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State and county officials will gather in Westland Monday for their monthly coffee hour.

State Reps. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, and David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, will join State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-12th District, for the coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road, north of Ford, in Westland.

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**Assignment**

State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, has been received his committee assignments in the State House. Kosowski is serving as the Democratic vice chairman of the Tourism Committee and as a member of the Judiciary and Families, Children and Seniors committees.

"The committees that I am fortunate enough to serve on will take up legislation that will be instrumental to the families of the 16th district," Kosowski said. "My goal is to promote the assets of our great state and attract people to Michigan's many great destinations."

**Tax help**

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency and the Wayne County Asset Building Coalition have once again partnered to provide free tax services to individuals and families throughout Wayne County who earn up to \$50,000 a year.

Tax services are available through April 15, at permanent and mobile tax sites throughout the county. Many offer night and weekend hours. Appointments are on a first-come-first-serve basis, walk-ins are also accepted. For an appointment, call (734) 284-6999. A list of dates, times, locations can be found online at www.waynemetro.org.

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**Wayne looks at policy for political use of facilities**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Wayne is developing a policy regarding the use of city facilities for political forums or candidate events.

"I personally, during 20 years in politics, I never used any city facilities. It

became an issue during the last election," Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said. "A group used the library — the other candidate used it. So I could use it, but that group had a problem with me using it."

As a result, Haidous said it's time for city council to set a policy

about free use of facilities — there is already an existing policy on the city's rental facilities.

"Some group may need a large facility, a group shouldn't get special treatment," Haidous said. "There will be costs to the city for energy and cleanup. The city

can't afford that. Once you open it up for political groups, the sky's the limit."

Any policy should provide equal access opportunities to political or other groups, City Attorney Paul Bohn said, adding there is a difference between education and

advocacy.

"Cost can definitely be a consideration, if staff time or resources are involved," Bohn said.

Council members seemed to agree that political groups or candidates shouldn't have free

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**Families get creative with toothpicks and marshmallows**

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer



Library aide Dana Szanti of Westland talks to Addison Brown of Wayne about the house she was building with toothpicks and marshmallows.

Emma O'Connell and Ena Schwartz must have paid attention to all those lessons on angles in geometry. Using 500 toothpicks and not quite a third of a bag of miniature marshmallows, they were able to build a sturdy tower close to a foot tall.

They built it for fun. The Wayne Memorial High School students had volunteered to help with a marshmallow tower building challenge Thursday evening at the Wayne Public Library, but the threat of weather kept down attendance so they got to build their own tower.

"We were going to build two buildings with a bridge and did the bases with pyramids," Schwartz said. "We flipped it upside and they looked a lot cooler."

"It's more toothpicks than marshmallows," O'Connell said. "I did a

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**Mixed reviews for governor's budget plan**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Local legislators have a mixed reaction to the Gov. Rick Snyder's budget proposal. They're concerned about tax hikes hitting struggling poor and working families, and pleased with expanding Medicaid to provide coverage to the uninsured.

"His transportation plan to pick up over \$1 billion (for roads and bridges) is going to be quite a challenge," said state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland. "These are the same people who have been hit with a tax on their pensions, the loss of credits on their income tax — the final phase comes this year. Their disposable income is reduced."

The proposal is to increase the tax on fuel to 33 cents per gallon — up from 19 cents per gallon for unleaded fuel and 15 cents per gallon for diesel. Vehicle registration fees would see a 60 percent increase for cars

and light trucks, a 25 percent hike for big trucks and trailers to generate \$508 million.

"That registration fee, it's a big hike. Most residents aren't going to like that," said state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland. "Families are struggling month to month. They say the increases would be \$10 a month. We're nickel and diming people."

**'A ploy'**

Since the fuel tax and registration fee hikes are likely to be controversial, Anderson said he suspects the proposal is a ploy.

"My theory is that they are throwing the bad medicine out there, then will put a 2-cent increase in the sales tax on the ballot," said Anderson. "I don't like doing things like that. I think some of the legislature sees it as a way to take the blame off themselves."

Anderson supports collecting the existing sales

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James Woltkamp provides proof of the need for road repairs with his photograph of a stretch of Hunter between Farmington and Venoy where he lives, which "is becoming impassable due to potholes."

**Westland resident has example of road in need of repair**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Snyder is talking about the importance of fixing Michigan roads as he presents his new budget.

At the same time, Westland resident James Woltkamp is registering his unhappiness with the stretch of Hunter between Farmington and Venoy where he lives.

"Hunter Street from Farmington to Venoy is becoming impassable due to potholes and the city does nothing. West-

land infrastructure needs help," Woltkamp wrote in an email.

Woltkamp followed up with photos of his section of Hunter. Asked for more comments, Woltkamp responded: "No comments are necessary. The street speaks for itself."

To further highlight the poor condition of the street, the section of Hunter immediately to the west — from Farmington Road to Apache — was resurfaced last year. "It's on our radar, it's on the priority list. The oth-

er stretch (Farmington Road to Apache) was a worse section," Westland Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford said. "This section (Farmington Road to Venoy) has been designed and we know what it will cost. We only get a certain amount of dollars."

Along with other reduced revenues, Buford said state Act 51 street funding has also been reduced.

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tax on Internet purchases — something he said would generate billions of dollars in revenues.

Both Anderson and Kosowski were pleased with Snyder's proposal to expand Medicaid coverage to over 400,000 Michigan residents who are currently uninsured.

"There would be no cost to the budget for three years. The savings we see for those three years, we should bank the money so we have it when the costs do kick in," said Anderson.

Snyder's budget also calls for:

- \$8.6 million to create a new agency within the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to focus on improving services to 700,000 veterans.

- Funding increases of about 2 percent for K-12 schools, community colleges, and universities.

### Disappointing

"I'm very disappointed in how much money is dedicated to schools. After two years and about 20 percent loss in revenue, they will now get only a bump to be used for retirement costs," said Anderson. "You're giving them money but telling them how they have to spend it. The elected board and local officials know better what the money should be used for."

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools in particular has been hard with the elimination of funds it had received to cover millage disallowed with the inception of Proposal A.

"I continue to be astonished that the governor has not proposed a

solution to the funding crisis his budget has created for the Wayne-Westland Community School District," said Kosowski. "The WWCSD received the largest per pupil funding cut in the state. I have two small kids — so many families have kids. I thought there would be more appropriate funding for K-12."

Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy said he was disappointed that the proposed budget does not include a per pupil increase for the district. In the past two years, funding to the district has been cut more than \$11 million.

"Our hope is as the legislative process continues, the legislature will come to grips with the huge inequity in school funding that now exists across Michigan and recognize that we must invest in our children's education and our future as Michiganders," said Baracy. "Education must be the No. 1 priority if we are going to be competitive in this global market place."

- A deposit of \$75 million in the state's Rainy Day Fund, bringing the total to \$580 million.

Both Anderson and Kosowski were unhappy that local governments weren't getting an increase in funding except for 4 percent more in the constitutional portion of state shared revenue.

"That will be helpful but it will not make up for all the cuts and there are still strings attached forcing the locals to consolidate," said Anderson. "That has some positive points, but communities can lose their identities and not deliver the services they once had provided."

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## TOWERS

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program like this for team building at Wayne Memorial with five other people. We had a lot less time to build it, though."

Library aide Dana Szanti estimated the teens' tower was 11 inches tall, but the prize for the tallest went to Cynthia Zink of Westland and Natalya Hrecznyj of Dearborn and their children, whose tower well more than a foot tall and quite possibly just as big at the base.

"This isn't bad, this is really fun," said Zink, who was there with her son Zachary, 4.

"We were looking in a magazine for something new to do, something different than Jungle Java," added Hrecznyj, who brought her son Alex, 4, and daughter Anya, 3.

### Building up

Zink was carefully connecting toothpicks to marshmallows, adding height to the tower and preparing to add a piece Alex had created. They had worked through one box of toothpicks and were into the second, with most of the bag of marshmallows used.

"Every one with an extra marshmallow are Zachary's," his mother said. "Alex did a good job, he liked it, but Zachary used a lot of marshmallows."

It could have been because of his interpretation of the tower.

"See our volcano," he said.

The idea of building marshmallow towers came from Jody Wolak, who had handled youth services at the library. When Wolak left, Szanti took over and bustled around the room, checking on the progress.

"It's really not as easy as it looks," she said. "Some companies use this for team building."

Each group had an hour to build its tower or something



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Cynthia Zink of Westland works on building her free form tower taller.



Zion Boswell of Westland is all smiles as she tries her hand at building the tower.

creative. The creative honor went to the playground and house that Dawn Adkins of Romulus, her son Parker, 5, Michael Brown of Wayne and his daughter Addison, 6, built.

"She said to be creative and we said OK," said Brown, who was working on keeping the jungle gym from falling over. "We've used almost 200 toothpicks."

### Staying put

Addison built the two-story house that connected to the play area with a toothpick path. There was a jungle gym, swings and monkey bars and toothpick people made by Parker.

"It was fun to build, but we're not taking it home," Adkins said, pushing marshmallows on to toothpicks to add to support structures.

"We've done a lot of stuff at the library. I like to hang out here with the family," Brown said.

Dezerra Boswell of Westland was looking for something to do with her daughter Zion, 3.

"I wanted to do something different and do something with her," she said. "It's been fun, it hasn't been too challenging. I'd like to get it taller, but I think it's going to fall over."

Gennifer Williams of Romulus was working on a tower with her daughter Priya, 6. Unlike Boswell, she found it challenging. She had built a top and a base and was trying to figure out how to put the two together.

"It's harder than it looks," she said.

And while the families were permitted to take their towers home, Williams opted to dispose of hers.

"Mom threw it away because it kept falling and falling and she didn't want marshmallows all over her car," Priya said.

Even though the numbers were down, Szanti declared the challenge a success.

"I think everyone had a good time," she said.

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## POLICY

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use of city facilities, in particular no one should be allowed to use council chambers.

"There are a lot of private rental places, plus rentals at the library and community center," Councilman Albert Damitio said.

Having surveyed surrounding communities on their policies,

Clerk Matthew Miller provided a report, including a recommendation that only non-biased groups, such as the League of Women Voters or the Chamber of Commerce, be allowed to use city facilities, providing reimbursement for any costs incurred by the city.

City Manager Robert English and Bohn are to develop a policy for council.

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# Girls night out: Annual dance draws a crowd



Wayne resident Rori Beaubien and his daughter Abigail dance at the Wayne-Westland Community Center.

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A capacity crowd turned out for the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance at the Wayne-Westland Community Center.

"Generally we get 4-8-year-old girls but we might get some older girls coming with a father or grandfather," said Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams. "My daughter is 10 and she didn't want to go this year. She's too cool."



William Kuras and daughter Heather take a break and watch the other dancers.

The event, held for about 20 years, starts with the daughters and daddies getting their photos taken. Then it's time for cookies, a beverage, some quality time together and square dancing with a caller. "The girls dress up. Once girl had gone to

get her hair done. Some of the guys came in tuxedos," said Adams. "Some other dads came in jeans — it ranges." The dance is traditionally held the first Wednesday in February, just ahead of Valentine's Day. A Hoedown, which



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Audrey Littrell and her dad Matt of Canton do the Hokey Pokey at the Wayne-Westland Community Center Daddy/Daughter Dance.

served as a Son/Mommy event, was scheduled for last week but canceled after not drawing many guests. Instead, the event will be held in early October and be recon-

figured as a family fall event outdoors. "We'll have wagon rides, cider and doughnuts. It will be a good idea just before the holiday events," said Adams.

"We'll get the youth theater group for a Halloween walk."

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# Event shows off community center fitness programs

By LeAnne Rogers  
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If you've wanted to try some different types of exercise, the Wayne Community Center has two upcoming programs showcasing fitness classes.

The Water Fitness Jam is set for 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the aquatic center. Instructors of all types

of water exercise, including aerobics and Zumba, will be on hand. The program is free for the first 100 participants to register.

The Land Fitness Jam will be held 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, at the Wayne Community Center. It will be an hour packed with Jazzercise, Zumba, Core Training and more.

This program is free to the first 300 registered participants.

Register by e-mail at recreation@ci.wayne.us or by calling (734) 721-7400. The center is at Howe and Annapolis in Wayne.

The Wayne and Westland Parks and Recreation departments combined July 1 when the Bailey Recreation Center closed.

This followed a year of an agreement under which people living in both cities were treated as residents in recreation programs.

"I see that we are up to 1,700 memberships at the recreation center. It's not a record, but it's close," said Wayne Councilman James Henley.

"The increased membership at the recreation cen-

ter is due to the efforts of the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams, said Henley.

"He's really been busting his butt. He's the only full-time person we have at the recreation center," he added.

For more on recreation and fitness programs, visit [www.ci.wayne.mi.us](http://www.ci.wayne.mi.us).

The recreation center will be closed for maintenance the week of Feb. 17 although the aquatic center will remain open. The aquatic center will close the following week for maintenance as the recreation center reopens.

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## Founders Day dinner puts spotlight on parents



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A band of teachers and administrators entertained the crowd at the Garden City Founders Day celebration. The band members were: Alex Duncan, who teaches high school math, Sam Bialach from Burger Center for Autism, Bob Fulton, who teaches high school English, Jim Crosby, a Douglas third-grade teacher, Derek Fisher, Garden City High School principal, Joe Valdivia, Burger administrator, Steven Olsen, high school chorale director, and Stanley Szczotka, director of Student Services.



Christine Messner, a teacher at the Farmington 5/6 campus, gets food from the buffet table at the annual dinner.

By Sue Buck  
 Staff Writer

The Garden City Founders Day celebration showed that the school district has a firm support system in place.

Teachers, administrators, parents, grandparents and community members showed their support for the annual event which was held at Roma Banquets.

"We greatly appreciate all that you do and how you touch the lives of our children," said Garden City Schools Superintendent Michelle Cline.

Cline organized the event differently using a PTA Idol approach for recognition. Stan Bialach, a teacher at Burger Center for Students with

Autism, who performed in a band of teachers and administrators for the dinner, was selected the PTA Idol by secret judge and school board member Darlene Jablanowski.

The Silent Auction raised \$1,119 that will be used for scholarships for students who are seniors.

Deborah Gabrion, a teacher at the Memorial 1/2 Campus, received the "bribes" bucket of \$30.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of Educator of the Year, an honor that went to Cheryl Park, a first-grade teacher at the Memorial 1/2 Campus.

### Showing support

The guests included Garden City Mayor Randy Walker, state Rep.



Laurie Tierney, a paraprofessional and parent from the Memorial 1/2 Campus, looks over the wide selection of Silent Auction items.

David Knezek and state Sen. Glen Anderson.

Knezek, who is newly elected to the House of Representatives, said that he was assigned to the edu-

cation committee for the next two years in Lansing.

"Garden City will have a direct voice on education policy in the state House for the next two years,"

Knezek said. "I can only go into committee and advocate on behalf of you if I know what you want me to be saying and know what you want me to hear," Knezek said.

Anderson also thanked the educators for what they do.

"I have two little grandchildren who are now in school," Anderson said.

"I know there have been challenges over the last few years from Lansing. I'm right there with you and fighting for you for public education. It is critical to our society. Our children deserve a quality education. Keep fighting to do the right thing for our kids, and I will be fighting right alongside of you.

Drew McMechan, treasurer of the Garden City Elementary PTA, provided some inspirational thoughts for the audience.

He and his wife, Jenna, president of the PTA, have a daughter, Avery, at the Memorial 1/2 Campus.

He talked about how he overcame his challenge of having anxiety attacks which began when he was 4 years old and lasted into his mid-20s.

He sought professional help and went through therapy, and studied the triggers which initiated the attacks which were fear of change and fear of failure. Acting on advice he received, he wrote on a note card the words

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# Schoolcraft holds Kids on Campus open house

Schoolcraft College's Kids on Campus program will continue to delight kids with unique camp offerings in the arts, acting, culture, computers, culinary, writing, math, science, as well as career-oriented learning opportunities, and traditional academic skills workshops. Going into its 34th year, this year's Kids on Campus program has many stimulating camps and workshops for children who will be entering first-

12th-grade this fall. Campers and their parents can attend a free open house 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, to learn more about the upcoming summer camps, meet instructors, ask questions, visit the campus, see demonstrations and register on-site for the more than 60 different week-long programs, which run July 8-Aug. 2. In addition, attendees will have the opportuni-

ty to participate in the Michigan Child Identification Program. This program provides parents and guardians with a complete Child ID Package that contains all the vital information necessary to expedite law enforcement efforts to locate a missing child. The program also helps to educate families about abduction prevention and safety. The Michigan Child Identification Program is a lodge-based communi-

ty action initiative sponsored and organized by the Michigan Masons. The Kids on Campus Open House and Michigan Child Identification Program event will take place simultaneously in the VisTaTech Center, located on the main campus of Schoolcraft College on Haggerty south of Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information call (734) 462-4448 or visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/KOC](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/KOC).



STEPHEN CANTRELL, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The Garden City Founders Day celebration brought together co-workers Renee Sellx, a teacher at the Douglas 3/4 Campus, Cappi Marshall, a teacher at the Farmington 5/6 Campus, and Kimberly Mussen, a teacher at the Douglas 3/4 Campus.

## DINNER

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"Begin to."

It was a commitment to change his life.

"It was a reminder to me to stop worrying about fear of failure and the fear of change," he said, challenging each person in the audience to "begin to" toward a new goal or accomplishment.

"Every new accomplishment started when somebody began," McMechan said. "Begin to advocate for children. Begin to make a difference. Begin to try something new. Begin to do something for someone else. It doesn't matter what you do, just begin to."

### Honorees

Jenna McMechan announced service awards.

The Distinguished Service Award winner was Beckey Stibel, Garden City Elementary PTA vice president for the Farmington 5/6 Campus.

"Distinguished Service

Awards are given to persons who have shown tireless dedication to the cause and extraordinary service on behalf of children and youth as indicated on the Michigan PTA award submission form," McMechan said.

The Garden City Elementary PTA recognized several volunteers for their outstanding efforts. They were Doug Cary, Johanna Nicolai, Donna Wolff, Ronda Bird, Sara Roffi, Dave Mouradian, Monica Mouradian, Lisa Fugitt, Samantha Baker and Sheila Nabozny.

"Volunteers put in hour after hour," McMechan said.

The guest speaker was Michigan PTA President Shaton Berry. She thanked the PTA for carrying the "torch of family engagement" which affects student engagement.

"Before women were allowed to vote, they began advocating for our most valuable asset, our youth," Berry said.

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# MAT2 offers high school seniors work-study program

High school seniors in southeast Michigan can gain advanced manufacturing work skills while earning a paycheck through a pilot program offered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and participating employers.

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"Michigan's business future and our state's economic vitality will depend on a workforce with the necessary talents and training for the jobs of tomorrow," said Gov. Rick Snyder. "The MAT2

program is a first step toward meeting critical employer needs and will equip students with experience and skills they need to succeed in today's high-tech world."

Accepted MAT2 students will earn an associate's degree at one of two community colleges - Henry Ford Community College or Oakland Community College - while they earn a paycheck and gain on the job experience with a participating company. Tuition is paid by the employer and in exchange, the student commits to remaining on the job for at least two years after successful completion of the program.

"The MAT2 initiative is focused on meeting employers' needs and providing graduates with a direct pathway to employment and career

success," said MEDC President and CEO Michael A. Finney. "This is a great opportunity for students to earn an associate's degree at no cost, get paid, gain critical work skills, and end up with guaranteed employment in an in-demand field."

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- KOSTAL - Develops

and manufactures technologically advanced electronic, electro-mechanical and mechatronic products.

• ZF - International supplier of automotive driveline and chassis technology.

"The MAT2 program is based on the strong employer demand for such occupations in Michigan's growing automotive sector," said Dr. Walter Maisel, president and CEO of KOSTAL North America. "MAT2 is a comprehensive, enriching - and well-timed - industrial training initiative for students seeking a challenging and rewarding career."

The deadline to apply for the MAT2 program is Feb. 15. To learn more about the program and the application process, go online to [www.mitalent.org/mat2/](http://www.mitalent.org/mat2/).

