Visit the group's website at [Thyca.org](http://Thyca.org).

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Sunday, January 27, 2013

## In Case of Emergency... The Cold Hard Facts of Winter Safety

### Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Gardner  
Emergency Care

In addition to cases of the flu, emergency rooms across Michigan are experiencing a rise in specific winter-related accidents. This week, Dr. Tressa Gardner, an expert in emergency care at Garden City Hospital, addresses two of the more common winter safety problems.

**Q:** Every winter I hear so much about "slip & fall" accidents. What can I do to stay safe and avoid a fall?

**A:** The first thing to remember is that anyone can be injured from a slip and fall accident, not just the elderly. This time of year, ice is the number one cause of slipping-related injuries, but in the ER, we also see a number of people who have fallen from ladders or rooftops while taking down holiday decorations. We also treat babies and children for an array of injuries due to falling.

Here is my safety checklist to reduce your risk:

- Wear good shoes that have proper tread.
- Watch out. Be aware of your surroundings and avoid walking into dangerous areas.
- Get your vision checked. If you wear glasses, don't leave home without them.
- Have your hearing checked regularly. Hearing plays an important part in balance and space perception.
- Review medications with your doctor to see if they cause balance problems.
- Pay extra attention to your children's activities. Kids are not as accustomed to navigating snow and ice. Also, new large climbing toys can pose a fall hazard.
- Never leave babies unattended on furniture including beds, tables, chairs, and sofas, as well as cribs and changing tables with unsecured guardrails.

Finally, in the event that you or a family member do slip or fall, play it safe. Check for bruising, swelling or pain. If there is any question about the severity of the injury, go to the nearest emergency room. If a head injury occurs due to a fall, go directly to the ER or call 9-1-1.

**Q:** My 60 year old father refuses to hire someone to shovel his snow or even buy a snow blower. I am worried he is overexerting himself and putting himself at risk. Is there anything you can suggest?

**A:** Snow shoveling is a very vigorous physical activity, and while it may be good exercise, it can also be dangerous. As with any introduction to physical activity, preparation is important. Individuals over the age of 40, or those who are relatively inactive, should be especially careful and consider getting a physical or consulting with their physician at the start of the season. If you have a history of heart trouble, do not shovel without getting approval from your physician.

Taking it slow and pacing yourself are also important to remember. Shoveling can raise your heart rate and blood pressure dramatically. Be sure to stretch out and warm up before taking on the task. Don't pick up too much at once and make sure to lift with your legs and not your back. Keep your back straight. By bending and "sitting" into the movement, you'll keep your spine upright and less stressed. And never shovel while smoking.

Do not work to the point of exhaustion. If you run out of breath, take a break. If you feel tightness in your chest, stop immediately. Dress warmly and in layers. Remember that extremities, such as the nose, ears, hands and feet, need extra attention during winter's cold.

To read more from the GCH Health Experts on a variety of important health issues, visit [GCH.org](http://GCH.org) and click the Healthy Generations icon.

Do you have a health or medical question for the GCH Health Experts? Call 877.717.WELL.

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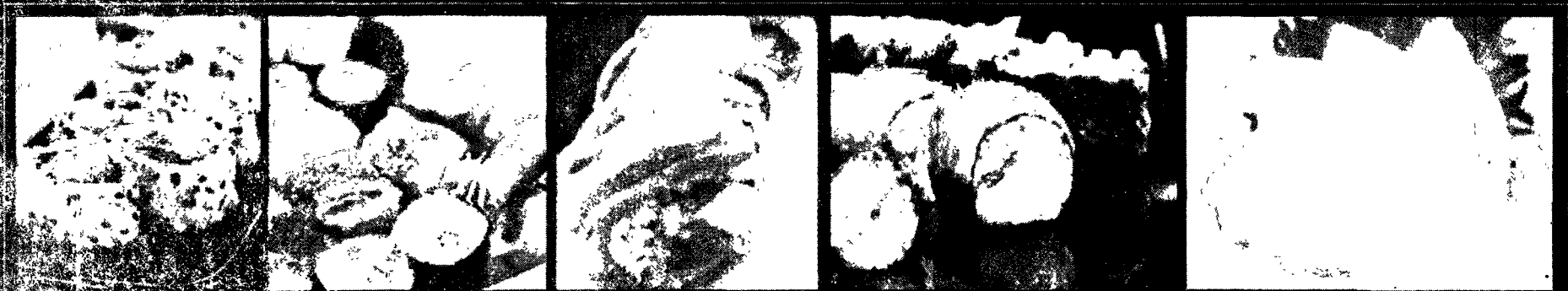
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