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## Bee-bound

Eighth-grader Katelynn Toloday is moving on to the regional spelling bee in Detroit after outspelling the competition at St. Damian Catholic School. The spelling bee was held Jan. 29 for fifth-through eighth-graders at the school. By winning the bee, Katelynn has earned a return trip to the regional spelling bee that will be held March 2 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. She also won the school bee in 2011. Forty-two school winners will be competing for a chance to attend the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., May 26 through June 1. Placing second in the school bee was seventh-grader Jacob Slevin, while there was a tie for third place between seventh-grader Kevin Pham and sixth-grader Maria Tran.

## Dinner time

The Wayne Masonic Lodge is holding an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner 4-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at the lodge, 37137 Palmer, between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland. The dinner costs \$6 for adults and less for children. It includes salad and dessert. Proceeds will help fund food baskets for the needy in the community.

## Lenten Fish Fry

First United Methodist Church of Wayne is holding a fish fry 4:30-7 p.m. starting Friday, Feb. 15, through Friday, March 22. Dinners include 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.

# Repair costs force early purchase of new fire truck

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Rather than put money into trying to repair a fire truck that was due to be replaced soon, the Wayne-Westland Fire Department will be getting a new vehicle.

"The only reason we bumped up the purchase before the

new budget started (on July 1) was that it was going to cost us \$20,000 to \$40,000 to diagnose the problem with the pump," said Fire Chief Michael Reddy. "That was too much money to spend on a vehicle that was going to be used as a backup (once the new truck was purchased)."

The Westland council approved purchasing the new pumper fire

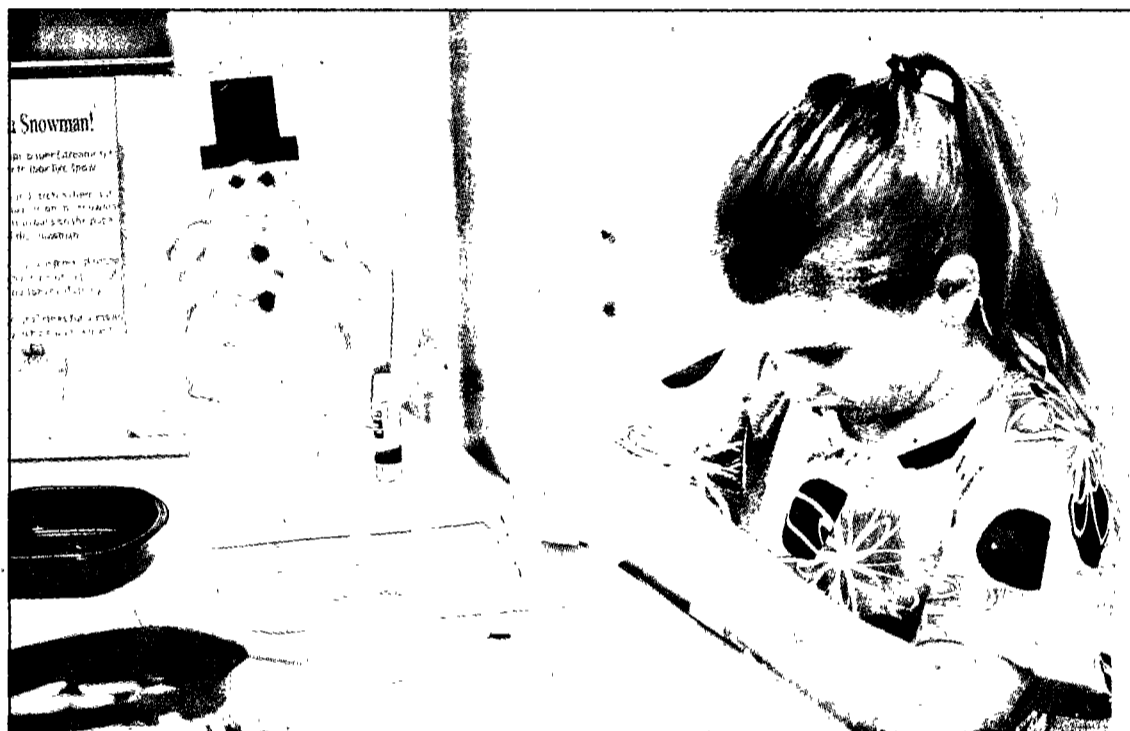
truck for \$345,618 from Sutphen. It wasn't the lowest bid but actually the third lowest bid coming in about \$800 over the No. 2 bidder.

The low bid was for a fire truck that had been used as a demonstration model and that wasn't recommended. "You can have a lot of miles on a demo model and a lot of wear and

tear," said Reddy.

The problem with the number two bid was that the fire truck wouldn't be delivered for at least 270 days. The concern with that delay in deliver was that it would require repairs on the existing truck to keep it in service. Due a 10-foot header in the

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Aliyah Leight of Garden City makes a cotton snowman as part of Take Your Child to the Library Saturday at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.

# Westland library joins national kids day event

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

It's not the time of year you'd expect to see bunnies, but there were plenty of them at the William P. Faust Public Library Saturday as youngsters and their parents celebrated Take Your Child to the Library Day.

This is the first year the Westland library participated in the event, held on the first Saturday in February.

"Oh, my God, we had so much fun," said Cari Fry, the children's associate who organized the event. "We had almost 200 bunny hunters who came and visited and helped search for bunnies in the children's department."

This is the second year that Take Your Child to the Library Day has been held. It was organized in 2012 by several librarians in Connecticut to offer something for children to do when it's cold. Libraries in more than 34 states and Germany sign on to the celebration this year.

"This is our first time doing



Children's Librarian Claire Mueller hands out prizes to Chloe Nelson of Westland and her sister Emma.

this," said Fry. "I think we were one of a few libraries in Michigan who did this year, but I think it'll catch on."

The theme for the day was bunnies and centered around

artwork for Take Your Child to the Library Day, provided by children's author/illustrator Nancy Elizabeth Wallace, who

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# Compromise reached on water, sewer rates

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Westland residents will likely see a 4.4 percent water rate increase but most won't get the full impact of fixed rate cost hikes from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

But thanks to a compromise reached among council members, residential water customers would see a \$2.50 increase in the fixed rate cost added to their water bills, rather than the \$5 per bill hike coming from DWSD. That would take the fixed charge to \$27 on water bills which are sent out every two months.

Commercial and industrial would see an increase in the fixed rate cost with a switch to assessing the charge based on meter size, rather than the flat fee.

Some council members had supported the recommendation of Mayor William Wild which wouldn't have passed any fixed rate charge to residents. That option did include the new formula charging nonresidential customers higher fixed rate charges. The 4.4 percent water rate increase — an unusually low increase that is not likely to be repeated — was included in the mayor's recommended option.

Supporting passing along the full fixed charge to residents, along with using the meter size for charging businesses, was Council President James Godbout, noting the need to fund water-sewer infrastructure projects. By not passing along all of the increases, he said the increase would higher next year.

"You know I'm kind of bashful and shy but I'll remind you people next year when the rates go up that we're getting a big hit because we didn't pass it along now," said Godbout. "You can pay me now or pay me later."

Supporting the compromise of a half increase in the fixed costs for

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# Westland man gets probation in sexual assault incident

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A Westland man has been sentenced to five years probation after pleading guilty to a charge of sexually molesting an 11-year-old autistic girl.

Joseph Petrini, 27, entered a guilty plea to one charged of second-degree criminal sexual conduct involving someone under 13 years. A second charge, also second-degree criminal sexu-

al conduct, was dismissed when the plea was entered Jan. 31 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

In addition to five years probation, Petrini was ordered to do 100 hours of community service and credited with 39 days he served in the Wayne County Jail.

The girl's mother had contacted police to report the July 26, 2012, incident which occurred in the Westland apartment Petrini shared with his wife and two

young children.

The mother told police that she had become acquainted with Petrini and his wife earlier in the year while attending community college. Since then, the mother said the families had visited each other's home several times.

On the date of the incident, the mother said she had dropped her daughter off at the Petrini apartment for a visit.

Following the visit, the girl talked to her mother about what

had happened, leading the mother to call police. The girl told police she had gone to bed in Petrini's bedroom about midnight. The girl reported that Petrini got into bed with her while fully clothed, pressed against her, then began kissing and fondling her, having pulled down her pants.

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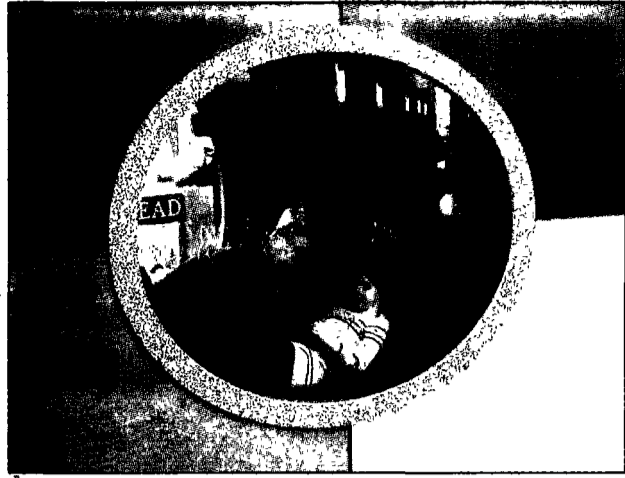
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Grandmother Colleen Dittmar of Westland spends some special reading time with Emma Dittmar during Take Your Kids to the Library Saturday.

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created the logo for the event.

At the Faust Library, youngsters played trivia games, made book marks, 3-D snowmen and bunny ear headbands and enjoyed the family movie, *Hotel Transylvania*. Fry estimates that 100 children did crafts, and the movie had a crowd of more than 80 people.

She also organized raffles, including the always-popular guessing jar in which youngsters

had to guess how many pieces of candy were in it.

"When I give it away, I always tell them it comes with a toothbrush," said Fry. "I tell them they have to brush after they have some candy and that the library isn't responsible for any cavities."

Fry said the event will definitely become an annual thing at the Westland library.

"It was a huge success," she said. "Watch for it again next year."

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**City engineer says water, sewer infrastructure needs a lot of work**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Westland's water and sewer infrastructure is old and needs a lot of work — a point driven home by a report from the city engineers, OHM.

Before voting how much to increase water-sewer rates, council members received a water and sewer Capital Improvement Plan outlining the work that needs to be done on the system.

Westland has approximately 286 miles of sanitary sewer and 340 miles of water main which equates to over \$330 million in infrastructure. It's recommended that new systems have a 1 percent capital improvement expenditure annually.

The CIP shows scenarios for \$1 million, \$1.4 mil-

lion and \$1.8 million per year based on different rate/fixed cost scenarios. However, OHM notes that the Westland would likely need to spend more in the range of \$3-4 million annually to keep the utilities in the current condition moving forward.

The water infrastructure is old and experiencing numerous breaks — 45 in December 2012 alone with a \$315,000 price tag for repairs.

The city also has a 20 percent water loss — water that isn't billed to specific customers and has to be paid for by the water fund. A 10 percent water loss is the highest amount considered acceptable.

OHM notes the city needs to start replacing water meters in 2015 and continue the process over

10 years. Some of the city's water loss is attributed to meter inaccuracies.

Among the recommended immediate priorities for the water system included the Department of Environmental Quality mandated reliability study; Pressure Reducing Valves to help avoid breaks; replacing the worst/oldest water main to reduce breaks; and beginning the water meter replacement program which will increase revenues to the water fund.

Similarly, the city sewer system is also old and needs improvements. Additionally, OHM notes flooding lawsuits have cost Westland major money and that will likely continue to do so in the future, if changes aren't made.

Westland is part of an administrative consent order under which Wayne County meters sewer flow. The city will likely be part of a regional project — a large tunnel to hold excess sewage — which will cost the city less, if flow can be reduced through lining, pipe and manhole repair and footing drain removals.

Recommended projects for the next several years include upgrades to the 50-year old Inkster pump station; replacement/relining and manhole rehabilitation projects; leveraging grant funding to perform sewer cleaning/television inspections; and footing drain disconnects.

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residents, Councilman Bill Johnson said residents have been hit pretty hard by rate increases.

"Detroit and Wayne County are out of control. If we can give people a little relief, I'm for it," he said.

Noting there might

have to be another local rate adjustment once Wayne County sets sewer rates, Councilman Dewey Reeves had initially supported passing along the full fixed rate charge.

"I was thinking from a proactive rather than a reactive mode," said Reeves, who had talked with other council members about the options before deciding to support the partial fixed rate

charge. "It's a compromise. I understand that. I'm willing to do that to build consensus."

Water and sewer cost residents more each year, said resident Robert Froreich, but at some point major decisions will have to be made regarding the city's water-sewer infrastructure.

"There's not going to be an alternative. I'd rather

see it happen sooner than later. I'd like to keep it from being a huge problem in five years," Froreich said. "The infrastructure is old and it's going to get us."

The council is scheduled to vote on the water rate ordinance on Feb. 19.

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bay at Fire Station 2, where the pumper needing repairs is stationed, trucks from other stations can't be reassigned

since they are too tall, Reddy said.

In addition, the Sutphen vehicle is the same type purchased by Wayne in 2009. The Sutphen truck can be delivered no later than April.

"We did shave about \$150,000 from the price by buying it off the assembly line," said Red-

dy. The department will package the existing fire pumper with a couple of older rescue vehicles for sale.

"We will try to get as many dollars as we can. The engine isn't worth much with the pumper problems," said Reddy. Council President

James Godbout said that he was glad to see the Fire Department be proactive in replacing equipment and not putting money into repairing a vehicle that wasn't worth the investment.

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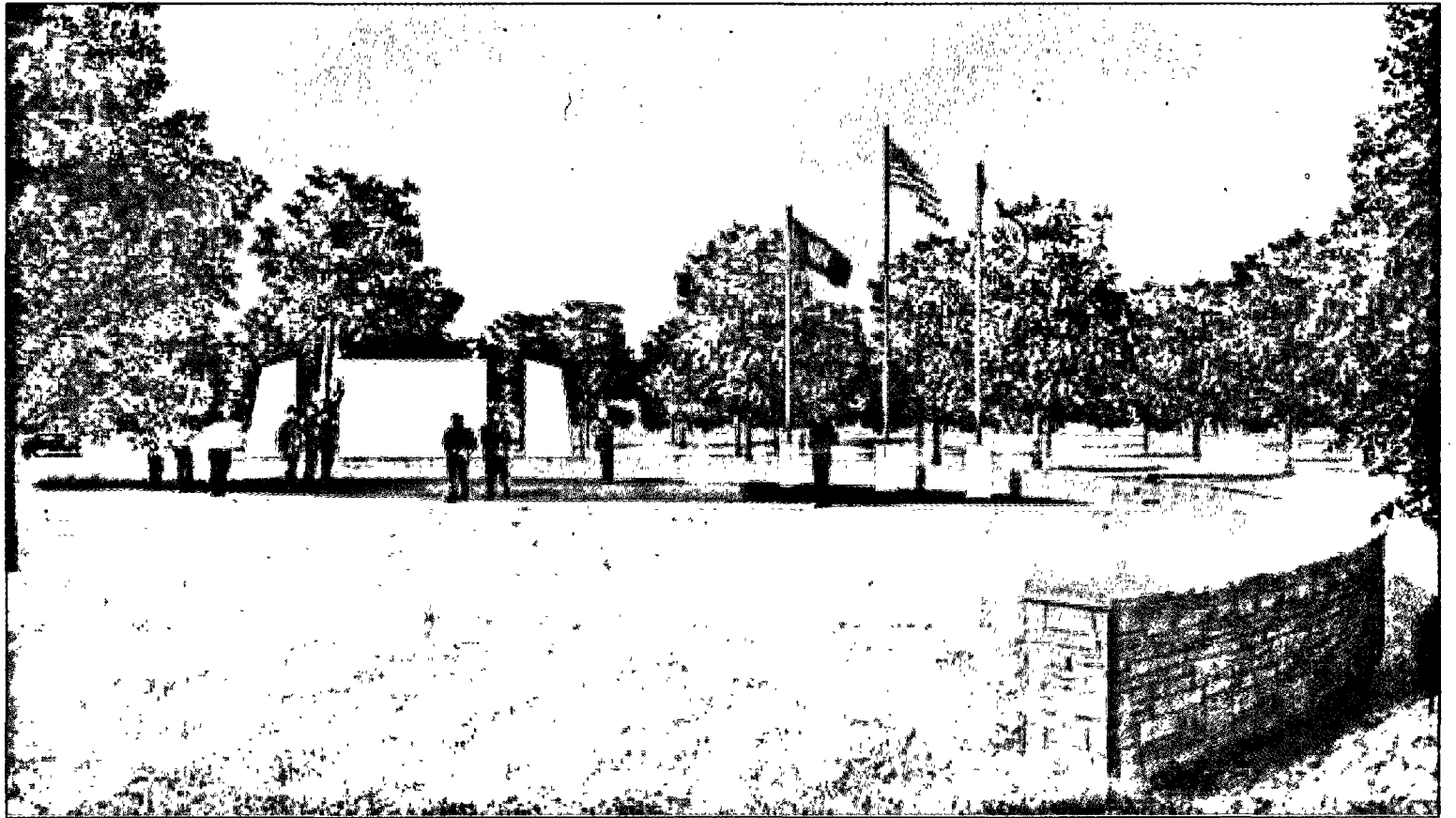
# Hines Park to get First Responders Memorial

Wayne County will honor its fallen fire/EMS and police officers with a new memorial that will be constructed in Hines Park in Plymouth Township.

"This memorial will stand as a beautiful tribute to honor and remember those brave men and women, whom, while on-duty for a Wayne County community, selflessly made the ultimate sacrifice to protect and serve us all," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

The First Responders Memorial will be located 1.5 acres of Hines Park at the corner of Hines Drive and Haggerty Road. Memorial elements include monuments, seat walls, concrete walkways, a paver plaza, parking, lighting, site furnishings and plantings. The monument will display names of responders who lost their lives in the line of duty and will provide the opportunity to honor fallen responders in the future. Construction will begin on May 1.

Ficano made the announcement at a breakfast he hosted Tuesday. The guests included Wayne County commissioners, mayors, fire/EMS officials and police chiefs as well as their union representatives. Current drawings of the First Responders Memorial were unveiled at the gathering, held at the Warren Valley Banquet Center in



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Dearborn Heights.

In addition to the memorial project, Wayne County Parks will be hosting its initial First Responders Memorial Half Marathon and 5K run on Saturday, Oct. 5. The run will take

place on the western end of Hines Park and will end at the new memorial. Wayne County Parks is partnering with Running Fit in producing the event. Registration will begin on March 1 and is open to the pub-

lic. Awards will be given to participants who win team challenges and competitions during the races. Half marathon finishers will receive medals.

Proceeds from the races will go toward the maintenance of

the First Responders Memorial. The memorial is being funded through the parks millage. The millage is a tax levy that helps to ensure quality maintenance and upkeep for the parks throughout Wayne County.

# Second man sentenced in theft of items from dead teen's car

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A second Detroit man has pleaded guilty to stealing items from a car driven by two murdered Westland teens.

But nearly six months after Jacob Kudla, 18, and Jourdan Bobbish, 17, were found shot in a field on Detroit's east side, no one has been charged in their deaths.

Larry Videz Anderson entered a guilty plea to a charge of larceny from a vehicle and tam-

pering with evidence. A third charge of obstruction of justice was dismissed.

Anderson is scheduled to be sentenced by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Daniel Hathaway on Feb. 22.

A second man, Casey Jason Green, 39, entered a guilty plea to the charges in September and was sentenced to one year in the Wayne County Jail, to be followed by three years probation.

"These men know more than they are saying, they are probably fearing for their lives," said

Virgie Kudla, mother of Jacob. "DPD (Detroit Police Department) Homicide has done a terrific job considering the amount of cases they have to handle. We are still in limbo, do not have any arrests made for the killers of my beloved son and his friend."

Anderson and Green were arrested the day after the teens were found dead on July 27 after having been missing for several days in July. They were charged with stealing the stereo from Kudla's 2001 Chevro-

let Cavalier, which police had found parked behind an apartment building in the 8500 block of Beechwood in Detroit.

Police also reported that Anderson and Green, who were arrested in an apartment in building on Beechwood, were also cleaning the car with bleach.

"These killers may still be on the streets, continuing to kill. They must be taken off the streets," said Kudla.

Jacob Kudla and Jourdan Bobbish disappeared after visit-

ing the home of Kudla's uncle in Detroit.

In December, Detroit police executed a search warrant at a home on Algonac — about a block away from the uncle's home.

Nothing official has been released about what happened to the teens. It is believed a drug transaction went wrong and resulted in the teens being shot execution-style.

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## Thieves target copper pipes in break-ins

### Copper stolen

A construction company employee told police Jan. 30 that he arrived to work on a bank-owned home in the 31000 block of Fairchild to find the rear sliding door wall had been forcibly removed. The copper piping had been stolen from the basement.

The employee told police he discovered some copper piping in a large bag that was placed in a trash can but that didn't account for the entire amount stolen.

A witness had reported seeing two men in a white van at the home on the previous day.