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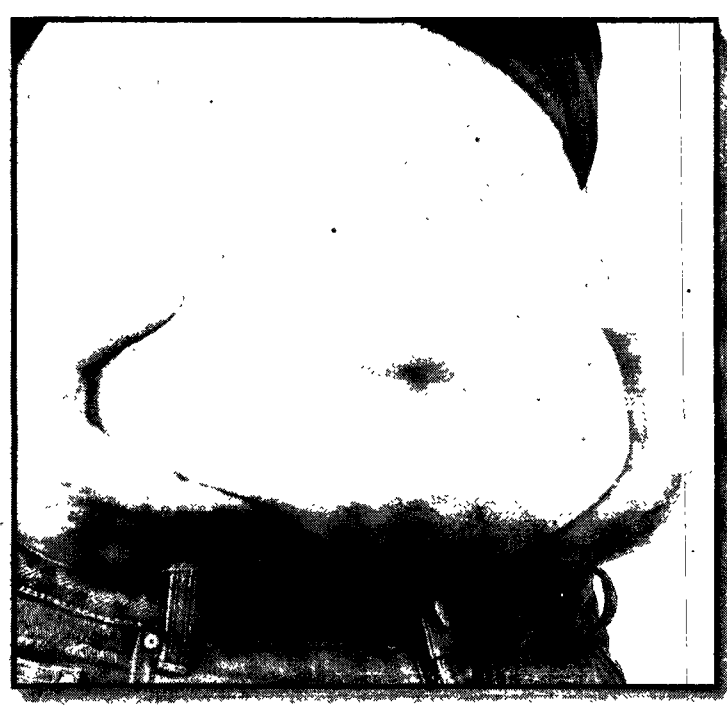
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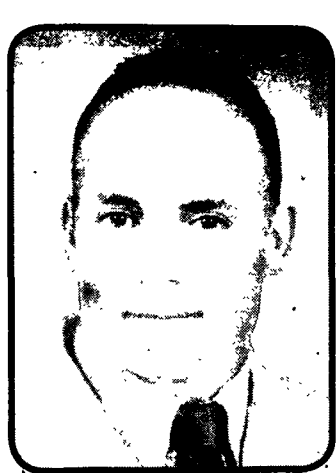
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# Schoolcraft College hosts 'Idlewild' traveling exhibit

Schoolcraft College is hosting a special traveling exhibit, "Idlewild: The Black Eden of Michigan," now through Friday, Feb. 15.

The exhibit, on loan from Michigan State University, features photographs and historical information about this unique resort community that welcomed African-Americans from the 1920s through the 1960s. Located in rural northwestern Michigan, Idlewild was one of only a few resorts in the United States where African-Americans could vacation and purchase property

during a segregated time in the nation's history.

Idlewild was an active year-round community and was visited by well-known entertainers and professionals. In fact, at its peak it was the most popular resort in the Midwest with as many as 25,000 people visiting at the height of summer.

When the 1964 Civil Rights Act opened up other resorts to African-Americans, Idlewild's boomtown period subsided, but the community continues to be an important place for vacationers, retirees and a special place for younger gener-

ations of African-Americans seeking to learn about their heritage.

The exhibit is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, in the Lower Waterman area of the VisTaTech Center on the college's main campus on Haggerty south of Seven Mile in Livonia. It traces Idlewild's history from its inception in the early 20th century to present day. Through words and images, it glimpses beyond the often told stories of Idlewild's entertainment scene during its heyday to tell the full story of a community that has survived the



The exhibit, open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday in the Lower Waterman area of the VisTaTech Center on the college's main campus in Livonia, traces Idlewild's history from its inception in the early 20th century to present day.

challenges of historical change. The "Idlewild: The Black Eden of Michi-

gan" exhibit is hosted by Schoolcraft College's Bridging Barriers group, the Student Activities

Office and is made possible by a grant from the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

## AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

### Ripple Effect

The Wayne Ripple Effect, a volunteer downtown revitalization group, meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, in downtown Wayne. Anyone interested in volunteering or getting involved is welcome.

For more information visit [www.downtownwayne.org](http://www.downtownwayne.org) or email Sherrie at [waynerippleeffect@gmail.com](mailto:waynerippleeffect@gmail.com).

### Legal program

A free legal program by the Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan will be presented 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, at Annapolis in Wayne.

The program is available to all Wayne County residents who are 60 years and older. It will cover a variety of topics, includ-

ing guardianship, conservatorship, wills, trusts, power of attorney, nursing homes, assisted living, Medicare/Medicaid and more. Those who attend the presentation and need further assistance will be able to speak with an attorney after the presentation.

Register by Wednesday, Feb. 20, by calling the Wayne Senior Services Office at (734) 721-7460 or stopping in. It's located in the Wayne Community Center.

### Garden programs

Master Gardener Association of Western Wayne County is offering two programs, "Heirloom Tomatoes from Seeds to Sauce," on Tuesday, Feb. 12, Pruning Trees and Ornamental Shrubs on Tuesday, Feb. 19, and Outdoor and Garden Photography on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Wayne County Extension Center, 5454 Venoy, south of Van Born, Wayne.

Heirloom tomato aficionado Paul Rodman will expand participants' knowledge of tomato seed selection and growing techniques, as well as share some of his tomato recipes. Roy Prentice, farm manager of Michigan State University Tollgate Farm, will teach the secrets of successful pruning, for health, form and improved vigor. Bob Bransky, photographer and Master Gardener, will provide tips on how to capture the beauty of nature, learn how to take outstanding pictures, including camera basics.

Each of the programs cost \$10. To sign up, go online to the Master Gardener website at [www.MGWWC.org](http://www.MGWWC.org). For more information, call (313) 719-1181.

### Bowling benefit

Bowl for the Westland Historic Village Park noon-3 p.m. Saturday,

Feb. 23, at Vision Lanes at 38250 Ford Road, west of Newburgh Road.

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

### Surplus food

The city of Westland will distribute beef stew, egg noodles, diced tomatoes, Corn Flakes, UHT milk and possible additional items to eligible residents as part of the monthly surplus federal food program.

Residents living north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their food from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Dors-

ey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, east of Venoy. Residents living south of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call (734) 729-1737 for more information. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers can pick up their food at the complex and must call the building manager for the day of distribution.

For more information, call the Dorsey Center surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366. The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services.

### 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.

Tickets are \$65 per person or \$120 per couple and can be reserved by calling Diane or Larry Janes at 734 422-5525 or Pat at COC at (734) 422-1020.

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# Flower power: Boland ready for those special occasions

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

Florist Bruce Boland has heard a lot of love stories in his career. He's also ordered flowers from around the world to customize clients' requests.

One lesson that he learned early on in his career is that there doesn't have to be a special occasion to order flowers. In fact, the most heartfelt memories are made during times when the flowers arrive unexpectedly for no reason at all.

Boland and his brother, Greg, operate the floral shop on Ford, just west of Middlebelt. It is family-owned for more than 50 years.

"We have established a reputation among our friends," he said. "We are working with second and third generations now. Our customers reach much farther than the boundaries of Garden City.

Boland taught floral design at Schoolcraft Community College for more than 30 years. He helped his father, Bernard, at the original shop located on Ford at Shotka when he was 7 years old. Bernard Boland liked Garden City because there was a hospital and a funeral home.

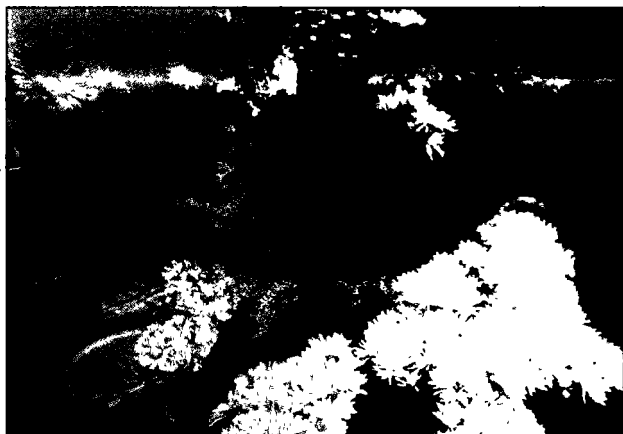
### Celebrity orders

It's not unusual for celebrities to order flowers from Boland. He is the largest florist in Garden City.

"We have done work for Michael Bolton, Jon Bon Jovi and Patrick Neal Harris," Boland said. "I have no idea how they found us. I've talk-



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Bruce Boland continues to operate a family owned flower shop on Ford, west of Middlebelt, with his brother, Greg, as they follow in the tradition of their father, Bernard.



Flowers of varieties abound at Boland Florist in Garden City.

ed to people in Germany, Italy, England, and Israel. With the aid of technology, we have captured customers from all over the world."

There can be long days for the Boland brothers. Bruce Boland is often in his shop working at midnight to get orders out for weddings, and other special occasions.

The key is to contact Boland with enough time for him to do some plan-

ning and design work.

"The fun thing about working with flowers and being a designer, is that there is an opportunity to be creative with them," Boland said.

Customers bring in their ideas, too, and Boland interprets the style that they desire. He captures their ideas to make an impression on the recipient.

"I take the liberty of making suggestions,"

Boland said.

With enough time, he has honored special requests. He has searched for larkspur, for example through suppliers in California, South America and Israel.

Some flowers like snapdragons are available at any time. He gets his from Canada and they are greenhouse grown. Boland has a variety of unusual flowers including oriental lilies. Supply and demand and growers determine price.

### Different flowers

Boland has pages of different types of flowers which can be purchased from suppliers.

At a brides' request, for example, he purchase anthuriums, a flower brought in from Holland, Denmark, in 24 hours.

"It was sent FedEx from Denmark," Boland said.

A large arrangement isn't always the way to

make a statement. Women often appreciate a single flower when there is no special occasion.

"They appreciate that thought," Boland said.

One man had flowers delivered to his wife, not on their wedding anniversary, but on the date that he met her.

"She was surprised and didn't know what it was for," Boland said. "The card stated that every day since the day he met her was a wonderful day."

Once delivered, Boland advises people how to care for the flowers. He prefers using a sharp knife to trim the ends of flowers rather than using scissors in order to not pinch the capillaries.

Boland also designs arrangements on short notice to facilitate requests. He has roses that last seven to 14 days.

"A good quality product always has more value on them," he said. "A good quality flower will last longer and be appreciated more."

The unusual is often expected. He was expecting lavender-colored roses Feb. 8.

"I'm constantly trying to learn something new and trying to find ways to show off the flowers," Boland said. "It's always a challenge to do something new."

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# Exploring the world

## Michigan's Lousma hopes to inspire children to explore science

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Jack Lousma studied engineering at the University of Michigan and did his postgraduate work through the U.S. Navy. A Marine fighter pilot, the next logical step was to become an astronaut. But the Michigan native didn't realize he could apply to be one, he was waiting to be "called."

That was until he was handed a newsletter that said NASA was looking for Marine pilots.

"I had the requirements and the chance to apply," said Lousma "I knew I wouldn't make it, if I didn't apply. Nineteen were selected for astronauts in 1966. Two were Marines and I was one of them."

Lousma was at Willow Run Airport Thursday to meet with volunteers and officials of the Yankee Air Museum in preparation for a NASA Fly Me to the Moon Exhibit that opens Tuesday, Feb. 12. The Ann Arbor resident was the guest of honor at the free "launch" party Saturday evening where he will speak about his experiences as an astronaut.

While he planned to talk about things like his two-month stay on Sky Lab-3, which included two space walks, and his test flight of the Space Shuttle Columbia, Lousma also hoped to inspire youngsters about the opportunities available through science.

### All about STEM

"Inventions are occurring at greater rates than

### FLY ME TO THE MOON

**What:** NASA Fly Me to the Moon exhibit  
**Where:** Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport, 47884 D St., Belleville  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, beginning Feb. 12. Exhibit closes Friday, May 10.  
**Details:** Exhibit is included as part of museum admission — \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$8 for families (two adults and two children).  
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before, STEM — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — is what has taken us from the early days of space flight to now," he said. "STEM is interesting, exciting and on the cutting edge of what's going on. All the discoveries and exploration is why we know so much about things like medicine. It begins with science and discovering how the world works and then taking that knowledge and putting it to work inventing things."

He points to the space program an example. In the early days, when they were flying, they were still using slide rules. The computer used to fly astronauts to the moon and back has less power than today's cell phone.

"If you can inspire kids with the changes that happen, then there's no end to it's what education



Retired astronaut Jack Lousma stands by a one-third scale model of the lunar module that will be on display during the Yankee Air Museum's NASA Fly Me to the Moon Exhibit which opens Tuesday.

is about," he said. "And then there's no end to it."

Lousma's interest in airplanes was picked by a cousin, a fighter pilot who flew his World War II fighter so low "it almost tore the shingles off a barn" in Zeeland. As a kid, he built model airplanes and then went on to study aeronautical engineering and a career in the military. He was part of the Apollo program. He was a member of the astronaut support crews for the Apollo 9, 10 and 13 and was training for one of the last three flights to the moon when the program was cancelled. He moved on to the next program — long durations in space with Sky Lab. He got his ride into space in 1973 and spent two months on Sky

Lab, where he did two space walks.

"It was more than I imagined, it was an unique experience," Lousma said of the launch. "I got to see the earth like I'd never seen it before. I realized how small we are in the realm of things. It reinforced my faith in creation."

### Space experiments

Sixty scientific experiments were done while Lousma was aboard Sky Lab. The aim was to find out the of long-term effects of weightlessness on humans. Lousma said it became instinctive to float around Sky Lab, but when he returned to earth, he found it took longer to acclimated to gravity.

"The doctors had said I was OK in six days, but it took me three weeks

to run two miles at the same speed as when I left," he said. "The longer you're in weightlessness, the longer it takes to readapt."

It's been 40 years since he was on Sky Lab and every year Lousma has a physical to monitor any changes related to his stay in space. It's been found astronauts have a higher incidence of cataracts and lose 1-2 percent of bone mass for every month of weightlessness. Those who stay in space four, five, six months have problems with their vision due to intercranial pressure on the optic nerve, he said.

"I think they're finding that astronauts get back some of the bone mass, but it's not as good as what they loss," he said. "With science, they're finding ways to mitigate

these problems. They're looking at a one-person centrifuge to put weight on the bones."

Lousma admits it was a "big disappointment" not to have made it to the moon, but the trip to Sky Lab — "There weren't many rides into space at the time, and anyone was a good one" — was a memorable one. He rates the launch and the re-entry as No. 1 and 2, but the thing he will remember most is his space walks. He spent 11 hours outside Sky Lab during his stay.

Now he is focused on sharing his love of space with younger children.

"I'd like to inspire the kids like I was inspired, that's what will take us into the future," he said.

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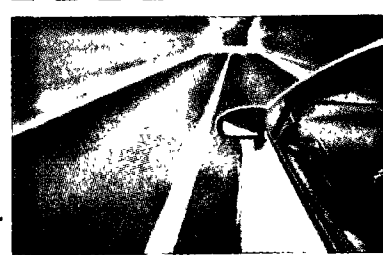
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# Snow storms: Now they have names

**S**now may be your least favorite part of winter, or if you are a skier, maybe it is your favorite. Snow forms in the atmosphere when water vapor condenses into droplets. As more water condenses, the raindrops grow larger and larger. Because the atmosphere is cold, the moisture freezes into snowflakes, which then fall to the ground.

Blizzards are severe snowstorms with high winds and bitterly cold temperatures. The Weather Channel has recently taken to naming winter storms, much like the National Weather Service names hurricanes. Many of the names for 2012-2013 have Greek or Latin origins. They include Athena, Brutus, Gandolf, Draco, Plato and Jove. The next storms to form will be Nemo and Orko.

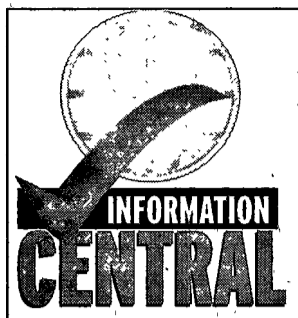
The United States has been hit by some fierce snowstorms over the years. One of the worst was the Blizzard of 1888, or the Great White Hurricane. This blizzard pounded the East Coast and dumped 40-50 inches of snow on New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts. Another terrible storm, The Great Lakes Blizzard, hit Michigan in 1913, bringing with it 2 feet of snow and hurricane-force winds.

If you're interested in learning more about snow, snowstorms, and blizzards, try *The Handy Weather Answer Book* or *Extreme Michigan Weather: The Wild World of the Great Lakes State*. These books and more are available at the Public Library of Westland.

For more information, please visit the library or call the Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123. You can also search the online catalog at [www.westlandlibrary.org](http://www.westlandlibrary.org).

## HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

**5 Natural Remedies to Reduce Depression:** 7 p.m. Feb. 12



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**Friends of the Westland Library Monthly Meeting:** 2 p.m. Feb. 13

The Friends of the Library is an independent group of local residents and library users that helps support and promote the Library and its mission. They plan book sales and other fundraising activities for the library. They meet at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome.

**Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting:** 7 p.m. Feb. 13

The Library Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in one of the library's meeting rooms. Board meetings are open to the general public.

**Yoga for Beginners:** 10 a.m. Feb. 14

The Library welcomes back Lois Gannon of evolve yoga studio in Ypsilanti as she leads a beginning Hatha yoga class. Yoga mats will be provided, if you don't have one. Wear loose clothing. This is the second of four morning classes in February.

No reservation required. Just drop in.

**Teens - Love a Shelter Pet:** 6 p.m. Feb. 14

Donate your time and some much needed items to the Michigan Humane Society this Valentine's Day. We'll be making catnip mice to donate to the Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland. No experience necessary just a big heart for all animals.

**Friday Night Movie:** 7 p.m. Feb. 15

Friday Night Movies continue through the winter with a selection of recently-run favorites and Oscar nominees. Tonight's movie, *The Sessions*, focuses on a man in an iron lung who wants to lose his virginity contacting a professional sex surrogate with the help of his therapist and priest. Snacks and refreshments served. Doors: 6:30 p.m. Movie at 7:00 p.m. No sign-up required. Rated R.

**Hockey Day in Michigan:** 1 p.m. Feb. 16

Come enjoy the sixth annual Hockey Day in Michigan! You are invited to wear your favorite hockey jersey. Michigan's rich and storied hockey history will be showcased and celebrated with a multi-media presentation hosted by veteran sports broadcaster, Raymond Rolak. Rolak, who produced the award winning documentary *The Hobe Baker*

Story, will share some of the lost-to-history hockey anecdotes that helped Detroit hockey prosper. Hockey 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. Hockey Day in Michigan events are in conjunction with Hockey Weekend Across America sponsored by USA Hockey, and The Central Collegiate Hockey Association. Reserve your seat online at [westlandlibrary.org/events](http://westlandlibrary.org/events) or call or stop by the library at (734) 326-6123.

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

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

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



## Helping out

Youngsters at Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School in Wayne were on hand to watch at Westland Civilians Marie Johnson (left) and Donna Jensen (right) presented Principal Jennifer Keatts with a check for \$700. The donation will be used to purchase fine motor kits for each classroom. The kits will include activities like stringing beads, tying, clothespin games and other s to help make hand muscles strong for writing.

## AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

### Lenten Fish Fries

American Legion Post 32 is holding Lenten fish fries 5-8 p.m. Fridays now through March 29 (no fish fry on Feb. 22) at the post, 9318 Newburgh, Livonia.

Dinners are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children for all-you-can-eat cod, served with cole slaw and choice of french fries or macaroni and cheese.

For more information, call (734) 427-5630.

• 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 includes baked or fried fish, baked potato or french fries, vegetable, cole slaw and a roll. A child's meal is also available - nuggets or one piece of fish, french fries, vegetable, cole slaw and a roll. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for the child's meal. Home made pies are also available for \$1 a slice.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Public needs to know

In 2012, Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network (MCFN), researched 2012 Supreme Court television advertising and found that "Of the \$15 million of documentable spending, just over 25 percent can be attributed to identifiable donors; 75 percent cannot." There are no spending records for the many millions more that were spent on direct mailings.

Now that the 2012 election is over, it is a relief not to have all those TV and radio ads and printed campaign literature besieging us. But if we forget what happened last year, we risk even more problems in the next election. We don't know who paid for those ads and mailings. Current laws allow the majority of campaign donations to occur in secret. That's not right. Michigan voters need the facts. The money behind campaigns must become public knowledge.

