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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. The Westland Historic Village Park is at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill. It's open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, excluding holiday weekends.

## Number, please

Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy is asking parents whose contact information may have changed since the beginning of the school year to take the time to update information on their children's emergency cards.

Baracy made the request at Monday's school board meeting, citing the need for the correct phone numbers when the district uses its robo-call and e-blasts to get out information, like school closings, to parents.

"To ensure that parents get the phone call, we're asking that they update their phone numbers," Baracy said. "We have too high of a number of parents who have change their cell phone numbers."

Baracy pointed out that the "when it comes to calling off school, we're dealing with a very short window of time, we start warming the busses around 5 a.m." Parents who don't receive the robo-call can get the information through "old faithful," television and radio, he said. School closings also are posted on television on Channels 2, 4 and 7 and on radio stations WWJ (950 AM), WJR (760 AM) and 955 FM.

"Within minutes after we call parents, the information can be found on the airwaves," Baracy added.

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## Wayne property values, revenue projected to continue decline

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

As the Wayne City Council started meeting with city staff to discuss goals for the upcoming fiscal year, a deficit is being projected as property values continue to decline.

"It's not pretty. It won't get better, it will get worse," said Finance Director James Ghedotte, who expects property

values will decline 8 percent in the current year and 5 percent next year.

The city could be looking at a \$200,000 shortfall for the current fiscal year and \$2 million in 2013-14. Currently, the city has a \$700,000 fund balance.

Along with the decreases in property values, Ghedotte said the city would likely be looking at charge backs of \$80,000-\$100,000 from Wayne

County.

"We get the full levy of taxes on property from the county. If it doesn't sell for that amount, we get a charge back," Ghedotte said.

### Less revenue

One of Ghedotte's goals for the fiscal year beginning July 1 is to put out a Request for Proposal for city auditors. He said the city hasn't bid out the service previously and

hasn't had a contract with Post, Smythe, Lutz, Ziel of Wayne. The charge for the last audit was \$81,415, significantly higher than the audit costs for similar size and larger communities surveyed by Ghedotte.

Another significant issue for Wayne would be the impact of elimination of the Personal Property Tax.

"If a business has \$40,000 or less in person-

al property, they wouldn't pay," said Ghedotte. "Personal property tax is large in the city because of Ford (Motor Company). I have no crystal ball. I think we have at least a year and a half of belt-tightening."

While discussing all options for budget cuts and looking for ways to increase revenue, Councilman Albert Damitio

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## Flower power Valentine's Day one of busiest holidays for florist

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

There will be no relaxing Valentine's Day for Pamela Prough and her co-workers at My Lady's Florist.

"The store will open an hour early at 8 a.m. but we have to come in at 5 a.m. and we'll be here until 7 p.m.," said Prough, general manager of the Westland florist. "It's comparable to Mother's Day. It's one of the busiest holidays of the year."

Unlike Mother's Day, Prough said Valentine's Day provides a bit more crunch time when it comes to flower deliveries. The store will make at least 150 deliveries today (Thursday), possibly over 200 by the end of the day.

"Mother's Day is on Sunday and we get deliveries the whole week (leading up to the holiday)," said Prough. "With Valentine's Day, they want it delivered on Valentine's Day. We have a lot of timed deliveries at work and at school."

Not surprisingly, most of the senders of Valentine's Day flowers are men. Older men, who have learned from experience, place orders days before the holiday while



My Lady's Florist General Manager Pamela Prough works on some floral arrangements in time for Valentine's Day.

the younger customers — 18- to 25-year-olds — tend to wait until the last minute, according to Prough.

"We get a few women who come to buy for a man. We sell a lot of roses — people love those red roses," said Prough. "They say 'I love you' whether it's one rose or a

dozen. It gets the meaning across."

In business since 1982, My Lady's Florist also will sell a lot of floral arrangements and gift baskets complete with balloons, stuffed animals and chocolates, said Prough, who has worked at the store for 28 years. "I like working with

people the most. Each person has a different personality," she said.

Married to husband Bud for 28 years with a 23-year-old daughter, Prough said she doesn't get flower deliveries for Valentine's Day — she could just bring home flowers from the store. "We will go out to din-

ner or find other things to do for each other. For my birthday, I got a TV. He gets football tickets," said Prough, a Westland resident. "Things that we like to do as far as our lives."

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## Wayne-Westland students show gains on state tests

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

When it comes to job one for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, the message is clear.

"We've got to continue to grow our MEAP scores, we know that," said Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy. "We've got to continue to work hard to close the achievement gap."

Wayne-Westland students continued to show improvement on the state's MEAP tests, showing greater gains than the statewide average in 10 of 18 areas, according to results of the 2012 tests released by the State Department of Education Monday.

Students across Michigan in third-ninth grades were tested last fall and showed gains in gains for reading, mathematics and writing in all grades and most demographic groups. Statewide, students showed gains in reading proficiency at all grade levels, particularly in grades 3 and 8. Mathematics also had proficiency gains at all grade levels, with the largest gains occurring in grades 3, 4, and 5. Writing proficiency saw a 4.4 percent increase in grade seven and a 2.2 percent increase in grade four.

The once-per-year MEAP tests are based on career and college ready standards and

are the only statewide measure of what students know and are able to do in third-ninth-grades. Reading and mathematics are tested each year in grades three through eight, writing in grades four and seven, science in grades five and eight, and social studies in grades six and nine.

In Wayne-Westland math and reading scores were up in five of the six-grades tested. In some areas, the increases were "significant," Baracy said.

"In writing at the fourth- and seventh-grade levels, we have seen nice improve-

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## Police seek info about slaying of Wayne man

Information is being sought about the killing of a Wayne man found dead in his home Jan. 17.

Wayne police officers went to the home in the 3500 block of Glenwood for a welfare check on the 69-year-old man.

"No one had seen him for a week. He was usually seen in the area and frequented local businesses," Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright said. "The officers went in and found the man deceased in the living room. He had been a victim of foul play."

The man had been fatally stabbed. It wasn't immediately clear how long the man had been dead, and police found no sign of forced entry into the home.

"We're investigating, but really we don't have anything more," Wright said.

Police have been in contact with Crimestoppers about the case. Wright is hoping that the publicity and a reward might help the investigation.