The owner of a duplex in the 34000 block of Decatur Court told police Jan. 30 that someone had broken in through a window and had stolen copper piping inside the connected units. The missing piping was valued at \$500.

Also on Jan. 30, a contractor told police that someone had stolen the copper piping from a home in the 31000 block of Avondale. He said the theft had happened some-

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time since Jan. 27 and a locked window had been pried open.

There was heavy damage to the ceiling tiles in the basement where the pipes had been removed.

Copper piping was also reported stolen from a duplex in the 2200 block of Bay Court on Jan. 28. The property manager reported the pipes stolen from both units.

A resident called police Jan. 30 after noticing a sliding glass door smashed and a garage door open at a vacant home in the 1400 block of South Venoy. Officers checking the house noted numerous pieces of copper piping missing from the basement ceiling and the hot water heater.

### Break-in

Police were called to the Westland Laundry, 34230 Glenwood, Jan. 30 when an employee reported someone had broken in through the front door and removed a vending machine from the wall.

The machine, which sold laundry supplies, was valued at \$500.

### Larceny

An air conditioning unit was reported stolen Jan. 30 from a home in the 1000 block of South Venoy. The property manager also reported a window broken.

### Larceny from a vehicle

On Jan. 30, a resident in the 33000 block of Merritt told police that someone had stolen \$200 cash and a GPS unit stolen from his unlocked car.

### Larceny

A Comcast employee told police Jan. 30 that a generator set up near a telephone pole in the 35000 block of Sheridan had been stolen over night.

### Larceny

An employee at Beulah Missionary Church, 5651 Middlebelt, told police Jan. 30 that someone had stolen the air conditioning unit valued at \$5,000.

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## Employee thwarts theft of welding equipment

### Attempted theft

Garden City police responded to an attempted larceny at Plymouth Wayne Welding, 5913 Middlebelt, about 11 a.m. Jan. 30.

Two suspects had left in an S10 pickup before the police arrived. The manager told police that the two suspects entered the building and separated. The employee asked the older suspect with a Southern accent what kind of machine he needed help with. While talking to this man, the employee looked up at the mirrored ceiling tiles and saw that the younger suspect was trying to move a piece of welding equipment in another part of the building.

The two men quickly fled the building but not before the employee wrote down their license plate number.

They drove north on Middlebelt in their pickup.

The police learned later that the 23-year-old owner of the vehicle was from Ypsilanti and had an outstanding warrant for larceny.

### Attempted break-in

Nothing was stolen after someone broke into Hollywood Sound, 30254 Ford, on Feb. 3.

The police said that the suspect used a brick to break a window into the building. A video showed a vehicle pull into the rear entrance lot in a 2003-2004 Ford

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Taurus. A loud alarm sound scared him off and the suspect drove off onto Henry Ruff and then to Beechwood.

### Break-in

A nearby business owner in the 33000 block of Ford called the owner of Pool Site, 33047 Ford, on Feb. 4 to tell him that he noticed his building door open. Some coins were found outside of the building.

The police report said that there was no forced entry, and the cash drawer was open. There was no indication how much money that was stolen.

A resident in the 28000 block of Cambridge reported that someone broke into his home by breaking a window sometime before 9:30 a.m. Jan. 30. The thief cut most of the copper plumbing in the basement and stole a newly purchased flat TV.

### Identity theft

A resident in the 32000 block of Leona reported Feb. 4 that someone in Arizona fraudulently used information from his W-2 form. He said that he never worked for this company, and that the form contained his Social Security number and showed that he made more than \$2,000.

### Property damage

A resident in the 7000

block of Helen reported Feb. 2 that someone damaged the driver's side door of his 2012 Chevy Impala when that person tried to pry open the door.

Entry wasn't made, and police saw no ignition damage.

### Suspended license

The Garden City police arrested a man at 1:30 a.m. Feb. 5 at Inkster Road and westbound Cherry Hill for driving on a suspended license in a rented 2012 Chrysler Town & Country.

The police officer noticed that the car matched the description of one Inkster police were seeking.

Garden City police arrested a Westland man on southbound Inkster Road at Warren Road about 10:30 p.m. Feb. 4 for driving his 2002 Dodge Intrepid on a suspended license.

They stopped the car because the temporary plate displayed in the left hand corner was unreadable. The car was impounded.

The police arrested an Inkster man about 5:30 a.m. Feb. 4 for driving with a suspended license at Inkster Road and Beechwood.

They stopped him for speeding. After they did so, they also found a half full can of Budweiser beer which he said that he drank while driving.

By Sue Buck



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# Westland Police get a new sergeant, officer

The Westland Police Department has a new officer following in the swearing in of Andrew Teschendorf Tuesday.

Teschendorf graduated from Western Michigan University in 2010, earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in sociology.

Before joining the Westland Police Department, he worked as a manager for the Total Sports complex in Wixom.

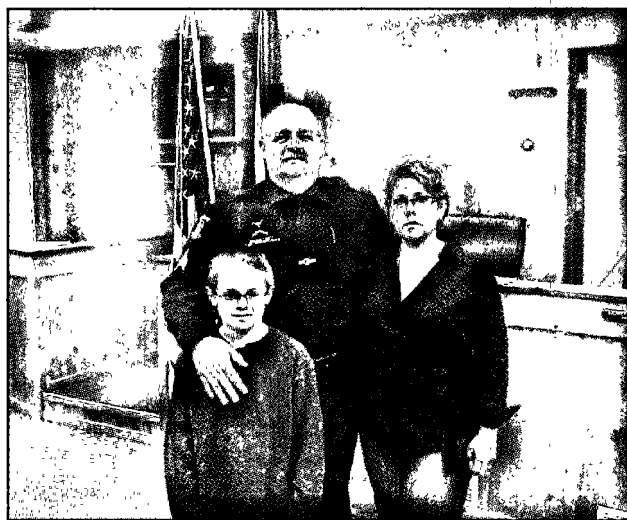
"It is an honor to welcome Officer Teschendorf to the Westland police force and I wish him a rewarding career serving and protecting the residents of our All American City," said Mayor William Wild.

His swearing-in follows the promotion of Harlan Epperson to the rank of sergeant on Jan. 30.

Epperson is a 15-year member of the police department. Prior to serving in Westland, he worked for nine years



Attending the swearing in were Westland City Council President James Godbout from left), Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik, Officer Andrew Teschendorf and Mayor William Wild.



Joining Harlan Epperson at his promotion to the rank of sergeant is his wife Jodi and son Dylan.

"I know with his many years of experience and the excellent leadership qualities he has demonstrated throughout his tenure, Sgt. Epperson will continue to serve the City of Westland and its residents with great pride and dedication in this new position," Wild said.

with the Detroit Police Department.

He is a member of the Westland Police Perimeter Rifle Team and Motor

Cycle Officers. He was also assigned to the Metro Street Enforcement Team, where he worked in an undercover capaci-

ty for three years.

Epperson is married. He and his wife Jodi have two children, daughter Casie and son Dylan.

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### Larceny from a vehicle

A Woodhaven man told police Jan. 29 that someone sawed the catalytic converter from his 2004 Chevrolet Cavalier while it was parked in the 33000 block of Sequoia.

• On Feb. 1, a resident in the 37000 block of Orchard told police that someone had stolen the catalytic converter from his 1998 Pontiac Grand Am.

• At about 10:30 p.m., a resident in the 30000 block of Joy told police that he looked out the front window and noticed the dome light was on in

his Dodge Ram pickup truck.

When he stepped outside, the man said he saw a younger male in the cab of his truck. He said he yelled, causing the suspect to run and fall in the middle of Joy. The resident continued to chase the suspect on foot but lost sight of him.

When the suspect fell, he dropped a GPS unit taken from the truck, the resident said. About \$9 in assorted bills were reported stolen from the unlocked truck.

### Larceny

A resident of the Hawthorne Club Apartments, 7560 N. Merriman, told police Jan. 31 that someone had stolen her purse from her vehicle. She

said she left the purse on the car seat while letting the vehicle warm. When she returned from throwing a bag of trash into the Dumpster, she said the purse was gone.

The woman said she confronted a neighbor whose vehicle was next to hers but the purse wasn't located after the neighbor allowed police to search her apartment and vehicle.

The woman later told police that she found an item from her purse at a party store on Merriman and Warren Road. She said \$140 in cash was in the purse along with credit cards and identification.

### Vandalism

A resident in the 29000 block of Hanover told

police Feb. 4 that he was awakened about 3:15 a.m. by the sound of glass breaking. He said the outer pane of double pane window had broken. There was no indication how the window had been broken.

### License plates stolen

A resident of an apartment at 33195 Warren Road told police Feb. 1 that someone had stolen the license plate from her 2001 Mercury Sable overnight.

• On Feb. 2, a resident of the Westland Colonial Village Apartments, 8181 N. Wayne Road, reported the license plate stolen from a 2006 Saturn Ion.

By LeAnne Rogers

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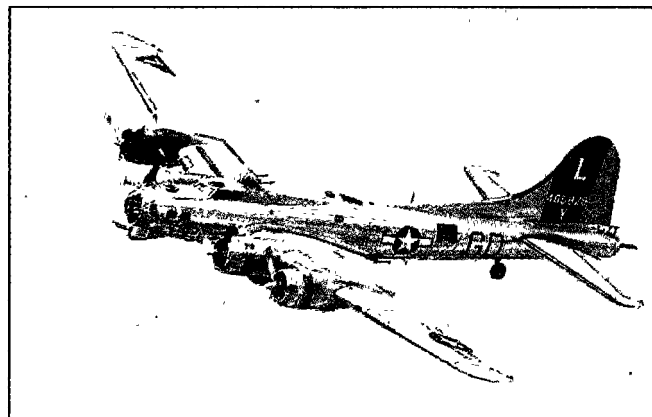
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# Shaping up

## Crew gets Yankee Lady ready for flying season



The pride of the Yankee Air Museum, the Yankee Lady, is one of nine of the World War II bombers still flying.

Like a champion prize-fighter, Yankee Lady, the meticulously restored Boeing B-17, spends the offseason strengthening and conditioning.

She has been in her hangar since late October, receiving attention from her handlers under the watchful eyes of Yankee Air Museum's B-17 Crew Chief Norm Ellickson and Chief Mechanic Paul Hakala. Together with teams of volunteer craftsmen and master mechanics they spend countless hours through these winter months to keep this Flying Fortress in top-flight shape.

Virtually every inch of the World War II four-engine heavy bomber is inspected and touched in preparation for the flying season beginning in April. There is a specific schedule for routine maintenance and overhauls, but this ground crew pours over the finest details to keep Yankee Lady in the award winning condition her fans have come to expect.

"Since the Yankee Air Force completed the nine-year restoration of this B-17 in 1995, we've clocked about 2,500 hours of flight time at an average speed of 150 mph," said Ellickson, a Milan resident. "That's about 375,000 miles, or nearly 15 times around the world, without any serious problems."

### Hangar 1

Ellickson explained that every autumn, after completing an FAA certified inspection and comprehensive maintenance list of more than 500 items, Yankee Lady is typically stored for the winter. This year, for the first time ever, the Yankee Air Museum has a full-time mechanic, and the plane is in the heated Hangar 1 at Willow Run.

"This is huge," said Ellickson. "A heated hangar and full-time mechanic means we can get at some projects we couldn't ordinarily do in winter. For example, we've been able to repaint the vertical stabilizer and wing tips, we're overhauling the main landing gear, replacing all brakes and much more."

Ellickson was among the original group of aviation enthusiasts who raised the \$250,000 to buy the aircraft in 1986. Originally built in 1945 by the Vega Division of Lockheed Aircraft (under license by Boeing), this "G" model B-17 was one of the last ever delivered to the U.S. Army Air Force. In fact, when the plane was delivered, World War II was drawing to a close, so it was never flown overseas. The combat strength of a B-17 is legendary, and Yankee Lady has always flown peacetime missions, contributing to her pristine condition.

"It's interesting to work on this plane, said Hakala, a Canton resident. "I'm impressed with the technology of the late 1930s and how much thought went into this craft. It's well built and should last many more years. One challenge I've found is finding replacements for damaged or worn parts. However, depending on the part, the museum's skilled craftsmen are able to repair or fabricate new ones."

Hakala should know. His interest in avia-



Yankee Air Museum B-17 Crew Chief Norm Ellickson spends many wintry mornings on the phone hunting up bomber parts and resources.



Yankee Lady Chief Mechanic Paul Hakala inspects the hydraulic lines within the landing gear housing.

tion dates back to when he was a teenager and obtained his private pilot's license. An Army veteran, he spent three years working on a variety of helicopters. Upon leaving the service he returned to school and earned his FAA Airframe and Powerplant License.

### Humbled by B-17

Hakala then went to work at Environmental Research Institute of Michigan. At ERIM, which was later acquired by General Dynamics, he maintained and flew as flight mechanic on a variety of aircraft used for research. His first was the De Havilland DHC-4A Caribou, now proudly displayed in the museum's airpark. For more than 26 years, he served

as a mechanic, then director of maintenance and chief inspector. Still, he seems humbled by the B-17 and the volunteers working along side of him.

"Once the plane was parked for the season, we drained the engines of oil and began working the inspection items, doing pressure checks and the usual electrical tests," said Hakala. "We found one engine cylinder to be a little under the specs in compression testing, so it was overhauled and replaced."

Hakala added that the Yankee Lady's Ground Crew, comprised of stalwart Yankee Air Museum volunteers, work on some major projects as well. The entire 36,000-pound aircraft was recently

put on jack stands so the wheels could be removed and brakes replaced.

"We noticed the trunnion bushings were slightly worn, so this is a good opportunity to replace them as well," he said.

The trunnion as a cylindrical shaft on which the landing gear shock strut assembly pivots when the landing gear is retracted after takeoff or extended for landing. A fully loaded, combat ready B-17 weighed about 65,500 pounds and the trunnion bears the weight. The bushings are the replaceable greased sleeves that provide the primary bearing surface at which the landing gear supports the aircraft.

### 'Significant'

"To me, the most sig-

nificant accomplishment has been painting the tail and wing tips," said Hakala. "It's the same as restoring an historic flag. We want people to see and respect the colors of the 381st Bombardment Group which this plane honors."

According to Hakala, a late G model B-17, the plane was originally delivered in natural metal finish. The aircraft has been painted in the markings of a typical B-17G assigned to the 8th Air Force, 381st Bomb Group as a memorial to the late Joseph Slavik who flew 35 missions as a pilot with the 381st. Mr. Slavik made a significant contribution to help purchase the plane.

The "Yankee Lady" name and nose art do not

replicate an actual combat veteran B-17, but are meant to be representative of the era. The wing tips, vertical and horizontal stabilizers have been repainted Spectramaster Red, making the gleaming skin and lettering really pop.

"I've seen the other B-17s, seven were here at Thunder Over Michigan in 2010," said Hakala. "I can truthfully say, Yankee Lady is the best, most true B-17 still flying. We aim to keep her that way."

### Network of friends

Keeping the Yankee Lady in her award winning condition requires special talent and lots of financial resources. It also requires a network of friends who are engineers and artisans. Ellickson, began his career as an aircraft mechanic when he was 19. He retired from Northwest Airlines as regional maintenance manager at Detroit/ Wayne County Metropolitan Airport. He was the leader of the Yankee Lady restoration effort. His warm and affable nature is as legendary as the aircraft on which the labors of love are focused.

"I'm a pretty lucky guy," he said. "I get to work on history's greatest airplane with the greatest people in the world. Whenever I need a rare part or advice, I can pick up the phone and help is there."

Ellickson talks about his friends all across the country with whom he shares aircraft parts and expertise. Whether it is sewing new, authentic seats, to fabricating major assemblies from blueprints, Ellickson seems to have a contact for everything.

"There are only nine B-17s still flying, and we stick together pretty well," he continued. "It's very costly though. We needed to overhaul the number four engine in July and that cost us about \$35,000."

Ellickson speculates that as more B-17s retire, the availability of parts will decrease and the costs will increase. Just a few years ago it cost \$400.00 to recap a tire. Today, that cost has risen to \$995. Ellickson just sent five tires out for recapping.

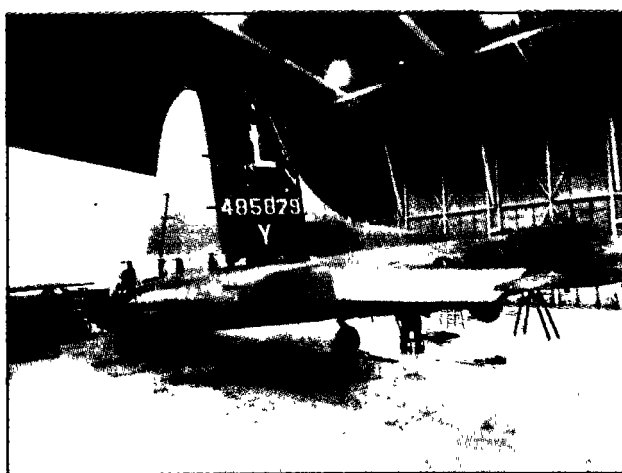
Ellickson said that every hour the Fortress flies costs about \$3,500 in fuel, supplies and maintenance, but sponsorships defray some of the cost. While on station or at an air show, the museum will also sell Flight Experience (FLEX) Rides, tours and items from the museum store to further raise funds.

"I don't mind a high-cost, high-maintenance lady at all," said Ellickson.

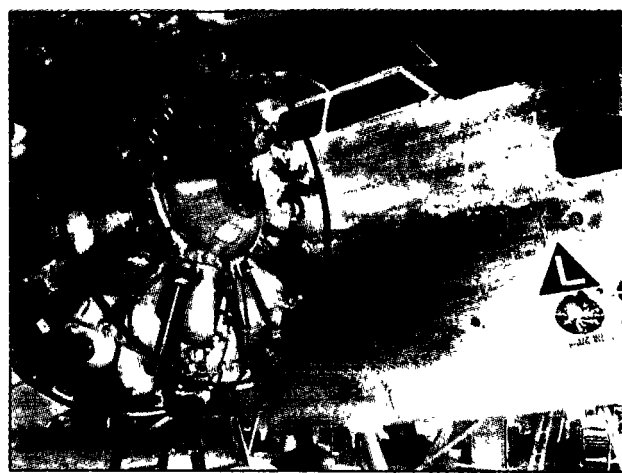
"When we're at an air show and we see a World War II B-17 veteran reunite with this airplane, the point of our freedom is driven home and all this effort is worth it," said Hakala.

"We'll keep her flying as long as humanly possible, our veterans deserve nothing less," Ellickson added.

Established in 1981, the Yankee Air Museum is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. For more information about YAM, visit the [www.yankeeairmuseum.org](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org) website.



The B-17 now sports freshly painted tail markings honoring the U.S. Army Air Force 381st Bombardment Group.



Yankee Lady with her engine cowlings removed and ladders in place for detailed inspections.

# Ice arenas, library offer Hockey Day events

With the NHL season finally underway, area residents eager to participate in hockey activities. And they can do it as part of a Michigan Hockey Day observance Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Mike Modano Ice Arena and William P. Faust Public Library, the Wayne Community Center Ice Arena and the Garden City Civic Arena.

The sixth annual Hockey Day in Michigan is being spearheaded by the Central Collegiate Hockey Association and nationally by USA Hockey.

In Garden City, the Garden City Hockey Association in association with Michigan Amateur Hockey Association are hosting a Try Hockey for Free Clinic 11 a.m. to noon at the arena in Garden City Park at Merriman and Cherry Hill.

The free trial is for children ages 4-9 who are interested in trying hockey for the first time. All equipment is provided. Registration is required and can be done online



Youngsters ages 4-9 will get a chance to try hockey as part of Michigan Hockey Day events at local arenas Feb. 16.

at [www.maha.org](http://www.maha.org). The try hockey for free link is on the left side of the page. Following the clinic, the novice youth will show off what they have learned by playing 10-minute games.

For more information, call the civic arena at (734) 763-1882.

Veteran sports broadcaster Raymond Rolak, who produced the award winning docu-drama, *The Hobey Baker Story*, will share some of the lost-to-history hockey anecdotes that helped Detroit hockey prosper

in a multi-media presentation at the William P. Faust Public Library at 1 p.m. Feb. 16. Milestones of both men's and women's ice hockey will be touched on, including the most historic year for the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association. Rare historic photos also will be displayed, and participants also will learn about the 10,000 rinks project that helped build an ice rink in Zakopane, Poland.

The event is free, however, pre-registration is necessary. Call (734) 326-6123 or go online to [www.westland.lib.mi.us](http://www.westland.lib.mi.us).

The Westland public library is at 16123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

Multiple events are planned at the Mike Modano Arena as part of Michigan Hockey Day. On Feb. 15, the arena will hold Glow Skate from 8-

9:20 p.m. Then on Feb. 16, activities will kick off with the Power Skating Clinic 12:30-1:20 p.m. The clinic is open to Mini, Mite and Pee-wee level players and costs \$15 per skater. Those interested must pre-register for the event.