Retired Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly and Federal Judge James

Ryan co-lead the bipartisan Michigan Judicial Selection Task Force (JSTF) which recommended improvements to the way that Michigan selects judges. One of the most important recommendations from the task force was that "all money spent to characterize candidates for the Michigan Supreme Court should be reported and ascribed to its sources, not just the committee whose name appears on the disclaimer of an advertisement."

People in Michigan deserve to know who is paying to influence their votes. Knowing where a candidate gets his or her contributions is helpful for voters to make an informed decision. As Justice Kelly and Judge Ryan have pointed out: "Michigan has gained a reputation for Supreme Court election campaigns that are among the most expensive, least transparent and most partisan in the country."

The League of Women Voters of Michigan (LWV-MI) has organized public forums, entitled Dark Money in Judicial Selection: A Threat to Impartial

Justice? The first four forums will be 7 p.m. Feb. 11, in Ann Arbor at the UM Law School, Room 250 of Hutchins Hall; 7 p.m. Feb. 12, at Schoolcraft College's VisiTech Center in Livonia; 7 p.m. March 11 at Oakland University, and 7 p.m. March 12, at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing.

Justice Kelly and Rich Robinson will present recommendations from the JSTF report. Newly elected Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack will join the panel at the Ann Arbor forum.

These events give Michigan citizens an opportunity to learn more about the problems with our current system for selecting judges and begin thinking about what solutions might be most effective. You can obtain more information, including the full report of the JSTF, at the League website: [www.lwvmi.org](http://www.lwvmi.org) and by attending one of the forums.

**Angela Ryan,**  
President  
League of Women  
Voters, Northwest Wayne  
County

## U.S. is built on cultural strengths, differences of many

By Tom Watkins  
Guest Columnist

It's the Year of the Snake — Happy New Year! No, the "year of the snake" is not a reference to politics.

Most Michiganders welcomed the New Year several weeks ago. But the tradition of our Chinese friends and neighbors celebrating

the new year beginning on Sunday, Feb. 10.

Michigan, two beautiful peninsulas surrounded by 20 percent of the world's fresh water, does not make us an island. As a bell-weather state, leading the way on social and political issues of the day, we have historically embraced new cultures and traditions of people who make Michigan their home.

I am proud to say that Gov. Rick Snyder grasps the importance of being open to the peoples of the world and has dubbed himself, "the most immigrant-friendly governor in America."

Considering all the anti-immigration rhetoric that permeates in some political quarters, here is one aspect of the governor we should all respect. Michigan's diversity has been and will remain a core strength of our state and nation.

This great state has been built on the diversity of people who came from all across the globe — Germany, Italy, Poland, England, Ireland, Norway, Wales, Italy, Spain and Africa. Those from nearly all corners of the planet have been absorbed into our tapestry of strength. Some



arrived in America in search of a better life while some were ripped from their ancestral homes and forced to make this new world their home.

## Celebrating differences

The Chinese New Year 4711 begins on Feb. 10. The Chinese New Year is the longest and most important celebration on the Chinese calendar. This year — 2013 — is an especially auspicious year — ushering in the Year of the Snake.

Handed down since ancient times, legend has it that Buddha asked all the animals to meet him on Chinese New Year. Twelve different animals came and Buddha declared that the people born in each animal's year would have some of that creature's personality.

The characteristics of the snake are tempered by one of the five Chinese elements of earth, fire, metal, water and wood overlying a five-year cycle of characteristics on the original 12-year cycle. This year is the year of the water snake.

While dragon is considered the most powerful and lucky among the 12 Chinese zodiac creatures, the snake most resembles the dragon in appearance and is sometimes called the "Little Dragon."

It is likely that some of

the aura of the powerful dragon rubbed off onto the person born in the Year of the Snake and considered likely that success follows the person born in the Year of the Snake during "their" year.

Great opportunities may be presented in the Year of the Snake so persons born in these years (1929, 1941, 1953, 1966, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013) might maximize their considerable skills, guarding against complacency and indifference.

Those born in snake years are acute, aware, wise, charming, cunning, gregarious, generous, and smart. Water Snakes are influential and insightful. They manage others well to help achieve their aims and goals. Good in organizations, they are generally motivated and intellectual, very determined and resolute about success.

Did I mention I was born in the Year of the Snake?

Others who share the honor include: Brad Pitt, Bob Dylan, Oprah Winfrey, Virginia Woolf, Greta Garbo and Mao.

Here in a state surrounded by the waters of the Great Lakes, let the Chinese New Year create another reminder that with diversity, comes strength.

So as they say in Chinese — Xinnian kuàilè — Happy New Year, Congratulations and be prosperous!

Tom Watkins, a former Michigan state superintendent of schools, is a U.S./China business and educational consultant. His interest in China was sparked by his fourth grade teacher. He has been working to build two-way educational, cultural and economic bridges with China his entire adult life. He can be reached at: [tdwatkins88@gmail.com](mailto:tdwatkins88@gmail.com).

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# Library event touts Parks' life

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A longtime friend of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks told a Canton group Thursday that he made a to-do list after he became her attorney in 1980, at a time when she had largely slipped from public consciousness and many people believed she had died.

Detroit attorney Gregory J. Reed checked the Presidential Medal of Freedom off his list after Parks received it in 1996 from President Bill Clinton.

Three years later, Reed marked off the Congressional Gold Medal after Parks earned one of the highest honors bestowed by the U.S. government.

Finally, on what would have been Parks' 100th birthday, Reed and others celebrated a commemorative "forever" stamp issued Monday by the U.S. Postal Service to honor Parks, whose refusal to give up her seat on a public bus in Montgomery, Ala., on Dec. 1, 1955, helped topple an era of segregation that scarred a nation.

### Parks' courage

"I learned so much about humility and courage through Mrs. Parks that I adopted a lot of her ways," Reed said. "She became a friend and a person I miss so much today."

Reed appeared during the Canton Public Library's celebration of Black History Month, which also includes a display on loan from the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Walk

## New group forms for Young Onset Parkinson's

A new group for people who have Parkinson's disease is kicking off with its first meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Street in downtown Farmington.

The new group, Moving Up Together, is for people with Young Onset Parkinson's disease (PD) and their families who are under 50 years of age. PD is a chronic progressive neurological disorder that affects 2 percent of the population over 60 years of age, with 5-10 percent diagnosed under the age of 40.

This group intends to address, in addition to learning how to manage PD, issues common to those who are younger, such as relating to raising families, work, financial, and future planning.

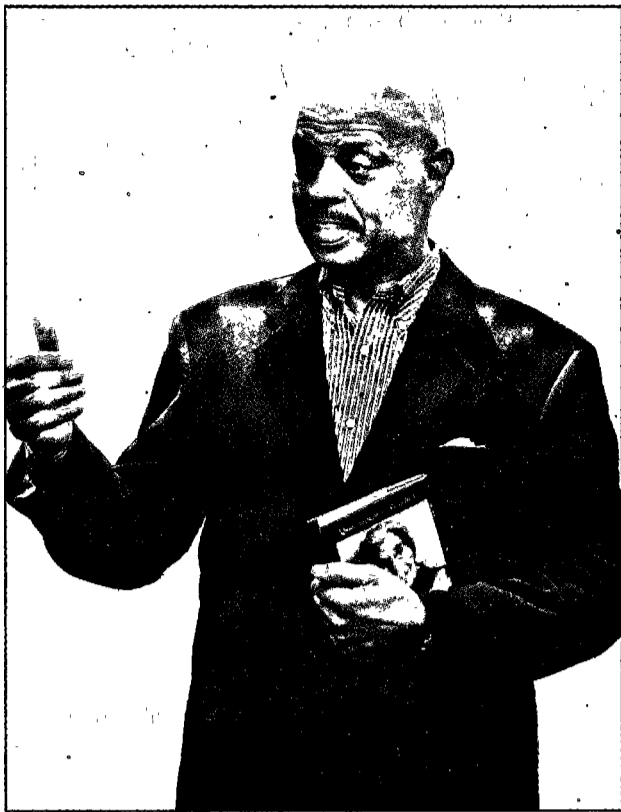
Meetings are planned on a monthly basis, the third Thursday at 7 p.m.

Cardinal signs are tremor at rest, slowness of movement, stiffness and problems with balance.

Although there is no cure, Parkinson's disease can be effectively managed with medications for a long period of time.

A close working relationship with the doctor is essential, as medication and other therapies have to be adjusted according to individual needs. Education and support are essential for both the person with Parkinson's and the family.

The new group is affiliated with the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. For more information, call (248) 433-1011 or email either [director@parkinsonsmi.org](mailto:director@parkinsonsmi.org) or [movingup-together@gmail.com](mailto:movingup-together@gmail.com).



PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Local attorney and award-winning author Gregory J. Reed tells one of his many interesting stories about Rosa Parks.

to Freedom in Detroit in 1963.

Reed came to Canton less than a week after he returned from Los Angeles, where he earned the NAACP's Image Award for his latest book, "Obama Talks Back: Global Lessons — A Dialogue With America's Young Leaders." He also penned two books with Parks: "Quiet Strength: The Faith, the Hope and the Heart of a Woman Who Changed a Nation" and "Dear Mrs. Parks:

A Dialogue With Today's Youth."

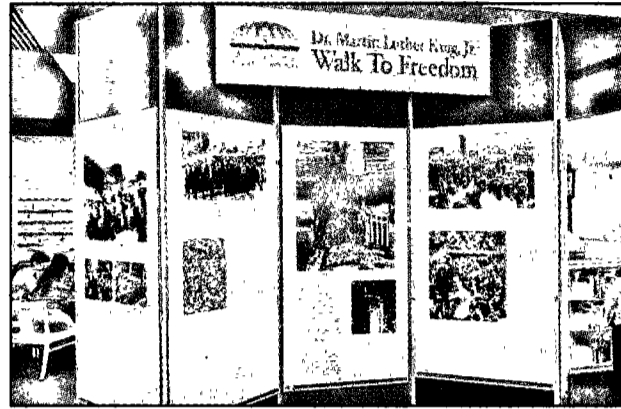
Canton resident Linda Svacha brought her granddaughter Madison Cantrell, 9, to hear Reed's address after they recently visited The Henry Ford and saw the restored bus where Parks made a quiet yet courageous stand against racism.

"It was cool," Madison said.

In his address, Reed said he first met Parks in 1977 when she came



Gregory J. Reed has written three books, two about Rosa Parks, one about President Barack Obama.



This display from the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History is available for viewing now at the Canton Public Library.

to a private show of a play he produced about Dr. King at the Music Hall Center for Performing Arts in Detroit. He said he used proceeds from the show to buy a new car for Parks, who was living a humble life, and he prayed to become an ambassador for her.

**Befriending her**  
Three years later, Reed said Parks came to

his Detroit law office to hire him as her attorney. Her husband Raymond had since died.

"I never charged her," Reed said. "I became more of a friend to her."

Reed said Parks and her story have been largely misunderstood. He said she was a fine orator even though many believe she was always quiet spoken. And he said she had

worked with the NAACP in Alabama, though she never intended to become a civil rights icon. Others had protested as she did on public buses.

"There had been other people who had been arrested," Reed said, "but they didn't have the character (that Parks had), and they acted beligerently."

Parks' arrest came as Dr. King was an emerging figure in the civil rights scene, Reed said, and Parks' defiance touched off a 381-day boycott that helped unravel segregation. Parks, who had been a seamstress, began to receive death threats and could no longer find employment, so she and her husband moved to Detroit, where she eventually began working for longtime U.S. Congressman John Conyers.

Parks eventually faded into obscurity, but Reed said he worked to resurrect her legacy as he lobbied for the medals and other honors she received. In closing Thursday, Reed read aloud from a card he had received from Parks. In it, she thanked him for improving her life and said she wished her mother and her husband could have lived to meet him.

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# You still have time to avoid penalty

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Dear Rick: I have a tax problem. A friend of mine prepares my tax return. She's been doing my return for about 35 years and I've never had a problem. This year when I took my tax return to her she told me that I would have to pay a substantial penalty for failing to take my required minimum distribution. She informed me that when you turn 70 1/2, which I did in March of last year, you had to take a distribution or be subject to a substantial penalty. I never knew that I was responsible for this is there anything I can do to avoid the



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Rick Bloom

penalty? I should also mention that I don't want to do anything to get my friend in trouble.

**A:** I have some good news. You do not have to pay a penalty. Your friend misinterpreted the tax law. You don't have to worry about the IRS or paying a penalty.

Many people misinterpret the tax law when it comes to required minimum distributions believing that when you turn 70 1/2 you have to take a distribution or there is a penalty. What the law actually says is that you must take your first required minimum distribution by April 1 of the year after you turn 70 1/2. Subsequent required minimum distributions must be taken by the end of each calendar year, however, you can delay your first required

distribution.

In your case (since you turned 70 1/2 last year), you are not required to take a distribution until April 1, 2013.

The penalties for failing to take a required minimum distribution are severe — 50 percent. Therefore, it is important that if you are over 70 1/2 you comply with this requirement. If you should have made a distribution but didn't, don't wait for the IRS to contact you and assess the penalty. Be proactive. File Form 5329 and attach a letter to the form and ask the IRS for a waiver. You may be surprised to hear this, but the IRS has been generous with its waivers. If you can show a reasonable

basis for the error, you have a very good chance of avoiding the penalty. It is however, more difficult to waive the penalty after it has been assessed.

Keep in mind that the required minimum distribution requirement does not just apply to IRAs, but any qualified retirement account 401(k) and 403(b) except Roth type accounts. One of the great benefits of a Roth is it grows tax free and it is not subject to required minimum distributions. Good luck!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like Bloom to respond to your questions, please e-mail him at [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).

## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

### Shamrock Shuffle

St. Raphael Parish will hold its annual Shamrock Shuffle at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, in the Activities Building at 31530 Beechwood, north of Merriman, Garden City.

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.

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

### Mom 2 Mom sale

A Mom 2 Mom Sale will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13, with early bird entry at 8:30 a.m., at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, between Warren Road and Ford in Garden City.

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.Mom2Mom-list.com](http://www.Mom2Mom-list.com).

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

**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 costs \$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.

Tickets are \$65 per person or \$120 per couple and can be reserved by calling Diane or Larry Janes at 734 422-5525 or Pat at COC at (734) 422-1020.

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.

### Project Graduation

Garden City High School Project Graduation 2013 is holding a trip to Greektown Saturday, March 16.

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

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

For more information about Project Graduation, contact Carolyn Burek at (734) 891-5243 or at [carolyn\\_burek@hotmail.com](mailto:carolyn_burek@hotmail.com) or Dawn Gabrielson at [dawngabby@comcast.net](mailto:dawngabby@comcast.net).

### Preschool signup

Garden City Preschool is currently taking names of students for fall enrollment. The tuition-based program will begin registration in March.

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# LPS board votes 4-3 to put bond proposal on May ballot

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

Residents in the Livonia school district will be voting on a \$195 million bond proposal on May 7.

Trustees have voted 4-3 to adopt a resolution in support of the special election date for the bonds to fund facility upgrades, technology, furniture and equipment for Livonia Public Schools.

Trustee Randy Roulier moved for the resolution and was supported by board Vice President Colleen Burton. They were joined by board President Mark Johnson and Trustee Tammy Bonifield. Trustees Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell and Julie Robinson opposed the resolution.

The \$195 million bond, if approved by voters, would cost approximately \$19 per month or \$228 per year for a resident with a home valued at \$178,000, the median home price

in the school district, for the next 30 years. The total cost, if values stay the same over the 30-year bond would be \$6,840 for the owner of a median-priced home in the district.

The bond would fund new technology, renovations to the three high schools' auditoriums and fine/performing arts classrooms, buses, furniture, roof repairs, windows, doors, flooring, ceilings, plumbing and electrical work, cafeteria upgrades, and relocation of elementary school offices to entrances for better security.

### Election price tag

Laura, McDonnell and Robinson opposed asking voters in May, because the special election will cost the district about \$45,000 in Livonia and in precincts in Westland that are within the Livonia school district. A November election or an August election, if the

city scheduled a primary at that time, would not cost the district money because it would be held at the same time as the city's election.

McDonnell also said she was concerned with the potential liability with any litigation involving Webster Elementary and a former teacher's treatment of special needs children and that any judgments or settlements going against the district would come out of the general fund.

Laura said she didn't see the justification for a May election.

"That really bothers me," she said of the expense.

Robinson said the May election "was not in the best interest of the community." She wanted to see the board use the opportunity "to reach the greatest number of voters" in November.

Supporters countered that the chances that voters would approve the

bonds were better in May than at other times of year. They also said they would rather spend money on new buses, if voters approved the bonds, than to keep paying for repairs to the buses.

### Weighing costs

Burton said she supported the May election because voters needed to act sooner for the district to act on repairs and upgrades throughout the district. The district has to weigh the cost of the election against the cost of continued bus repairs, Burton said.

"If we wait until August, we'll have to spend more than \$45,000 for repairs rather than replacing them," Burton said.

Bonifield said there was no guarantee that a city primary would occur in August. If voters approved the bonds in May, construction and improvements could be scheduled for the sum-

mer recess, rather than during the school year, which would happen if the bond election were held later in the year, she added. That would be disruptive to students, if contractors worked on buildings during the school year, Bonifield said.

"I appreciate that we are concerned with the number of voters," Bonifield said, adding that voters have the opportunity in any election at any time of year to get information and decide whether or not to go out and vote.

Roulier said he reviewed the data provided to the board by Plante Moran CRESA that highlighted school bond election dates held over the past five years in which 45 percent of those elections (106 of 235) were held in May, 22 percent (51) were in February, 20 percent (46) were in November and only 14 percent (32) in August.

"And of these election dates, those held in May and February had the highest passing rates," Roulier said. Plante Moran CRESA reported that the May election has a passing rate of 58 percent. Other months were: February, 55 percent; August, 47 percent; and November, 46 percent.

Johnson said he appreciated the comments from the school board.

"It's always hard to go out to the community and ask for this money," Johnson said. "I wish I knew that there would be a primary election, but we don't have that."

Johnson said the only con of his list of pros and cons was the election cost.

"The sooner we get it on the ballot, the better off we are," Johnson said. "I think it's time we get this issue before the voters."

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## Suspect in alleged travel scam waives exam

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

A Livonia man accused of bilking money from Michigan residents for trips through his travel company has waived his preliminary exam.



Second

Ken Second, 44, waived his exam before 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh at a hospital on Thursday afternoon, according to Charles Marr, Second's attorney. Second is scheduled to be arraigned on the information before Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard

Skutt at 9 a.m. on Feb. 21.

Second and his company, Timeway Tours, were arraigned in December on one count of conducting criminal enterprises racketeering, a 20-year felony; two counts of using a computer to commit a crime, a seven-year felony; and six counts of larceny by conversion, a five-year felony.

A pre-exam had been scheduled last Tuesday, but it was adjourned, before District Judge Kathleen McCann, as Second remained in the hospital. Since that adjournment, Second decided on Thursday to waive his exam.

Second and his company, Timeway Tours, face criminal charges for book-

ing tours Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette said they never intended to deliver. Schuette alleges that the victims responded to newspaper ads for trips to destinations such as the Kentucky Derby, Branson, Mo., and the Florida Gulf Coast. When victims who failed to receive confirmation of their trips requested more information, they were promised refunds that never materialized.

Schuette charged Second after complaints were filed with the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. Schuette said the travel scam targeted at least 100 Michigan citizens, the majority of whom were seniors.

### Zumba class

Zumba fitness is back at Merriman Road Baptist Church, on Merriman just south of Ford, Garden City. The class is for women age 18 and older. Class time is 8-9 p.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Girlfriends of Grace Ministry at Merriman Road Baptist Church, the class will be held on Thursdays at the church. Donations will be taken at the door to cover the cost of the instructor.

For more information, call (734) 421-0472.

### Tutoring

Members of the Key Club are once again offer-

ing tutoring 3:30-4:40 p.m. Wednesdays.

Any middle school and elementary students can get some much-needed help with their studies at tutoring, offered 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Room 118 at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt.

For more information, contact Myrna Hathaway at the high school at (734) 762-8350 or at hathawm@gardencityschools.com.