— By LeAnne Rogers

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### WAYNE-WESTLAND 2012 MEAP RESULTS

3RD GRADE						
	Math *Met	Math Included	Reading Met	Reading Included		
2009	91.5%	934	85.4%	916		
2010	92.4%	913	81%	926		
2011	25.2%	853	52.1%	853		
2012	34.9%	806	56.9%	809		
4TH GRADE						
	Math Met	Math Included	Reading Met	Reading Included	Writing Met	Writing Included
2009	92.2%	885	80.0%	873		
2010	85.3%	931	74.4%	935	34.5%	936
2011	32.3%	908	57.4%	904	41.6%	903
2012	34.9%	842	55.9%	842	39.2%	842
5TH GRADE						
	Math Met	Math Included	Reading Met	Reading Included	Science Met	Science Included
2009	76.3%	838	84.3%	824	73.2%	859
2010	68.5%	914	80.3%	915	63.9%	916
2011	26.2%	887	54.4%	879	8.5%	894
2012	32%	812	58.1%	818	6.9%	828
6TH GRADE						
	Math Met	Math Included	Reading Met	Reading Included	S. Studies Met	S. Studies Included
2009	78%	882	83%	875	66.1%	883
2010	74.2%	862	76.4%	861	65.7%	861
2011	24.2%	894	55%	896	18.6%	902
2012	20.2%	870	56.1%	868	14.6%	876
7TH GRADE						
	Math Met	Math Included	Reading Met	Reading Included	Writing Met	Writing Included
2009	53.9%	898	72.2%	897	59%	897
2010	79.9%	900	69.7%	901	36%	899
2011	19.6%	842	40.6%	844	34%	841
2012	24.8%	884	48.6%	884	43.7%	881
8TH GRADE						
	Math Met	Math Included	Reading Met	Reading Included	Science Met	Science Included
2009	53.9%	898	72.2%	897	59%	897
2010	66.7%	930	69.4%	941	61.5%	934
2011	14.4%	867	45.7%	868	11.7%	874
2012	17.8%	814	56.1%	815	7.2%	814
9TH GRADE						
	S. Studies Met	S. Studies Included				
2009	65.9%	1265				
2010	56.5%	1285				
2011	16%	1222				
2012	16.2%	1124				

\*These results are for all buildings in Wayne-Westland. The chart shows the percentage of students who passed — meaning they “met” or exceeded standards — by grade and subject for the 2009 through 2012 school years. “Included” indicates the number of students tested.  
Source: Michigan Department of Education

## MEAP

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ment,” said Baracy. “We know where we need to work, but we’re pleased with the continued progress our students are making in math and reading.”

School officials knew there would be issues with the new emphasis in science where proficiency rates dropped 1 percent among fifth-graders and 4 percent among eighth-

graders.

The low test scores are reflective of the percentage of students who are transient for having been in the district for less than a year. According to Baracy, 30 percent of Wayne-Westland students are considered transient, a number that continues to increase annually.

Their achievement lags behind students who have been with the district full time.

“Our full-time academic students exceeded the recently released state

test results,” said Baracy. “All areas were up a half to 2 percent. Our full academic students outperformed our non-full-time students.”

School officials are pleased with the improvement on the state tests, but understand they have challenges. Baracy is proud of how the administrators, teachers, and support staff have stepped up to meet the challenge and the time they have put in “to help our children improve their academic achievement.”

He also is grateful to see an increase in the number of parents getting involved in their students’ education.

“They’re attending curriculum nights, math and science nights, they’re reinforcing what their child has learned in school,” he said. “That’s good, because we can’t do it alone.”

The district is now turning its attention to the Michigan Merit Exam and ACT college entrance exam which will be administered to 11th-graders and eligible 12th-graders March 5-7.

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# With Towers repairs done, city looks at new projects

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A \$2 million upgrade to Taylor Towers has been completed and plans for a refinancing to underwrite Westland capital improvements is moving forward.

“Two years ago, we paid off the mortgage. Then the mortgage payments went into an escrow account,” said Westland Mayor William Wild. “So the repairs were paid for out of operating capital. We have no debt on the building.”

Constructed in 1979 and named for a former mayor, Thomas Taylor Towers has 266 units for tenants who are 62 years and older or who are disabled. The building provides residents with multiple services, including computer, game and exercise rooms as well as parties themed days and differt throughout the year. The building now has

a new roof, 600 new windows that contribute to the building’s overall energy efficiency, and two new elevators.

Other work completed during the five-month project included:

- Resolution of numerous water leaks at the first-floor addition.
- Resurfacing of 31,000 square feet of parking lot, including necessary repairs at catch basins, sidewalks and curbs.
- Replacing the water service booster pump with new high efficiency pumps.
- Replacing entry vestibules, doors, framing and hardware.
- Upgrading of the building fire alarm.

“My philosophy is that as a city-owned building, it is the responsibility of elected officials to preserve the asset, and failure to renovate the building would have led to the inability to provide the proper services to its residents,” said Wild.

The project greatly improved the condition of Taylor Towers and the living environment for residents, said Wild. Following the recommendations of city auditors Plante Moran, the city is working to utilize equity in Taylor Towers to fund other capital improvement projects. “We expect to wrap it up (the refinancing) by spring or the start of the fiscal year (July 1),” said Wild. The building is expected to appraise in the \$10-12 million range but it not yet clear how much equity the city would utilize. “We created a capital improvement project fund. The council has passed a resolution that would put the (refinancing) proceeds there,” said Wild. “I think all the council is on board with that.”

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## AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

### Evening with Elvis

The St. Damian School PTG is presenting “A Night Out With Elvis,” featuring Fred Wolfe, Saturday, March 9.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner, catered by Halina’s, will be at 6:30 p.m. There also will be a cash bar. The show starts at 7:30 p.m., and Wolfe will do two 45-minute sets.

Tickets are \$20 and are available by advanced sales only. To order, call (734) 427-1680. Proceeds will benefit St. Damian School which is located at 29891 Joy, 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).

online to the Master Gardener website at [www.MGWWC.org](http://www.MGWWC.org). For more information, call (313) 719-1181.

### Garden programs

Master Gardener Association of Western Wayne County is offering two programs, 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.

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

### 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 Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, east of Venoy.

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.

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asked about implementing a city income tax, to help maintain city services after years of budget cuts. The city has a large influx of people who work in Wayne beyond the more than 17,400 residents.

### Feel the pain

“I’d rather feel the pain as a municipality. People are losing jobs and their

homes, they’re making less,” said Wayne Mayor Al Haidous. “It’s a mess Lansing created for us. We have to address it.”

If the city implemented an income tax of 1 percent for nonresidents, City Manager Robert English noted state law requires the a 2 percent income tax be levied on residents also.

“Everything is up for discussion. We can’t distract ourselves with wishful thinking. We’re not passing it on to residents,” said Haidous.

“People pay enough taxes. Now the state wants 33 cent gas taxes. We have to figure out how we can survive the next couple years.”

Each department is presenting goals for the upcoming fiscal year and the department head will meet with English, who is to present the budget to council in April with council adoption in May required by city charter.