After the Power Skating Clinic concludes, open skate will be held 1:30-3:20 p.m. Don't forget to wear a hockey jersey. Those who do will receive a \$1 discount. Saturday concludes with a Skills Competition 3:30-5:30 p.m., featuring Mini, Mite and Bantam level players at a cost of \$10 for the three events.

For more information on Michigan Hockey Day or events at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, call (734) 729-4560.

USA Hockey and the

Wayne Community Center will host a Try Hockey for Free clinic 1:30-3 p.m. at the ice arena. The clinic, presented by CCM, is for children ages 4-9 years. Participants must register at [www.tryhockeyforfree.com](http://www.tryhockeyforfree.com). People without Internet access can stop by the community center at Howe and Annapolis in Wayne and fill out a registration form so the center can do the registration.

Participants must have a helmet (bike helmet will work), gloves (winter gloves), hockey stick. Skates can be rented at the arena. All participants will be provided with a jersey and goodie bag. This program is limited to 40 participants.

For more information, call the community center at (734) 721-7400.

## AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

### 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.

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**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

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Our team is made up of knowledgeable staff members with more than 20 years of combined experience in the industry. We aim to please, and we know many of our customers have a busy and demanding schedule; that is why



The staff of Wayne Harris State Farm Agency includes Wayne Harris from left), Nathan Huber, Richard Harris and Justin Listman.

our office doors are open on weekends, for customer convenience and accessibility.

**Observer:** How did you first decide to open your own business?

As a native of Westland, I have always done my best to be actively engaged, and a contributing member of our great community. As I worked my way through the ranks of State Farm, first as a customer service representative, then

an insurance sales associate, and later as an office manager, I found that I really enjoyed the working environment and got a real satisfaction helping people save money and reach their financial goals. I always had aspirations of becoming an independent agent, and I hoped that one day I would have the opportunity to open and maintain a business of my own in the city that I love. With hard

work, and a bit of luck, I have been granted this unique opportunity, and I could not be more excited!

**Observer:** How did you decide to locate in the Westland community?

As stated earlier, I am a native son of the area. I come from modest beginnings, and truly appreciate the economic and social diversity in Westland; these are the things that make me who I am. I grew up playing sports

here, making friends here, and frequenting the great businesses and restaurants here. I graduated from Wayne-Memorial High School, and a few years later I purchased my first home here in Westland.

To me, there is no place I would rather open my first business than Westland. I look forward to providing my customers with the very best service possible and invite anyone looking for insurance

### STATE FARM

**Business name:** Wayne Harris State Farm Agency  
**Business address, including city:** 33018 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185

**Your name and title:** Wayne Harris, Agent/Owner

**Your hometown:** Westland, Michigan

**Business opened when?** January 1st, 2013

**Number of employees:** Four - Wayne Harris, Justin Listman, Nathan Huber and Richard Harris

**Your business specialty:** Insurance and Financial Services

**Hours of operation:** a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

**Business phone and/or website:** (734) 427-9020 or www.imakeitwayne.com

or just shopping prices to give us a call or stop in. I will do my absolute best to save you money, and provide you the protection your family deserves.

## Challenge focuses on advancing social entrepreneurs

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michigan Corps and Great Lakes Entrepreneur's Quest are sponsoring the Pure Michigan Social Entrepreneurship Challenge, the nation's first statewide social entrepreneurship competition.

"We are thrilled to propel Michigan forward as the nation's first state to launch a public-private

partnership-driven effort focused specifically on advancing social entrepreneurs," said Michigan Corps Board Chair Rishi Jaitly.

The Pure Michigan Social Entrepreneurship Challenge invites individuals and teams to submit plans for an emerging entrepreneurial idea or replicable model from an existing organization for

sustainable social change in a wide range of areas, including but not limited to urban revitalization, environment, health and education.

"This challenge really captures what is special about our state — we discover things, we make things, and we make things work," said Michael A. Finney, MEDC president and CEO.

"These strengths make us a great location for social innovators to do their good work and help reinvent Michigan."

Participants in the new 'Social Entrepreneurship Challenge' track offered through GLEQ.org will benefit from financial support, including more than \$50,000 in potential cash prizes, access to impact investors, and consideration for special program opportunities, including cash awards for Community Ventures-eligible companies.

Participants will also have access to mentorship, networking and resources tailored to social entrepreneurs. The Challenge will help advance ideas, ventures and solutions to address pressing social challenges in Michigan.

Beginning this week, social entrepreneurs are invited to complete an application at GLEQ.org to begin their participation in the Challenge. Applicants will then have immediate access to coaches and special

events to support the preparation of their submission before the May 20 deadline. A special Social Entrepreneurship Showcase and Pitch event will take place on June 18 at GLEQ's Entrepreneur Connect event in Lansing.

To learn more about the Pure Michigan Social Entrepreneurship Challenge, visit <http://michiganincorps.org/TheChallenge>. For more information, contact Michigan Corps Director Elizabeth Garlow at [egarlow@michiganincorps.org](mailto:egarlow@michiganincorps.org)



Sara is 36 years old. She's at the top of her game at work and enjoys a little retail therapy on the weekends.

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### Grand opening

Mayor William Wild, Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, Westland City Councilman Adam Hammonds and Westland Chamber of Commerce President Brookellen Swope was joined by the restaurant owners for a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony at the Hibachi Grill and Supreme Buffet in Westland last week. The buffet is at 6539 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 729-5688.

## Getting what you want requires perseverance

By Clarity Patton Newhouse  
Guest Columnist

Sometimes it seems like we don't get what we want. We feel disappointed. Time goes by. And then it turns out there was a bigger plan. Have faith.

Here at the Newhouse house, ever since our elderly dog passed away, I've been wanting to adopt a new one but it hasn't been working out. Then - as if they fell out of the sky - we're



Clarity Patton Newhouse

adopting not one but two sisters! They're wonderful, beautiful dogs that desperately need a new home right away or they're going to get euthanized. We found each other at just the right time. Dana and I are so excited to bring them home, we could hardly sleep last night!

Often when we don't get what we want, right when we want it, it's because the time wasn't right and we weren't actually ready. We must keep persevering knowing that when we're truly ready, when the time is right, the plan will be revealed. Clarity

P.S. "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes you

just might find you get what you need."

*The Rolling Stones*

P.P.S. You can spread the sunshine by forwarding Sunny Notes to others. New readers can visit [www.joinsunnynotes.com](http://www.joinsunnynotes.com) to add their email address to receive Sunny Notes.

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# How to do your taxes for free

Going to college. Getting your first job. Moving into your own place. To these rites of passage, add one more: doing your own taxes. And it's not as scary as you might think.

It's not scary because there's help available. It's called Free File, and it's offered exclusively from the IRS in partnership with nearly 15 leading tax software companies. About 3 million people use it every year.

Free File lets you choose brand-name software that does the hard work for you — all for free. And it offers a fast, safe and free option for everyone. Brand-name tax software is available to those who made \$57,000 or less in 2012 — which is about 70 percent of us. Earned more? Try Free File's online fillable forms, the electronic alternative to IRS paper forms.

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### Did you know?

- Most refunds are issued in less than 21 days.
- Combining e-file with direct deposit is still the fastest way to get your refund.
- Use "Where's My Refund?" to get personalized refund information based on the processing of your tax return.
- You can also use the IRS app, IRS2Go, to check the status of your refund.
- Can't meet April 15 deadline? Use Free File for a free extension; then use Free File to do your taxes by Oct. 15.

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

There are thousands of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites nationwide that offer free help to those earning around \$51,000 or less. To locate the nearest VITA site, search for "VITA" on [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

Tax Counseling for the Elderly, which is supported by AARP, offers free tax help to people who are age 60 and older. Locate the nearest AARP Tax-Aide site at [AARP.org](http://AARP.org) or call (888) 227-7669. Some VITA/TCE sites even offer Free File. You can do it yourself on their computers.

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### EITC: ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

- You must have earned income.
- Your adjusted gross income cannot be more than the limit.
- Your filing status cannot be "Married filing separately."
- You must have a valid Social Security number.
- You must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year.
- You cannot file Form 2555 or Form 2555-EZ.
- Your investment income must be \$3,200 or less.

technology to ensure tax information is encrypted, so it's safe and secure when it's transmitted.

Free File is also available online 24/7, giving you the freedom to choose when and how you do your taxes.

### Checklist of materials

Keep this list as a checklist of the items you will need to do your



To view a video about Free File, use a scanner app on your smart phone to read this QR code.

taxes. The IRS recommends keeping all tax-related documents for three years, in case of an audit. Tracking income-related documents can help you take full advantage of deductions available to you.

- A copy of last year's tax return
- Valid Social Security numbers for yourself, spouse and children
- All income statements, i.e. W-2 forms, from all employers
- Interest/dividend statements, i.e. 1099 forms
- Form 1099-G showing any state refunds
- Unemployment compensation amount
- Social Security benefits

- Expense receipts for deductions
- Day care provider's identifying number

### Earned Income Tax Credit

No tax benefit offers a greater lifeline to working families than EITC. Yet one out of every five eligible taxpayers fails to claim it, according to the IRS. Because of the economy, even more people may be eligible if they have had changes in their earned income. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- The maximum credit for 2012 tax returns is \$5,891 for workers with three or more qualifying children.
- Eligibility for the EITC is determined based on a number of factors, including earnings, filing status and eligible children. Workers without qualifying children may be eligible for a smaller credit amount. Learn more at [www.irs.gov/eitc](http://www.irs.gov/eitc) and use the EITC Assistant, or ask your tax professional. If you are eligible for EITC, you also are eligible for free tax help at

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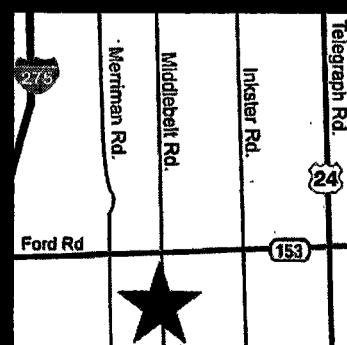
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## Upcoming Events

### SHAMROCK SHUFFLE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 13

**Location:** Activities Building at St. Raphael Church, 31530 Beechwood, north of Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** The card party - cards will be provided - costs \$8 and includes dessert, coffee, Blarney bags, table and door prizes. Hot dogs, sloppy joes and Maurice salad will be available for purchase.

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 844-1801, (734) 427-1533 or (734) 425-8981.

### FOSTER CARE

**Time/Date:** a.m. to noon Saturday, March 2, or 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 5

**Location:** Wolverine Human Services, 20600 Eureka, Suite 715, Taylor

**Details:** Wolverine Human Services is holding two orientation sessions for people interested in being foster parents.

**Contact:** Call (734) 284-6264 to RSVP or for questions.

### MOM 2 MOM SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13, early bird at 8:30 a.m.

**Location:** Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, between Warren Road and Ford in Garden City

**Details:** More than 85 tables are available. The also will be a big item area, concessions and a bake sale. Admission is \$1, \$2 for the early bird. A contract is available on M2M sale list at www.Mom2Momlist.com.

**Contact:** gcmom2mom-



## Dinner delight

Enjoy dinner and a visit to the Red Hat Saloon when Inspire Theatre of Westland presents 'Trouble In Silver City' at 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 8-9 and 15-16. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The play is a dinner theater with the meal catered by Caterer1 of Livonia. Tickets cost is \$35 each and are advance sales only. They can be purchased online at inspiretheatre.com or by calling (734) 751-7057. Inspire Theatre is at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland. Appearing the production are Deanna Lee (from left) of Redford, Matt Houser of Waterford, Cara Bell of Westland and Toni Hammond of Farmington.

sale@hotmail.com or (734) 277-0791.

### BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month.

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth

**Details:** Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join us to socialize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet is available but not mandatory.

**Contact:** John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com

## For Your Health

### W-W NAMI

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month

**Location:** St. Johns Episco-

pal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** The Wayne-Westland affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) provides support and information for individuals and families dealing with mental illness.

### SAFE PLACE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays

**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

**Contact:** Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

### ADULT DAY SERVICES

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays

**Location:** 570 S. Main St., Plymouth MI

**Detail:** A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and

discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals

**Contact:** Laurie Krause at laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com and (734) 956-2600

### METRO FIBROMYALGIA

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month

**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City

**Details:** The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.

**Contact:** Lucy at (734) 462-1768, www.MetroFibro-Group.com

### MENOPAUSE & MORE

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month

**Location:** Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.

**Contact:** (734) 655-1100

### COUNTERPOINT

**Details:** Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.

**Contact:** (734) 563-5005

### TOUGHLOVE

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays

**Location:** Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia.

**Details:** Support group, newcomers welcome.

**Contact:** (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748

### LIFECARE

**Time/Date:** 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 570 S. Main St., Plymouth

**Details:** LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.

**Contact:** Lillian Easterly-Smith at info.lifecarecc@gmail.com or (734) 956-2109

**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman,

Garden City.

## Education

### WILLOW CREEK

**Location:** 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland

**Details:** Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.

**Contact:** (734) 326-0078

### ST. DAMIAN

**Location:** 29891 Joy, Westland

**Details:** St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

**Contact:** (734) 427-1680, www.stdamian.com.

### YWCA PRESCHOOL

**Details:** The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.

**Contact:** (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

### OPEN ENROLLMENT

**Location:** St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne

**Details:** St. Mary School is currently registering students for the 2012-2013 school year. Openings are available in pre-K 3 and 4 kindergarten-eighth-grade. St. Mary has been recognized as a School of Distinction.

**Contact:** For more information, call the school office at (734) 721-1240.

## Organizations

### FRIENDS OF ELOISE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November

**Location:** Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

**Contact:** Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

### WESTLAND ROTARY

**Time/Date:** 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

**Location:** Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

**Details:** Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.

**Contact:** Jeff at (734) 261-5010

### FAMILY CAREGIVERS

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. first Monday of the month

**Location:** Plymouth District

Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

**Contact:** Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

### CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month

**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

**Contact:** Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

### CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

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### LIONS CLUB

**Time/Date:** 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month

**Location:** Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

**Details:** The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.

**Contact:** For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

### WRITING GROUP

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month

**Location:** Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

**Details:** The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

**Contact:** www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to sheptry@yahoo.com

### TOASTMASTERS

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, between Marquette and Ford Road, Westland

**Details:** Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

**Contact:** For information, call Doug at (248) 417-4922, or Curt at (734) 525-8445 or visit the website at westlandeasytalkers.toastmasters-clubs.org.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

**Shamrock Shuffle**

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For more information, send an email to [gcmom2momsale@hotmail.com](mailto:gcmom2momsale@hotmail.com) or call (734) 277-0791.

**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.

**Cabbage dinner**

St. Dunstan's Rosary Altar Sodality is sponsoring a stuffed cabbage dinner on Sunday, Feb. 10.

The dinner starts at 4 p.m. and continues until 7 p.m. or until dinners run out.

Dinners cost \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. They include stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and beverage. There will also be pizza slices available for \$1 each.

St. Dunstan is located at 1646 Belton, Garden City.

**COC benefit**

A collection of fine wines and craft beers can be sampled Friday, February 15, during the Wine and Craft Beer Tasting Benefit and Auction in Livonia, sponsored by Community Opportunity Center (COC), will be held 6:30-10:30 p.m. in the Aspen Room of Laurel Manor on the north service drive west of Newburgh Road in Livonia.

There will be several vendors of fine wine, including several international wines, available for sampling throughout the event which also includes a silent auction, live auction, and an elaborate array of hors d'oeuvres.

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Community Opportunity Center, based in Livonia, is a non-profit management corporation that provides leadership and oversight to nearly 100 people with developmental disabilities who live among 23 homes and apartment settings in western Wayne County.

# Invest with a strategy, goals

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Last week for the first time since October 2007, the Dow Jones Industrial Average broke



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Rick Bloom

through the 14,000 mark. No doubt this is good news for investors. After all, just four years ago the Dow was in the 6,000 range.

Obviously, it's much better when the market is rising as opposed to when it's in decline. That being said, the question is how should individual investors, like you and I react to Dow 14,000?

Investors should not change their course of action just because of this good run. Focus on what is important as opposed to what is currently happening in the market.

All too often, investors tend to focus on the market as to when they should buy and sell. As far as I'm concerned, this is not the way to be a successful investor. While the market is important, however, it's not nearly as important as what an investor is trying to achieve. It's not the market; it's your goals and objectives that determine how and when you invest.

Investors look at the market and if they think it's going up they buy. If they think it's going down, they sell. This strategy is a form of market timing and it does not work. The market is irrational over the short run. Good news is bad news and bad news is good

news. When you try to time the market you have to be correct twice — once when you buy and once when you sell. As far as I know, no one has been able to successfully do this over any length of time. Therefore, my philosophy is do not try it.

Invest money for you are trying to achieve. If you're a long-term investor you need to be in the market and stay with it despite all of the ups and downs. On the other hand, if you need your money in one or two years, it shouldn't be invested in the market. The market is too aggressive over the short run.

A successful investor in today's world needs to manage risk. The best

way to do this is to invest based upon goals and objectives.

I read a troubling story recently that said many individual investors had started to rush back into the market. These individuals are not investing based upon goals and objectives, they are trying to time the market. What eventually happens is when the market goes south, they will end up being among the first to bail out. Their strategy of buying high and selling low is not a prescription for success.

As many famous investors have said, it's not timing the market; it's time in the market that really determines success.

No doubt I am much

happier when the Dow is over 14,000 than where it was four years ago. However, my individual portfolio and for those that I manage have a strategy and the discipline to stay with that strategy. Investors who don't have a strategy are at the mercy of the market. Investors who do have a strategy and the discipline to follow it will find that despite some occasional short-term pain, there will be long-term gains. Good luck!

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## OUR VIEWS

# Looking back

## Use February to explore black history

If you're tuned into the special observances that spring up throughout the year, you know that February is Black History Month, 28 days set aside to explore the contributions of black Americans to our country, our culture and our lives.

The observance dates back to 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history. The son of former slaves, Woodson was disturbed that black Americans, even though they figured in, were ignored in history books and decided to take on the challenge of writing them into the nation's history.

Woodson chose the second week in February because of the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, who played important roles in the abolition of slavery. But February is filled with even more important dates. A few examples:

- The Underground Railroad providing black slaves with safe passage to freedom was established in February 1838.
- Congress approved the 13th amendment ending slavery in 1865 and the 15th amendment giving African American men the right to vote in 1870.
- The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded by a group of concerned black and white citizens in New York City in 1909.
- The first black U.S. senator, Hiram R. Revels, took his oath of office on 1870.

Our understanding of who we are is steeped in our knowledge of our past. We cannot know where we're going without knowing where we've been. We need to know all of the people who have played a role in shaping our country, everyone from George Washington to Abraham Lincoln and Barack Obama and everyone in between.

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Our local libraries are offering programs on black history that we urge all people to attend. The William P. Faust Library is hosting a Detroit Institute of Arts presentation, "The Spirit of African American Artists" at 7 p.m. this evening. The program looks at the lives of the lives and times of influential African American artists from the late 19th century to the present day and includes contemporary Detroit artists like Charles McGee, whose work can be seen at the DIA, Henry Ford Hospital, the Detroit People Mover's Broadway station and Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan and Michigan State universities.

The Wayne Public Library is presenting a Black History Family Film Night at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, to watch the PBS film series, *Slavery and the Making of America: The Challenge of Freedom*, which examines the transformation of the Civil War from a struggle for union to a battle over slavery and the Reconstruction Years.

History is a living document, each day a new page is written, and as our country continues to evolve, more and more of the pages are being filled with the successes of all Americans. We look forward to the day when it's not black history or white history, but our history, where we identified with those who have shaped our country not by the color of their skin, but by their deeds and accomplishments.

Even Woodson looked forward to that day, when he wrote: "We should emphasize not Negro History, but the Negro in history. What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious prejudice."

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Name two famous people who have birthdays in February.

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"I know, it's Lincoln and Washington."  
**Tom Presnell**  
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"I've got no idea, I'll say what he said Lincoln and Washington."  
**Shelton Worthy**  
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"I'll say Rosa Parks. They were just talking about her on the radio."  
**John Lakatos**  
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"George Washington and Abraham Lincoln."  
**Angie Ferracciolo**  
Garden City

## LETTERS

### Hope for Sleeping Bear

Growing up, my family has returned year after year to Sleeping Bear Dunes to enjoy Michigan's unique treasures. Since I was 2 years of age, I have taken a family photo at the same spot with the breath-taking coast of Lake Michigan and the steep sandy dunes as the backdrop. The dunes are home to incredible scenery and wildlife that make the most cherished memories for Michigan families and families all over the globe.

Unfortunately, overdevelopment and pollution are threatening to spoil the experience of visiting Sleeping Bear Dunes and other parks across Michigan. Decades ago, Congress set up the Land and Water Conservation Fund to protect our parks against these threats. However, unless Congress acts now, the program will run out of funding in late March.

I applaud Sen. Stabenow and Levin for signing a letter urging their Senate colleagues to support funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and I look forward to working with them in the new year to give our parks the protection they deserve.