### Pet-a-Pet

Pet-A-Pet, Inc. is looking for enthusiastic, friendly pets and their owners to visit facilities one hour a month at the Garden City Hospital Rehab. Pets must be up

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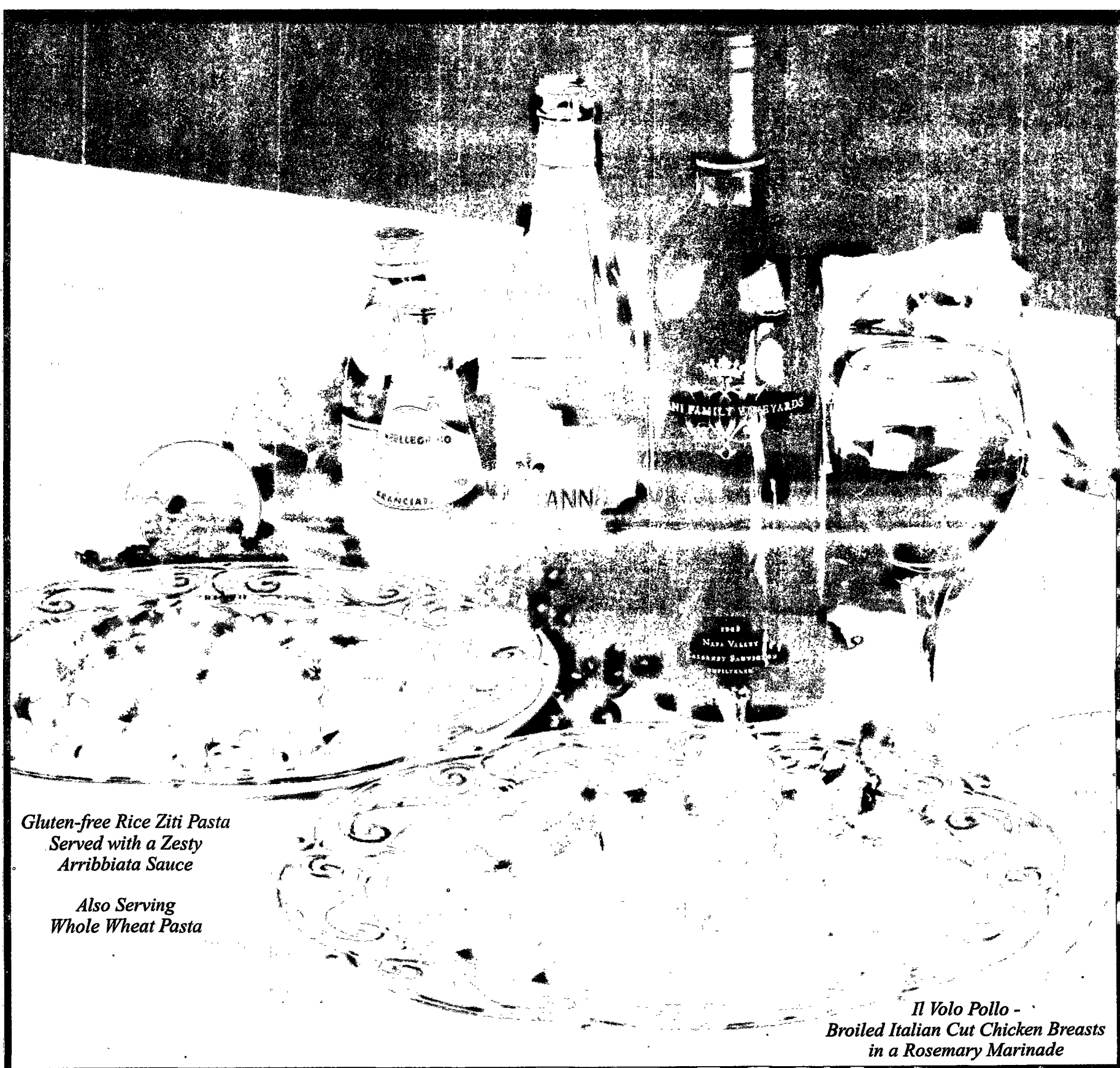
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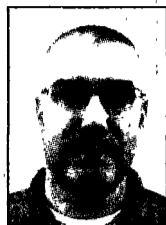
## Chargers' Filiatraut resigns

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Coming off the best football season in school history, Livonia Churchill is suddenly searching for a new varsity coach.

After 16 seasons, John Filiatraut informed school officials that has stepped down to devote more time to his family.

The Chargers posted only their third undefeated regular season in school history, capturing the KLAAs South Division and Kensington Conference championships. They finished the 2012



Filiatraut

season with 10-1 overall record after falling 20-14 in the Division 1 district final against Plymouth.

The 44-year-old Filiatraut, who played football at the University of Wisconsin and Dearborn Divine Child High, guided the Chargers to four playoff berths (2004, 2007, 2011 and 2012), and one district title while compiling an overall record of 61-90.

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"My family is getting to an age where there's some things that I'm frankly not willing to miss," Filiatraut said. "Every year you evaluate and ask yourself if you're willing to live with that time commitment. For football, the time commitment is year-round. It's really 365 days a year now. I looked at few things that are going to be happening in the next year and I wouldn't be able to walk in the door, look at my family and say that's the right thing to do."

Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said Filiatraut turned in his resignation Thursday and met with his coaching staff shortly after.

"Family considerations are a priority here and I completely support it 100 percent," Hage said. "But I'm very, very sad to see him go. He's leaving on 100-percent good terms. We had a wonderful relationship. It caught me by surprise. Yes, but I knew the day would eventually be coming."

Please see FILIATRAUT, B2

## GLIAC gets 4 grid signees

Four area seniors signed NCAA Division II football letters of intent Wednesday with schools in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Among those were Livonia Churchill running back Romello Brown (Wayne State), Livonia Franklin defensive end Jamarco Willingham (Northern Michigan) and Churchill wide receiver Andre Abram (Northwood) — all first-team All-Observer selections.

Chad Pounders, a second-team All-Area offensive lineman from Franklin, signed with Notre Dame (Ohio) College of the GLIAC.

Westland John Glenn wide receiver Da'Mario Jones signed an NCAA Division I letter with the University of the Michigan.

Meanwhile, Churchill linebacker Matt Bosas signed an NAIA letter of intent with Concordia University.

## Colley earns Evans grant

Livonia Stevenson's Jacob Colley is among 23 high school seniors from the state of Michigan that have been awarded the Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship, a full tuition and housing college scholarship, beginning this fall.

Evans Scholars are golf caddies who were selected based on four criteria: a strong caddie record, excellent academics, demonstrated financial need and outstanding character.

Colley, who runs cross country and track at Stevenson, caddies out of Western Golf & Country Club in Redford.

The students were awarded scholarships to either the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor or Michigan State University in East Lansing, where they will live in the Evans Scholarship House on campus.

The scholarship is valued at more than \$70,000 over four years.

The Western Golf Association, headquartered in Golf, Ill., has sponsored the Chick Evans Scholarship Program through the Evans Scholars Foundation since 1930. It is among the nation's largest privately funded scholarship programs.



Colley

## Rockets rule team district, eye regional

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn took care of business in Wednesday's Division 1 team regional hosted by Wayne Memorial.

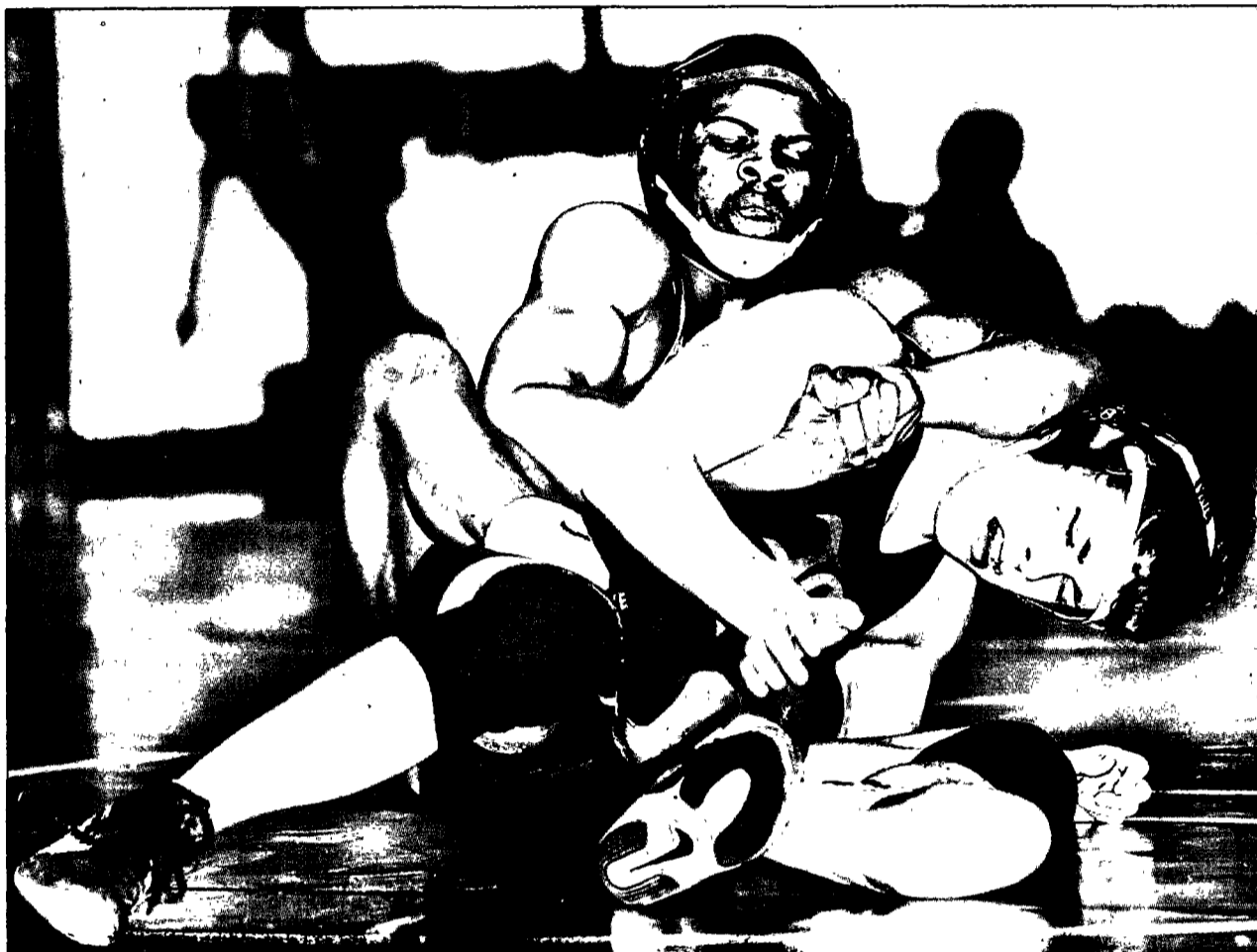
The Rockets improved to 20-9 overall with a 45-21 victory over Belleville in the finals after ousting Brownstown Woodhaven in the semifinals, 56-18.

In the other semifinal, Belleville downed the host Wolfpack, 34-32.

Chase Spanos, Kyle Gillies, Kevin Huynh, Brett Quinn, DeAndre Moore, Travis Mann, Jordan Brandon and Dylan Morantes all finished 2-0 on the day, while Tunde Alawode went 1-0 for the Rockets.

Glenn now faces KLAAs South Division rival Canton in the regional semifinals beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 at home. The winner will meet either Temperance Bedford or Saline for the right to go to the state quarterfinals Friday, Feb. 22 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

"The Canton-John Glenn dual should be a competitive one," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "Both teams have had ups and downs this year. Either team will have to have everything go right



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

John Glenn's Tunde Alawode (top) gains control in his 135-pound match against Belleville during the Division 1 team district final at Wayne Memorial.

to compete with Bedford, but we will be ready for the challenges the day will provide.

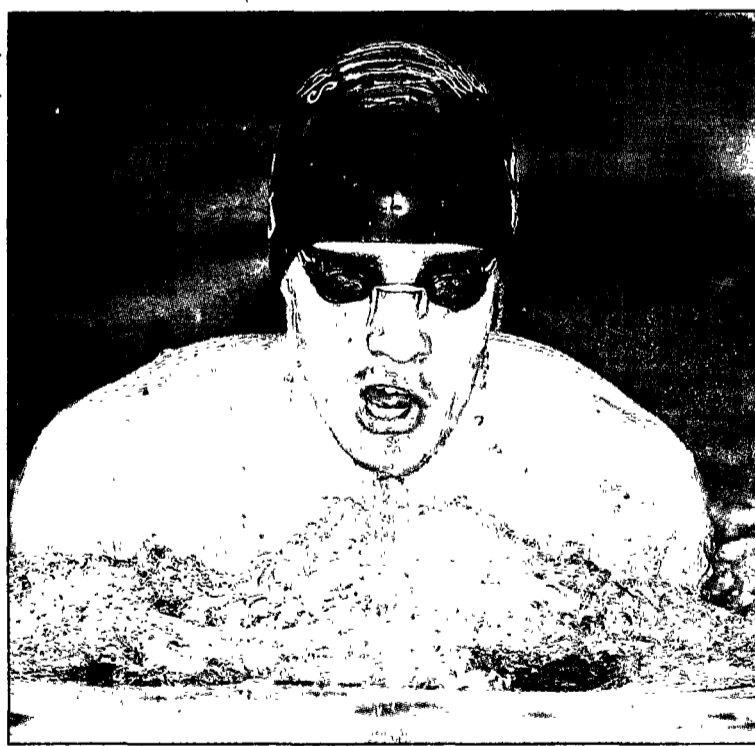
"I'm glad we get a chance to host such an intense day of wrestling. Our kids will be ready to battle."

### TEAM DISTRICT SEMIFINAL BELLEVILLE 34 WAYNE MEMORIAL 32

Feb. 6 at Wayne  
160 pounds: William Herring (B) pinned Kevin Marz, 1:49; 171: Sam Ekanem (WM) won by void; 189: Lucas Hofbauer (WM) won by technical fall over Branden Underwood, 16-1; 215: Tyler Casteels (WM) decisioned

Kyle Rodgers, 9-3; 285: Aaron Mauldin (WM) won by major dec. over Cordell Willoughby, 19-5; 103: Jack DeJack (WM) won by void; 112: Calvin Jackson (B) p. Dominick Sanders, 1:08; 119: Austin Koehler (B) won by tech. fall over Tyler Mullidgan, 16-1; 125: Josh Vandeyar (B) dec. Tim Way, 7-6; 130: Brandon Bellant (B) won by

tech. fall over Bradley Bowles, 15-0; 135: Caleb Brown (B) dec. Tim Flores, 4-3; 140: Marcus Jordan (WM) won by major dec. over Chase Cozart, 9-0; 145: Allen Parker (WM) won by major dec. over Michael Morris, 14-1; 152: Joshua Wooten (B) p. Tim Nicholson, 1-01.  
Wayne's dual meet record: 16-4 overall.



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Glenn's John Kukulka finished third in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:19.54 in Thursday's KLAAs South meet against Plymouth.

## Plymouth swim team puts Glenn in its wake

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Kenn Forbes has been pleasantly surprised in his first season as the Plymouth varsity boys swim coach — and then some.

After five years at Redford Union, Forbes has already helped mold the Wildcats into a divisional champion.

Plymouth clinched the KLAAs South dual meet title outright Thursday night with a 115-68 victory over host Westland John Glenn, the defending division champ.

"We have a lot of underclass talent," said Forbes, whose team finished 5-0 in the KLAAs South. "My freshman and sophomores are swimming as fast or faster than

my seniors and juniors. And it sounds like we have a lot of talent coming up from the eighth grade, so hopefully in the next few years we can build off it."

Plymouth started the meet by going one-two in the 200-yard medley relay and parlayed that with victories in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

Earning individual firsts for Plymouth were: Nick Weber, 200 IM (2:11.82); Connor McManus, 1-meter diving (179.95 points); Cameron Earls, 100 butterfly (56.96); Garrett Beauprez, 500 freestyle (5:18.38); Aniketh Visai, 100 backstroke (1:03.16); and Tyler Kazimierczuk, 100 breaststroke (1:16.44).

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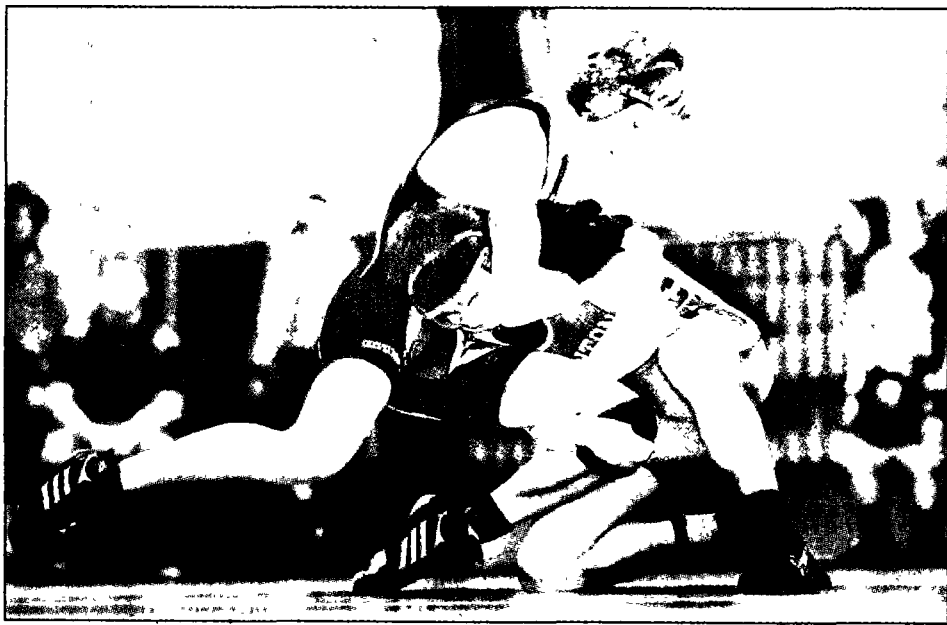
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PREP WRESTLING RESULTS



ANDREW RUBENSTEIN

Jake Hale (top) earned Churchill's lone victory with a pin over Canton's Ryan Siegler in the 130-pound match in Wednesday's Division 1 team district final at Plymouth.

**TEAM DISTRICT FINALS**  
**CANTON 61**  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6**  
**Feb. 6 at Plymouth**  
**112 pounds:** Ryan Apley (C) pinned Zachary Smith, 5:59; **119:** Richard DeMarois (C) won by major decision over Josh Perez, 9-0; **125:** Ben Griffin (C) won by major dec. Jon Locklear, 13-4; **130:** Jake Hale (LC) p. Ryan Siegler, 3:05; **135:** Marc Przybylski (C) won by technical fall over Jake Humphrey, 16-0; **140:** Jacob Thornton (C) dec. Zachary Leck, 9-7 (OT); **145:** Paul Tacy (C) p. Justin Baker, 2:34; **152:** Ty Jasmann (C) dec. Ben Leck, 7-5 (OT); **160:** Nicholas Durocher (C) dec. Colin Englehart, 8-6; **171:** Jevon Hill (C) dec. Jacob Sarna, 11-8; **189:** Allan Beckman (C) p. Alex Lemoncelli, 1:35; **215:** Ken Wooley (C) p. Chad Cacicado, 1:37; **285:** Andrew Blevins (C) p. Jacob Mercieca, 0:40; **103:** Sam Orr (C) p. Spencer Blanchard, 2:33.

**SEMIFINAL MATCH**  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 40, SALEM 31**  
**Feb. 6 at Plymouth**  
**103 pounds:** Spencer Blanchard (LC) pinned Andrew Lindsay, 2:28; **112:** Alex Arble (S) p. Zachary Smith, 1:45; **119:** Josh Perez (LC) won by major decision over Cameron Shaughnessy, 17-6; **125:** Jon Locklear (LC) p. Greg Shaver, 0:52; **130:** Jake Hale (LC) won by void; **135:** Caleb McCabe (S) dec. Jake Humphrey, 6-2; **140:** Zachary Leck (LC) p. Jake Judge, 1:09; **145:** Justin Baker (LC) dec. Hamad Abed, 9-3; **152:** Tom Rudd (LC) won by void; **160:** James Upshaw (S) won by major dec. Matt Siemasz, 9-0; **171:** Tyler Gross (S) p. Jacob Sarna, 2:27; **189:** Bekim Muca (S) p. Alex Lemoncelli, 0:29; **215:** Mitchell Gross (S) p. Jacob Mercieca, 2:25; **285:** Emmanuel Haddad (LC) dec. John Agostini, 4-2.