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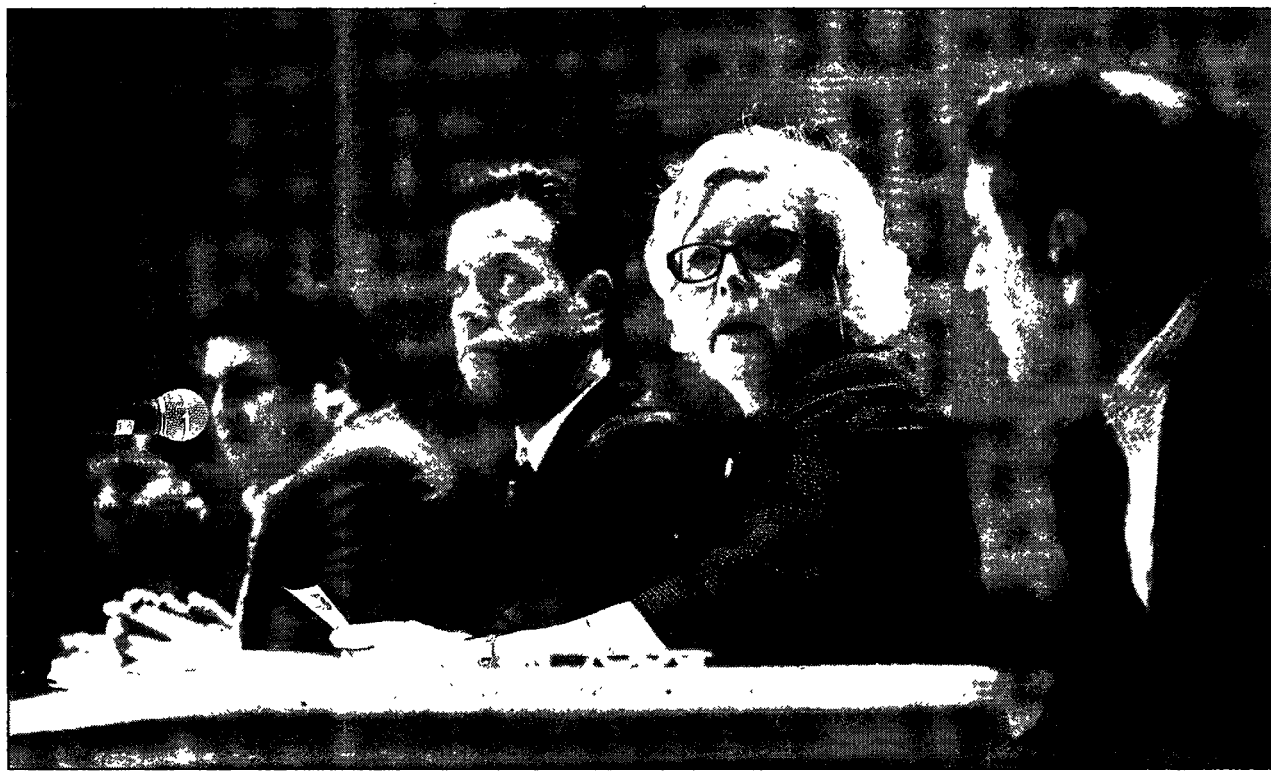
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# Residents speak out at Dems' Listening Tour



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 State Rep. Dian Slavens of Canton speaks at the Democratic Listening Stop Tour. With Slavens are Reps. Jim Townsend, Andrew Kandrevas, Robert Kosowski, and Henry Yanez.



Plymouth resident Tim Roraback is recently retired and his pension will be taxed for the first time. He speaks about public school education, calling for a "laser-like focus" on public education and saying "We don't want to be a backwater state."

**By LeAnne Rogers**  
 Staff Writer

The House Democrats' Listening Tour came to Canton Monday and drew about 35 residents who had something to say about education, taxes and health care.

Three Democratic state House members — Dian Slavens of Canton, Robert Kosowski of Westland and Andrew Kandrevas of Southgate — appeared at the meeting held at the Canton Public Library. They were joined by Rep. Jim Townsend, D-Royal Oak, the Democrats' policy chairman, and Rep. Henry Yanez, D-Sterling Heights.

The representatives took comments from audience members, several of whom utilized notes in making remarks

touching on several topics.

Plymouth resident Tim Roraback said he was unhappy with the new taxation of retiree pensions and would like to see that law repealed. He was also concerned about the high cost of college in the state.

"I'd like to see you push back on the privatization of education, that a business paradigm is the only solution to the problem," Roraback said. "It's not the answer to everything, especially not education. The answer to education is we need a laser-like focus on what is good for kids. With privatization, it's let's make a profit and see what we can do to educate kids."

Townsend agreed, noting that Microsoft and Apple are great compa-

nies but you wouldn't want them to be responsible for educating children.

### School funding

Another resident spoke about the disparity of funding for school districts across the state.

A retired teacher commented that she wanted to make sure people understood that charter schools are for-profit operations — something a lot of people don't realize.

"I would also like to ask the Republicans why public school teachers are the bad guys? I have a bachelor's and a master's degree — as much education as a lawyer. So does my daughter, who is a teacher," she said. "Why are we the enemies? Please make a case for us."

Also education-related, another resident was concerned about proposed bills that would encourage teachers and school administrators to get concealed weapons permit so they could be armed at school.

"We need to weigh the risks of an accidental shooting or a teacher being overpowered and the gun being used on them," the resident said. "There are so many other options that we can take."

Other residents expressed opposition to any tax increases, including Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed gas and vehicle registration hikes to fund road and bridge constructions.

The proposal is to increase the tax on fuel to 33 cents per gallon — up from 19 cents per gal-

lon 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.

### Upside down

"The tax system in Michigan is upside down. You'd think higher earners would pay more taxes since they are benefiting more from state services," said Townsend. "If you make \$365,000 or more income, you pay 5 percent in state and local taxes. If you make less than \$30,000, you pay nearly 10 percent. Certain people are not

paying as much as they should."

Capping catastrophic medical coverage was an issue for another resident, who noted one serious accident could bankrupt a family without coverage.

And regarding roads, he said the weight of trucks needs to be limited to stop damage to the roads.

The Democrats are making stops around the state to get comments from residents on the Republican agenda. For more, visit [www.realstateofourstate.com](http://www.realstateofourstate.com).

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## Dems want to add resident voice to fight in Lansing

The Listening Tour stop in Canton Monday is one of many House Democrats are holding across the state.

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, was joined by state Reps. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, and Andrew Kandrevas, D-Southgate, in listening to how middle-class families have been impacted by Republican tax increases and education cuts in Michigan.