**Rachel Szczembara**  
field coordinator  
Environment Michigan  
Garden City

### A nice facility

I have to admit I was a little skeptical when the City of Wayne and the City of Westland combined our parks and rec. I rented one of their rooms for a baby shower for my granddaughter since we had a large group coming. Everyone who came to the shower gave us compliments on the facility and believe me we had people from Walled Lake, Rochester

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and all over.

The people working that day could not have been more helpful. If we said we needed a garbage can emptied, it was done immediately. They were very helpful and answered questions and I felt like they were really glad we were there and all our guests commented on the cleanliness, politeness and on the facility itself. There were even people who said they wished they had a facility like it in their city. I want to thank the people of Wayne, and I would recommend this place to anyone hosting any kind of party.

**Georgia Becker**  
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**Nancy Ann and Patricia Tatum**  
Garden City

### About freedom

I am amazed at the people in America who despise their freedom. Has freedom been so long in this country that we now take it for granted? Past national elections show a majority in favor of nanny government in the form of national health care, and the increased regulation that will soon follow over being able to choose your own doctor, and even make your own decision about your health care.

Now we see in Lansing, the crowds, and in this paper through letters to the editor, those who would prefer nanny unions over the liberty to choose in the workplace (right to work). They try to make the dialogue one of benefits and wages, but don't be fooled as they are — the issue is about freedom. How ironic, the same people who would allow a woman the right to choose to abort her own baby now stand up against the right to choose in the workplace.

It was Benjamin Franklin who said: "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

**R. Baloga**  
Livonia

## GUEST COLUMN

# Detroit Institute of Arts reaccreditation affirms commitment to excellence

By **Graham W.J. Beal**  
Guest Columnist

As stakeholders in the Detroit Institute of Arts and in the well-being of our cultural community, I want to share some excellent news with the residents of Wayne County. After a two-year review and thorough evaluation of every aspect of DIA operations, the museum has again earned reaccreditation from the American Alliance of Museums, the foremost professional organization for museums in the United States.



**Graham Beal**

Accreditation is a high-profile, peer-based validation of the DIA's operations, accomplishments and impact, and affirms that we are fulfilling our obligation to the public trust. It certifies that the museum meets the highest professional standards of operation and public service, and brings national recognition of our commitment to excellence.

The reaccreditation process is a long and arduous one. We compiled a comprehensive self-study report, analyzing every operation from care of the art collection to accounting and investment policies to exhibition programs and evaluation methods. The report was reviewed by an independent, autonomous Accreditation Commission consisting of museum professionals. An Accreditation Visiting Committee then spent two days on site interviewing staff and board members.

Accreditation is a testament to the hard work and dedication of DIA staff and volunteers. Their efforts made the Visiting Committee's decision to grant reaccreditation easy — in their words, a "no-brainer." Here are some of the glowing accolades from the committee's report:

- The DIA is one of the nation's great museums, and a global resource for cultural and visual-arts education, with first-rate, compelling programming that is varied and focused.
- The DIA is extremely well-run, and policies and procedures are carefully considered.
- The DIA has a cogent plan with clear direction based on

sound museological practice and philosophy.

- Volunteers, supporters, patrons and audiences have a palpable pride in the museum.
- The DIA has the most elaborate demographic study of its diverse audiences that the Visiting Committee members have seen.
- Teaching is a paramount concern.
- The DIA's public areas are well-maintained, clean, inviting and helpful in assuring a good visitor experience.

The 14,774 visitors on school field trips and 50,759 other Wayne County residents who have enjoyed free admission since last year's millage vote can attest to the report's findings that the DIA has met its goal of "making its collection accessible to all who wish to visit and learn," with displays "geared to various learning styles as well as to multiple ages."

You can read the entire report at <http://www.dia.org/support/newsletter.aspx>. We hope you will experience the museum for yourself very soon.

**Graham W.J. Beal** is director of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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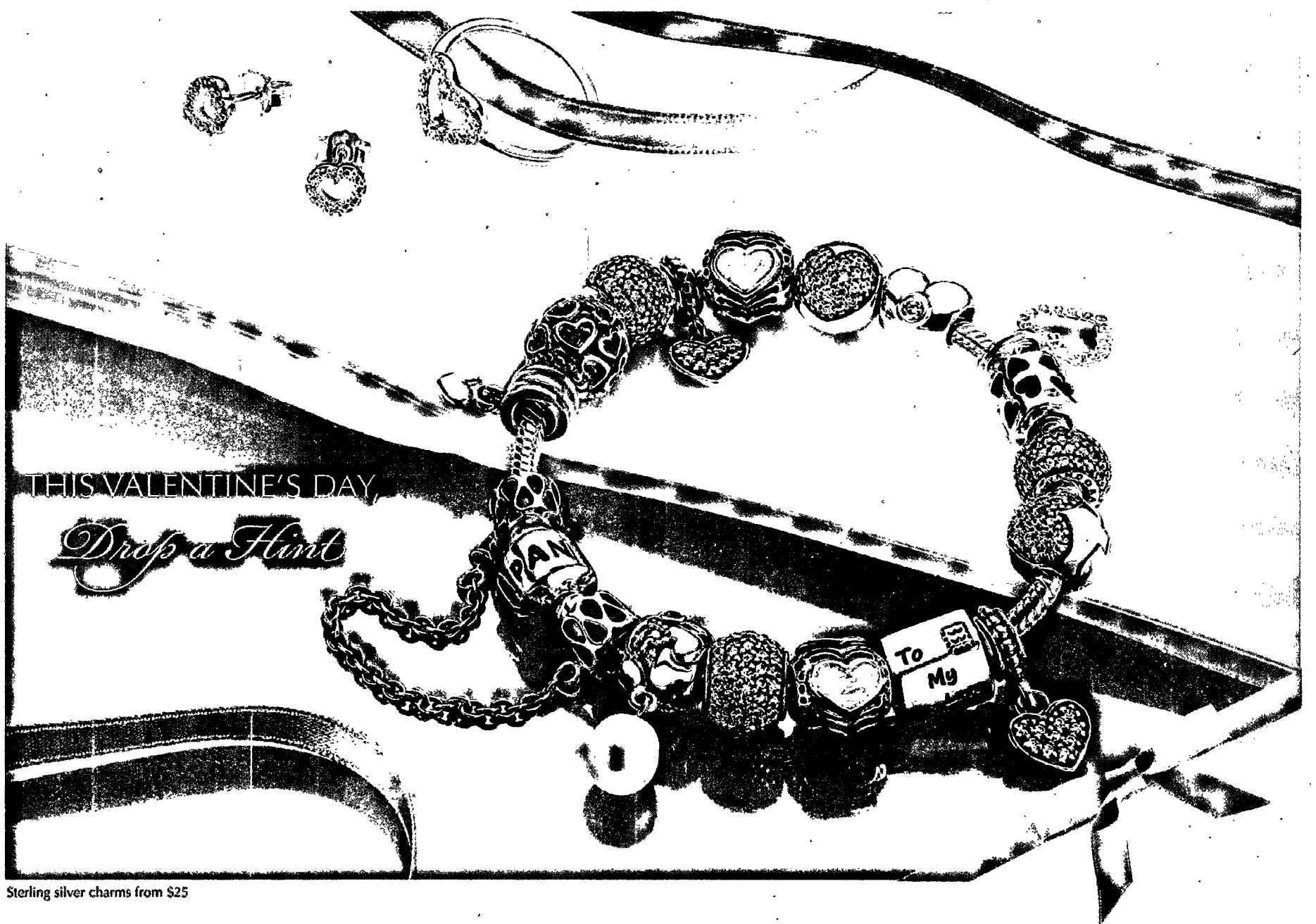


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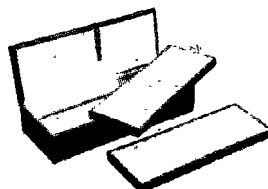




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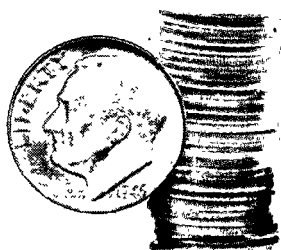
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# SPORTS

## Spartan goalie denies CC

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

There probably were not enough superlatives to go around regarding the play Connor Humitz following Livonia Stevenson's 1-0 hockey win Saturday afternoon over Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

The senior goaltender was certainly the straw that stirred the drink as he made 37 saves to propel the Spartans to a signature victory host Shamrocks on their home ice at Plymouth's

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"He (Humitz) is playing inspired hockey right now," said Stevenson coach David Mitchell, whose team improved to 14-5-1 overall. "Any time you have a third-year senior back there, he knows what it takes. He's really stepped up his preparation, you can tell. He's dialed in right now. I'm very proud of him and happy for him."

It was the third shutout in four games for Humitz, who

remained modest afterwards outside a jubilant Stevenson locker room.

"It's the same routine," he said. "I'm just going out there and trying to play my best. It's hard, I'm tired. It's a hard game to play."

It wasn't easy by any stretch as Humitz was under heavy pressure, especially in the second period when he made 17 stops against the second-ranked team in Division 1.

"I was just thinking — one puck, one shot," Humitz said. "See every shot and cover

everything you've got and try holding the puck."

Although outshot 29-10 through the first two periods, the Spartans picked up their offensive pace entering the third.

And when CC took a penalty with less than a minute remaining in the second period, Stevenson was able to pounce as Devin Kelly knocked home a rebound shot past CC netminder Ryan Mulka just 24 seconds

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## Hoop clinic for shooting

The Metro Basketball Association will offer a shooting clinic (grades three-eight) from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at Huron Valley Lutheran High School, located at 33740 Cowan, a half mile east of Warren Road, Westland.

The cost is \$35 (if pre-registered by Feb. 15) or \$45 at the door for the Pro Shot Shooting System clinic. For more information, visit [www.metrobasketball.org](http://www.metrobasketball.org). You can also call Kevin Wilkinson at (313) 406-2722 (office) or (313) 247-5405 (cell).

## C'ville Windex win

### Trojans own glass vs. RU

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

During the close to two-week stretch between its previous game and Monday night's home contest against Redford Union, Livonia Clarenceville's 2-13 boys basketball team went back to the drawing board.

More precisely, the Trojans went back to the drawing "boards."

"Our focus at practice the past two weeks has been on rebounding — hammering the boards hard," said Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson. "If someone didn't box out tonight, we pulled them out and put somebody else in."

The strategy worked — at least for a night — as the Trojans outrebounded the Panthers 36-20 on the way to a 44-33 victory.

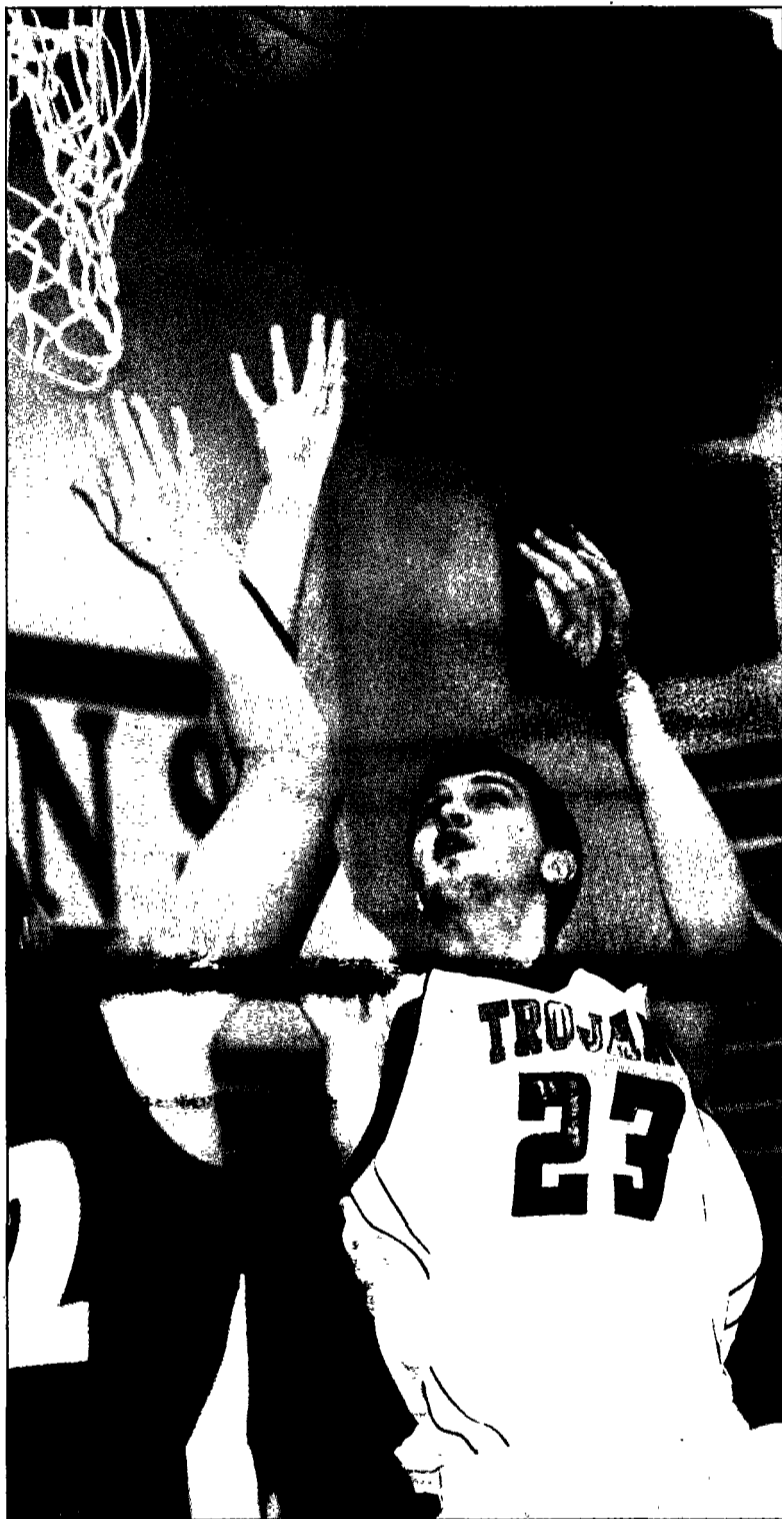
The winners' No. 1 glass cleaner was senior reserve forward DeAnthony Price, who snatched eight rebounds. Every Trojan who played grabbed at least one carom.

"Some of our best rebounders tonight aren't necessarily our top players, but they bring it and they bang," Johnson said. "We told everybody, if you want to play from now on, you'd better rebound."

Senior point guard Jawan Nelson proved to be a maestro while conducting the Clarenceville offense as he scored a team-high 12 points, dished out four assists and snared seven rebounds.

"He had a stretch this season when he was too worried about his stats, but he really stepped up tonight and showed what kind of a leader he can be," said Johnson. "His back-up — Carlton Davis — did a nice job, too, when he was in there. He played smart and didn't turn the ball over. It's nice when you can rest your starter and feel good about the guy you bring in for him."

The Panthers, who slipped to



Clarenceville's Bradley Davis launches a shot inside during Tuesday's victory over Redford Union.

2-13, played nose-to-nose with the Trojans except for the second quarter when they were outscored 14-1. RU, which led 10-4 midway through the first period, went 0-for-9 from the field in

the second stanza.

The Panthers were ice cold all night from beyond the arc, going 2-of-16.

Please see HOOPS, B3

## Grid playoffs may undergo a makeover

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

A new postseason football playoff formula for the 2013 season appears to be gaining some legs, according to sources contacted by the *Observer*.

According to those sources, a group within the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association has proposed an Enhanced Strength of Schedule System that will be up for review and possibly a vote at the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Representative Council's annual meeting in May.

Among the proposed changes under the Enhanced SOS for the MHSAA 596 schools that participated in 11-man football in 2012 include:

- Based on enrollment, equal divisions will set prior to the season with each of the eight divisions having 74-to-75 teams. (Previously the MHSAA set the 256-team field on Selection Sunday following the ninth game of the regular season.)

- Automatic qualifiers will need seven wins now instead of six (or five wins with an eight-game schedule).

- Teams with four wins can now be considered for the postseason (or five wins with an eight-game schedule).

- Additional qualifiers will be determined by playoff points filling spots until each division has 32 teams. (Previously additional qualifiers by playoff points were added from a Class A school, then Class B, then Class C, then Class D, etc. ...)

- The point system for a win will change to: Division 1 (88 points); Division 2 (80); Division 3 (72); Division 4 (64); Division 5 (56); Division 6 (48); Division 7 (40); and Division 8 (32). Previously wins were awarded for Class A (80 points), Class B (64), Class C

Please see PLAYOFFS, B4

## Lady Ocelots drop 2 more

Kelly Dineen scored 15 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Delta College to a 73-62 MCCA Eastern Conference women's basketball win Monday night over host Schoolcraft College.

Precious Pringle and Nicole Peterson each added 11 points, while Kayla Spohn added 10 for the Pioneers, who improved to 14-6 overall and 8-3 in the conference.

Toi Brown paced the Lady Ocelots (5-15, 2-8) with 23 points.

Ajai Meeks chipped in with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Schoolcraft shot 33.9 percent from the floor (19-of-56) and 75 percent from the foul line (21-of-28).

On Saturday, Meeks scored 25 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, but it wasn't enough Saturday as Schoolcraft fell 70-57 to host Wayne County Community College (8-9, 6-4) in a conference game played at Detroit Edison Academy.

The Ocelots, who couldn't hold a 33-30 halftime lead, also got 15 points from Brittani Hamlin, while Brianna Berberet (Salem) added nine.

Jasmine Butler led the Wildcats with 22 points and 10 rebounds, while April Douglas contributed 17 points.

## S'craft men's cagers falter

Jojuan Graham scored a game-high 20 points, including 3-of-4 free throws in the final eight seconds to give Delta College the MCCA Eastern Conference men's basketball win Monday at Schoolcraft College.

Jacob Dotson added 12 points for the Pioneers (8-14, 6-5), who trailed 27-21 at halftime.

Richmond Jackson led the Ocelots (4-15, 1-9) with 17 points and eight rebounds; Jonathan Campbell (Livonia Stevenson) added 11 points.

Mathew King (Redford Thurston) scored 10, including a three-pointer with two seconds left to pull Schoolcraft to within one, 56-55.

On Saturday, host Wayne County Community College romped to an 83-43 MCCA Eastern Conference win over Schoolcraft at Detroit Edison Academy.

The Wildcats (14-6, 8-2), who led 41-24 at halftime, got 15 points off the bench from Miquell Jackson. Shaun Duncan added 14, while Terrance Whitehead and Tevin Fields chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively.

The Ocelots (4-14, 1-8) got nine points from Campbell.

## Crusaders sit on Davenport for big victory

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

What a turnaround it's been for the Madonna University men's basketball team.

After losing three straight and falling out of first place by two games in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference

**COLLEGE HOOPS** standings, the Crusaders captured their second in a row Saturday at home with a 74-64 triumph over Davenport University.

MU, improving to 18-8 overall and 13-5 in the WHAC, pulled within one game of the ninth-ranked Panthers (21-5, 14-4) in the race for the top.

"I feel we just needed to be

Please see MU MEN, B3

## Melcher delivers in MU upset

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Madonna University guard Rachel Melcher wasn't feeling quite up to par entering Saturday's women's basketball clash with nationally ranked Davenport University.

But you'd never know it by her sterling performance as the Crusaders bumped off the ninth-rated team in NAIA Division II, 78-74.

Melcher, a sophomore who always comes off the bench, tallied a career-high 24 points and scored what proved to be the game-winning layup with only 17 seconds left to break a 74-all deadlock to improve the Crusaders' overall record to 16-9 overall and 12-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Two free throws by Melcher's high school teammate from Birmingham Marian, Michelle Lindsey, then sealed the win with five seconds remaining while handing the second-place Panthers (24-2, 16-2) only their



Madonna's Rachel Melcher (right) scored a career-high 24 points in the upset victory Saturday over No. 9-ranked Davenport.

second defeat of the seasons.

Melcher was dead-on all afternoon hitting 7-of-11 shots from the floor along with a perfect 10-of-10 from the free

throw line.

Maybe she should be sick more often.

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## GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS

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**DIVISION 1**  
**Vault:** 1. Ashley Hextall (Pinckney), 9.625; **uneven bars:** 1. Sara Peliter (Grand Ledge), 9.675; 4. Katie Kretzschmar (Red), 9.125; **balance beam:** 1. Christina Shabet (Troy), 9.875; 10. Kretzschmar (Red), 8.975; **floor exercise:** 1. Shabet (Troy), 9.700; **all-around:** 1. Shabet (Troy), 38.325.

**DIVISION 2**  
**Vault:** 1. Erica Lucas (Canton), 9.550; 4. Bri Rhoad (Blue), 9.225; 5. Maggie McGowan (Red), 9.150; 9. Alex Zukowski (Blue), 9.000; 15. Jamie Jasinski (Blue), 8.825; 16. Allison White (Blue), 8.800; 19. Marissa McVey (Red), 8.700; 26. Morgan Soper (Slm), 8.625; 34. Emily Chatterjee (Blue), 8.575; 40. Sydney Grenier (Red), 8.500; 46. Jackie Dzurigot (Red), 8.450; 51. Shannon Diaz (Red), 8.350.