# Franklin pins down eighth team title in row

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Winning team districts is becoming old hat for Livonia Franklin wrestling. But the Patriots had to earn their eighth straight Division 1 title Wednesday night at Dearborn with a 38-28 victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood in the finals.

Franklin reached the championship match with a 64-15 win over the host Pioneers. The Patriots, now 21-5 overall, advance to the team regional 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 at Garden City to face Dearborn Fordson.

The other semifinal pits top-ranked and defending state champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central

against Southgate Anderson with the final following at 7 p.m.

"We lost Danny Martinez (125 pounds) for the season so it left a big hole in the middle of our lineup," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "I had kids drop weight, wrestle hurt, wrestle sick—it was a true team effort. I put some of my back-ups in against Dearborn because some of my starters were banged up and I truly thought they only had one match in them."

Nick Frazier, Jordan Atienza, Dan Huber and Jeremy Nelson were all double winners for the Patriots.

Crestwood advanced to the final with a 68-11 semifinal win over Garden City.

"Crestwood jumped out on us 17-0, but I told my team ahead of time they would do that, so I don't think anyone panicked," Chiola said. "We knew this was going to be close and it was. The teams know each other very well. It was a fun meet to be a part of."

In other Division 1 districts Wednesday, Catholic Central defeated Northville and host Novi en route to the title. Livonia Stevenson was eliminated by the Wildcats.

At Canton, the host Chiefs earned a spot in the regional with wins over Livonia Churchill (61-6) and Plymouth (40-30).

Churchill reached the final with a 40-31 semifinal victory over Salem.

## C'ville grapplers fall just short

Livonia Clarenceville came up one match short in its quest for the Division 3 team wrestling title Wednesday at Clawson.

Host Clawson, getting a bye into the final, earned a 42-32 win to advanced to move into the regional Wednesday, Feb. 13 at Richmond.

Clarenceville advanced to the district final with a 71-12 victory over Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Six Trojans went 2-0 on the night including Mikey Weiss (135 points), Joey Walker (140), Domanick Slagle (145), Devin Howell (152), Aaron Bibik (160) and David Curvin (215).

"It was decided by one match," Clarenceville first-year coach Nick Elam

said. "We just couldn't get that seventh win."

Despite the loss, Clarenceville set a school record for wins going 19-11 overall.

**Warrior walkover**

Lutheran High Westland didn't even have to work up a sweat to earn a spot in next Wednesday's Division 4 team regional.

That's because the Warriors won on a walkover Thursday night in the district final against Newport Lutheran South.

Lutheran Westland (20-9) will face the Madison Heights Bishop Foley district champion in the semifinals beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Sand Creek.

## FILIATRAUT

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Hage said Filiatraut was a coach who dotted all the I's and the T's.

"He always took care of everything whether it was the kids, the equipment, the parents, the team dinners, awards, the banquet," Hage said. "Everything went through him and he was the overseer of the entire football operation because his name was on it. I never had to worry about things when John was in charge. It was an excellent working relationship and he's one of my favorite coaches of all time."

Filiatraut, named Observerland Coach of the Year, admitted he might experience coaching withdrawal symptoms come fall, but he'll be able to catch all of his son John Jr.'s football games where he'll be a senior offensive guard at Divine Child.

"I'll miss it, that's for sure," he said. "But at the same time I'm looking forward to seeing some of my daughters' volleyball and getting to my son's games early, watch 'em warm up."

"I don't feel like I'm worn out, or it's been a long time, or I'm tired of this. ... I don't feel like that at all. This past season, ironically, was rejuvenating."

Coming off back-to-back playoff seasons, Filiatraut's replacement more than likely be filled from within.

"I'm hopeful that my staff will stay together," he said. "I don't know how that will work out, but I'm hopeful. I'm sure Marc will do a good job of hiring somebody. Hopefully the program stays trending the way it's going."

Filiatraut, who teaches social studies at Churchill, said he will remain on the boys and girls track and field staff during the spring as the throws coach.

"He's an excellent coach and a colleague and will certainly be in our hall of fame someday," Hage said. "I wish him well, but selfishly I wish he'd be staying, but I understand fully. I'm happy he'll still be in the building teaching and coaching track."

And after 16 seasons, Filiatraut appreciated his working environment. He was only the fourth coach in school history dating back to 1968 (succeeding Steve Naumcheff).

"It's just a great school and place to work in," he said. "Marc is tremendous and (principal) Joe (Anderson) has been exceptionally supportive. I think there's a reason why Livonia football jobs don't become open very often. They're really good places to work. People are supportive and the parents are supportive. It's a great community. It's really been great."

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## Weather plays havoc with schedule

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

The closing area schools Friday for a snow day has left athletic directors scrambling to find make-up dates in both boys and girls basketball.

This is the status for following girls basketball games:

- Novi at Livonia Stevenson (rescheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9);
- Canton at Livonia Franklin (rescheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11);
- Westland John Glenn at Plymouth (cancelled);
- Wayne Memorial at Livonia Churchill (cancelled);
- Lutheran Westland at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (to be rescheduled at a later date).

This is the status for the following boys basketball games:

- Stevenson at Novi (rescheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11);
- Churchill at Wayne (rescheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12);
- Plymouth at John Glenn (rescheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12);
- Franklin at Canton (rescheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12);
- Lutheran Westland at Huron Valley Lutheran (to be rescheduled at a later date).

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DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

John Glenn's Josh Wakeford captured the 200-yard freestyle in Thursday's KLAAs South Division meet against Plymouth.

**SWIMMING**

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Forbes said his team has "exceeded" expectations.

"We figured it (the margin) would be 16 points on paper," Forbes said. "There were a lot of good races. This was our best meet in terms of heads-up competition. They have a heckuva group of kids at John Glenn. It's sad to see 11 of them go (graduate)."

"We all had decent times. I think Alex Johnson, one of my juniors, really stepped up. In the last couple of weeks, he's really turned it up. My freshman class — Keegan Kendall — he got another P.R. in the backstroke (1:06.42). Garrett Beaprez, another freshman, took some firsts tonight. They all swam well. We got another eight or so P.R.s."

Glenn's title divisional run last year included razor-thin wins over Plymouth (96-90) and Canton (94-92).

"We knew that they (Plymouth) were better than we were, but we swam well," Glenn sev-

enth-year coach Bob Harding said. "We moved some people around a little bit. We got four new incoming swimmers this year and we needed more than that because we lost 11 (graduated) last year."

Glenn's top performer was Cody Hodges, a junior, who swept the 50 and 100 freestyles with times of 24.27 and 53.39, respectively.

Senior Josh Wakeford added a first in the 200 freestyle (1:54.16).

"Some of our younger kids swam well," Harding said. "And Cody Hodges swam well in the 100 freestyle, along with John Kukulka in the 200 IM (third in 2:19.54), Josh Wakeford had a good time in the 200 free and we'll see where he goes in the MISCAs meet on Saturday. We're hoping for state cuts maybe in the 200 freestyle relay and Josh in the 200 freestyle."

Forbes, meanwhile, tried to downplay the showdown between the unbeaten.

"We approach each meet like it's a normal meet," he said. "We don't do any special preparations. We do the same

thing. We look at their times, we look at our times. We just basically make it routine so the guys get in the habit and they don't get thrown off by anything else."

But although the future looks even brighter, Forbes likes what he sees so far in his current group.

"We're in a very good situation," he said, "especially being undefeated going into the division championship. I couldn't ask for a better team. The guys are amazing. They work hard, they swim hard and they get along. And they have a lot of fun doing it. I couldn't ask for anything more."

The six-team KLAAs South Division meet will begin at noon Saturday, Feb. 15, at Glenn. Plymouth last won that title in 2010 after Canton won it in 2011 and Glenn in 2012.

"We lost one dual meet this year," said Harding, whose team is 6-1 overall. "Plymouth handled everybody and they're just better than we are at this point."

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**BOYS SWIM RESULTS**

**DUAL MEET RESULTS  
PLYMOUTH 115  
WESTLAND GLENN 68**

Feb. 7 at John Glenn

**200-yard medley relay:**

1. Plymouth (Cameron Earls, Garrett Beaprez, Nick Weber, Ryan Heinze), 1:50.6; 2. Plymouth (Benjamin Yang, Aniketh Visai, Alexander Johnson, Andrew Liakos), 1:54.91; 3. John Glenn (Jason Burcicki, Petr Orzech, Steve LeBlanc, Nate Alvord), 2:05.97.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 1:54.16; 2. Beaprez (P), 1:55.53; 3. Aaron Alholinna (WJG), 2:01.26.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Weber (P), 2:11.82; 2. Visai (P), 2:18.06; 3. John Kukulka (WJG), 2:19.54.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Cody Hodges (WJG), 24.27; 2. Heinze (P), 24.55; 3. Burcicki (WJG), 24.79.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Connor McManus (P), 179.95 points; 2. Dave Cunningham (WJG), 164.80; 3. Grant Hoberrecht (P), 128.65.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Earls (P), 56.96; 2. Weber (P), 59.59; 3. Wakeford (WJG), 1:00.0.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Hodges (WJG), 53.39; 2. Johnson (P), 54.59; 3. Heinze (P), 55.18.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Beaprez (P), 5:18.38; 2. Yang (P), 5:27.76; 3. A. Alholinna (WJG), 5:31.51.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Earls, Weber, Heinze, Alexander Wilson), 1:36.46; 2. John Glenn (Hodges, Kukulka, Burcicki, Wakeford), 1:36.83; 3. Plymouth (Brandon Burger, Tyler Kazimierzczuk, Bronson Knowles, Liakos), 1:46.81.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Visai (P), 1:03.16; 2. Keegan Kendall (P), 1:06.42; 3. Josh Ferguson (WJG), 1:14.77.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Kazimierzczuk (P), 1:16.44; 2. Orzech (P), 1:18.9; 3. Liakos (P), 1:20.85.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Yang, Visai, Johnson, Beaprez), 3:42.11; 2. John Glenn (Hodges, Brad Alholinna, A. Alholinna, Wakeford), 3:43.16; 3. John Glenn (Burcicki, Kukulka, Chris Sabal, Jacob Deering), 4:00.33.

**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 5-0 KLAAs South Division (clinched title); John Glenn, 6-1 overall, 4-1 KLAAs South.

**CANTON 103  
FRANKLIN 68**

Feb. 7 at Canton

**200-yard medley relay:**

1. Canton (Gerard Niermann, Alex Bourdreaux, Nathan Albin, John Everitt), 1:57.19; 2. Canton (Kyle Bindas, Michael Wilyard, Alex Sogge, Chris Jenner), 1:58.73; 3. Franklin (Justin Larkins, Alex Herrick, Austin Klotz, Jacob Forgacs), 1:59.17.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Josh Joy (C), 2:05.96; 2. Cole Malhoit (C), 2:11.66; 3. Jack Chaney (C), 2:15.53; 4. Ryan Cossin (LF), 2:28.08; 5. Ethan Nordstrom (LF), 2:49.10.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Albin (C), 2:34.42; 2. Forgacs (LF), 2:36.87; 3. Jay Akolkar (C), 2:47.75; 4. Marcel Young-Bean (C), 2:55.21; 5. Paul Gast (LF), 3:32.39.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Bindas (C), 25.09; 2. Jenner (C), 25.76; 3. Francis Mina (LF), 31.18; 4. Cooper Kean (LF), 32.69; 5. Danny Kay (LF), 35.25.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Austin Tetlow (C), 153.00 points.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Larkins (LF), 55.23; 2. Malhoit (C), 1:06.77; 3. Klotz (LF), 1:07.02; 4. Herrick (LF), 1:08.48; 5. Wilyard (C), 1:11.14.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Niermann (C), 55.23; 2. Joy (C), 57.90; 3. Noah Adams (C), 1:00.97; 4. Paul Sturgis (LF), 1:11.50; 5. Gavin Lambert (LF), 1:12.45.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Nathan Benjamin (C), 5:53.69; 2. Chaney (C), 5:58.44; 3. Ryan Cossin (LF), 6:30.88; 4. Connor Hook (C), 6:34.44; 5. Kyle Perelli (LF), 7:47.43.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Bindas, Joy, Jenner, Alex Sogge), 1:43.70; 2. Canton (Everitt, Andrew Loehnis, Adams, Anthony Garbarino), 1:48.40; 3. Franklin (Klotz, Nordstrom, Cossin, Herrick), 1:52.01.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Larkins (LF), 1:02.55; 2. Wilyard (C), 1:12.29; 3. Albin (C), 1:14.45; 4. Travis Alber (C), 1:14.56; 5. Forgacs (LF), 1:16.58.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Atharva Dixit (LF), 1:40.19; 2. Gast (LF), 1:48.52; 3. Mina (LF), 1:49.45.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Franklin (Herrick, Klotz, Forgacs, Larkins), 3:52.58; 2. Franklin (Drew Niemiec, Kean, Lambert, Cossin), 4:57.88; 3. Canton (Jenner, Joy, Bindas, Alber), 3:54.33.

**Dual meet records:** Canton, 3-5 overall, 3-3 KLAAs

South Division; Franklin, 0-6 overall, 0-5 KLAAs South.

**CANTON 103  
CHURCHILL 80**

Jan. 31 at Canton

**200-yard medley relay:**

1. Canton (Kyle Bindas, Alex Bourdreaux, Trevis Majtara, Gerard Niermann), 1:52.63; 2. Livonia Churchill (Daniel Saltzman, Franklin Qiu, Jose Melendez, Jackson Norwood), 1:55.79; 3. Canton (Anthony Garbarino, Ali Ghannam, Nathan Albin, Chris Jenner), 2:06.15.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Qiu (LC), 2:03.52; 2. Michael Wilyard (C), 2:06.59; 3. Nathan Benjamin (C), 2:12.22.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Bourdreaux (C), 2:21.21; 2. Melendez (LC), 2:27.60; 3. Jack Chaney (C), 2:40.34.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Majtara (C), 25.30; 2. Daniel Saltzman (LC), 25.45; 3. Bindas (C), 25.67.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Ethan Burke (LC), 192.20 points; 2. Austin Tetlow (C), 126.80; 3. Kameron Stancer (LC), 117.80.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Melendez (LC), 1:03.90; 2. Niermann (C), 1:04.72; 3. Malhoit (C), 1:08.2.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Qiu (LC), 54.43; 2. Majtara (C), 54.99; 3. Norwood (LC), 57.38.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Kyle Reppenhagen (LC), 5:48.84; 2. Benjamin (C), 5:48.89; 3. Chaney (C), 6:16.25.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Majtara, Bindas, Joy, Niermann), 1:41.30; 2. Canton (Jenner, Kyle Spence, John Everitt, Andrew Loehnis), 1:48.53; 3. Livonia Churchill (Kameron Stancer, Soules, Fetter, Reppenhagen), 1:56.77.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Saltzman (LC), 1:05.90; 2. Norwood (LC), 1:13.25; 3. Travis Alber (C), 1:14.72.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Bourdreaux (C), 1:08.13; 2. Wilyard (C), 1:13.80; 3. Grant Kurili (C), 1:19.14.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Livonia Churchill (Qiu, Melendez, Norwood, Saltzman), 3:46.45; 2. Canton (Niermann, Jenner, Joy, Bindas), 3:51.48; 3. Canton (Albin, Spence, Noah Adams, Benjamin), 4:11.12.

**Dual meet records:** Canton, 1-5 overall, 1-3 KLAAs South Division; Churchill, 2-7 overall, 1-3 KLAAs South.

**Snowed under**  
Stevenson, Churchill fall in Showcase

It wasn't a good start for Livonia Stevenson in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League's Prep Showcase in Trenton.

The state-ranked Spartans went 1-for-6 on the power play gave up three unanswered goals during a 10-minute and 46-second span between the second and third periods falling to University of Detroit-Jesuit, 5-2, at Teifer Rink.

The Spartans, now 14-6-1 overall, trailed 1-0 after one period on Craig Pelfrey's goal at 15:52.

The Cubs (11-8-1) increased their lead to 2-0 when Tommy Apap scored just 39 seconds into the second period, but the Spartans answered to tie at 2-2 on goals by Devin Kelly (from Tyler Irvine and Connor Humitz at 2:08) and Travis Harvey (power play from Irvine and Kelly at 5:57).

U-D Jesuit then took control on goals by Christian Wirth-Karbler and Bryan Masopust during the final three minutes of the second.

Pete McMahon's short-handed goal from Masopust at 8:35 of the third helped seal the win.

Humitz, the Spartans' senior goaltender, made 30 saves, while Oscar Mansky made 21 stops for the Cubs.

**DIVINE CHILD 4,**

**PREP HOCKEY**

**CHURCHILL 3:** Livonia Churchill (8-12-1) couldn't overcome a 3-1 first-period deficit in Friday's MIHL Prep Showcase falling to Dearborn Divine Child (12-7-1) at Trenton's Teifer Rink.

The Chargers dropped their eighth straight despite outshooting the Falcons 30-25.

Churchill's Matt Sinclair opened the scoring at 1:32 of the opening period off assists from Luke Otto and Tommy Carey, but Divine Child answered with three straight with two coming from Adam Sieklaczak and the other from Michael Perian.

Nick Misiak's goal from Brad Milks at 6:18 of the second cut the deficit 3-2, but DC's Anthony Sciala answered with what proved to be the game-winner at 9:48 of the same period.

Brad Milks scored with 11:20 to go in the third from Riley Brown to make it 4-3, but the Chargers couldn't score the equalizer.

Churchill freshman goaltender Alec Calvaruso made 21 saves, including penalty shot by DC's Evan Heiss with 3:27 remaining in the third.

Dominic Stankiewicz made 27 stops for the Falcons.

**LIGGETT 4, CHURCHILL**

**3 (SO):** William Yates scored twice, including the game-tying goal with only 2:11 left in regulation Thursday to propel Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (13-8) to a shootout victory over Livonia Churchill (8-11-1) in the opening day of the MIHL Prep Showcase at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.

The Chargers led 2-1 after one period on goals by Riley Brown (from Luke Otto and Matt Sinclair) and Brad Milks (from Brown). The goals came just 22 seconds apart during the final minute after Cam Marchese had given Liggett a 1-0 lead at 12:49.

Churchill increased its advantage to 3-1 on Sinclair's goal from Nick McGee at 7:23 of the second period before Yates answered at 14:15 to cut the deficit to 3-2 entering the third.

After Yates' game-tying tally, Liggett won the shootout, 3-2, as Jacob Soyka, Jake Jerome and Lordanthony scored for the defending Division 3 state champion Knights.

Brown and Sinclair connected on Churchill's first two penalty shots, but the Chargers missed the next four.

Churchill goalie Alec Calvaruso was stellar in defeat stopping 41-of-44 shots, while Luke Soyka made 26 saves for the Knights.

**Livonia figure skaters boast big medal haul**

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Figure Skating Program came away with 10 first-place individual medals along with one team title in the two-day Wayne ISI Invitational held at the Wayne Community Center.

The invitational attracted clubs from across southeast Michigan and among the division winners included: Natalie Menestrina, Platinum; Kaeleigh Kerpet, Gold; Kaylee McCarthy, Freestyle 6; Lauren McAlinden, Compulsory; Mary Fredendal, Footwork 1; Mackenzie Gottberg, Freestyle 1; Clair Sierota, Freestyle 1; Christine Netschke, Freestyle 1;

Emily Grover, Delta; Andie Klisz, Beta.

The Ice Chips also captured a first-place medal in the Team Division.

Adding individual seconds were: Emily Andre, Beta; Emily Welch, Freestyle 1; Rachel Whalen, Freestyle 2; Kaitlin King, Freestyle 3; Jenny Engler, Freestyle 3; Lauren McAlinden, Freestyle 4 Solo; Fredendal, Freestyle 4 Dramatic Spotlight.