"My Democratic colleagues and I are fighting the Republican agenda against middle-class families," Slavens told residents. "Now we are holding this listening tour to hear from you, to take your stories back to Lansing, and to add your voices to our own in the struggle against this short-sighted plan."

The lawmakers pointed out that Gov. Rick Snyder has claimed Michigan is on the right track in his State of the State address. House Republicans also have offered an "Action Plan" that tries to convince citizens of their intention to work for the people.

In response, House Democrats announced they would be conducting town hall-style events where average working Michiganders could express how two years of what they have called misguided policies have hurt them. "It is vital that we take the time to hear from Michigan's hard-working families about their concerns," said Kosowski. "Policies enacted over the past two years have not been beneficial to the families that make up the backbone of Michigan's economy."

The lawmakers point out that taxes on seniors and families have increased, school funding has seen a massive disinvestment, unemployment remains stubbornly

high and women are being denied access to legal health care.

"Both in the governor's State of the State address and in his budget presentation last week, he made it seem like his policies are creating an amazing comeback," said Kandrevas. "This is not the reality Downriver or in western Wayne. Families in my communities are struggling and the stories we heard today paint the clear picture of Republican policies hurting our middle class, kids and seniors."

According to the lawmakers, for the last two years, Gov. Rick Snyder and legislative Republicans have ignored the will of Michiganders. In the last legislative session, the majority enacted laws that are out of touch with what middle-class families want, they said.

Even after the 2012 election, when voters soundly rejected those policies, more divisive and harmful bills were passed during the lame duck session: personal property tax reform, which shifts the tax burden from corporations to local communities; a reprise of the emergency financial manager law, which voters repealed at the polls; and a so-called "right-to-work" package, which attacks collective bargaining rights and will lower wages across the state, they said.

"The Republican trend of passing policies against the best interest of the people they represent is unacceptable," Slavens said. "The people, the families I work hard to represent, are my number one priority and I'm honored to take their stories back to the Capitol."

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## Thieves take components for AC unit

### Larceny

The property manager for the Norris Apartments, 31601 Kara Lane, told police Feb. 7 that someone had stolen the interior components of two air conditioning units, leaving behind only the exterior shell.

### Copper stolen

On Feb. 6, a management company employee told police that someone had kicked in a door to a vacant home in the 4700 block of Matthew. Reported missing were copper piping, a utility sink, water heater and ceiling tiles. The employ-

### WESTLAND COP CALLS

#### Larceny

A Northville man told police Feb. 6 that someone had stolen a packet containing his tax papers and personal information from his unlocked car while it was parked in the 33000 block of Fernwood.

#### Vandalism

On Feb. 6, a resident in the 1800 block of Wilshire told police that someone had smashed

the driver's side front window on his 2000 Ford Taurus while it was parked on the street overnight.

#### Stolen vehicle

A resident of the Woodland Villa Apartments, 7500 Drew Circle, told police Feb. 7 that the previous day he had purchased a 1989 Chevrolet Caprice from a used car lot and drove it home. He said the doors were all locked and a locking collar had been placed on the steering column.

The next morning, he said the car was gone. The paperwork on the

vehicle hadn't yet been sent to the Secretary of State but the officer confirmed the information about the vehicle with the car lot.

The resident said he had not theft insurance on the vehicle, valued at \$4,000.

#### Attempted auto theft

A resident at the Warris Farm Apartments, 36935 McKinney, told police Feb. 7 someone attempted to steal her 2005 Dodge Caravan overnight. The driver's door lock had been pried, as had the ignition lock.

### Larceny from a vehicle

On Feb. 7, a resident in the 200 block of Apple told police that she some noises outside her trailer overnight but didn't check on it. The next morning, she said she found someone had stolen the stereo from her 2002 Chrysler PT Cruiser.

An Inkster woman told police Feb. 7 that someone had stolen her purse from her unlocked vehicle while she was inside 7-Eleven, at Palmer and Merriman. She said she was inside the store for about 30 min-

utes.  
A Belleville woman told police Feb. 8 that while she was inside Chase Bank, 31311 Cherry Hill, for about 15 minutes, someone had stolen her iPod from the passenger floorboard.

### Arson

Firefighters and police were called to the 32000 block of Ogemaw just after midnight Feb. 6 after a witness reported trash piled at the curb was on fire. The duplex was not occupied and the witness saw a handyman placing items, including a bed frame at the curb.

By LeAnne Rogers

## GC woman finds tax refund money missing from her purse

### Attempted theft

A father whose children were performing in a talent show Feb. 9 at Garden City High School reported that someone tried to steal his car during that time.

The police responded

### GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

to the high school parking lot, 6500 Middlebelt, about 4 p.m. Feb. 9. The man said that his radio was taken and there was ignition damage to his

1999 Dodge Ram pickup.

Garden City Schools Superintendent Michelle Cline spoke to the man and the police. She said that a surveillance video may have captured the action. The police were waiting to hear from the high school principal

about the tape.

### Theft

A woman in the 31000 block of Birchlawn reported about 6 p.m. Feb. 11 that somebody stole about \$1,300 of money that she had in her purse.

The woman said that the money was her income tax return. She questioned her friend who she was with that day and she denied taking the money.

The police continue to investigate.

An employee at Metro Tattoo Supplies, 33163 Ford, reported at 4 p.m. Feb. 11 on a report of a theft of a trailer that was left unlocked and parked next to the house. There was no equipment inside. The police canvassed the neighbors who said they didn't see or hear anything.

The man was described as wearing a grey hoodie jacket.

### Fraud

A woman who lives in the 6400 block of Lathers reported Feb. 12 that someone fraudulently used her Community Choice Credit Union credit card. Money was used Feb. 5 at Kaango LLC to advertise a 1970 Dodge for sale.

The card was also used Feb. 8 to advertise sale of the same car in the classified section of Independent Newspapers/The Macomb Daily.

### Theft

A 22-year-old female Detroit resident said that somebody stole her cell phone about 2 p.m. Feb. 10 when she was at Rockstarz, 33729 Ford. She filed a report for insurance purposes.

### Break-in

The police found an unlocked door at a convenience store located at 28829 Ford about 1:30 a.m. Feb. 12.

The suspect couldn't

open the security gate and left, and the owner believed that the man in the video who wore dark clothing was a former employee.

### Stolen trailer

The police were dispatched to a home in the 28000 block of Maplewood about 8 p.m. Feb. 11 on a report of a theft of a trailer that was left unlocked and parked next to the house.

There was no equipment inside.

The police canvassed the neighbors who said they didn't see or hear anything.

### Stolen car

Somebody stole a 2002 Chevy Monte Carlo from a home in the 28000 block of Birchlawn Feb. 12.

The owner said that he has all sets of keys and the car is paid off. The man said when he went outside about 5:45 a.m. Feb. 12 it was gone.