**Parallel Bars:** 1. Lauren Clark (Grand Ledge), 9.075; 3. Rhoad (Blue), 8.850; 13. Diaz (Red), 8.450; 8. McVey (Red), 8.325; 33. McGowan (Red), 7.925; 35. Chatterjee (Blue), 7.875; 36. (tie) Jillian Zafarana (Blue) and Dzurigot (Red), 7.825 each; 46. Zukowski (Blue), 7.525; 51. Nicole Sokolowski (Blue), 7.250.  
**Balance Beam:** 1. Clark (GL), 9.575; 2. McVey (Red), 9.550; 6. Rhoad (Blue), 9.300; 7. Diaz (Red), 9.050; 21. Zukowski (Blue), 8.450; 22. Zafarana (Blue), 8.400; 26. Grenier (Red), 8.275; 36. White (Blue), 8.025; 37. McGowan (Red), 8.000; 45. Jasinski (Blue), 7.800.

**Floor Exercise:** 1. Clark (GL), 9.550; 6. (tie) Chatterjee (Blue) and McGowan (Red), 8.925 each; 10. Diaz (Red), 8.875; 15. Zukowski (Blue), 8.725; 21. Grenier (Red), 8.575; 23. Zafarana (Blue), 8.525; 35. White (Blue), Metz (Ply), 8.275; 58. (tie) Rhoad (Blue) and Dzurigot (Red), 7.900 each.

**All-Around:** 1. Clark (GL), 37.600; 4. Rhoad (Blue), 35.275; 6. McVey (Red), 35.025; 8. Diaz (Red), 34.725; 14. McGowan (Red), 34.000; 16. Zukowski (Blue), 33.700.

**QUAD MEET RESULTS Feb. 5 at Churchill H.S.**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Red, 142.435; 2. Brighton, 140.725; 3. Howell, 138.625; 4. Pinckney, 35.925.  
**Vault:** 1. (tie) Ashley Hextall (P) and Margo Mekjian (B), 9.45



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Livonia Red's Marissa McVey competes on the uneven parallel bars during Saturday's Canton Invitational.

each; 3. Paige Blythe (H), 9.4; 4. Emily Gucciardo (B), 9.3; 5. Maggie McGowan (Red), 9.15.  
**Uneven bars:** 1. Katie Kretzschmar (Red), 9.075; 2. Mekjian (B), 8.825; 3. Claire Walters (B), 8.8; 4. Marissa McVey (Red), 8.75; 5. Blythe (H), 8.625.  
**Balance beam:** 1. (tie) Kretzschmar (Red) and Marisa DeCamp (H), 9.55 each; 3. (tie) McVey (Red) and Mekjian (B), 9.15 each; 5. Shannon Diaz (Red), 9.0.  
**Floor exercise:** 1. Hextall (P), 9.475; 2. Kretzschmar (Red), 9.4; 3. Blythe (H), 9.225; 4. DeCamp (H), 9.125; Gucciardo (B), 9.05.  
**All-around:** 1. Blythe (H), 36.8; 2. Mekjian (B), 36.075; 3. Hextall (P), 35.925; 4. McVey (Red), 35.60; 5. (tie) McGowan (Red) and Gucciardo (B), 35.45 each.  
**Livonia Red's dual meet record:** 9-5 overall.

**TRI-MEET RESULTS Feb. 4 at Churchill H.S.**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Red, 139.50; 2. Huron Valley, 139.10; 3. Livonia Blue, 137.15.  
**Vault:** 1. Catrina Malysa (HV), 9.35; 2. Maggie McGowan (Red), 9.05; 3. Marissa McVey (Red), 8.85; 4. (tie) Allison White (Blue) and Sydney Grenier (Red), 8.8 each.  
**Uneven bars:** 1. Katie Kretzschmar (Red), 9.0; 2. Bri Rhoad (Blue), 8.95; 3. Amber Talaski (HV), 8.75; 4. Malysz (HV), 8.7; 5. Shannon Diaz (Red), 8.65.  
**Balance beam:** 1. McVey (Red), 9.7; 2. Diaz (Red), 9.3; 3. Malysz (HV), 9.15; 4. Talaski (HV), 9.1; 5. White (Blue), 8.9.  
**Floor exercise:** 1. Talaski (HV), 9.45; 2. Malysz (HV), 9.2; 3. Rhoad (Blue), 9.1; 4. (tie) Emily Chatterjee (Blue), Diaz (Red) and McGowan (Red), 8.85 each.  
**All-around:** 1. Malysz (HV), 36.40; Caitie McDougall (Blue), 33.55; 3. Nicole Sokolowski (Blue), 33.30.  
**Dual meet records:** Livonia Red, 6-5 overall; Livonia Blue, 3-8 overall.

# Hot goaltender denies Patriots

By Brad Emons  
 Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin ran into a hot goaltender in Saturday's finals of the Grand Blanc Winter Classic held at Perani Ice Arena.

Mitch Behm made 40-of-43 saves, including 20 in a scoreless first period, to lead the host Bobcats to a 5-3 win in the finals.

"He (Behm) was clearly the MVP of the tournament," said Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon, whose team slipped to 8-10-1 overall. "We really wanted to bring the hardware home, but it wasn't meant to be.

"We were all over them even strength, but undisciplined penalties and their power play was the difference."

Glanc Blanc (11-5-2) scored four times in the second period, including three power play goals.

Poster Grahn opened the scoring at 6:28 from Tim Hasselbach and the two teamed up three minutes later on a power

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play goal. Graham Jackett scored at 11:57 from Jason Stenquist and Jack Clary followed by Hensleach's goal from Stenquist — both power plays.

Franklin stormed back in the third on Richie Wiecezorek's unassisted goal a minute into the period followed by Tyler Morrison's goal at 6:52 from Dylan Smith.

Josh Dudek then tallied a power play goal from Daniel Pedersen and Adam Stadler to cut the deficit to 4-3 with only 2:40 remaining, but Grand Blanc got an empty netter from Jackett to seal the win.

Franklin goaltender Matt Monendo made 23 saves.

"To come back though and make a game of it after the brutal second period says a lot about the leadership of our captain Mike Diaz," Gagnon said. "Corey Ferrier, who usually plays forward, did a great job on defense in place of

injured Andrew Golem and is proving to be a very valuable team member.

"I love the tenacity and competitive spirit of our team and wish the season started today."

**FRANKLIN 6, LAPEER UNIFIED 1:** On Friday, Mike Diaz had two goals and one assist leading Livonia Franklin (8-10-1) to a first-round victory over Lapeer Unified in the first round of the Grand Blanc Winter Classic at Perani Arena.

Adam Stadler and C.J. Cromie (power play) each added a goal and assist, while Richie Wiecezorek and Josh Dudek also tallied goals.

Other assists went to Andrew Golem, Daniel Pedersen, Justin Makowski, Greg Bo and Corey Ferrier.

Lapeer goaltender Cam Giddings made 41 saves, while Franklin's Matt Monendo stopped 29-of-31 shots with Brad Szczesny scoring to spoil the shutout bid. "We kept our composure against a physical and scrappy team which is what we've been talking about needing to do, which was good to see," Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon said. "Even though they managed 30 shots against us, we kept most of their shots to the outside and played very well defensively."

# Rocks deal Chargers sixth straight setback

It's been a roller coaster ride so far this season for the Livonia Churchill boys hockey team.

The Chargers started the year 1-4 and then went unbeaten in their next eight going 7-0-1.

But after dropping two games over the weekend, Churchill finds itself mired in the six-game losing streak.

The latest loss came Saturday night at the Plymouth Cultural Center as the Chargers fell to KLAAs South Division co-leader Salem, 5-2.

Jake Sealy figured in all five goals for the Rocks scoring twice and adding three assists as Salem improved to 10-4-1 overall and 7-3-1 in the divi-

sion (tied with Plymouth). Alek Zultowski also chipped in with a goal and two assists, while Noah Saad and Colin Pietron also scored goals.

Churchill (8-10-1, 4-6-1) got a first-period period power play goal from Riley Brown off assists from Brad Milks and Tommy Carey.

The Chargers' Matt Sinclair added a second-period goal from Carey, but Salem put away with a pair of third-period goals.

Churchill freshman netminder Alec Calvaruso made 15 saves, while Salem's Parker Godfrey stopped 19-of-21 shots.

**SOUTH LYON 4, CHURCHILL 3:** Alex Hudgens

scored a pair of goals Friday, including the game-winner with 1:27 left in the second period to break a 3-3 tie to give South Lyon Unified (12-8-1, 6-4-1) the KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover victory over Livonia Churchill (8-9-1, 4-5-1) at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

Brothers Blake and Corey Robertson also tallied goals for South Lyon. Churchill trailed 2-1 after one period as Riley Brown scored from Brad Milks and Evan Gibboney.

The Chargers added two more in the second period — Luke Otto (from Tommy Carey and Matt Sinclair) followed by Brown's second from Nick McGee and goalie Alec Calvaruso to make it 3-3 with 7:30 left.

Churchill outshot South Lyon, 31-20, as Calvaruso made 16 saves, while counterpart Aaron Callan had 28 stops.

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into the third.

Dominic Lutz, who took the initial shot from the point, drew an assist along with Tyler Irvine to give Stevenson a power play goal.

"It was a simple as getting a puck to the net and getting a rebound," Mitchell said. "I'd like to say I drew it all up, but we just had to get pucks to the net. Even on their penalty kill they seemed to get the bounces and made it difficult for us. We just got to get pucks to the net and Devin Kelly got a rebound — he's a finisher — and put one home."

Bolstered by the game's first goal, the Spartans appeared to have even more jump in their step during the final 17 minutes as they outshot the Shamrocks 9-8.

"We talked about just working on our process on what we do and how we play," said Mitchell, whose team is ranked in the top 10 in Division 2. "And then if we do get to running around, get out of it and get back to our style. Try to do what we do and focus on what we

do. Give these guys all the credit in the world. It was an unbelievable effort from our goaltending on out. The blocked shots ... we had one guy take one off his head. That was (Blake) Battjes. He sold out as did our other kids."

CC couldn't capitalize on its first two power play opportunities, but got one more chance when Stevenson defenseman Travis Harvey was called for holding with 9:52 remaining.

But the Spartans were able to fight off another CC power play effort and held on for the victory during the final 90 seconds after Mulka (18 saves) was pulled for the extra attacker.

"Give Stevenson all the credit in the world," CC coach Todd Johnson said. "They were blocking shots and they were great around the front of their net. They had a good plan through neutral ice to slow us down. They executed and their guys were committed. They obviously got the key power play goal there. And once they got the lead we knew it was going to be very tough, so that first goal was huge."

The loss dropped CC to 13-6 overall.

"We talked to our guys — it was a long week," Johnson said. "We've been on the ice for six straight days and we knew we were playing a motivated opponent. Hopefully we take it as a learning experience. Hockey is a grind and you've got to be willing to do it every day."

"We had four great practices this week. We played a great game at Trenton and tonight we weren't ready to go the first half of the game. The second half of the game we were engaged. The problem is that you don't get the first 25 minutes back. I wish we did, but that's the way it goes."

Johnson also gave kudos to the Stevenson netminder.

"He had a great game," the CC coach added.

Afterwards, the Spartans sang the school fight song in the dressing room to celebrate their victory over a highly acclaimed opponent.

"It means a lot," Humitz said. "They (CC) are a good team. We came in here, played great, it's awesome. It feels good."

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# Zebras earn their stripes with OT win vs. Plymouth

Wayne Memorial isn't going to make the Kensington Lakes Activities Association boys basketball playoffs, but the Zebras can certainly play the spoiler role.

Josh Lowry scored a team-high 16 points as Wayne earned its first KLAAs South Division triumph with a 62-57 overtime win Tuesday at Plymouth.

DeAndre Carter and Juawn Snipes chipped in with 13 and 12, respectively, as the Zebras improved to 3-11 overall and 1-8 in the division.

"The kids felt good about the win, they played hard and finally put it all together," Wayne coach Mike Schuette said.

Wayne led a five-point fourth-quarter lead slip away as Plymouth got a last-second layup from Jake Divens (game-high 21 points) to send the game into overtime at 50-all.

But after going 2-for-8 from the foul line in the final period, the Zebras hit 9-of-12 in the OT session while outscoring the Wildcats, 11-6.

Josh Priebe added 17 points for Plymouth, which slipped to 4-9 overall and 4-5 in the KLAAs South.

The Wildcats finished 14-of-26 from free throw line, while Wayne was 14-of-26.

**JOHN GLENN 68, FRANKLIN 34:** Senior guard Richard Roberts scored a game-high 21 points as Westland John Glenn (13-2, 8-1) moved within a game of clinching a piece

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of the KLAAs South Division title with a win Tuesday at Livonia Franklin (5-10, 3-6). Senior guard Nick Daniels added 16 for the Rockets, who led 30-17 at halftime and 52-28 after three quarters.

Glenn hit 20-of-38 shots from the floor (52 percent). Olushakin Cole tallied eight points for the Patriots, who shot 12-of-35 from the floor (34 percent).

**CANTON 52, CHURCHILL 31:** On Tuesday, the KLAAs South Division co-leading Chiefs (10-5, 8-1) pulled away in the second half to beat host Livonia Churchill (5-10, 3-6).

Jordan Nobles, Ryan Planey and Greg Williams each tallied 10 points for Canton, which led 24-15 at halftime and 39-26 after three quarters.

Donte Jackson tallied eight for the Chargers, who shot 8-of-33 from the floor (24.2 percent).

Canton hit 25-of-44 shots from the floor (56.8 percent). "We were ready to play, we were prepared," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "But like all the other teams they've played in the last month, Canton wears you down as the game goes on and we didn't have an answer."

**STEVENS ON 80, S.L. EAST 47:** Mike Sopko keyed a second-quarter uprising Tuesday as host Livonia Stevenson (8-6, 4-5) rolled to a KLAAs Central Division win over South Lyon East (0-14, 0-9).

Senior guard Josh Campbell led Stevenson's scoring attack with 24 points, while Sopko added 11 as the Spartans outscored the Cougars 29-8 in the second after being tied 10-10.

Joe Mims and JV call-up Noah Campbell chipped in with nine apiece for the Spartans.

Ty Hanzlovic and Derek Brundin each scored nine for East.

"We got off to a slow start," Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi said. "But the second quarter we were able to run our offense and get some good looks."

East was 10-of-19 from the foul line, while Stevenson made 12-of-16.

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 55, CALVARY 30:** Junior P.J. Guse tallied 12 points to pace a balanced scoring attack Tuesday as Lutheran High Westland (7-5, 6-3) romped to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division victory over host Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (1-12, 1-8).

Nick Andrzejewski and Brandon Wyman chipped in with 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Warriors, who led 32-10 at intermission. Andrzejewski also had seven rebounds, four steals and three assists.

Johnny Bryant scored eight points for Calvary.

"This was a good team win for us tonight," Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoelt said. "We only had eight guys available (two starters out with the flu), but we played strong. Everyone got in the scoring column. Everyone contributed and played tough."

**FRANKLIN ROAD 63, HURON VALLEY 45:** After trailing 11-8 after one quarter Tuesday, host Novi Franklin Road Christian (11-4, 7-3) got untracked to beat Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (4-9, 2-7) in a MIAC Red Division game.

Ryan Schaffer, a 6-foot-1 junior, led HVL and all scorers with 26 points.

Scott McSweeney paced Franklin Road with 17, while Quinn D'Ascenzo and T.J. Nelson added 14 and 10, respectively.

The Warriors outscored HVL 55-34 over the final three periods.

"We had a great first quarter," HVL coach Jim Ott said. "Four different players scored and everything was just about right. We played good defense."

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"It's hard to stay in games when you struggle as much as we do on offense," said RU coach Randall Taylor. "We played with pretty good energy except for the second quarter."

"We're going to stay positive, though. We're not looking at the big picture now, we're just going to take it game by game and try to keep progressing."

The catalyst of the Panthers' early lead was sophomore Jerrime Koger, who scored eight of his team's first 10 points — all within a matter of 80 seconds.

"Jerrime started the year with us on varsity, but we sent him down to the junior varsity for a while to let him mature a little bit," Taylor said. "He averaged about 30 points a game down there before we brought him back. I tell all the kids that when you get an opportunity to play, you better take advantage of it, and Jerrime definitely did tonight."

Koger finished with a team-high 12 points. Junior Jacob McKiddie added seven points while senior forward Manny Chatman contributed six points, nine rebounds and three steals.

Sophomore Jermell Johnson tallied nine points and five rebounds for the Trojans. Kimani Dooley was also solid, netting eight points and



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Clarenceville's Terry Frederick (left) takes the shot over Redford Union's Patrick Wierimaa in Tuesday's encounter.

six boards.

Nelson and Davis keyed Clarenceville's decisive 14-1 second-quarter run with four points apiece.

Clarenceville's biggest lead of the night came with 1:50 remaining in the third quarter when Johnson canned a long triple to stretch his team's advantage to 34-19.

RU got to within 38-28 at the 4:39 mark of the fourth when sophomore Carlos Welch buried a corner triple, but the Tro-

jans slammed the door on the comeback by hitting all six of their free-throw attempts.

Clarenceville connected on 17-of-54 field-goal attempts (31.4 percent) while RU hit 14-of-58 attempts (24.1 percent). The Trojans were 8-of-15 from the free-throw line. The Panthers hit two of their five free shots.

Both teams committed 13 turnovers.

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confident in ourselves," said MU junior point-guard Bobby Naubert, who finished with 11 points and nine assists. "We were kind of playing against the other team instead of our game. And today we came out and just played our game. We played confident and that's what we needed to get a win today."

"There's a lot of basketball to be played. We just have to take it one game at a time, keep knocking teams off and hope for a Davenport loss."

MU's offensive attack was led by junior guard Travis Schuba, who finished with a team-high

16 points on 6-of-8 shooting, including 4-of-5 from three-point range.

Fred Williams added 12 points, while Matt Jenkins pulled down team 10 rebounds.

"We were a little dinged up last week," MU coach Noel Emehiser said. "You don't see any of our starters out, but a big part of our team (Donald Owens) was missing with a thumb injury. I really felt like the guys pulled back together and realized they weren't going to be given anything. We were going to have to earn anything we wanted."

MU led 29-23 at halftime, but found itself up only 40-39 with 14:20 to go after a layup by the Panthers' Gabe Vander-Jagt.

The Crusaders then took control with a 10-2 run capped by Zach Wedesky's three-pointer to make it 50-41 with 8:35 to go.

Davenport never got any closer than six the rest of the way.

"We got on the glass," said Emehiser, whose team has beaten the Panthers now twice this season. "We were forcing them into difficult situations for them offensively. And they were getting to the offensive glass to keep possessions alive for themselves. When we started rebounding, and finishing plays, and winning loose balls — that kind of changed the tide."

Dominez Burnett scored a game-high 23 for Davenport, while DeArmond Davis added 14.

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"That's exactly what my family said to me," Melcher said. "It was just like a little stomach flu before the game. It definitely wasn't butterflies, but I did have some I'm sure because we knew it was a big game for us."

MU senior guard Shantelle Herring also turned in a spectacular game with 19 points, nine rebounds and eight steals in 35 minutes.

Lindsey and Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Steven-

son) chipped in 11 and nine points, respectively.

"We had really good team-defense today," Melcher said. "Shantelle had like eight steals, which was a huge part of what we did today."

Davenport, which trailed by 11 points with just under five minutes to play, rallied to tie it with only 25 seconds remaining on a layup by Tiesha Stokes, who scored a team-high 19 points.

The Panthers had four others score in double figures including Karli Harris, 14; Emily Nielsen and Kendra Cook, 12 each; and Alex Law, 10.

Although Davenport shot 43.5 percent from the field (27-of-62), the Panthers struggled from three-point range (5-of-27).

"Defense wins everything for us and it was our free throws," Melcher said. "I think we only missed two (26-of-28). That was huge for us."

"Coming off a loss Thursday night winning this game today definitely picked our spirits up. And hopefully we can continue forward if we can beat a team like this, then we know we can beat anyone in the conference."

# Glenn girls sew up KLAAs South

Chalk up a second straight outright division title for the Westland John Glenn girls basketball team.

The state-ranked Rockets put an exclamation point on their KLAAs South crown with a 68-15 victory Tuesday at home over Livonia Franklin.

Junior guard Kaira Barnes led the way with 20 points, while Twins Raven and Raine Bankston chipped in with 12 and 10, respectively.

Glenn, now 14-1 overall and 9-0 in the division, also welcomed back starters Kiera Jordan and ShaKeya Graves after sitting out the last three games with injuries.

The loss dropped Franklin to 8-7 overall and 4-5 in the KLAAs South.

On Friday, Glenn

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clinched a share of the title with a 65-16 win at Wayne Memorial as Raine and Raven tallied 17 and 13, respectively.

India Giespie and Barnes each chipped in with 10.

Junior guard Ashley Bland paced Wayne (1-12, 0-8) with six.

**S.L. EAST 59, STEVENSON 52 (OT):** Junior forward Charlesann Roy scored nine of her 14 points in the final period Tuesday to lead a comeback, but visiting Livonia Stevenson (8-7, 3-6) fell short against KLAAs Central Division foe South Lyon East (8-7, 3-6).