Taking thirds for Livonia included: Alexa Hunt and Emily Vasileff, Silver Division; Nicole Grover, Freestyle 5; Kameron Kerpet and Kylie Callison, Freestyle 4; Katie Engler and Victoria Mills,

Freestyle 3; Isabella Reo, Freestyle 2; Lexi Harris, Freestyle 1; Elana Atikian, Beta.

Fourth-places went to Sophie Marietta, Pre-Alpha; Mario Luljaurji and Michelle Matejka, Freestyle 1; Morgan Dodds, Freestyle 4; Callie Kimble, Silver Division.

Keira Callison and Erin McAlinden also placed fifth and sixth, respectively, in Freestyle 4.

The Livonia Figure Skating Program will host a competition Saturday, March 16 at Edgar Arena.

Admission is free. For more information, call (734) 466-2412.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

**Monday, Feb. 11**

Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.

Andover at C'ville, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 12**

Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Harper Wds. at C'ville, 7 p.m.

Luth. W'sid at Bapt. Pk., 7 p.m.

Lutheran South at HVL, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 15**

Macomb Christ. at HVL, 7 p.m.

Greenhills at L. W'sid, 7 p.m.

C'ville at Cranbrook, 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**Monday, Feb. 11**

Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 12**

Luth. South at HVL, 5:30 p.m.

L. W'sid at Baptist Pk., 7 p.m.

C'ville at Harper Wds., 7 p.m.

Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Wayne at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

**(KLAAs Playoffs-1st round)**

Franklin at Novi, 7 p.m.

Glenn at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 14**

Stevenson at Wayne, 7 p.m.

S.L. East at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Frank. Rd. at L. W'sid, 7 p.m.

HVL at Taylor Baptist, 7 p.m.

**at Arctic Pond, TBA.**

**PREP WRESTLING**

**MHSAA TEAM REGIONALS**

**DIVISION 1**

at GARDEN CITY

**Wednesday, Feb. 13:** Novi-Detroit Catholic Central vs. Southgate Anderson, 5:30 p.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. Dearborn Fordson, 5:30 p.m.; **Championship final:** 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Division 1 quarterfinals Friday, Feb. 22 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.)

**DIVISION 4**

at SAND CREEK

**Wednesday, Feb. 13:** Lutheran Westland vs. Madison Heights Bishop Foley district champ, 5:30 p.m.; Memphis district champ vs. Sand Creek, 5:30 p.m.; **Championship final:** 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Division 1 quarterfinals Friday, Feb. 22 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.)

**MHSAA INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL TOURNAYS**

**Saturday, Feb. 16**

Division 1 at Canton, 10 a.m.

Division 3 at Richmond, 10 a.m.

Division 4 at Hudson, 10 a.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING**

**Friday, Feb. 15**

KLAAs South Diving at John Glenn, 5 p.m.

KLAAs Central Diving at South Lyon East, 5 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 16**

KLAAs South Meet Finals at John Glenn, noon.

**KLAAs Central Meet Finals**

at South Lyon East, noon.

**PREP BOWLING**

**Tuesday, Feb. 12**

Clarenceville vs. John Glenn at Merri-Bowl, 3:30 p.m.

Wayne vs. Northville at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 13**

Clarenceville vs. Belleville at Cherry Hill Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 15**

KLAAs Association

## Raider nation



The Westland St. Matthew Lutheran boys varsity basketball team (grades 6-8), captured the WLAL tournament title last weekend at Lutheran High Westland after winning the regular season crown with a 9-0 record. St. Matthew also becomes the first team in the school's 75-year history to be invited to play in the Lutheran Schools National Tournament, March 21-24, in Valparaiso, Ind. St. Matthew, 18-2 overall, captured two tournament titles and was runner-up in another this season. They will also play March 1-3 in the Lutheran Schools state tourney, at Concordia University in Ann Arbor. Team members include (back row, from left): assistant coach Tom Myers, Zach Burk, Kory Barikmo, Josh Schwaegerle, Jacob Fergan, assistant coach Tim Shingleton; (middle row, from left) head coach David Loos, Tommy Fisher, John Davenport, Jacob Kuhn, Lucas Moody; (front row, from left) Michael Nehring, Chris Riegel and Seth Lambert.

## MU men's soccer coach Scott leaves for Albion position

Eric Scott, who led the Madonna University men's soccer program to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament championship and a berth in the NAA national tournament in 2011, has resigned to take over the Albion College women's soccer program.

"The Albion women's soccer program has a foundation of excellence," Scott said, "and I would like to build on that tradition. As an alumni (2001), and former student-athlete at Albion, I am familiar of what it means to be a Briton and feel I will be able to instill that same mentality into anyone who plays a role into the success of the women's soccer program."

Scott inherited a 3-12 squad and improved the Crusaders to an eight-win team in 2010. An overtime loss to the No. 1 seed bounced the Crusaders from the 2012 WHAC Tournament and four players were honored as all-WHAC selections. In all, Scott coached 12 all-



Scott

conference performers at Madonna. Scott came to MU after four seasons as an assistant coach at Schoolcraft College under Rick Larson where the Ocelots captured four straight Michigan Community College Athletic Association championships and were ranked in the top 15. "It has been a tremendous privilege and honor to serve Madonna University and the athletic department," said Scott, who went 22-24-7 overall. "Thank you to Bryan Rizzo for giving me the opportunity, and a big thank you to the entire Madonna coaching staff across the entire department, the soccer players and every student-athlete for helping me become a better coach."

Scott has served as vice-president of the Livonia City Soccer Club board since 2010 along

with being both an assistant and head coach for teams in the club. He got his start in collegiate coaching as an assistant with the University of Michigan men's soccer club team from 2004-2006.

Scott, a Livonia Churchill High grad, was a placekicker and punter on three Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship football teams at Albion. In 2001 he earned honorable mention All-MIAA honors. "Eric has a demonstrated ability in turning programs in a positive direction," Albion athletic director Matt Arend said. "He has the credentials to provide stability to the Albion women's soccer program and return the program to prominence. His passion for Albion speaks volumes."

An English major who earned a master's degree in library and information science from Wayne State University, Scott is married to former Briton softball player Kary Couchman. Georgetown was led by DH Martin Lemus, who went 3-for-4 with a homer and three RBI. Mike Stienke also added three hits, while E.J. Murray went 2-for-4 with three RBI and Ryan Serrato hit a solo homer. MU starter Josh Vandemark allowed six earned runs on 10 hits in 4.1 innings before giving way to Adam Prashad, who worked the final 2.2. On Saturday, MU returns to the field in Cleveland, Tenn. to face Rio Grande (Ohio) and then No. 3-ranked Lee (Tenn.).

## MU starts baseball season with a split

The 24th-ranked Madonna University baseball team opened its 2013 season Friday in Dayton, Tenn. by splitting a pair of games.

Designated hitter Spencer Sarel belted a 2-run homer in the top of the fourth inning and the Crusaders rode the right arm of senior Matthew Cook to beat host Bryan (Tenn.) College, 5-3, after falling to No. 20 Georgetown (Ky.) earlier in the day, 8-3.

Cook went all seven innings to throw a complete game. He allowed three earned runs on six hits, while striking out six and not allowing a walk.

Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) also went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Blake Johnson hit a 2-run homer for Bryan (2-1) and starter Joey Vega, who gave up four earned runs on five hits in five innings, took the loss.

Georgetown (3-2) got a complete game from starter Tyler Arthur (1-1) to beat the Crusaders. He struck out six, walked one and allowed two earned runs on seven hits.

Lineberry went 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Shane Dokey also went 2-for-3.

Sarel collected the other RBI to finish with four

on the day.

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## Division queens

### Glenn girls bowlers improve to 15-0

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

It's been quite a season so far for the Westland John Glenn girls bowling squad.

The Lady Rockets capped an unbeaten regular season in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association with a 30-0 victory Wednesday over Northville at Super Bowl in Canton.

Glenn finished 12-0 in the KLA's Central Division, along with a 3-0 mark in the crossover matches for a 15-0 overall record.

"It is a great feeling being able to repeat as division champions," Glenn coach Ralph Cabildo said. "It has been a great season, not

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only because we were undefeated, but most importantly the way the girls supported each other."

Julia Huren paced the victory with a 213-174-387 two-game set, while freshman Emily Dietz chipped in with a 186-174-360.

On Tuesday, Glenn downed Salem at Vision Lanes, 23-7, as Dietz paced the Rockets with a 237-236-473 two-game set, while Olivia Cabildo added a 224 game.

That was coming off a 23-7 victory Feb. 1 over Plymouth as Dietz led the way with 226 individual game, while Caitly Lenard and Huren added games of 217 and 214, respec-

tively.

Dietz and Huren lead the Central Division with per game match averages of 194.75 and 194.12, respectively. Cabildo and Lenard hold down averages of 181.13 and 172.58, respectively.

### C'ville girls fall

In a match last Tuesday, Livonia Clarenceville fell 30-0 to Dearborn Heights Crestwood in a match at Romulus Lanes.

Erin Walters rolled a 158-158-316 two-game set followed by Sarah Meili with a 103-124-227.

Sarah Estep contributed a 110 game, while Carmen Neito posted a 102 for the Trojans (2-8).

Crestwood won both regular match games, 841-565 and 829-561.

## Rocket boys shuttle past N'ville bowlers

Westland John Glenn wrapped up at least a share of the Central Division boys bowling title Wednesday with a 25-5 victory over Northville in a match held at Super Bowl in Canton.

The Rockets, who improved to 10-2 in the division and 13-2 in the conference, got a 450 series from Mike Russom on games of 234 and 216.

"We came out with one goal - focus and stay mentally sharp every frame," Glenn coach Ron Staples said. "Were solid from top to bottom today."

Also contributing to the win was Steve Brusseau, 424; Mark Kassab, 405; Steve White, 403; and Billy Wicker, 386.

Wicker contributed a

high game of 224, while Brusseau added a 222.

Glenn jumped out to a 6-4 lead after the two Baker games. The Rockets averaged 206 for the two match games and had a total pin count tally of 2,067.

"We showed emotion out there and all the boys took it personal today. We are looking forward to our conference tournament (Feb. 15 at Super Bowl). It should be a battle and my job is to get them ready for the battle and stand as one in victory or defeat."

The Rockets were coming off a 19-11 setback Tuesday at Vision Lanes to KLA's Central co-leader Salem.

"I told our team the loss

to Salem will make us stronger and it did," Staples said.

### Clarenceville rolls

Ricky Rutenbar posted a two-game set of 214-201-415 and Kaylup Richards also contributed a 185-230-415 series to lead Livonia Clarenceville past Dearborn Heights Crestwood in a match last Tuesday at Romulus Lanes.

The Trojans, who improved to 7-3 overall, also got solid efforts from Tyler Fox (204-193-397) and Kyle Kissandi (182-212-394).

Matthew Thayer and Stephan Clark each added 200 games as the boys won the regular match games 993-759 and 1,036-749.

## Crusader men get 63-51 victory

The Madonna University men's basketball team remained in the hunt for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season championship Wednesday night with a 63-51 victory at Lawrence Tech.

The second-place Crusaders, who improved to 19-8 overall and 14-5 in the WHAC, remain one game behind first-place Davenport with three conference games to go.

Junior point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) paced a balanced scoring attack with 16 points, while Fred Williams chipped in with 14 as MU equaled the school's best season win total established by the

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2007-08 squad that finished 19-13.

Travis Schuba and Eoghann Stephens each contributed 12 as the Crusaders overcame a 32-30 halftime deficit by outscoring Lawrence Tech 33-19 in the second half.

Anthony Sisson paced Lawrence Tech (2-25, 1-18) with 14 points, while Jake Mullin and Brad Watterworth each contributed 12.

**OAKLAND CC 108, SCHOOLCRAFT 64:** Richmond Jackson's game-high 29 couldn't put a dent in another Schoolcraft College (4-16, 1-10) MCCA Eastern Confer-

ence setback Wednesday against host Oakland Community College (18-4, 10-1) at the Auburn Hills Gym.

Jackson went 9-of-19 from the field and hit 11-of-15 free throws, but the Ocelots committed a season-high 38 turnovers and shot only 37.9 percent from the field (22-of-58) and 55.6 percent from the foul line (20-of-36).

Jamie Pearson and Kallante Miller paced the victorious Raiders with 26 and 25 points, respectively.

Darius Stevens came off the bench to add 12, while Aaron Hayes chipped in with 11 as OCC built a 57-31 halftime lead.

## MU women down Lawrence Tech

Kaylee McGrath's double-double lifted the Madonna University women's basketball team to a 60-47 triumph Wednesday over host Lawrence Tech at Riddler Field House.

McGrath, a 6-foot senior from Livonia Stevenson High, hit 9-of-11 shots from the floor en route to a game-high 18 points, while also adding a game-best 13 rebounds.

The fourth-place Crusaders, who improved to 17-9 overall and 13-6 in the WHAC, also got 11

points off the bench from Rachel Melcher.

Bench scoring contributed heavily to the victory as the Crusaders held a 20-4 advantage.

Hali Butler and Jill Carlisle each tallied nine points for the Blue Devils (6-17, 4-15).

MU shot 25-of-54 from the floor (46.3 percent), while Lawrence Tech hit just 13-of-44 (29.5 percent).

**OAKLAND CC 65, SCHOOLCRAFT 61:** Courtney Murphy proved to be a handful Wednesday night as host Oak-

land Community College (11-11, 6-5) earned an MCCA Eastern Conference victory over Schoolcraft College (5-16, 2-9) at the Auburn Hills Gym.

Murphy hit 10-of-20 shots from the floor en route to a game-high 25 points to help hold off a second-half Ocelot rally.

Micheline DeMoss added 11 points, while Abigail Fabo and Kelly Hold each added 10 for the Raiders, who led 42-27 at intermission.

Fabo also snared a game-high 15 rebounds.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Hockey Day

Veteran broadcaster Raymond Rolak will moderate a multi-media presentation to help celebrate the sixth annual Hockey Day in Michigan beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Westland Public Library's Faust Branch, 16123 Central City Parkway.

Rare historic photos will be on display and both men's and women's hockey history will be discussed along with the most historic year for the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association.

You can also learn more about the 10,000 rinks project that helped build an

ice rink in Zakopane, Poland.

To pre-register for the free event, visit [www.westland.lib.mi.us](http://www.westland.lib.mi.us).

For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

### Lineman school

The Michigan Youth Athletic Association is offering a football lineman school (grades 3-12) from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 26, March 5, 12 and 19 at Precision Baseball, located at 7835 Market Drive, Canton.

The cost is \$85.

For more information, visit [www.miyaa.org](http://www.miyaa.org); or e-mail [infor@miyaa.org](mailto:infor@miyaa.org).

## PREP GYMNASTICS

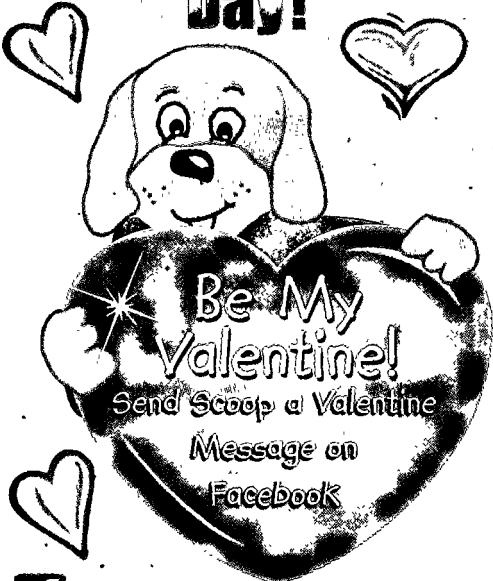
**Uneven bars:** 1. Katie Kretzschmar (Red), 9.075; 2. McKian (B), 8.825; 3. Claire Walters (B), 8.8; 4. Marissa McVey (Red), 8.75; 5. Blythe (H), 8.625.  
**Balance beam:** 1. (tie) Kretzschmar (Red) and Marisa DeCamp (H), 9.55 each; 3. (tie) McVey (Red) and Mekjian (B), 9.15 each; 5. Shannon Diaz (Red), 9.0.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Hextall (P), 9.475; 2. McGowan (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.



# Happy Valentine's Day!



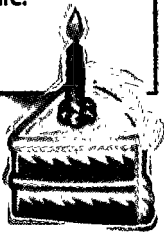
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Halden Richmond	Inkster	Feb. 17
Peyton Wilder	Dearborn Hgts.	Feb. 21
Valerie Zamora	Livonia	Feb. 28
Ryan Mason	Warren	Feb. 29

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Do you write, draw, make crafts, take photographs, or do something else that you would like others to know about? Share your talent with us. We may share your extraordinary talent in an upcoming Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

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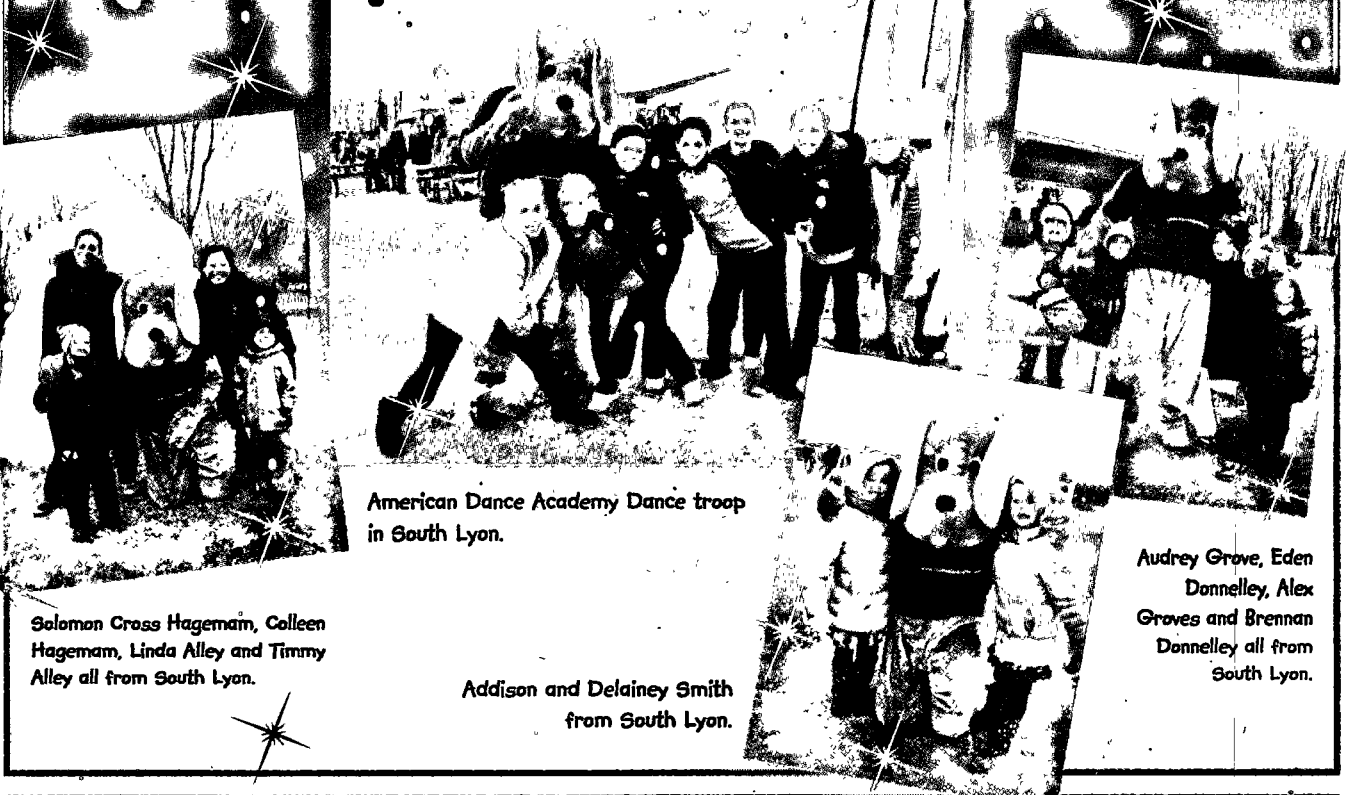
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# Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

## Scoop's Winter Fun



Solomon Cross Hageman, Colleen Hageman, Linda Alley and Timmy Alley all from South Lyon.

American Dance Academy Dance troop in South Lyon.

Addison and Delainey Smith from South Lyon.