### Break-in

A vacant house that is for sale in the 300 block of West Rose Drive was broken into Feb. 6. Someone cut the Realtors lock box and the door was forced open.

The suspect took the majority of the copper plumbing in the basement.

### Fraud

A resident in the 28000 block of Janes reported at 3 p.m. Feb. 6 that someone used her Social Security number to fraudulently file her income tax return.

When she tried to file her income tax with Turbo Tax, they told her that the return was already filed. The resident came to the police station to file the police report.

### Theft

A teacher at Cambridge High School, 28901 Cambridge, reported at 1 p.m. Feb. 6 that someone stole her cell phone and charger from her desk.

She didn't know who would want to steal the phone.

### Theft

A resident in the 1000 block of Cardwell reported about 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5 that someone cut off and stole the catalytic converter, valued at \$300, from his car.

He was alerted to the problem when his car had a loud exhaust.

By Sue Buck



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# 'Where I want to be'

## Catholic high school for girls puts emphasis on service, leadership

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Samantha Blewett, 16, transferred from Ladywood High School in Livonia to St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Wixom.

"I transferred mostly for spiritual reasons," said Blewett, a SCA sophomore from Farmington Hills. "I felt like I was at home."

The Catholic girls high school on Napier south of Grand River opened in 2010 in temporary quarters on Beck Road just north of I-96. Students and staff moved to the sparkling new building the next year, with 92 girls in ninth through 11th grades enrolled. Next year will see SCA's first graduating class.

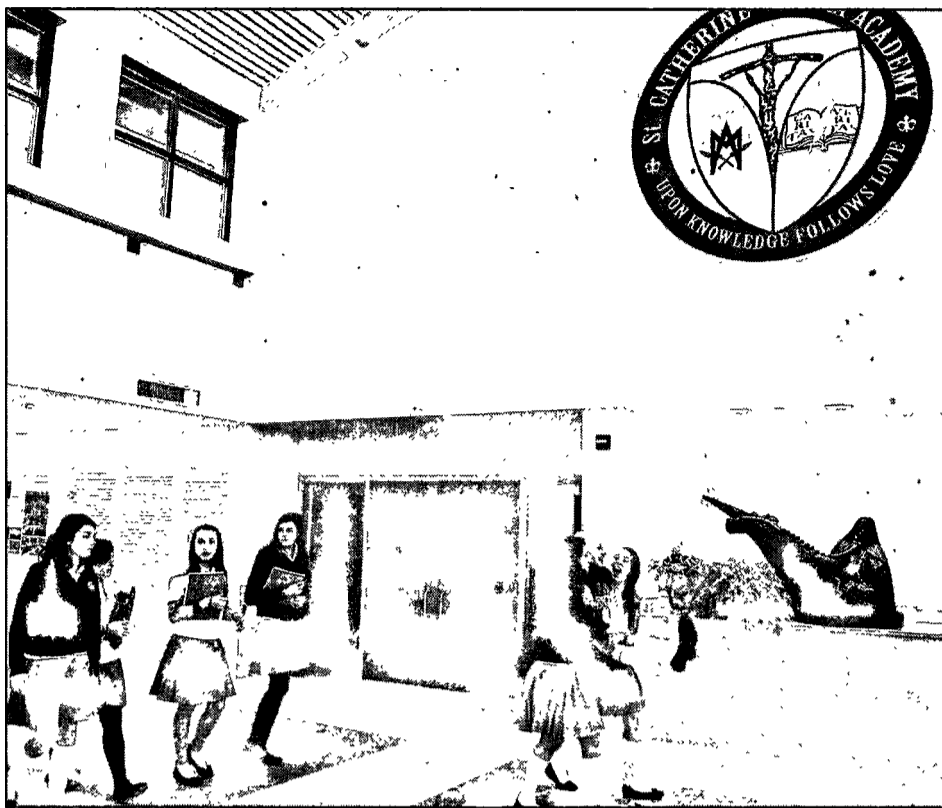
"I feel like I could count on anyone here," said Blewett, active in the Ambassadors Club which introduces new families to the school. The daughter of Kelly Campbell, Blewett's in volleyball, softball, the Gianna Molla (pro-life) Society, and Mass Music Choir. She'd like to be a physical therapist and is considering Wayne State University, Grand Valley State University, Northern Michigan University or Oakland University.

Haley Harris, 14, of Westland is a SCA freshman and daughter of Kim Harris and Tony Harris. She's involved in the recent production of *Cinderella*, the school's first play.

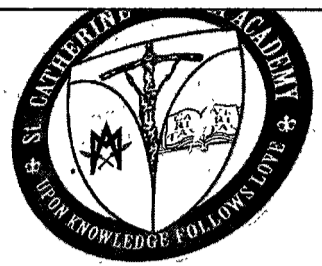
"I designed the shirts and designed the programs," said Harris, who also is working backstage. She too was at Ladywood.

"We took a tour here and we really liked it," Harris said. "Everybody was so nice. Everyone was just so welcoming."

She came back for a volleyball game and made up her mind.



St. Catherine of Siena students walk through the Napier Road Catholic girls' school lobby on Jan. 29 as they change classes.



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St. Catherine of Siena Academy student Danielle Mersch gets some assistance from art teacher Mary Jane Samberg in a project at the Wixom school on Jan. 29. St. Catherine's opened in Wixom, just a few hundred feet from Novi's Catholic Central campus, in 2011. The 164,000-square-foot school currently has 92 students and should have a class of 190 next year. The school has enough room for almost 900 students and staff.

"I think I want to do something in the medical field. I'm not so sure yet, though," said Harris. She's a pianist in Band who took a first rating at Solo and Ensemble Fest with Mary Peters.

"I really enjoy going here. I feel like this is where I want to be," and where God wants her, Harris said. "We'll be prepared and have the skills we need to be successful."

### Headed to college

The school, at 28200 Napier, features a rigorous college prep curriculum, including mandatory Latin as well as many Advanced Placement classes. The school has a capacity for 700 girls.

Kathy Tarnacki's in her second year as principal, and began by driving in from Jackson. Her family's

moving to Brighton.

"The mission," the 31-year educator said of her job's appeal. "Just being together with other young women kinds of removes some of the challenges they face in co-ed situations."

The faith aspect matters a great deal to Tarnacki, a former Plymouth resident who taught in Plymouth-Canton schools and Plymouth's Our Lady of Good Counsel grade school.

"That's what drew me here," she said. The culture sends confusing messages on dignity and worth to young women, and the educators like to counteract that.

"This mission provides them with such a clear picture of what God intends for them as women," Tarnacki said. "It's so varied." Some students will pur-

sue law, medicine or other careers. "For some, it's going to be having a family and building a home," the principal said. Women learn to use their strengths to the fullest.