Mara Murray and Rachel Wilkinson each added 10 for the Spartans, who trailed 34-24 at halftime and 41-33 after three quarters.

The Spartans clawed their way back to go up by two on a basket by Joanna Kandalaf, but it was deadlocked at 50-all at the end of regulation, but got outscored 9-2 in the OT. "We had our two smaller

guards come in and they just worked their tails off defensively," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "We just ran out of gas in the overtime."

Three East players scored in double figures led by Gabi Bird's game-high 18 followed by Solana Gillis and Sydney Jones with 16 and 10, respectively.

**CANTON 35, CHURCHILL 19:** Paige Aresco tallied 17 points Tuesday as the host Chiefs (11-4, 7-2) downed Livonia Churchill (5-10, 1-8) in a KLAAs South Division game.

"We played very good defense besides the first quarter," said Churchill coach Matt McCowan, whose team trailed 11-3. "But they get shots at the basket."

**PLYMOUTH 71, WAYNE 20:** Kylie Robb's 20 points lifted the Wildcats (7-8, 6-3) to a convincing KLAAs South triumph Tuesday at Wayne Memorial (1-13, 0-9).

Jada Woody added 14 points, while Leah Klizinski and Brooke Senkbeil added 12 points apiece. The Zebras, who fell behind 50-7 at halftime, got eight points from Ashley Bland.

# C'ville's Murphy, Buckley too much for RU, 60-46

The one-two front line tandem of Ashley Murphy and Ayanna Buckley carried Livonia Clarenceville to a 60-46 girls basketball victory Tuesday at Redford Union.

Murphy, a 5-foot-10 senior forward, and Buckley, a 6-1 junior center, each posted a double-double as the Trojans improved to 7-9 overall.

Murphy finished with 22 points and 13 rebounds, while Buckley contributed 20 points and 15 boards.

Mikala Kielsing also added 11 points for the Trojans, who led 29-23 at halftime and 45-29 after three quarters.

Ashley Sandelin and

Candice Brennan tallied 21 and 14 points, respectively, for the Panthers.

Clarenceville was 11-of-20 from the foul line, while RU hit 6-of-14.

**LADYWOOD 43, GABRIEL RICHARD 15:** Andie Anastos scored 20 points as Livonia Ladywood (10-6) locked down defensively with a Catholic League intersectional win Tuesday over Riverview Gabriel Richard (10-5).

Rachel Donabedian and Haley Lawrence each chipped in with eight points for the Blazers, who led 13-4 after one quarter and 29-12 after three.

"Across the board every single kid gave a great effort," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said. "We played with a lot of defensive intensity and it showed on the scoreboard. It was good to see."

The only negative was Ladywood's foul shooting (2-of-11).

**FRANKLIN ROAD 48, HURON VALLEY 34:** Junior Kristen Massey poured in a game-high 30 points Tuesday to lead Novi Franklin Road Christian (7-6, 7-1) to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division triumph over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-8, 2-6).

Sophomore Julie St. John scored 14 in a losing cause. "Turnovers killed us tonight," said HVL coach Kris Ruth, whose team had 27 miscues. "When we turned the ball over and it seemed to instantly turn into points for them."

"Massey shoots the ball well for them. She was over 50 percent from the three-point line."

HVL was 8-of-21 from the foul line, while Franklin Road hit 10-of-21.

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BOYS BASKETBALL	Sunday, Feb. 10 (MHPHS Showcase at Chelsea)	Monday, Feb. 4
Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.	Franklin vs. Lake Orion at Arctic Coliseum, 11 a.m.	Livonia Blue vs. Huron Valley at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.	PREP WRESTLING	Tuesday, Feb. 5
Plymouth at Glenn, 7 p.m.	MHSAA TEAM DISTRICTS	Liv. Red vs. Brighton-Howell at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.	DIVISION 4	PREP SKIING
Luth. Westland at HVL, 7 p.m.	at LUTHERAN WESTLAND	Thursday, Feb. 7
GIRLS BASKETBALL	Thursday, Feb. 7: Lutheran Westland vs. Newport Lutheran South, 6 p.m.	Division Championships at Alpine Valley, 4 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 8	MHSAA INDIVIDUAL	GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Luth. W/sid at HVL, 5:30 p.m.	DISTRICT TOURNEYS	Saturday, Feb. 9
Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.	(Saturday, Feb. 9)	Fenton Invitational, 1 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.	Division 1 at Southgate, 10 a.m.	Woodhaven Inv. TBA
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.	Division 1 at Saline, 10 a.m.	MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.	Division 3 at Richmond, 10 a.m.	Saturday, Feb. 9
PREP HOCKEY	Division 4 at Blissfield, 10 a.m.	S'craft at Henry Ford, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 7	BOYS SWIMMING	MU at Siena Hts., 7:30 p.m.
(MIHL Showcase at Trenton)	Thursday, Feb. 7	WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Churchill vs. Liggett, 8 p.m.	Wayne at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.	Saturday, Feb. 9
Friday, Feb. 8	Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m.	S'craft at Henry Ford, 1 p.m.
(MIHL Showcase at Trenton)	Plymouth at Glenn, 6:30 p.m.	MU at Siena Hts., 5:30 p.m.
Churchill vs. DC, 12:20 p.m.	Saturday, Feb. 9	ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Stevenson vs. U-D, 8:20 p.m.	MISCA Meet at EMU, TBA.	Friday, Feb. 8
Saturday, Feb. 9	PREP BOWLING	Barrie Colts vs. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Lahser at Arctic Pond, 5:30 p.m.	Friday, Feb. 8	Saturday, Feb. 9
(MIHL Showcase at Trenton)	Clarenceville vs. Annapolis at Parkway Lanes, 3:30 p.m.	Owen Sound vs. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
Stevenson vs. G.P. North, 4 p.m.	GIRLS GYMNASTICS	Sunday, Feb. 10
(MHPHS Showcase at Chelsea)		Whalers at Brampton, 2 p.m.
Franklin vs. Anchor Bay at Arctic Coliseum, 8:15 p.m.		

**PREP WRESTLING RESULTS**

**KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**  
Feb. 3 at EMU's Bowen Fieldhouse

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Hartland, 327 points; 2. Brighton, 232.5; 3. Westland John Glenn, 195; 4. Plymouth, 172; 5. Walled Lake Central, 131.5; 6. Livonia Franklin, 129.5; 7. Wayne Memorial, 120.5; 8. Howell, 120; 9. Waterford Kettering, 118.5; 10. Grand Blanc, 117.5; 11. Canton, 108.5; 12. Walled Lake Northern, 70.5; 13. Livonia Churchill, 79; 14. Milford, 76.5; 15. Salem, 59.5; 16. Northville, 50.5; 17. Livonia Stevenson, 47; 18. Waterford Mott, 41.5; 10. Novi, 37; 20. White Lake Lakeland, 33; 21. (tie) Pinckney and South Lyon, 30 each; 23. Walled Lake Western, 22; 24. South Lyon East, 13.

**CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS**

**103 pounds:** Noah Goner (GB) d. Caleb Marion (WLC) dec. Eric Lundwall (Hartland), 7-4; **5th place:** Chase Spanos (WJG) won by void over Sawyer Hughes (Howell); **7th place:** Dan Denova (Novi) dec. Jackson Renicker (Brighton), 6-3.  
**112:** Kyle Gillies (WJG) dec. Daniel Shear (WLC), 7-2; **3rd:** Kyle Bonsack (Brighton) dec. Sage Castillo (Hartland), 4-0; **5th:** Marco Lytwyn (LS) dec. Nick Robertson (LF), 5-0; **7th:** Kevin Charara (N'ville) won by technical fall over Andrew Hahnberg (WLN), 20-0.  
**119:** Nate Hughes (Hartland) pinned Trey Berry (Ply.), 1:16; **3rd:** Richard DeMaris (Canton)

dec. Josh Perez (LC), 2-0; **5th:** Kevin Huynh (WJG) dec. Tim Way (Wayne), 7-5; **7th:** Nathania Felming (GB) dec. Scott Ries (Brighton), 9-2.

**125:** Ben Calandrino (Howell) dec. Ben Griffin (Canton), 6-1; **3rd:** Jacob Carley (GB) won by tech. fall over Brennan Munley (WK), 15-0; **5th:** Jon Locklear (LC) won by major dec. over Devon Chalut (Hartland), 10-3; **7th:** Spencer Schiffr (Ply.) dec. Quinn Dupraw (WJG), 7-4.

**130:** Jacob Gorial (Hartland) p. Chase Kallil (Ply.), 1:14; **3rd:** Anthony Chudler (WLN) dec. Jose Ramos (Brighton), 3-0; **5th:** Brandon Conrad (WK) dec. David Joyner (Milford), 12-8; **7th:** Caleb McCabe (Salem) dec. Brett Quinn (WJG), 3-2.

**135:** Austin Eichler (Hartland) won by tech. fall over Ryan Foley (Brighton), 18-3; **3rd:** John Conn (Ply.) dec. Christian Luderback (WLN), 9-4; **5th:** Marc Przybylski (Canton) dec. Pellumb Kurtagc (GB), 4-2; **7th:** DeAndre Moore (WJG) dec. Jared Davidson (SL), 5-3.

**140:** Allen Parker (Wayne) dec. Alec Breckenridge (Ply.), 6-3; **3rd:** Justin Rollins (Hartland) p. Beau Mourer (Brighton), 3:51; **5th:** Dave Dolehanty (WK) dec. Max Mudar (N'ville), 5-3; **7th:** Justin Baker (LC) dec. Noah Holland (WLN), 9-4.

**145:** Jordan Amine (Brighton) p. Nick Frazier (LF), 2:31; **3rd:** Kody Roy (LS) dec. Anthony Colaianne (Hartland), 4-1; **5th:** Hayden Hughes (Howell) dec. Alex Moorner (Mott), 5-2; **7th:** Hussein Youssef (Ply.) dec. Marcus Jordan (WM), 9-2.  
**152:** Jordan Atienza (LF) dec.

Aaron Calderon (Brighton), 11-9; **3rd:** Travis Mann (WJG) dec. Patrick Kern (WLN), 7-2; **5th:** Logan Vish (Hartland) dec. Jacob Stitely (WLC), 6-4; **7th:** Dean Honkala (Howell) dec. Alex Coe (N'ville), 11-5.

**160:** Mitch Craig (WLC) won by void over Carson Whaley (GB); **3rd:** Nate Smith (Hartland) dec. Luke Rea (Milford), 5-2; **5th:** Joey Shaver (Ply.) dec. Ben Landry (Novi), 3-2; **7th:** Michael Gorman (WLN) dec. Jordan Salmon (Brighton), 3-1.

**171:** Mitchell Thomas (Hartland) dec. Nicholas Brish (Brighton), 3-1; **3rd:** Sam Ekanem (Wayne) dec. Tyler Gross (Salem), 5-3; **5th:** Zak Carter (WK) dec. Brett Thrushman (LF), 10-8; **7th:** Jevon Hill (Canton) won by void over Andy Bovey (Lakeland).

**189:** Allen Steele (LF) dec. Chad Czenneski (Howell), 7-1; **3rd:** Lucas Ready (Brighton) dec. Ryan Hill (Hartland), 8-7; **5th:** Alex Sovel (WLC) dec. Mitchell Gross (Salem), 8-7; **7th:** Lucas Hofbauer (Wayne) won by tech. fall over Nate Holsworth (WK), 20-5.

**215:** Jordan Brandon (WJG) dec. Noah Hosking (Milford), 11-5; **3rd:** Matt Okaiye (WK) dec. Chad Maki (Hartland), 7-4; **5th:** Graham (Lakeland) dec. Prince Onwenu (WLC), 9-2; **7th:** Luke Patterson (SLE) dec. K.J. Wooley (Canton), 1-0.

**285:** Dylan Morantes (WJG) p. Zach Sieler (Pinckney), 5:30; **3rd:** Aaron Mauldin (Wayne) won by void over Manny Haddad (LC); **5th:** Tommy Edwards (WK) p. Johnthan Dixon (SL), 0:30; **7th:** Joshua Charneski (Hartland) p. Jonathan Wines (N'ville), 1:30.

# Hartland rules KLAA mat tournament; Rockets 3rd

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Hartland was the runaway winner in Saturday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association wrestling tournament held at Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Fieldhouse.

The Eagles, who scored a team-high 327 points, boasted four individual champions.

Defending champion Brighton was runner-up with 232.5, while Westland John Glenn placed third with 195 as the Rockets got individual titles from Kyle Gillies (112 pounds), Jordan Brandon (215) and Dylan Morantes (285).

Other area teams in the 24-school field included Livonia Franklin, sixth (129.5); Wayne Memorial, seventh (120.5); Livonia Churchill, 13th (79) and Livonia Stevenson, 17th (47).

Gillies, a senior, remained unbeaten with a 7-2 win in the finals over Walled Lake Central's Daniel Shear, while Brandon improved to 44-1 with an 11-5 decision over

**PREP WRESTLING**

Noah Hosking of Milford. Morantes took the heavyweight crown when he pinned Pinckney's Zach Sieler in 5:30.

Franklin had a pair of individual champs including junior Jordan Atienza (152), who is now 46-0, and Allen Steele (189), who improved to 42-1 with a 7-1 decision over Howell's Chad Czenneski.

Atienza defeated 2012 state placer Travis Mann of Glenn in the semifinals and downed defending 152-pound Division 1 state champion Aaron Calderon of Brighton in the finals, 11-9.

Atienza will be gunning for his 150th career win Saturday in the Division 1 individual district tournament at Southgate.

"The last time he (Atienza) wrestled Mann it was a pretty good match, but this time he pinned him," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "Mann's a tough wrestler, but he's been wanting that match all year. He's been wrestling 160 all year, but he told me

the two times he wanted to wrestle 152 was Mann in the John Glenn meet and he wanted to wrestle Calderon in the KLAA. He wants to wrestle the best to get good matches and he's beaten them all so far."

Wayne's Allen Parker duplicated his title at Observerland by capturing the 140-pound crown with a 6-3 decision over Plymouth's Alec Breckenridge.

**C'ville takes 1st**

Livonia Clarenceville improved its dual meet record to 18-10 overall by winning all five matches Saturday in the Romulus Summit Academy team tournament.

The Trojans scored wins over the Wayne Memorial 'B' team (49-23), Flat Rock (51-24), Hamtramck (63-18), New Boston Huron (41-33) and the host Dragons (50-25).

Going 5-0 on the day for Clarenceville included Mikey Weiss (130), Joey Walker (140), Domanick Slagle (145) and Aaron Bibik (160).

Three other Trojans finished 4-1 on the day.

## Glenn bowlers can't solve Salem

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

There's one team that seems to have Westland John Glenn's number when it comes to boys bowling.

For the second time this season, Salem knocked off the Rockets in a KLAA Central Division match at Vision Lanes, 18-12. The Rocks also beat Glenn on Jan. 19 at Super Bowl, 19-11.

Tyler Snyder paced Salem with 450 two-game series as the Rocks (13-2, 9-2) pulled even with

Glenn (13-2, 9-2) for the divisional lead.

Glenn squandered a chance to seal the match victory after taking a 10-0 lead in the Baker games.

"We struck out in the 10th frame putting the pressure on their anchor," Glenn coach Ron Staples said.

But Salem's Kevin Williams was up to the task as he struck out to give the Rocks a 10-pin total count of 1,013-to-1,003 to close the gap to 10-7.

"That was the turning point," Staples said. "We

had a chance to win the match early and did not. We left the door cracked and Salem kicked it open.

"They (Salem) bowled very well in the second game and we never had a chance to clinch the match."

Steven White paced Glenn with a 411 two-game set.

"If there is such a thing as a good loss, this might be it," Staples said. "We have had things easy for the past few weeks and this will help us to really focus for the conference and regional."

## PLAYOFFS

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(48) and Class D (32).

Teams will receive bonus points for each of its opponents victories regardless whether or not your team defeated an opponent or not. Previously teams received eight points for each win, by an opponent they've beaten and less points (1) for each victory by an opponent that defeated you.

The bonus point multiplier will change depending on the size of the opponent as opposed to the former 8 or 1 multiplier.

Out-of-state opponents will be placed into a division (instead of class) based on enrollment.

If the Enhanced SOS formula had been in effect last season, Division 1 runner-up Novi-Detroit Catholic Central would have missed the state playoffs along with three 6-3 teams — Temperance Bedford, Davison and Traverse City West.

In Division 2, Milford would have earned a spot in the 32-team field with a 4-5 record.

A total of 21 six-win teams from across the state would have failed to qualify for the playoffs.

One of those teams was Livonia Clarenceville, which finished 6-3 last year as an independent and earned a spot in Division 4.

Next year Clarenceville will be joining the Western Wayne Athletic Conference where it will be the smallest school in enrollment.

"Our strength of schedule no doubt will be higher next year than it was coming up this year," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry said. "It's a benefit for us because we'll play better competition. It will be interesting to see if it passes. If it does, it will be interesting to see if other teams beef up their schedules. Like anything else there'll be some quirks if it passes. It will be better for competition

in the long run."

Last season, Livonia Churchill finished 9-0 during the regular season and had the highest playoff point average (116.444) of any school in state under the MHSAA formula. That would still have held true under the Enhanced SOS plan (142.667).

"Not having pored over it with a fine-tooth comb, I think it might help alleviate the scheduling issues that people have been complaining about," Churchill coach John Filjatraut said. "For some of the better teams in the area it's hard to get sometimes their ninth game because everybody else is looking for their sixth win."

"With the strength of schedule (formula) you get rewarded for it, which I think is good. I worry a little bit that winning teams could be left out. With any system there's going to be some problems. I don't think any playoff system is perfect, but it may be time to look at it or tweak it a little bit. Having looked at it, I'd be in favor of something like that."

Livonia Franklin, a member of the KLAA's tough South Division, has qualified as an at-large playoff qualifier three different times with a 5-4 record.

"I don't know if that would be better or worse for us in our situation," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We're playing all Division 1 (teams) and seven of our nine games every year are against teams that are in the playoffs. If we play Walled Lake Western, Farmington, or somebody like that, we would lose points because they're Division 2. The Oakland Activities Association — that's going to hurt them — because they have a lot of good teams, but a lot of those are Division 2 teams. Conferences like that would affect them a lot because you're going to lose points."

The fact that Catholic Central would have not made the postseason last year was an eye opener

for Kelbert.

"CC would get absolutely screwed because they play out-of-state and Division 2 and 3 teams," he said. "Orchard Lake) St. Mary's and (Birmingham) Brother Rice are better than most or all Division 1 teams, but they (CC) are still going to lose points. So 5-4 for them ... they're out no matter what."

Kelbert, however, generally favors the proposed plan.

"It is good because it's going to force people to play a tougher schedule," he said. "For us, it doesn't change anything. Getting to seven wins is tough to do. That's my only negative. I like the fact you're being playing a tough schedule, but that seven-win mark makes is a little tougher. On strength of schedule there could be a four-win or a five-win team getting it over a six-win team. That would be a tough call. I found that very interesting."

Lutheran Westland, the area's smallest school, has qualified for the Division 8 playoffs the past two years with a 6-3 record. The Warriors lost in the first-round both times to Melvindale Academy of Business & Technology.

"It wouldn't change that much for us," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusé said. "I like the idea of playing D8s instead of D7s being squeezed down there. From a personal standpoint I like that idea, but I understand that D8 is disproportionate because there are only a few small schools still playing."

"The other thing that was interesting when looking at it was Catholic Central would have not qualified for the playoffs. Even in Division 8, Baldwin at 6-2, didn't qualify because they have enough points."

"I like the number to shoot for whether it's six or seven. Obviously six is in our favor also. I like the six better than the seven as an automatic qualifier. We'll live with whatever they throw at us."

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

**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, 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 mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org.

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# Church plans effective parenting workshop

The Mariam Center at St. Mary Orthodox Church will offer a parenting seminar 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the church, located at 1800 Merriman, Livonia.

Registration is \$10 and is available at [saintmarylivonia.com](http://saintmarylivonia.com). The cost includes lunch. Guest speaker will be Dr. John Chirban, clinical instructor in psychology at

Harvard Medical School at The Cambridge Health Alliance. Chirban has a special interest in integrative studies of medicine, psychology and religion and was named Senior Fellow at the Center

for the Study of World Religions at Harvard University in 2003. He also serves as professor of psychology and chairman of the Human Development Program at Hellenic College.