Audrey Grove, Eden Donnelley, Alex Groves and Brennan Donnelley all from South Lyon.

## Scoop's Coloring Contest Favorites!

All of the drawings were GREAT!

Our grand prize winner is Aset Hill who received the board game Angry Bird Knock on Wood. Everyone received an Angry Bird coloring book. Great Job!



Winter Cold  
 Kids making snowmen, angels snow falling from the sky  
 Kid's of all ages play in that winter snow and best of all the steaming hot cocoa winter  
 By Aset Hill



Jacob Yousef Age: 8



Mayra Ponce Age: 11



DeAngelo Bowles Age: 12



Nicky Pelletier Age: 10



MyKah Telley Age: 12



Jared Smith Age: 11



Jaade Homas Age: 11

## Riddles & Giggles

**Riddle:** Which month has 28 days in it?  
**Answer:** All of them

**Scoop:** Knock, knock

**Scoop's Friend:** Who's there?

**Scoop:** Police

**Scoop's Friend:** Police Who?

**Scoop:** Police let me in, it's cold out here!

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## Looking sharp

### Farmington Hills woman turns heads with her hats

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Can't wear a hat? Linda Sweeney says you can — and you'll look good wearing it. "Everyone can wear a hat. It just needs to be custom-made for them," said the Farmington Hills milliner.

"There is a saying called the 10 commandments of wearing a hat. I don't remember them all, but one of them is you're not supposed to wear a hat wider than your shoulders. But let me tell you, it's all in the confidence. I've seen (short) women who will rock in a wide-brimmed hat with confidence. They know they look good and they can pull it off. You know, confidence is everything."

Sweeney, owner of Forever Sweeney Millinery & Designs, LLC., supplies the custom fit for her couture creations that range from casual to dressy with a retro flair to fancy and flamboyant. Her most popular hat, called "The Snappy Casual," sports an angled brim that can be turned up or down. Its brim can be dressed up with detachable embellishments or adorned with a simple pin or silk flower to pair with blue jeans.

"It's popular because women can wear it any-

#### GO RED

##### Forever Sweeney Millinery & Designs, LLC.

Linda Sweeney of Farmington Hills makes one-of-a-kind, custom-made hats. She also does presentations on the history of hats. She and her colleague, Yolanda Haynes of Southfield, create private hat parties and tea parties for churches and women's organizations. Sweeney's hats are shown at Rolani's Boutique in Southfield and Offin Rivers Accessories in Detroit. For more information about Sweeney's custom designs, call (248) 426-HATS or visit [foreversweeney.com](http://foreversweeney.com).

**Go Red For Women Luncheon:** Registration begins at 9 a.m., followed by a health expo and luncheon at noon, Friday, Feb. 15, at the MGM Grand in Detroit. The event will include health screenings, health seminars, vendor displays and a silent auction that includes the red "fascinator" hat donated by Linda Sweeney, a milliner from Farmington Hills. The program also will include the auction of 10 dolls outfitted by International Academy of Design & Technology students. Tickets are \$175. For more information call Catherine Smith, GO Red For Women director at (248) 936-5831 or visit [www.detroitgoredforwomen.org](http://www.detroitgoredforwomen.org).



Linda E. Sweeney wears one of the many hats she designs, blocks and sews by hand.

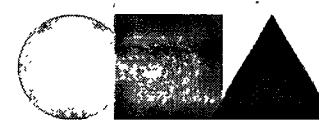
where. Versatility is the key. I like to give people options. I make a hat but want them to get several looks out of it," Sweeney said. "Times have changed and we're not in the day when women always have big, fancy hats on."

But for customers who want something stunning and unique for a dressy look, Sweeney is happy to oblige. Her home design studio is stocked with feathers, sequins, beads, netting,

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Yolanda Haynes of Southfield models the "Fascinating Heart" hat made by Linda E. Sweeney of Farmington Hills. Sweeney incorporated two heart-shaped embellishments into the piece and donated it to the Go Red For Women Luncheon's silent auction.

  
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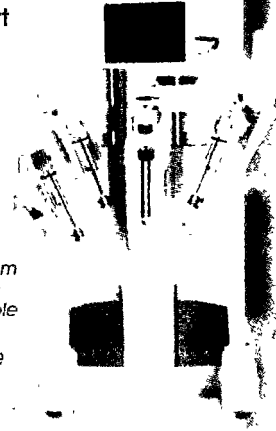
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# HATS

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silk flowers and bolts of various fabrics, from velvets and velours to mud cloth and felt.

"I'm an old movie buff. So, I like the fashions of the '20s and '30s. When I watch old movies, I really get inspired," she said.

Sweeney also admires British millinery fashion, especially the "fascinators" or cocktail-style hats that were visible among guests at the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton two years ago. Fascinators are elaborately trimmed hair decorations built on a headband or clip.

### Giving back

Sweeney donated a red fascinator to the silent auction at the Go Red For Women Luncheon, on Feb. 15 in Detroit. The event is aimed at raising funds for cardiovascular research. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women.

"It's a great event and it has opened my eyes to heart healthy awareness," said Sweeney, who has donated hats to the auction for the past three years. "I really was amazed that so many women die from heart disease."

"This is my way as a small business to give back. It's fun and a way to contribute my talent to the community. Custom millinery is what I do and what I really enjoy. It's something I do when I'm not working the corporate world."

Sweeney designs, sews and blocks her custom hats at night and on weekends. By day she works in the legal realm of the utility industry.



Sweeney embellishes her hats with feathers, flowers and other decorations.

### Young seamstress

Sweeney learned her sewing skills from her mother and made many of her own outfits while growing up. By the time she graduated from high school and began taking classes in court reporting, she had put her interest in sewing aside.

It wasn't until she and her late husband, Howard, were expecting their first child, that she revived her skills, a response to the high cost of ready-to-wear maternity clothing.

The sewing led to hat-making and millinery classes as she and her husband, who worked in law enforcement, decided to turn a hobby into a business. Sweeney taught Howard all she learned in the classes she took. He did most of the hat blocking — stretching pieces into shape — and she sewed.

"I was making hats at night and on weekends and home schooling during the day," said Sweeney, who taught her three children at home. She enrolled at the University of Michigan-Dearborn to study human resources when her two youngest children began attending classes at a charter high school. She also continued to design and make

hats on the side.

"It was a lot of hard work and when I look back on it, I think, ooh, how did I do that?"

### Other passions

Sweeney enjoys spending spare time with her 4-year-old grandson and roller skating at Riverside Arena in Livonia.

She frequently talks about the history of hats for women's organizations and churches and often works with her friend, Yolanda Haynes of Southfield, on events that combine hat fittings or history presentations with tea parties. Haynes brings tea for tasting and talks about its past. Sweeney offers fittings, talks about the history of hats and shows her creations. Attendees can buy hats on the spot or commission Sweeney to make one especially for them.

Although Sweeney maintains a website for her hat business, she doesn't sell over the Internet.

"I found that most people, because I'm local, want to see a hat, feel a hat," she said. "And I'll meet people at a boutique in a heartbeat."

For more information about her hat designs, visit [www.foreversweeney.com](http://www.foreversweeney.com)



Hats on display in Linda Sweeney's work room include styles made from mud cloth, silk, velour felt, and straw fabrics.

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Heirloom Tomatoes - From Seed to Sauce, will include tips on seed selection, growing techniques, use in the kitchen and recipes. Paul Rodman, community garden expert and an Advanced Master Gardener, will lead the class, Tuesday, Feb. 12.

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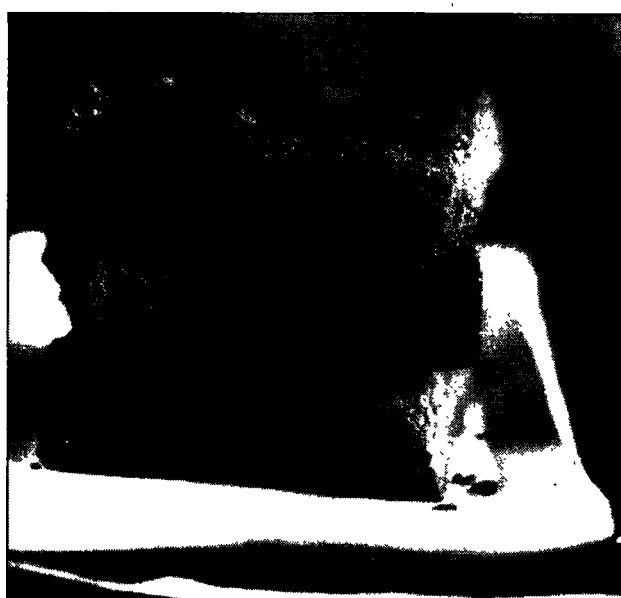
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Cook: 25 minutes
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For the brownies:
1/2 cup butter, cut into pieces
4 ounces dark chocolate, chopped
2 eggs, at room temperature
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

For the glaze:
2 ounces semisweet chocolate
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
Preheat the oven to 350°F.

In small pot over low heat, melt 1/2 cup of butter and 4 ounces of dark chocolate together until smooth. Add eggs one at a time, and whisk to combine after each addition. Add sugar and vanilla and stir to combine.

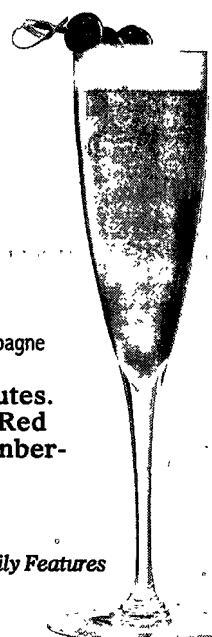
Add flour, cocoa powder and salt and stir until smooth.

Transfer batter into a 9 x 9 aluminum foil lined baking pan and place it into the oven for 25 minutes and bake until done.

While brownies are baking, melt together semisweet chocolate and 1 tablespoon of unsalted butter for the glaze. Once melted, set aside.

When brownies are done, let them cool.

Once cooled, drizzle glaze over brownies, and spread it on top using an offset spatula.



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Social Scene



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Molly Marshall of Ferndale, (left) Wendy Luczak of Berkley, Kerri Mulvihill of Livonia and John McManus of Huntington Woods enjoy the 3rd Annual Heidelberg Project Fundraiser at the Fine Arts Theater in Detroit. Graffiti was the event theme, street-wear chic was the dress code and some of the best art around from Michigan was for sale. The Heidelberg Project is a two-block area on Detroit's east side that consists of art installations made from everyday, discarded objects.



Yolanda and David Tisdale of West Bloomfield and Micki Grossman of Farmington Hills attend the Saks Fifth Avenue Kick-off fundraiser that was held Wednesday to benefit Beaumont Children's Hospital, Southeastern Michigan American Red Cross and the Detroit Institute of the Arts (DIA). Customers who use their Saks Fifth Avenue credit card this month will help benefit the charities. Saks will donate 5 percent of each purchase to the organizations. Saks.com also will support the initiative by giving 5 percent of online purchases made with a registered Saks card, to The Red Cross. Saks Fifth Avenue Off Fifth will ask customers their charity preference at point of purchase.

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A 50th class reunion is planned for July 20. For more information contact Barbara Cook at (248) 349-5982.

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THE AGING HAND

Self-care begins with the hand. The ability to dress one's self, feed, clothe and clean independently assumes fingers sufficiently dexterous to hold a spoon, place a button and wipe a towel.

The elderly are warned about ridding the home of throw rugs to avoid falls and the broken bones that follow. The aged receive instructions to keep small objects out of their path because old eyes cannot see small objects. However, no one speaks on ways to preserve hand function.

But first, what can happen to the aging hand? The most common problem is osteoarthritis. When this occurs, the knuckles of the fingers lose their ability to open and close or in medical terms, extend and flex, in their usual fashion. Usually this loss of function comes on with little accompanying pain. However, at times an involved knuckle will swell and pain possibility for days. Eventually the pain leaves; the stiffness never does.

Treatment consists of knowing that the pain and loss of use of the hand is temporary. Using heat and acetaminophen will accelerate resolution, but medicine has nothing to offer to prevent osteoarthritis; its presence and extent are determined by the patient's genes.

Gout in the hand or wrist can present a similar picture, but is different in that the onset is sudden and the pain is intense. Physicians usually have little difficulty in making a diagnosis of gout in the hand, though there may be a problem distinguishing gout from acute injury or infection. Resolution requires receiving appropriate gout therapy, prevent of gout attacks in not possible; careful diet may be helpful but is not sufficient

On the road again  
Technicians needed for appliance work

By Joe Gagnon  
Guest Columnist

Many years ago I asked my three sons, Shawn Mark and Andrew, to learn the trade of appliance repair. Each of them had a part-time job working for me at my shop and working for the father is not always an easy task.

After school they would pedal their bikes and arrive ready to learn. I would give them a particular appliance and they would strip it down and put all the parts in a box and then have to put it all back together. They will tell you today that they did the same thing over and over until they knew what each component did, how it functioned

and how it failed. They learned by repetition just as I did some 50 years ago. From all of that, the boys have learned a trade that will always keep them employed anywhere in this country.

My middle son, Mark, owns a repair company in Livonia and a few weeks ago I put on the boots and blue jeans and spent three days with him making service calls at homes which had a broken major appliance. I told him not to tell customers that I was his father

but rather just introduce me as his helper. That was a waste of words because people recognized the face and I ended up doing a lot of talking and really enjoyed meeting the customer.

One of the first things we did was go to the appliance wholesaler and purchase a box containing 100 screwdriver bits. In the old days there was a Philips screwdriver and straight but today there are many different screws used by the manufacturers and I know why. They simply don't want you fixing your own appliances. They make it as difficult as possible to take anything apart and I've had many calls from homeowners who have not got a screwdriver to match the screw on the product. Maybe the engineers don't think a Philips screw will hold two pieces of metal together even though it has worked well for the past 75 years. Anything to screw up the do-it-yourselfer.

Mark and I fixed several appliances in those three days and it really feels good when a homeowner smiles and says: "I'm so glad I don't have to buy a new one." I had a feeling of depression when we had to tell them that repairs would be too expensive and they needed a new one. I did feel good about giving them some tips on how to shop.

In those three days I was alarmed at how many things I noticed that put some of these homeowners in potential dangerous situations. I saw dryer vent

lines that were plugged up solid and a few were the old fashioned plastic and much too long. These vent lines were the reason for the failure of their clothes dryers.

I saw gas cans located next to the hot water heater along with paint cans and clothes piled high on the top of the dryer. I did not see one smoke or fire alarm located on the ceiling above the laundry pair.

I saw a small extension cord used to run electricity to a chest freezer which could easily ruin the compressor. What I noticed wrong in these homes I pointed out to the person in charge and I only hope that steps were taken to correct a dangerous condition. Needless to say it was an exciting three days on the road and I intend to do again very soon.

In today's world we hear so much about college graduates who are not finding employment in their chosen fields and the lack of vocational teaching as we once knew. I know that in the appliance repair industry we are needing thousands of technicians across this country. Just maybe, someone reading this has the where-with-all to influence a teaching facility to move forward. I might be able to find a few retirees who could teach the sons and daughters on how to get on the road again. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appld@twmi.rr.com.

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## Milestones

### Arvizu-Auer

Yesenia Arvizu and Ryan Auer announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Tina and Miguel Arvizu of Encinitas, Calif. Her fiancé is the son of Donna and Michael Auer of Canton.

The couple will be married in June 2013 and will reside in San Diego, Calif.



### Celia Irene Leyna Cone

Celia Irene Leyna Cone was born Jan. 20, 1913, at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

Parents are Joseph Cone and Katherine Howard-Cone of Canton.

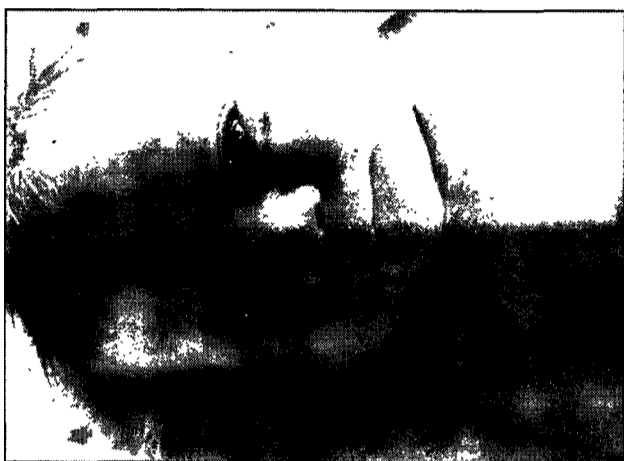


### Joshua Thomas Kenneth Douglass

Joshua Thomas Kenneth Douglass was born Nov. 17, 2012, at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn.

His parents are Kenneth and Christine Douglass of Livonia.

Grandparents are Thomas and Cathy Haas of Livonia and Jeff and Linda Douglass of Westland.



### Ella Marie Cook

Ella Marie Cook was born Dec. 26, 2012, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Parents are Tyler and Sara Cook of Canton.

Grandparents are William and Janice Higgins of Canton and David and Pamela Cook of Plymouth. Delite McAllister of Plymouth is Ella's great-grandmother.

### Lehmer-McCart

Holly Suzanne Lehmer and David Paul McCart Jr. announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kim and Dave Lehmer of Canton, plans to graduate in May 2013 from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport with a master's degree in speech-language pathology.

Her fiancé, son of David and Brenda McCart of Shreveport, La., is production director for Townsquare Media and an on-air personality for K94.5 Shreveport.



A June 2013 wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church in Northville.

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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.

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Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



### BARANSKI, DAVID

Age 65 of Plymouth, unexpectedly passed Feb. 2, 2013, fondly known to many as Mr. B. Dear husband of Sandy. Loving father of Leanne (Tony) Vassallo. Proud Dziaadz of Stella and Aidan. Son of the late Stanley & Irene. Dear step-son of Marian Wolfe. Mr. Baranski has operated the GNC Store in Brighton for 18 years and worked as a Regulatory Specialist for Terumo Cardiovascular in Ann Arbor. He will be greatly missed by many family members and friends. The family will gather with friends Sat March 16th 12 noon until the 2 PM Memorial Service at Vermoulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. There will be a second Memorial Service in the Chicago area. Date, time, & location to be determined. Proud donor of over 100 pints of blood, memorial contributions may be made to American Red Cross, 4624 Packard, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 or Gift of Life, 3861 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. To share a memory, please visit  
vermeulenfuneralhome.com

May peace be  
with you in this  
time of sorrow.

### HOULIHAN, RUTH A.

Age 90, of Farmington, MI, died Feb. 6, 2012. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

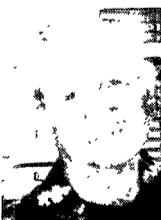
### KIRKMAN, DORIS R.

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



### KIRN, RAYMOND O.

Age 92 February 6, 2013. Beloved husband of Olive. Dear father of Raymond N., Glen (Gaylynn), Linda (the late John) Hoyer, Diane (Pete) King, Tim, Ken, Steve (Heather) and the late Gerry. Father-in-law of Anita. Grandfather of 22. Great grandfather of 29. Great grandchild of five. Brother of the late Margaret, Marie, Viola, Katherine & Nicolas. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 1-8pm with a 7pm Rosary. Funeral service Monday 10am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City (Between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). Family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.  
www.santeiufuneralhome.com



### MORRIS, JAMES M.

February 7, 2013. Age 81 of Wayne. Beloved husband of the late Eudora. Dear father of Anita (Robert) Crumley, Charles, Stephen (Christina), and the late Michael James. Brother to Larry (Ruth). Grandfather of Jamie Carlson, Stacy Wismer, Charles, Eric, Michael Crumley, Stephen Jr., Matthew and Alison. Great Grandfather to Chayse Carlson, Sophia Wismer, Cali Crumley, Sabrina and Samantha, and Griffin Wismer. Funeral services from The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Monday 11:30am. Visitation from the funeral home Sunday 1-9pm. Additional services and burial to take place in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

Please view memorial  
and send tributes at  
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### McCORMICK, JOHN F.