"These girls are going to be well-prepared for any avenue they might follow in their college careers," Tarnacki said.

She's a product of 13 years of Catholic schooling, followed by Michigan State University for undergraduate work and Eastern Michigan University for her master's. Tarnacki's three children went through Catholic schools and colleges.

"They're just so at ease and so able to relax," she said of SCA students. "It's just a different atmosphere. Watching these young women grow and develop academically, per-

sonally and spiritually" is rewarding.

The independent Catholic school is run by a foundation board under the Archdiocese of Detroit, said Lia Johnston of Ann Arbor, director of marketing and development.

The school is available by phone at (248) 946-4848 or online at [www.saintcatherineacademy.org](http://www.saintcatherineacademy.org).

A mission trip to the Dominican Republic was recently included in Epoch Week, which also featured many service projects closer to home. The school draws primarily from the I-96 corridor, Johnston said.

"There is a tremendous need," she said of that being identified by then-Cardinal Adam Maida. "We want them to come in and discover who God wants them to be."

Johnston said, pointing out the 400-seat chapel visible from the main entrance where Mass is held dai-

ly. "We have phenomenal young ladies here. They're pioneers. Everything for us is brand new."

Pope John Paul II's "On the Dignity and Vocation of Women" is referenced outside the chapel, including his reference to "feminine genius."

The 27 classrooms have mostly Smart Board technology. There are separate labs for biology, chemistry and physics. The gym can seat about 1,100, Johnston said, and there's a batting cage nearby.

Clubs and sports enrich student life, with girls recently garnering a divisional championship in softball with essentially a pickup team.

"They had a need and they wanted to do something," Johnston said. "They put their minds together to be able to achieve it."

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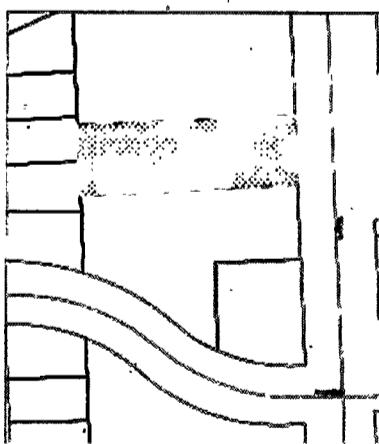
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A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2187, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Restaurant and Bar, 920 S Wayne Road, Parcel #057-03-0272-003, West Side of Wayne Road, North of Avondale, Frank Awdish (Adam J Dadaou)

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Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On February 19, 2013 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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2003	FORD	TAURUS	GRAY	1FAFP53233A154786
2000	FORD	FOCUS	RED	1FAFP3433YV362785
1999	FORD	TAURUS	BLACK	1FAFP53UXXG192021
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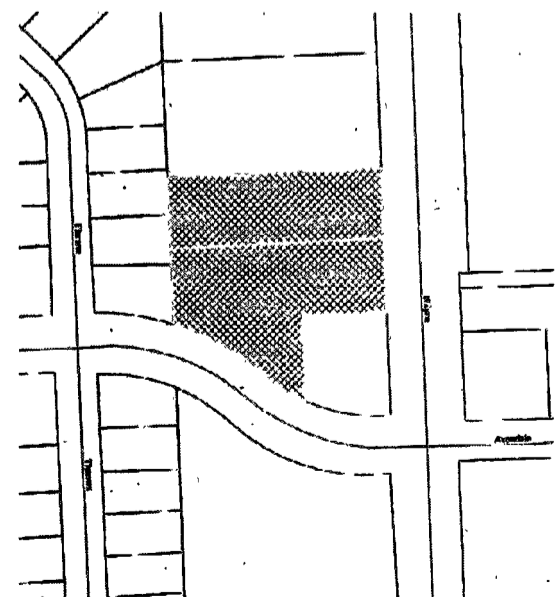
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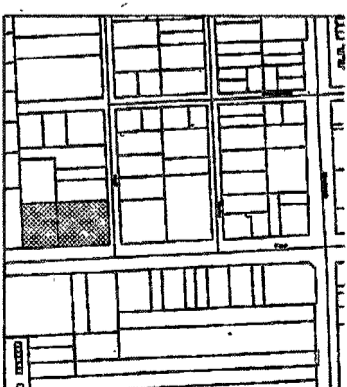
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## OUR VIEWS

# The very best

## Programs measure success of students, staff

Last week in two different towns, educators and families came together to celebrate success. In Garden City, it was the annual PTA Council Founders Day Dinner. In Wayne-Westland, it was the Champions of Wayne dinner. Each celebration was different, but alike in that the focus was on the good things happening in local public schools.

The annual Founders Day Dinner is a celebration of all things PTA, a time when parents and school folks gather to honor those who have made a difference in the lives of children. Parents are recognized for the service and one person is taped as the Educator of the Year. The educator honor went to first-grader teacher Cheryl Park.

The state has a whole host of standards to use to test the quality of teachers in the classroom, but there is no check box for the long-lasting impact an educator has on students. Park is an educator that takes ownership of her students. Once hers, they are always hers. She is there everyday to give them the foundation they need to succeed, and with them outside of school to celebrate their successes in sports, graduations, weddings and parenthood.

In nominating her for the honor, fellow teacher Jennifer King said: "To be a successful educator, you must be a part of the community beyond the school day. She gives her heart and soul into being more than a successful educator, she is an outstanding educator."

We congratulate Park on her Educator of the Year award. She has proven herself worthy of the honor. She set the bar high in her work with students. The fact that years after they have left her classroom they return to see her is a testament to the quality of her work and her character.

In Wayne-Westland the celebration was about 180 students at Wayne Memorial High School who, with the help of mentors, overcome the odds to improve their grade point averages and in return, receive checks for \$200 for meeting those goals.

School psychologist William Gray and Principal Valerie Orr started the program in 2009 as a way of allowing students to experience success. Wayne Memorial alum and businessman Richard Helppie signed on to help fund it through the Helppie Family Charitable Foundation. The school staff and administrators agreed on to be mentors.

Numbers alone can't be used to measure the success of the program. It's also the stories of students who went from rock bottom GPAs to 3.0s and higher and along the way learned not to let excuses get in the way of accomplishing what they want.

We congratulate Champions of Wayne which goes the extra mile to help students achieve today and in the future. Champions is transforming an entire school community - one student at a time. It's yet another part of the "village" that's needed to raise a child.

This week the state Department of Education released the results of MEAP tests given to students last fall. Much will be said about them and what it means about a district and its educational program. Behind those numbers are teachers like Cheryl Park and the students and mentors of the Champions of Wayne. They deserve to be included in the conversation. They are making a difference in their schools and their communities and it shows.