He has authored several books and will sign copies at the conclusion of his lecture. For more information, call the Rev. Jim King at (734) 422-0010.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

### February

#### BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 17  
**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast with ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10  
**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

#### 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  
**Contact:** Rev. Joseph Marquis, Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, at (734) 522-3166

#### 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  
**Contact:** (248) 553-3380

#### 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. Pre-registration for this event is recommended and free of charge  
**Contact:** [newbeginning-solgc@gmail.com](mailto:newbeginning-solgc@gmail.com)

#### FILM

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Feb. 20  
**Location:** Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway

**Details:** Reel Events Film Series features "Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North." The film follows the descendants of the DeWolf family as they retrace the triangle of the slave trade from Ghana, to Cuba, to Rhode Island. Admission is free  
**Contact:** (248) 354-4488

#### 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. Presenters will include the Rev. Bill Tindall as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry  
**Contact:** St. Michael's at (734) 261-1455 or [www.goodmourningministry.net](http://www.goodmourningministry.net)

#### 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 De-

troit, 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. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$25 at the door  
**Contact:** (248) 661-1900 or [www.theberman.org](http://www.theberman.org)

#### LENENT SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13-March 20  
**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

**Details:** Free soup and sandwich supper served at 6 p.m. before the Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 13 and free treats after the other services. The theme is "Names of Wondrous Love"  
**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

#### OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24  
**Location:** St. Damian Catholic School, 29892 Joy, Westland

**Details:** Take a guided tour of the school, which includes preschool-eighth grades, meet the staff members who will be available to answer questions/concerns and have conversation with other parents and students. St. Damian has interactive Smartboards in every classroom, Apple iPads and a technology lab. St. Damian offers latchkey programming, CYO sports, foreign language, music, computers, art, and physical education with more than 3 acres of outdoor sports fields. Bus transportation is available for Livonia residents and Westland residents within the Livonia School District  
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**ATKINS, MARY ADA**

Passed away on February 2, of natural causes. She was born on June 29, 1929 in Mayfield, Kentucky. She moved to Michigan in 1946, and married Herman Atkins in 1952. After he enlisted in the U.S. Navy they lived in Key West, settling in Livonia in 1956. She was a long time member of Livonia Baptist Church. For years Mary volunteered at the Baptist Center in downtown Detroit and Ardmore Nursing Home in Livonia. She enjoyed quilting and spending time with her family. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Herman. She leaves behind her children: Dennis (Gail), Donald (Pam), Lynn (Van), Dwayne (Pat), and Diann (Dan). Twelve grandchildren: Brian, Laura (Aaron), Chad, Cody, Jeremy, Jordan, Emma, Drew, Joshua, Ashley, Chris, and Alysa. Great-grandmother of Orion. Services were held at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel, Livonia. Memorial Donations may be made to Angela Hospice Development Office, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154.  
Please share memories at [Fredwoodfuneralhome.com](http://Fredwoodfuneralhome.com)

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

**KIRKMAN, DORIS R.**  
February 3, 2013, age 95. Loving wife of the late Ernest. Cherished mother of Robert (Patience), the late Kenneth (Michele) and Donna (Terry) Cheney. Beloved grandmother of 9 and great-grandmother of 12. Visitation Thursday 3-5 & 6:30-9 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Funeral Service Friday 11am at the funeral home.  
[www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)



**MCCORMICK, JOHN F.**

**STEVENS, HOLLIS**

Age 59, February 2, 2013. Dear father of Dale and Paul. Fiancée Joanne Bryant. Grandfather of Damon, Layla, Felicity and Skylar. Brother of Sharon Maker, Paulette (Bob) Sharon. Retired from General Motors and from the Garden City Police Reserve Unit and member of the Forbidden Wheels. Funeral services were held at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill), Garden City.  
[www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)

Age 95, recent (2009) Plymouth resident, died Wednesday, January 30, 2013, in Ann Arbor's VA Medical Center. He was born November 12, 1917, in Boston, MA, and served in the U.S. Navy from 1937 retiring in 1961 as an Aviation Ordnanceman Chief. On completing his Naval Reserve obligation John was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade which he held during WWII. He then worked in Old Dominion University's (Norfolk, VA) data centers from 1962 retiring again in 1980. John is survived by one sister Mrs. Agnes Sullivan of Quincy, MA; four sons Terry L. Merrifield & Danny B. Merrifield (VA) and Kenneth E. McCormick & Timothy B. McCormick (MI); four grandchildren Sandie, Molly, John, and Jacqueline; and five great grandchildren along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, Joel F. McCormick and his loving wife of 55 years Mary T. (Fennell/ Merrifield) McCormick. A graveside service is planned, in May, at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Norfolk, VA.

Donations can go to [www.FeedingAmerica.org](http://www.FeedingAmerica.org) in memory of John's food related-hobbies of fishing, crabbing, gardening, preserving, baking, and sharing a good meal in America which he so valiantly served as a young man. Local McCormick family members will receive friends, neighbors, & care-partners from 3 pm to 5 pm on Saturday, February 9th, at Bennisgan's, 40441 Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth, MI



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## Shakespeare to choral music

### Laugh, cry, sing at local theaters this month

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

It doesn't matter if you love Shakespeare or hate Shakespeare, Sharon McNutt says she has the perfect play for you.

"You don't have to know anything about Shakespeare to have a blast with this," said McNutt, who is directing *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* for Spotlight Players in Canton.

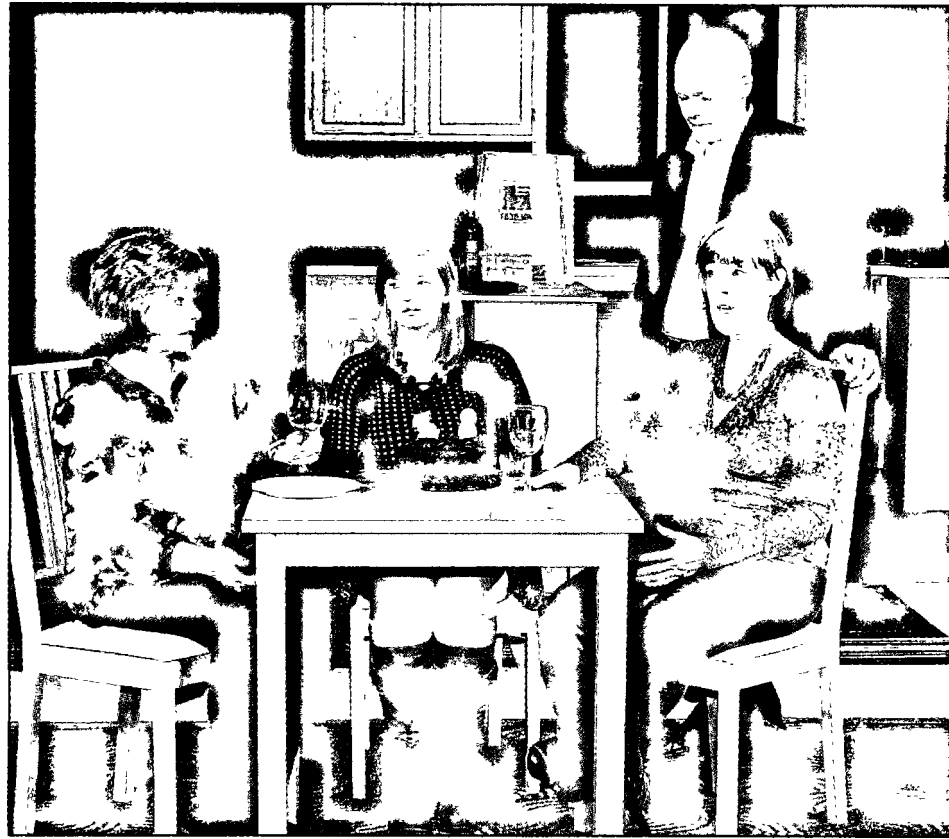
The comedy is among a variety of productions opening at local community theaters over the next two weeks. Barefoot Productions in Plymouth offers a romance in time for Valentine's Day; Farmington Players plans a drama starting Feb. 15; Inspire Theatre in Westland mixes the wild west and an interactive murder mystery at a dinner theater show this weekend; and Paul's Players offers a vocal music show for its winter fundraiser.

Spotlight Players' show brings a bit of everything — comedy, drama, tragedy, history, improvisation — to the stage in a wacky look at all of Shakespeare's works.

McNutt, a former actress who teaches drama at Canton High School, expanded the original three-man cast to eight players, creating an ensemble that includes both men and women, in ages that range from 19-50.

"I love ensemble work where you don't have a star. Everyone shines and it's very collaborative," she said. "I love true collaboration and that's what drew me."

McNutt describes the comedy as "a fast-paced zany romp" with improvised moments, local references and audience interaction, with Shakespeare's plays interpreted through various art forms. All of his comedies are performed within a single monologue, for example. *Othello* is turned into a two-min-



Fifth Season will sing at a fundraiser for Paul's Players in Livonia.

ute rap song and *Titus Andronicus* becomes a cooking show segment.

"There's a lot of dying and tons of props and pulling people on stage. You could see this show in 100 different cities and have 100 different performances because the audiences would be different and their responses would be different.

"You have a script and the script is memorized but it's open for improvisational moments. It's not an improvised show, but there are bits and pieces scattered throughout where you can make current and local references."

#### In Plymouth

Barefoot Production's upcoming production of *Kind Sir* is more nostalgic with a slight edge than contemporary and provocative, according to Mary Tablac, Barefoot head of marketing and development. It tells the story of a commitment-shy diplomat and is set in high-society, 1950s New York.



Adam Weakley of Whitmore Lake and Maureen Paraventi of Redford take on the lead roles in "Kind Sir," opening Feb. 14 at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.

taking time from her normal duties as props curator from Tipping Point Theatre in Northville to help us source items for this show, particularly the dozens of red and yellow roses Jane receives from her suitors."

#### All music

Paul's Players' upcoming show is pure nostalgia — with a tuneful twist.

Jerry Smith, who developed the choral program at Bentley High School in Livonia, and then went on to create the Creative and Performing Arts Program (CAPA) at Churchill High School, will perform a benefit show for the Players' with his family and friends.

"We have known each other for a lot of years. My son was in his choir. Jerry helped me get a job in Livonia," said Pat Hutchison, Paul's Players' director and a retired Livonia teacher. "My first theater job was at Bentley. His daughter was my accompanist for one of the musicals there and his other daughter was a student."

Smith's daughter, Kimberly Swan, is among the performers in the show that also features Smith and his wife, Sharon, on piano; The Artists' Ensemble, a group Smith developed while at Tynedale College; and Fifth Season, a women's vocal ensemble directed by Sharon Smith.

Swan will sing operatic vignettes with students from her vocal studio. Fifth Season and The Artists' Ensemble will perform various kinds of chorale music.

"It's a very different kind of program. What I like about it is that it's so eclectic," Hutchison said.

A dessert buffet and coffee bar follows each concert, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Admission is \$10.

*The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* opens at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15 and runs at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22 and Saturday, Feb. 16 and 23. Matinees are at 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Feb. 24.

*Kind Sir* opens Thurs-

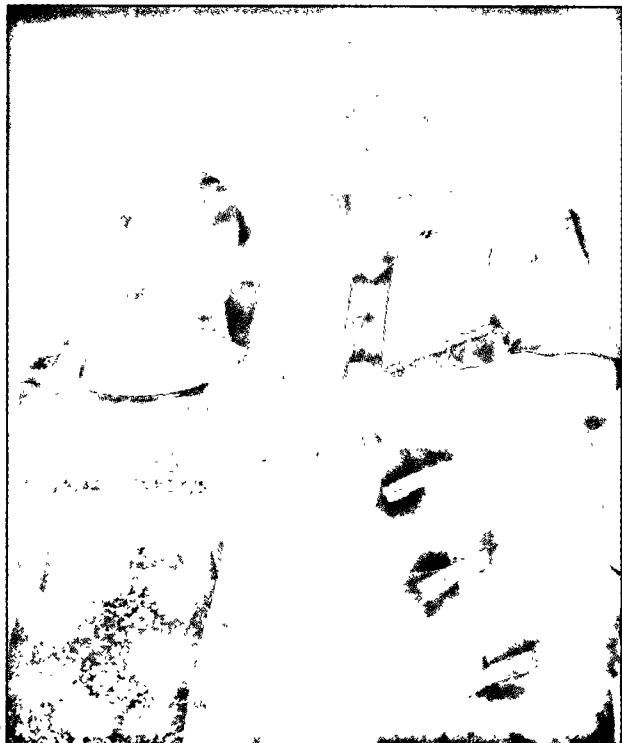
day, Feb. 14 and runs at 2 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through Feb. 24 at the Barefoot Productions Theater, 240 N. Main, Plymouth. Tickets are \$16 general audience and \$14 for students and seniors. Call (734) 560-1493; www.justgobarefoot.com.

#### Other shows

• Inspire Theatre presents *Silver City*, an interactive murder mystery dinner theater by Anne and Christopher Mara. Audience members may dress in costume to blend into the "old west" as they dine and kick back at The Red Hat Saloon, while helping a cast of crazy characters solve a mystery. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 8-9 and 15-16, at 33445 Warren Road, Westland. Dinner and show tickets are \$35. Advanced ticket sales only at (734) 751-7057; inspiretheatre.com

• Farmington Players presents *Rabbit Hole*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 15-March 2 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17 and 24, at the Barn Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. The drama looks at a couple as they try to put their lives together after their son's accidental death. Tickets are \$14 and \$16. Call (248) 553-2955 or visit farmingtonplayers.org.

• Two Muses Theater will donate a portion of proceeds from its children's show, *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf*, to Starfish Family Services. The show runs 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 9, 16, 23; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, 17, 24, in the theater inside Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. The show is a combination of *The Three Little Pigs* and *Little Red Riding Hood*, with the big bad wolf stuck between the two stories. Each performance includes other child-friendly activities, a raffle drawing and post-performance autograph sessions during which parents will have the opportunity to take their children's pictures with the characters. Advance tickets are \$10 and \$8 for children, 3-10. No babes in arms or children under 3. Tickets at the door are an additional \$2. Call (248) 850-9919.



The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) interprets "Titus Andronicus" as a cooking show and turns his other works upside down. Spotlight Players perform the wacky show beginning Feb. 15 in Canton.

"It's a sophisticated show, but there's a lot of sharp humor. The show premiered on Broadway in 1951, so you see a lot of that screwball comedy vibe, where all the characters lob quick little bon mots at each other; they're all very clever people," Tablac wrote in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "Both of the lead characters are jealous and a little needy, but they don't want to let the other person know that. Maureen Paraventi (playing Jane Kimball) and Adam Weakley (Philip Clair) play them as people who've been around the block a few times, but then this moody teenager side comes out when either one thinks they have a romantic rival."

Chris Steves of Woodhaven, David Alexander of Redford, and Eric Bloch and Linda McCalister, both of Ann Arbor, round out the cast.

Steves, also a costumer, has an eye for period detail, Tablac noted. That helps recreate shows like *Kind Sir*, with accuracy. Appropriate props also round out the setting.

"We do have a fairly thorough — for lack of a better word — props room, but we're always on the lookout for hard-to-find pieces. Having worked as the props master in the past, I usually scour antique malls and estate sales. My favorites are Town & Country in Livonia and RePurpose in Westland," Tablac said. "Thankfully, Beth Duey is



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Farmington Players presents the drama "Rabbit Hole" beginning Feb. 15. Performers include Cynthia Tupper (left) of Farmington Hills, Kelly Voigt of Farmington, Laurel Stroud of Redford Township and Jay McNeil of West Bloomfield.



Members of the Harmonytown Chorus surprise a singing valentine recipient last year. The singers are Dan Latimer, (left, back row), Frank Adams, Howard Goldman, Mark Pritchard, Tony Pyrkosz, (left front row) and Bruce Jonasz.

## Send your sweetie a harmonious valentine

The Harmonytown Chorus is on a mission to spread a little love this Valentine's Day.

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**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

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**Contact:** (734) 394-5308

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**Location:** 149 W. Liberty St., Plymouth; Upper Hall Gallery

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**Contact:** (734) 207-9600

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**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Feb. 23

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

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**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

##### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and during public events, through February; artist reception, poster print sale and signing, 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9

**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Rock music poster graphic design from Gary Grimshaw, former artist at the Grande Ballroom, will be on display along with poster works by artists for the San Francisco Band, Moonalice. Proceeds from sale of the Moonalice poster prints will go toward PCAC programming

**Contact:** (734) 416-4278

#### Film

##### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Feb. 19

**Location:** Congregational Church of Birmingham, UCC, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills

**Details:** "Carbon Nation" is a documentary about climate change and what the world needs to do to slow it down. Admission is free

**Contact:** ccbucc.org

##### MAPLE THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7

**Location:** 4136 Maple, west of Telegraph, Bloomfield Township

**Details:** Meet seven survivors of profound loss in the documentary, "Transforming Loss," by Judith Burdick, licensed psychotherapist. Learn what the human spirit is capable of in times of trauma and tragedy. Burdick will be on hand for the premiere of her new film. The screening is sponsored by Temple Beth El. Tickets are free and available by pre-registering online at www.transforminglossdocumentary.com. Click on the "register" tab

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##### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 and 14, 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 8-9, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10

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

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**Location:** The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

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It's time to don colorful beads, a costume and celebrate Mardi Gras. Feb. 12 marks "Fat Tuesday," the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

In New Orleans, La., revelers will mark the end of the carnival season Tuesday with Mardi Gras masks, costumes, beads and elaborate parades. In Cajun country masked participants on horseback, foot or trailer go from house to house singing and dancing for the owners, while begging for ingredients for a communal gumbo.

What brings both city and country celebrations together is hearty party food. Try a gumbo or jambalaya for your own weekend Mardi Gras party and don't forget the traditional King Cake with the doll tucked inside.

For more Mardi Gras recipes visit [www.tabasco.com](http://www.tabasco.com).

### Spicy Grilled Shrimp Skewers With Creole Mustard Dipping Sauce

Makes 6 servings

Creole Mustard Dipping Sauce:

- 1/2 cup Creole mustard or stone-ground mustard
- 1 tablespoon orange marmalade
- 2 teaspoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce

Skewers:

- 2 bunches scallions
  - 1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined
  - 1 pound andouille sausage
  - 2 tablespoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce
- Soak skewers completely in water at least 30 minutes.

Combine mustard, orange marmalade and Tabasco Sauce in small bowl. Set aside.

Preheat grill or broiler.

Divide scallions into individual strips. Blanch strips in boiling water for 30 seconds. Drain skewers. Thread 2 shrimp and 1 sausage slice onto each skewer, twisting a scallion strip around each skewer. Repeat with remaining skewers, shrimp, sausage and scallions. Brush shrimp with Tabasco Sauce.

Place skewers on grill. Grill 5 to 8 minutes, turning once until shrimp are cooked through.

### Eula Mae's Sausage and Shrimp Gumbo

Makes 8 servings

Recipe from "Eula Mae's Cajun Kitchen Cookbook"

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 pound andouille (or other spicy smoked sausage), cut crosswise into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup chopped yellow onions
- 1/2 cup seeded and chopped green bell peppers
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups sliced fresh okra or one (10-ounce) package frozen sliced okra, thawed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or more to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne, or more to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco Original Red Sauce
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 pound medium-size shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions (green part only)
- Hot cooked long-grain white rice

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the sausage and cook, stirring frequently, for 5 minutes. Remove the sausage with a slotted spoon and set aside.

Heat the remaining 1 tablespoon oil in the same skillet over medium-high heat. Stir in the flour and



cook, stirring constantly, until the roux is light brown, about 2 minutes. Add the onions, bell peppers, and garlic, and cook, stirring frequently, until soft, about 5 minutes. Gradually stir in the broth and blend until smooth. Bring to a boil. Add the sausage, okra, salt, cayenne, Tabasco Sauce, and bay leaves, cover, reduce the heat to medium-low, and simmer for 20 minutes.

Stir in the shrimp and green onions and simmer until the shrimp turn pink, about 5 minutes. Remove the bay leaves and serve in soup bowls over rice.

### Buffalo Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya

Makes 12 to 14 servings

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 1/2 pounds andouille sausage, cut into 1/2-inch-thick rounds
- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs or breasts, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper, divided
- 2 large bell peppers, seeded and chopped (about 4 cups)
- 5 ribs celery, chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 3 onions, chopped (about 3 1/2 cups)
- 2 jalapeños, seeded and chopped
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 tablespoons Tabasco Buffalo Style Hot Sauce, divided
- 4 dried bay leaves
- 3 (14.5-ounce) cans diced tomatoes
- 3 cups long-grain rice
- 6 cups chicken stock

Heat a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add olive oil and heat 30 seconds. Add sausage and cook, stirring occasionally, until browned, about 5 minutes. Transfer sausage to a large bowl. Add chicken, sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon of

the salt and 1/4 teaspoon of the pepper, and cook and stir until just cooked through, about 5 minutes. Transfer chicken to the bowl with the sausage.

Add bell peppers, celery, onion, jalapeño and remaining salt and pepper to Dutch oven, and cook over medium-high heat until vegetables start to soften, about 8 minutes. Add garlic and 2 tablespoons of the Tabasco Buffalo Style Sauce to the pan and cook 3 minutes more. Return the meat mixture to the pan. Add bay leaves and tomatoes and cook and stir, about 5 minutes. At this stage the mixture can be refrigerated for several hours or overnight.

When ready to proceed, heat meat mixture over medium-high heat. Stir rice into hot meat mixture and cook 3 minutes. Add the stock and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 30 minutes. Stir in remaining 2 tablespoons Tabasco Buffalo Style Sauce and let sit covered for 10 minutes.