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 (MD); 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  
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 Bennigan's, 40441 Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth, MI

### 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



## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at 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

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Noon-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  
**Contact:** (734) 427-1680; www.stdamian.com

#### 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:** newbeginningsolgc@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

#### LECTURE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11  
**Location:** The Berman Center for Performing Arts, on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, columnist and author of "The Fed-up Man of Faith," argues against Rabbi Harold Kushner's best-selling "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People" and boldly guides listeners to the conclusion that challenging God and his actions is not just a right but also a foremost obligation for human beings. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$25 at the door  
**Contact:** (248) 661-1900 or www.theberman.org

#### LENTEN 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



## CDC recommends hepatitis C test for baby boomers

When Martha Saly, director of the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable (NVHR), learned she had hepatitis C, a virus that attacks the liver, she was in disbelief. Saly never suspected she might be infected with the hepatitis C virus, and unfortunately, cases like Saly's are not uncommon.

Most of the 3.2 million Americans who are living with hepatitis C, don't know they are infected. That's why the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released hepatitis C screening recommendations calling for all adults born from 1945 through 1965, also known as baby boomers, to get tested for hepatitis C.

"This test can mean the difference between life and death — it did for me," Saly said. "You can live with hepatitis C for decades without feeling sick, but liver damage can occur silently during this time, which can lead to more serious problems such as cirrhosis and liver cancer."

Saly knows firsthand the importance of testing baby boomers for hepatitis C and offers five reasons why CDC's new hepatitis C testing recommendations matter to you:

1. Anyone can get hepatitis C

Millions of Americans have hepatitis C and many of them don't know how or when they were infected. People born from 1945 through 1965 are five times more likely than other adults



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to be infected with hepatitis C and account for more than 75 percent of all American adults living with the disease.

2. Don't assume you've been tested

"More than a decade ago, I was fortunate to have a proactive doctor who tested me for hepatitis C, but that wasn't the norm then and unfortunately hepatitis C is still not typically included in routine blood tests," Saly said. The CDC's recommendations aim to address this silent epidemic by recommending people in this age group get tested.

3. It's a one-time test.

For more than 95 percent of boomers, the simple hepatitis C-blood-test is followed by reas-

suring news. But for the people who are infected, the test and resulting treatment could mean the difference between life and death. "Knowing whether or not you have hepatitis C can help you make important decisions about your health," Saly said.

4. Treatments are available

For those who find out they have hepatitis C, medicines are available that can effectively treat up to 75 percent of infections and additional, promising treatments are currently in development.

"Treatments for hepatitis C can delay or even reverse the effects of liver damage and in some cases can eliminate the virus from the body."

5. This test could save your life

"It saved mine," Saly said. "I was very lucky to be tested, treated and cured 12 years ago. But for every person like me, there are three people with hepatitis C out there who don't know they have it." These testing recommendations from CDC could help identify an estimated 800,000 people with hepatitis C and save tens of thousands.

"Baby boomers need to talk to their doctor about getting tested for hepatitis C," Saly said.

"It's a no brainer." To learn more about hepatitis C go to [www.nvhr.org](http://www.nvhr.org) and visit the CDC's Know More Hepatitis campaign website: [www.cdc.gov/knowmorehepatitis](http://www.cdc.gov/knowmorehepatitis).

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### February

#### HEART DISEASE & WOMEN

A free lecture about heart disease and women is set for 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, Private Dining Rooms 1-3, 6777 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Attendees can learn about the differences in symptoms, the expert resources available, and the important steps they can take to reduce their risk of heart disease. A light dinner will be provided, and valet parking will be available. Register by calling (800) 532-2411 or at [www.henryford.com/heart](http://www.henryford.com/heart).

#### JOINT REPLACEMENT

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

#### LADIES' NIGHT OUT

The event, hosted by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will feature a presentation focusing on women's cardiovascular health, Thursday, Feb. 21, in the hospital's South Auditorium. "Know Your Numbers" screenings — blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index — as well as massages will be offered from 4-6:45 p.m., and Dr. Delair Gardi, M.D., a St. Mary Mercy cardiologist, will speak from 7-8:30 p.m. Participants will learn about reducing their risk for heart disease, as well as heart conditions,

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

#### LUPUS SUPPORT

The Michigan Lupus Foundation will hold a lupus support group meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Meetings are designed to help individuals with lupus and their family and friends get connected with each other, and gain a better understanding of the disease and insight into how to fight it. For more information visit [www.milupus.org](http://www.milupus.org), or call (800) 705-6677.

#### WEIGHT LOSS WORKSHOP

An eight-week workshop, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning Feb. 11, at Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills, aims to get participants focused on building healthy eating habits and losing weight. Weekly topics will be customized to reflect the group's specific challenges and goals. A registered dietitian from Botsford Hospital's Diabetes & Nutrition Department will lead the sessions, which will include weekly weigh-ins, support and encouragement, hands-on activities and demonstrations, meal-planning advice and recipes, helpful tips and strategies, and nutrition advice. Cost: \$80. Space is limited. Call (248) 477-6100 to register.

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Linda Main  
Food & Nutrition Services

One in every three deaths in the U.S. is attributed to heart disease and stroke. February is National Heart Month and this week, Garden City Hospital's Director of Food & Nutrition Services and Registered Dietitian, Linda Main, shares her views on eating "Heart Smart".

**Q:** After my most recent physical, my doctor informed me my blood pressure and cholesterol levels are too high for someone my age and weight. He has given me six months to get them down or he wants me to start taking medication to do the job. I already workout three times a week, but I want to know what I can do with my diet. Please advise.

**A:** What you eat affects your risk for having heart disease and poor blood circulation, which can lead to a heart attack or stroke. With heart disease, plaque (a fatty substance) builds up in the arteries. Over time, this buildup causes the arteries to narrow and harden, and as a result, the heart does not get all the blood it needs to work properly, causing chest pain or a heart attack. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel bringing blood to the brain becomes blocked by fatty deposits lining the vessel walls.

A heart healthy diet is really quite simple and consists of eating lean meat/protein, low saturated fats and "whole foods", foods that are unprocessed and unrefined. The following choices are ideal for a heart healthy lifestyle:

- Fruits and vegetables
- Grains (whole wheat, oatmeal, brown rice, barley, buckwheat, bulgur, millet, quinoa)
- Low-fat versions of milk, cheese, yogurt, and other milk products
- Fish, skinless poultry, lean meats, dry beans, eggs and nuts
- Polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats (found in fish, nuts, vegetable oils)

The following foods should be limited:

- Sodium
- Sugar
- Saturated fat (deli meat, ice cream, butter, lard, mayonnaise)
- Trans fat (found in processed foods such as cakes, cookies, margarine, potato chips, corn chips)

For help with personalized eating plans, you may want to consult a registered dietitian. GCH offers a variety of nutrition and weight management services to help you achieve your health goals. These services are often covered by insurance. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 734.458.4330.

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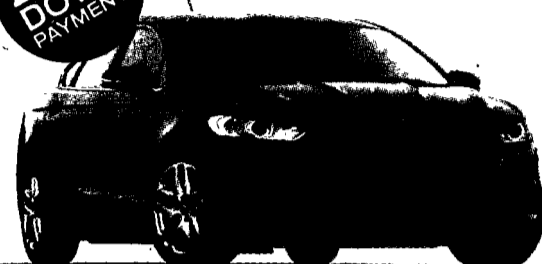
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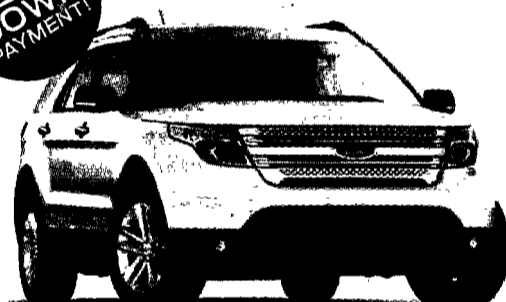
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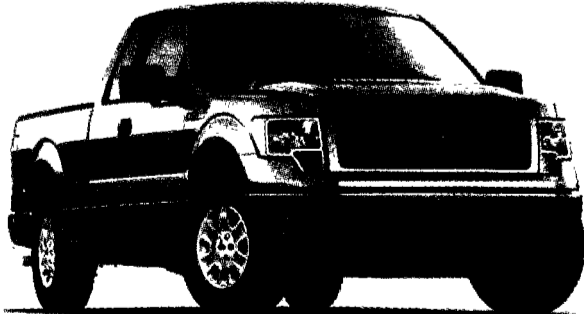
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## Seven jobs for people who like to travel

Susan Ricker,  
CareerBuilder Writer

Traveling can be more than just taking a break for a few days. For those who love to travel, it's about seeing the world and interacting with people from different cultures. Some may enjoy traveling so much that they make it a part of their job. Here are seven occupations for people who like to travel:

### 1. Airline and commercial pilot\*

**What they do:** Airline and commercial pilots fly and navigate airplanes or helicopters. Pilots spend a considerable amount of time away from home, because flights often involve overnight layovers. **Typical education level:** Most workers need to enter this occupation: Many pilots learn to fly in the military, but a growing number have an associate or bachelor's degree from a civilian flight school. **All pilots who are paid to transport passengers or cargo must have a commercial pilot's license.** **2010 median pay:** \$92,060

### 2. Anthropologist and archaeologist

**What they do:** Anthropologists and archeologists study the origin, development and behavior of human beings, past and present. They examine the cultures, languages, archaeological remains and physical characteristics of

people in various parts of the world. Although some anthropologists and archaeologists work in an office, many work in laboratories or travel occasionally for fieldwork. **Typical education level:** Master's degree **2010 median pay:** \$54,230

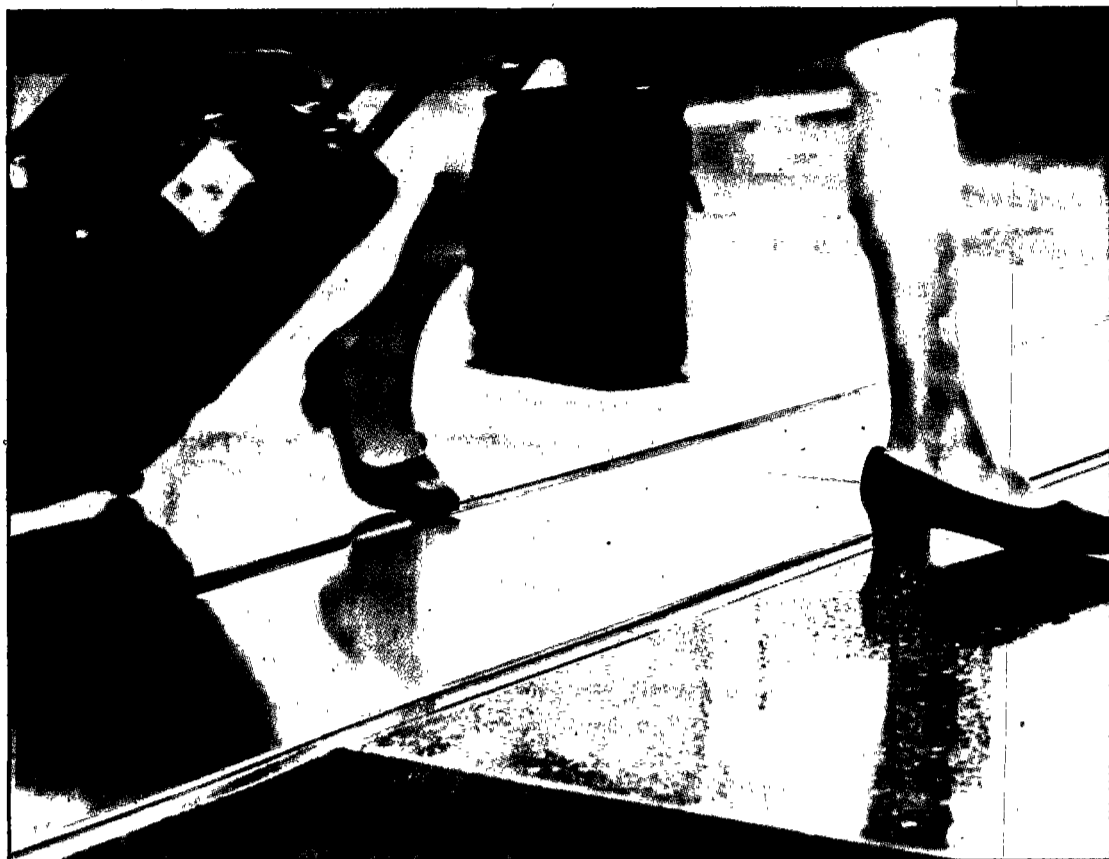
### 3. Geographer

**What they do:** Geographers study the Earth and its land, features and inhabitants. They research the physical or human geographic characteristics of a region, ranging in scale from local to global. Most geographers work for the federal government. Some travel to foreign countries or remote locations for fieldwork. **Typical education level:** Bachelor's degree **2010 median pay:** \$72,800

### 4. Heavy and tractor-trailer truck driver

**What they do:** Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers transport goods to and from locations. They deliver goods over intercity routes, sometimes spanning several states. Long-haul truck drivers can be away from home for days or weeks at a time and spend much of their time alone. **Typical education level:** High-school diploma or equivalent **2010 median pay:** \$37,770

### 5. Meeting, convention and event planner



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### 6. Reporter, correspondent and broadcast news analyst

**What they do:** Reporters, correspondents and broadcast news analysts inform the

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tors work the brakes, signals or switches. Locomotive engineers drive trains between stations, and rail-yard engineers move trains around in a railyard. **Typical education level:** High-school diploma or equivalent **2010 median pay:** \$46,100

\*All median annual pay figures, job descriptions and education levels are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook.

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### ACROSS

1 Bolger or Coniff  
4 Was, to Ovid  
8 Baba au —  
12 It banned DDT  
13 Zhivago's love  
14 Smooth the way  
15 Just out  
16 Immature  
18 Eyed amorously  
20 Jaguarundi  
21 Cartoon shrieks  
24 Temple figure  
28 Thank you, in Tokyo  
31 Ms. Hagen of films  
33 Kind of dust  
34 Luau music  
35 Pester  
36 Proper, as respect  
37 Jal —  
39 Veld grazer  
40 School period

### DOWN

1 Vegas rival  
2 Take down  
3 Two-masted sailboat  
4 Dodge  
5 Kept in shape  
6 Canine comment  
7 Greenish mineral  
8 Kind of sale (2 wds.)  
9 Old crone  
10 Avail oneself of  
11 Sweater sz.  
17 Auricle  
19 Help-wanted abbr.  
22 — fu  
23 Kiosk  
25 Be an omen of  
26 Get fuzzy  
27 Footnote word — citizenship  
29 Tex. neighbor  
30 Ham or lamb  
32 Water, in Guadalajara  
38 Cake toppers  
40 Way of Lao-tzu  
42 Owned  
44 Cornered  
46 Close by, in verse  
48 Pear-shaped instrument  
49 Winged god  
50 Lucy Lawless role  
51 Truck mfr.  
52 Guanabara Bay port  
53 —Margret  
54 Pamplona shout  
55 Mermaid's domain

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

J	A	W	H	A	R	E	O	R	B	S
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2			5	1		9				
			8		9		5	6		
8	5		2	4				3		
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5			1	7				9		
1	6			8		4				
7			4	2		1	5			

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M	E	K	A	I	C	K	A	J	L	B	G	E	P	M
O	F	K	I	V	T	A	X	U	A	B	N	Y	H	L
C	G	T	O	F	I	S	K	A	X	P	A	T	T	O
D	A	P	S	H	Q	T	E	H	Y	P	R	H	I	O
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I	M	I	F	F	A	E	P	R	F	U	A	E	Z	Y
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5	1	9	2	3	4	6	8	7						
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6	3	8	7	1	6	7	4	5	2	4	1	5	2	4
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8	9	5	4	1	2	3	7	6						
3	7	1	4	2	9	5	6	8						
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J	E	L	Y	M	V	G	X	P	R	N	M			
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O	F	K	I	V	T	A	X	U	A	B	N	Y	H	L
C	G	T	O	F	I	S	K	A	X	P	A	T	T	O
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Advertising Feature

## Auto brands look to build on 2013 Super Bowl ad successes



By Dale Buss

Chrysler and Toyota garnered the consensus nod for creating the most enjoyable Super Bowl XLVII spots for viewers to watch. But when it came to drawing interest in vehicles, according to Edmunds.com, Mercedes-Benz and Hyundai quickly emerged on top. And that means they're all winners of a mega-event that car marketers increasingly dominate.

Most reviewers appreciated the all-American sentiments and the magnanimity expressed by Chrysler's pair of two-minute anthem ads, "Whole Again" and "So God Made a Farmer". And Toyota's "Wish Granted" spot, starring Kaley Cuoco as a genie, scored as the most effective humor displayed by any of the eight car brands that advertised during last week's Big Game.

Here's a brand-by-brand look at the Super Bowl automotive advertising and the immediate aftermath:

**Audi:** The German luxury brand didn't get the same kind of kudos that it has for previous Super Bowl ads, generating polite applause from reviewers but little sense that Audi really had nailed it. Audi executives were aiming to highlight their marque as a brand that had embraced some "defining moments" during its recent rise in the U.S. market, but this ad made that point in an oblique way.

**Chrysler:** The genius of these ads was that Chrysler was able to accomplish dual purposes in each spot. It ascended once again to a position above the scrum of ordinary Super Bowl advertising just as

it had done the previous two years. And yet Chrysler was able to insert its vehicles and brands (Jeep and Ram) in each spot as part of the fabric of the overall paean, not at all intrusively, thereby lending the kind of authenticity that fuels long-term brand success.

**Hyundai:** Hyundai's goal for Super Bowl Sunday was to dominate the occasion, at least in terms of advertising frequency and, especially, to create a critical mass of impressions about its new Santa Fe seven-passenger SUV. Mission accomplished. After this set of ads and spinoffs, U.S. consumers now are well aware of the multiple capabilities and new look of the refurbished Santa Fe. Hyundai also advertised its Sonata Turbo edition and the performance version of its Genesis coupe.

**Kia:** Reviews have been mixed about the effectiveness of Kia's two spots. The "Babylandia" space-babies theme created an intriguing story line for holding viewers to the ad, and the punch line effectively delivered the benefit of the Sorento from an infotainment system that can be quickly kicked into gear — so as to distract children in the back seat from questions in the front seat that their parents rather would not answer. But the



Toyota's RAV4 and Kaley Cuoco starred in a popular spot.



The "Farmer" ad for Ram trucks was one of the most-liked of the Super Bowl.

violence in the Forte ad seemed gratuitous, and the "tech" highlighted by the story line really wasn't much explored.

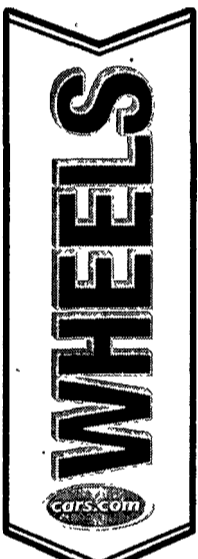
**Lincoln:** Reviewers loved the first Lincoln ad, in which an old Lincoln Town Car suddenly transformed into the new MKZ sedan and was pampered by the camera as it streaked down the road. But reception was less unanimous for the Jimmy Fallon-curated mashup. The way the 30-second ad ran, the intent seemed to be more to pay tribute to the crowdsourcing process than to worry too much about the effectiveness of the ad in delivering a message about the brand.

**Mercedes-Benz:** The brand — whose name also was all over New Orleans last week, including on the Superdome it sponsors — had a good Super Bowl, despite its name becoming synonymous with a historic power loss there during the game. Mercedes-Benz told a good story with a fantastic punch line that very effectively emphasized the key benefit of its new CLA Class: It's stylish yet,

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**Toyota:** Toyota may have emerged as the overall combined champion of the automotive-advertising Super Bowl. Its Game Day spot featuring Cuoco, a family and their RAV4 was funny and family-friendly; the vehicle and its versatility were featured throughout; and social-media buzz around a pre-Game teaser made Toyota the top performer in that metric.

**Volkswagen:** The brand decided that it was finally time to depart from its *Star Wars* themes of the last couple of years and use the Super Bowl stage to indicate how it is stepping into its more mainstream role in the U.S. market. Trouble was, Volkswagen jumped from a nice, warm fire into a hot frying pan with its white-guy Jamaican schtick. The other problem with the spot is that it didn't do much to promote the Beetle, which was its featured car during the past Super Bowl.



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