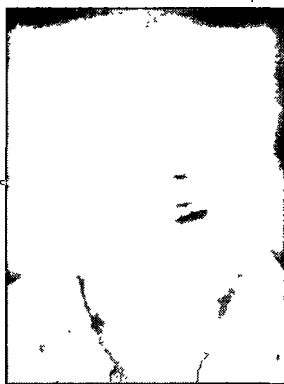
Cheryl Park, a first-grade teacher at the Memorial 1/2 Campus, is named the Garden City PTA Council's Educator of the Year.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

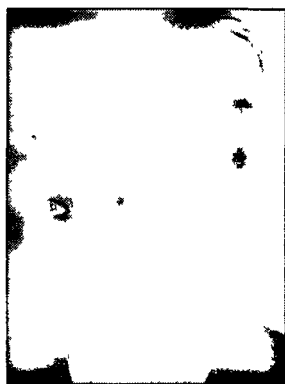
# Chocolate or roses, what's your choice for Valentine's Day?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



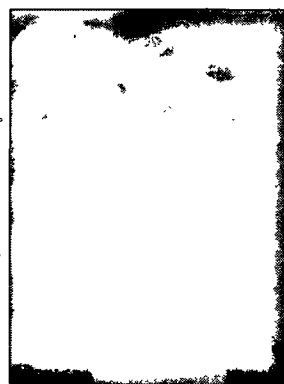
"It would probably have to be roses. I'm a flower person."

Mary Gilchrist  
Jonesville



"Chocolates. I can't keep roses alive."

Ashley May  
Westland



"Actually both, but you don't have to spend a lot of money for Valentine's Day."

Carolyn Canning  
Livonia



"If I could, it would be chocolates, absolutely chocolates."

Kathie Carpentieri  
Westland

## LETTERS

### City will suffer

What is happening to our city? Where is it going all in the name of being a leader in the state?

Dismay, disbelief, shock, disheartened — all feelings that overcame me as I heard our elected officials praise themselves for the historic(?) vote to purchase the old Circuit City building for the purpose of relocating city hall. Really? In the midst of our much-touted shop and dine area? What happened to the advice given by knowledgeable consultants who said that city hall belongs on Ford Road — in our civic center, a location very visible and easily accessible in our DDA area — that is if we still have a downtown area when all is said and done. Where will central city be with a fractured governmental entity? Recreation four or five miles away in another city, city hall a mile away and fire station No. 1 who knows where?

The founding fathers of our city — the City of Pride and Progress — proudly established our governmental complex along the center area of the main road through our town. Also, weren't the memorials constructed on that site with the intention of permanently being a part of our governmental complex? Now we are watching attempts to systematically dismantle it. Citizens be

It was stated on one cable program that once the property was cleared, something could be developed to honor our founding fathers. How do we honor them by demolishing what they proudly worked hard to develop as they looked forward?

Although the master plan is quiet and not rigid, the objective under goal 1 is to link the downtown district to the civic center. How do we do that when it is so scattered? The DDA 2020 plan aims at enhancing the core downtown area. What is it without the civic center complex? Is routine maintenance and upkeep being done to preserve these buildings or are they being allowed to sit and deteriorate in order to prove

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the only viable option is to demolish? Since when does 35-40 years equate to outdated and obsolete? Then, most of Westland should be demolished, giving many more acres to work with. So as homeowners do as their residences age.

Asbestos abatement was to give us plenty of time — a couple of years — to address other issues Wow! What a fast couple of years.

Were all the town halls a smoke screen to cover up what was in the works anyway? That is the impression given. What happened to the final joint gathering of residents to summarize before moving forward? Oh — excuse me — the city had to move fast, otherwise a business would have gone into the building — one that might grow and offer jobs. Isn't that what we are supposed to be marketing? Yes, a few did suggest using a vacant box store while fighting to keep city hall out of their backyard and TIFA board willing to use captured funds, if they gained an amendment (they did).

A farce of a survey was used as a go-ahead signal — approximately 200 responses out of how many thousands of residents. A majority voted to keep it where it

is. Is it a chance to salvage what we have or is it a fait accompli?

Mrs. Robert Stottlemeyer  
Westland

### Food drive record

Churchill High School has once again made its mark on our community. The students, staff and families of Churchill pulled together and brought in a total of 45,751 cans of food for the Livonia and Westland Goodfellows, who distribute their nonperishables to local families in need for the holidays.

It takes everyone's participation in order to reach this outstanding total, which must be a state record of some kind. The students set a schoolwide goal, compete among graduation classes, organize neighborhood can collections and conduct penny wars.

The staff helps out by holding competitions among their classes, and some even volunteer to have pies thrown in their faces at lunch to raise money for the cause. Community members donate through the donation boxes in local businesses, and Karla Halvangis, the student activities director at Churchill, says that each year they even get people from the community — some parents and former students — to stop by the school to donate in order to be a part of the Churchill Canned Food Drive tradition.

Mrs. Halvangis says that excitement around the Canned Food Drive at Churchill is almost palpable. By the last day, when they bring in as much as half of what they collect, she is moved by the overwhelming generosity of the students who will empty their pockets to help them reach their goal to help members of their own community.

It is sometimes easy to focus on the problems that we hear about with "kids these days," but the Canned Food Drive is an annual reminder of just how much good there is in Livonia's youth.

Bill Heaton  
Livonia Goodfellows president

## OUR VIEWS

# Follow roots with garden calendar

Forget the few inches of snow that closed schools last week.

Forget the salt, the shovel, the boots and gloves, because while the calendar may say we are in the dead of winter, there are the stirrings of life that say spring is on the way.

The trees know it, with the leaf buds growing robust right on time this February, and apparently so does the Master Gardener Association of Western Wayne County which is offering several gardening programs during February at the Wayne County Extension Center, 5454 Venoy, south of Van Born, in Wayne. The top-

ics include Pruning Trees and Ornamental Shrubs on Tuesday, Feb. 19, and Outdoor and Garden Photography on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

There's a \$10 charge for each program. Granted it's not Florida, but getting ready for spring has a good way to chase away winter's chill. You can sign up online to the Master Gardener website at www.MGWWC.org.

And Friends of the Rouge and the Alliance of Rouge Communities have teamed up to offer Home Garden Design workshop Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Canton Township Administration

Building to teach watershed residents how to garden with native plants to protect water quality in local lakes and streams. For more information or to register, go online to www.therouge.org.

Recognizing that the song of the turtle will soon be heard in the land, the Wayne-Westland Observer and Garden City Observer have pruned and replanted the garden calendar. Turn to it each week for opportunities to get back to nature. Be sure to send in your garden and outdoor-related events to sdargay@hometownlife.com, and think green!