## Local residents cook up winning party food recipes

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Kristin Dolmetsch of Northville scored a first place win for her taco and hot sauce creation in the Joe's Produce "Super" Recipe Contest.

"It combined my two favorite things, food and football," said Dolmetsch, in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "I'm an avid cook and love sharing my recipes."

The contest challenged cooks to create an appetizer, side dish, main entree or dessert appropriate for a Super Bowl party.

Dolmetsch prepared her winning tacos in a cooking segment with Jay Towers on Fox-2 and won a \$50 gift card to Joe's Produce, a gourmet and produce market in Livonia.

Second place winner and recipient of a deli tray certificate was Valada Sargent of Farmington Hills for her shredded chicken and corn cakes. Third prize, of a \$25 gift certificate, went to Michelle Voineag of Northville Township for her chili.

Dolmetsch, who writes a food blog called "Dolo's Kitchen" said she figured the contest would be fun and would give her an opportunity to share the recipe beyond her blog if she won.

"It was a lot of fun getting to share one of my favorite taco recipes. I hope others find them just as delicious as I do," she said.

What sets her Chorizo Street Tacos apart from others?

"These tacos are simple Mexican street food. They aren't masked by sour cream, cheese, and other guilty pleasures. The ingredients are really able to shine. They're quick, spicy, smoky, and fresh. I make these at least

once a month, if not more. They are definitely in our dinner rotation, they're so easy, it's nice to have in your back pocket when you want something quick and delicious."

Dolmetsch is engaged and plans to tie the knot this July.

"Not sure what we are more excited about, being married or Joe's Produce catering our wedding."

Sargent said she was pleased that the market sponsored a recipe contest.

"This was my first recipe contest, but it won't be my last. Never in my wildest dreams would I have imagined entering a recipe contest. It was fun to get out of my comfort zone and do something different. I'm no chef or professional, but I really do enjoy cooking fresh and healthy food."

She entered her recipe for Duper Super Shredded Chicken and Corn Cakes because the food is filling, tasty and easy to make.

Voineag, owner of Super Slow Zone, a health and exercise franchise in Northville, hoped her Super Bowl Super Black Bean Chili would appeal to her clients, but also be versatile enough to serve to anyone. Voineag said the recipe makes use of produce from Joe's, is easy to make and a healthful dining choice.

"I never entered a contest before. I love to cook new and healthy creations but I usually do not write them down. I had to make a test batch and carefully keep track of the ingredients," she said. "On Sundays I like to spend time eating healthier versions of tasty dishes. I share recipes and food with my clients and they have been begging for more and encouraging me to write a cookbook."

### Chorizo Street Tacos with Chipotle Hot Sauce

By Kristin Dolmetsch, first place winner  
Makes about 20 tacos

Tacos:

- 1 pound of Joe's Produce Housemade Ground Chorizo
- 1/2 white onion, minced
- 1/4 cup of cilantro, chopped
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 20 corn tortillas
- 1/2 teaspoon corn or vegetable oil
- Chipotle Hot Sauce (recipe below)

1. Brown chorizo in a skillet over medium high until browned and cooked throughout (about 10 minutes). Turn heat down to low to keep warm until you are ready to assemble your tacos.

2. In a small separate bowl, combine onion, cilantro and lime

3. Mix onion/cilantro mixture until well-incorporated and season with salt/pepper to taste. Set aside until ready for taco assembly.

4. To heat tortillas, place corn/vegetable oil in a non-stick skillet and heat over medium-low heat.

5. Place 1 tortilla in the skillet 1 minute on each side until warm and soft. Repeat until all tortillas are heated, adding extra oil if the skillet gets too dry.

6. To assemble the tacos, place chorizo in warm tortilla, top with onion/cilantro mixture, squeeze chipotle hot sauce.

7. Devour!

Chipotle Hot Sauce

- 3-4 Chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
- 1 large beefsteak tomato sliced in half
- 2 cloves of garlic, peeled and left whole
- 1/2 large, white onion
- 1/4 cup of water
- Salt to taste

1. Place all ingredients in a small saucepan over medium heat.

2. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes until soft, stirring occasionally.

3. Place saucepan contents into a blender or food processor.

4. Blend until smooth.

5. Set aside to cool.

6. Store hot sauce in air-tight Tupperware container or plastic bottle for up to two weeks. Great on just about everything!

### Duper Super Shredded Chicken and Corn Cakes

By Valada Sargent, second place winner  
Yields: About one dozen small chicken corn cakes

- 2 cups cooked OR rotisserie chicken breast, shredded
- 1 teaspoon diced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup salsa (I recommend Michigan-made "Chuck and Dave's Sweet Onion Salsa — yummy!")
- 1/2 cup fresh corn from the cob
- 1/2 cup diced tomatoes with green chilies
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup cornmeal

Preheat oven to 350°F. Thoroughly mix egg and cornmeal. Combine all other ingredients with egg/meal. Use an ice cream scoop to place mixture in greased muffin pan. Bake for 15 minutes or until golden brown. Top with a dollop of chilled salsa, serve hot and enjoy.

### Super Bowl Super Black Bean Chili

By Michelle Voineag, third place winner  
This recipe is inspired by my recent trip to Joe's Produce.

- 2 tablespoons of olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 yellow bell peppers, chopped
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 15-ounce cans black beans, rinsed & well drained
- 1 can tomato with green chilies
- 1 can tomato with roasted garlic & onion
- 2 cups low salt tomato juice

Heat the oil in a large pot over medium high heat. Add the chopped onion, pepper, cumin and salt. Saute until onion & peppers are soft, approximately 10 minutes. Add all other ingredients, bring to a boil and then reduce heat to medium and cook for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove approximately half of the chili and place in blender or food processor. Blend and return to pot. Can be made in advance; refrigerate, then reheat.

Serving options: Eat a bowl of chili, as is, or add toppings such as chopped tomato, chopped onion, chopped jalapeño peppers, cheddar cheese. Also great with corn chips or on a hot dog or a Not Dog.

## Housing affordability favors Midwest, including the Detroit region

With 11 months of data reported, 2012 will clearly go down as a record year for favorable housing affordability conditions, and a great year for buyers who could get a mortgage, according to the National Association of Realtors.

NAR's national Housing Affordability Index stood at 198.2 in November, based on the relationship between median home price, median family income and average mortgage interest rate. The higher the index, the greater the household purchasing power; record-keeping began in 1970.

An index of 100 is defined as the point where a median-income household has exactly enough income to qualify for the purchase of a median-priced existing single-family home, assuming a 20 percent down payment and 25 percent of gross income devoted to mortgage principal and interest payments. For first-time buyers making small down payments, the affordability levels are relatively lower.

For all of 2012, NAR projects the housing affordability index to be a record high 194, up from 186 in 2011, which was the previous record. November's reading was 2.5 index points below October, but up 1.5 index points from a year earlier.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said home buyers are able to stay well within their means. "Although 2012 was highest on record, the excessively tight underwriting precluded many would-be homebuyers from locking-in generational low interest rates," he said. "Rising home prices



and a gradual uptrend in mortgage interest rates will offset improvements in family income, but 2013 likely will be the third best on record in terms of household buying power. A window of opportunity remains open for buyers who can qualify for a mortgage."

Tony Schippa, Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth Realtor and past president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, said, "I think because the market is turning around, people are employed. I think people are realizing now is the time to go out and buy a house."

"Right now, we have a shortage of inventory," Plymouth resident Schippa said. He cited a condo in Northville at \$130,000 that sold recently within 48 hours.

"Even in the \$300, \$400s, you're getting multiple offers. I think you're going to continue to see that grow."

Schippa thinks interest rates on home loans may rise. "As we know, things don't stay low

forever, unfortunately. Now is definitely a good time to get in the market and get yourself a home."

It's also been Schippa's experience that the Midwest is traditionally more affordable than the East and West Coasts. "The Midwest is kind of a more stable market. I think you have more transients on the coasts."

"We were the first ones to go down with the manufacturing jobs going away," a few years ago. The Upper Peninsula, even during recent down times, "they have a more stable economy with so many jobs relying on the auto industry. They still kept pretty steady numbers."

The shortage of housing inventory has impacted both sellers and buyers, Schippa said. "Offering 80 cents on the dollar isn't working anymore."

"We will continue to move forward," he said of Michigan's economy. Realtors and their Political Action Committee are contributing to the business cli-

mate in Michigan, Schippa added.

NAR projects the housing affordability index to average 160 during 2013, which means on a national basis that a median-income family would have 160 percent of the income needed to purchase a median-priced existing single-family home. Conditions vary widely, with the highest buying power in the Midwest. Even in the West, where the regional index is lower, they typical family is well positioned in most markets.

NAR President Gary Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty in Villa Park, Calif., said the minor erosion in affordability conditions moving forward could be mitigated by bank and regulatory policies. "Clearer rules from the government regarding future lawsuits and buybacks of Fannie and Freddie loans could encourage banks to use their massive cash holdings to originate more loans," he said.

"A more sensible lending environment that makes it easier for other financially qualified buyers to get a mortgage would allow many more households to enter the market, boosting home sales as much as 10 to 15 percent," Thomas said.

The National Association of Realtors, "The Voice for Real Estate," is America's largest trade association, representing one million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

## Downtown Minneapolis on the grow

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: I am in the commercial real estate business with respect to large skyscrapers. I



Robert Meisner

am wondering if you have any information about Minneapolis in terms of its investment potential.

A: I am advised that a major California

real estate company has invested over \$200 million dollars in buying a 50-story tower in downtown Minneapolis. Basically, most of the buildings in the downtown area are occupied in the high 90 percentile being a secondary market. Minneapolis, based upon my recent analysis and visit, is thriving in the downtown area, particularly, because of the Target Center. It may well be a growing commercial center because of the rapid transit.

Q: I am finding it difficult to find a good Realtor who is willing to give me the time I need to look at various homes in the community in which I strive to live. Do you have any recommendations on how we can find a good Realtor?

A: Like finding a good lawyer, the best way to find a good Realtor is by word of mouth from someone who has had an opportunity to work with that Realtor. Of course, not everyone gets along with someone else the same way, and that is not an absolute guarantee. Obviously, the major firms have websites that provide the credentials for their real estate agents. You are best advised to have a real estate broker, who is affiliated with a company that has a good record of accomplishment and does not have any complaints filed against it with the state regulatory body. In any event, once you find a prospective Realtor, you should ask for references from that Realtor in order to check out their experience and ability to give you the service to which you are entitled.

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

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 8-12, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
6979 Becky Dr	\$182,000
43732 Belleauwood Ct	\$165,000
6607 Burnham Dr	\$160,000
7797 Chichester Rd	\$205,000
7638 Corbin Dr	\$176,000
44974 Danbury Rd	\$258,000
8190 Elmhurst St	\$205,000
408 Elmington Ct	\$431,000
2134 Fairway Cir	\$158,000
44947 Forest Trail Dr	\$195,000
43737 Fredericksburg St	\$121,000
42339 Glencove Cir	\$200,000
6905 Harvard Ln	\$81,000
1149 Heatherlea Ct	\$30,000
1935 Hendrie	\$297,000
7393 Hillsboro Dr	\$160,000
6648 Kennesaw Rd	\$410,000
46453 Killarney Ct	\$180,000
50336 Lansdowne Rd	\$77,000
142 Madison Ct	\$421,000
41500 Metaline Dr	\$177,000
227 Nassau Ct	\$160,000
49061 Northampton Ct	\$445,000
1712 Nowland Ct	\$196,000
4067 Palace Ave	\$176,000
1606 Peninsula Ct	\$174,000
4642 Pond Run	\$202,000
3100 S Lilley Rd	\$140,000
42161 Saratoga Cir	\$145,000
44237 Southampton Dr	\$140,000
2918 Stanton St	\$235,000

43509 W Arbor Way Dr	\$60,000
48650 Wildrose Dr	\$355,000
GARDEN CITY	
29133 Alvin St	\$100,000
27559 Cambridge St	\$15,000
30433 Dawson St	\$160,000
6431 Golfview St	\$100,000
5834 Helen St	\$40,000
7031 Helen St	\$55,000
7139 Middlebelt Rd	\$274,000
28515 Pardo St	\$260,000
33645 Rosslyn Ave	\$73,000
30513 Sheridan St	\$39,000
32527 Sheridan St	\$41,000
LIVONIA	
32456 Barkley St	\$126,000
11405 Cranston St	\$145,000
36200 Fairway Dr	\$350,000
36380 Fairway Dr	\$30,000
18234 Farmington Rd	\$56,000
18939 Flamingo Blvd	\$83,000
14087 Golfview St	\$145,000
11025 Ingram St	\$139,000
18646 Irving St	\$136,000
18973 Irving St	\$125,000
37937 Jamison St	\$92,000
11408 Melrose St	\$155,000
19631 Melvin St	\$109,000
37524 N Laurel Park Dr	\$110,000
37553 Newburgh Park Cir	\$198,000
37654 Northfield Ave	\$220,000
35416 Northgate Dr	\$230,000
34334 Orangelawn St	\$144,000
35952 Parkdale St	\$108,000
20054 Parkville St	\$49,000
29526 Pickford St	\$110,000
29615 Ravine Dr	\$172,000
20265 Rensellor St	\$13,000
39320 Ross St	\$135,000
35112 Scone St	\$125,000
37255 Seabrook Dr	\$330,000
18486 Southampton St	\$238,000

14243 Sunset St	\$111,000
15346 Sunset St	\$132,000
18059 University Park Dr	\$60,000
9049 W Deborah Ct	\$129,000
32488 Washington St	\$130,000
19972 Weyher St	\$84,000
9918 Woodring St	\$65,000
NORTHVILLE	
18871 Bayberry Way	\$498,000
48252 Binghamton Ct	\$550,000
44406 Broadmoor Blvd	\$453,000
44420 Broadmoor Blvd	\$463,000
44426 Broadmoor Blvd	\$466,000
16148 Crystal Downs E	\$514,000
46543 Crystal Downs W	\$493,000
19373 Crystal Lake Dr	\$85,000
39571 Dun Rovin Dr	\$250,000
39773 Eagle Trace Dr	\$240,000
735 Grandview St	\$465,000
16093 Homestead Cir	\$340,000
16295 Horseshoe Dr	\$427,000
16828 Horseshoe Dr	\$427,000
19548 Mann Ct	\$30,000
48277 Manorwood Dr	\$477,000
16406 Mulberry Way	\$277,000
41882 Pon Meadow Dr	\$296,000
15361 Prestwick Cir N	\$477,000
43587 Prestwick Cir S	\$474,000
516 Rouge St	\$185,000
327 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$225,000
20300 Spring Ln	\$800,000
41899 Waterfall Rd	\$287,000
16147 Westminster Dr	\$273,000
PLYMOUTH	
11524 Aspen Dr	\$142,000
11344 Bellwood Dr	\$315,000
693 Burroughs St	\$285,000
44763 Charnwood Dr	\$299,000
48080 Colony Farms Cir	\$132,000
14805 Farmbrook Dr	\$193,000
41059 Greenbrook Ln	\$153,000
13343 Hidden Creek Dr	\$254,000

40164 Newport Dr	\$68,000
40852 Newport Dr	\$60,000
9285 Northern Ave	\$135,000
9275 Tavistock Dr	\$103,000
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18636 Brady	\$10,000
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17334 Garfield	\$18,000
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34127 Birchwood St	\$41,000
8273 Bristol St	\$35,000
34870 Fairchild St	\$48,000
31025 Fernwood St	\$30,000
32240 Harvard St	\$41,000
35689 Hunter Ave	\$42,000
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7806 Manor Cir	\$23,000
30149 Matthew St	\$45,000
33023 Merritt Ct	\$90,000
5826 N Globe St	\$60,000
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38588 Scott Dr	\$45,000
786 Summerfield Dr	\$65,000
33513 Unicorn Ct	\$67,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Sept. 24-28, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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1495 Dorchester Rd	\$411,000
2497 Fairway Dr	\$1,300,000
575 Greenwood St	\$320,000
1221 Latham St	\$440,000
595 N Old Woodward Ave	\$172,000
1130 Wakefield St	\$297,000
272 Westchester Way	\$1,200,000
111 Willits St # 203	\$485,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
4584 Kiftsgate Bnd	\$569,000
27 S Berkshire Rd	\$200,000
2729 Aldgate Dr	\$220,000
150 E Long Lake Rd # 5	\$95,000

1939 Eagle Pointe	\$165,000
4751 Haddington Dr	\$249,000
20 Hadsell Dr	\$202,000
135 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$496,000
5291 Woodview Dr	\$248,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
4057 Hidden Woods Dr	\$282,000
1892 Pine Ridge Ln	\$215,000
820 S Pemberton Rd	\$175,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd # H2	\$30,000
3836 Wedgewood Dr	\$310,000
COMMERCÉ TOWNSHIP	
626 Andrews St	\$105,000
2313 Brigantine	\$252,000
8215 Cooley Lake Rd	\$374,000
2207 Palmetto	\$40,000
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23886 Beacon Dr	\$40,000
21056 Birchwood St	\$110,000
32318 Shiawassee Rd	\$110,000
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28601 Glenbrook Dr	\$272,000

28890 Hidden Trl	\$315,000
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29404 Windmill Ct	\$290,000
FRANKLIN	
32535 Scottsdale	\$728,000
Lathrup Village	
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19292 W 11 Mile Rd	\$60,000
MILFORD	
3236 Hanover Dr	\$357,000
NOVI	
43073 Ashbury Dr	\$425,000
45224 Bartlett Dr	\$84,000
27652 Belgrave Pl	\$45,000
30165 Brightwood Dr	\$286,000
41905 Canterbury Dr	\$116,000
27866 Declaration Rd	\$92,000
22100 Edgewater	\$66,000
23757 Maude Lea St	\$152,000
21917 Meridian Ln	\$250,000
151 Penhill St	\$77,000
47284 Robin Ct	\$275,000
28248 Wolcott Dr	\$91,000

28254 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000
SOUTH LYON	
24731 Brompton Way	\$40,000
59086 Carriage Ln	\$233,000
1087 Colt Dr	\$271,000
23865 Copperwood Dr W	\$50,000
57680 Deere Ct	\$50,000
53792 Edgewood Dr	\$219,000
24492 Glenwood Dr	\$40,000
59008 Peters Barn Dr	\$76,000
940 S Parkwood Dr	\$171,000
53815 Springwood Dr	\$210,000
53890 Springwood Dr	\$216,000
23343 Spylglass Hill Dr	\$355,000
54561 Villagewood Dr	\$40,000
SOUTHFIELD	
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23734 Plumbrooke Dr	\$75,000
28810 Tavistock Trl	\$145,000
25428 Woodvilla Pl	\$74,000
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# Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

- Prominent feature
- Long-eared animal
- Regal symbols
- Gloating cry
- Store sign
- Buzz's capsule-mate
- Clop
- In - (as found)
- Chute material
- Safeguard
- "Arabian Nights" bird
- Decompose
- Pompos sort
- Block, legally
- Meadow browser
- Tailor's aid
- Funny Charlotte -
- Safari leader
- Emergency transports
- Admiral's org.

**DOWN**

- Denver or Huston
- Popye's greeting
- Natural fabric
- Schmooze
- Goodall subject
- Leafed through
- Put in the ledger
- Beginnings
- Bridle part

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

R	E	E	F	D	E	C	L	A	G	
B	O	N	G	L	O	E	N	A	E	N
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# SUDOKU

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		3		9			7	
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5						6	1	
		8		9	1			6
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		9						7

Level: Beginner

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## Word Search - Pirates

K	A	C	U	C	T	P	Z	N	G	X	O	I	C	U
F	L	O	G	O	R	Z	A	O	C	V	A	B	Y	L
M	L	X	R	G	D	O	L	M	J	S	K	U	J	X
P	J	R	T	D	A	N	S	E	G	A	N	C	P	D
S	A	U	W	K	S	N	S	S	F	S	Q	C	M	E
P	C	C	I	F	L	A	W	B	B	W	A	A	E	I
B	L	A	C	K	B	E	A	R	D	O	R	N	I	R
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ahoy    buccaneer    crossbones    marauder    raid  
blackbeard    bullion    gold    parrot    skull  
booty    buried    map    pillage

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

7	4	9	8	1	9
8	6	5	7	6	2
9	3	5	1	6	2
1	3	9	4	8	7
2	5	6	3	9	3
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8	6	1	3	2	9
5	2	7	1	8	4

**Word Search**

K	A	C	U	C	T	P	Z	N	G	X	O	I	C	U
F	L	O	G	O	R	Z	A	O	C	V	A	B	Y	L
M	L	X	R	G	D	O	L	M	J	S	K	U	J	X
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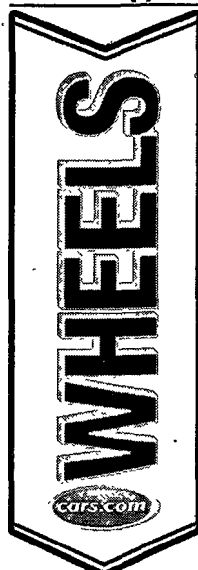
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