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Nurse Kelly Zimmerman works in the Birthday Center at Henry Ford Hospital, where she has been employed for 13 years.



## Valentine Brunch raises money for nursing scholarships

The Women's Auxiliary of American Legion Post 32 in Livonia held its annual Nurses Scholarship Fundraiser Valentine Brunch on Sunday, raising enough money for two scholarships for nursing students.

Chairperson Linda Shirkey said 150 people attended. "This year's event was the best, thus far, with the extraordinary number of those who came out to support this cause," she said. "All the ladies received

a carnation, and had a chance to win a lovely basket, and have a picture taken with their favorite Valentine. We had practicing nurses attend the brunch and it was nice to see them there to support the Nurses Scholarship Program for future nurses."

The event was attended and supported by the Post's Legionnaires and members of the American Legion family groups, which include the Women's Auxiliary, Sons of the

Legion, and the Legion Riders along with guests, of all ages, from surrounding communities.

A donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children included waffles, sausage, scrambled eggs, made-to-order omelets, biscuits and gravy, coffee cake, two kinds of juice, fresh fruit and coffee.

Basket raffles and 50-50 raffles were also held and a photo station was provided for a photo with attendees' "favorite" Valentine.

# Invest for performance, not out of sense of loyalty

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

I was reading this weekend and noticed how many articles incorporated a Valentine's Day theme. One of those articles dealt with investments "you should fall in love with on Valentine's Day." Although it was written tongue-in-cheek, it brought up something I always mention at seminars and that is "investors should never fall in love with their investments."



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

After all, how much love did companies such as General Motors and Kmart show their investors when they went into bankruptcy? I'm sure shareholders of those companies will tell you that during the bankruptcy process, the companies did not even give them the time of day. The bottom line is that an investment is an item on a statement. It is meant to accomplish a goal and if it doesn't there's no reason to retain it.

I have professionally been involved with investments for more than 25 years. One of the mistakes investors make is that sometimes they are afraid to sell an investment because of loyalty. When General Motors was in its downward cycle heading toward bankruptcy, because of their loyalty, too many investors

refused to sell the stock. I have seen the same thing with mutual funds and just about every type of investment. It explains why a stock or a mutual fund can underperform for years and investors still retain it.

Loyalty is important but not when it comes to your investments. Never hesitate to sell an investment when it either no longer fits your strategy or when it underperforms.

I believe to be a successful investor, the focus should be on your overall strategy and not individual investments. Independent surveys have confirmed that investors who have the right allocation have a greater chance of being more successful than those who are focused on individual investments.

If you have a stock or a mutual fund in your portfolio and it has been there for a while, that doesn't mean that you should continue to hold it. Even if it has performed admirably that is not a reason to retain an investment. The reason to retain an investment is because it fits with the overall strategy and allocation. If it no longer fits, sell it.

It is incumbent upon investors to look at how their investments are performing. My general rule is that once I'm in an investment, I'm going to be in there for two to three years. However, if after that period the investment is underperforming others in its same category, then I sell it. That doesn't mean if an investment has one bad year I'm automatically going to dump it. I won't.

However, if it underperforms for a significant length of time, why stay with it?

It sort of reminds me of a fund I used to like, the Janus Fund. Back in the early to mid-1990s, I recommended the Janus Fund because it was a great performing fund. However, somewhere down the road it lost its direction. I did not hesitate to sell it even though I made a lot of money from it in the past.

When it comes to an investment, the bottom line is how it's performing now, is more important than how it did in the past.

Investors cannot buy and ignore an investment. Even if it's an investment that has been in your portfolio for decades, determine whether it still belongs. The question I ask when it comes to whether I should retain an investment is if I didn't already own it would I buy it? If I can't answer yes, then my next question is why am I retaining the investment now?

The reason we invest money is to make money. Loyalty is great but that's when you deal with family and friends and other issues. It's not for investments. Therefore, the next time you look at your portfolio, don't let emotions dictate, let performance rule the day.

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).

### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 3 2/4/13

Presiding: President Godbout

Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Reeves

14: Bid for Fire Apparatus-Truck/Pumper to Sutphen; amt. \$345,618.

- 60/mo lease of Konica 363 Multifunction copier for PD. @ \$158/month & \$0.0059 per each printed/copied page per month.

15: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 1/22/13.

16: Intro. Ord. 29-W-26-21 to amend Ch. 46, Sec. 46-1(48), 46-1(49)c & 46-1(49)d of the City Code to amend rates for municipal water & sewer.

17: Conf re-appt. of R. McKnight to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for 3 yr. term to exp. 2/18/16.

18: Appr. checklist: \$294,926.85 & Prepaid: \$1,213,476.50.

Mtg. adj. at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk, CMC

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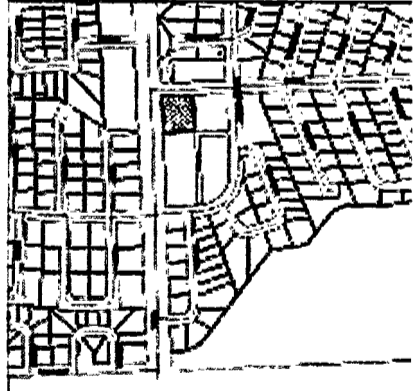
### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #974D, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Premier Pre-School Day Care Center, 2329 S Venoy Road, Parcel #073-04-0596-000, East Side of Venoy Road, South of Dorsey, Carolyn Liddell (Leila Zair)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2013.

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



Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission

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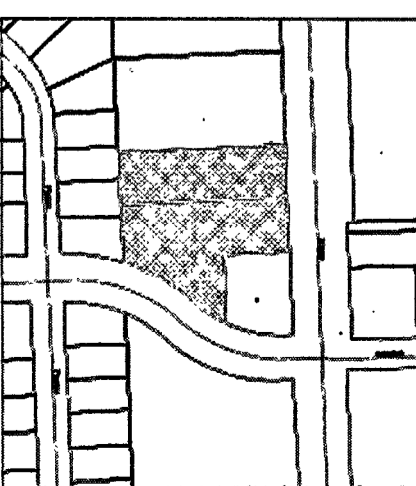
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Case #2187A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Happy Bar & Grill, 920 S Wayne Road, Parcels #057-03-0272-003, and -0273-004, West Side of Wayne Road, North of Avondale, Frank Awdish

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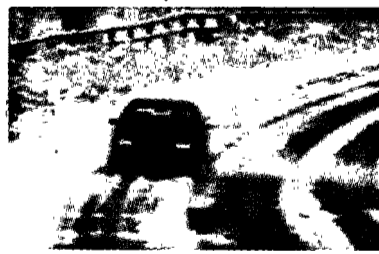


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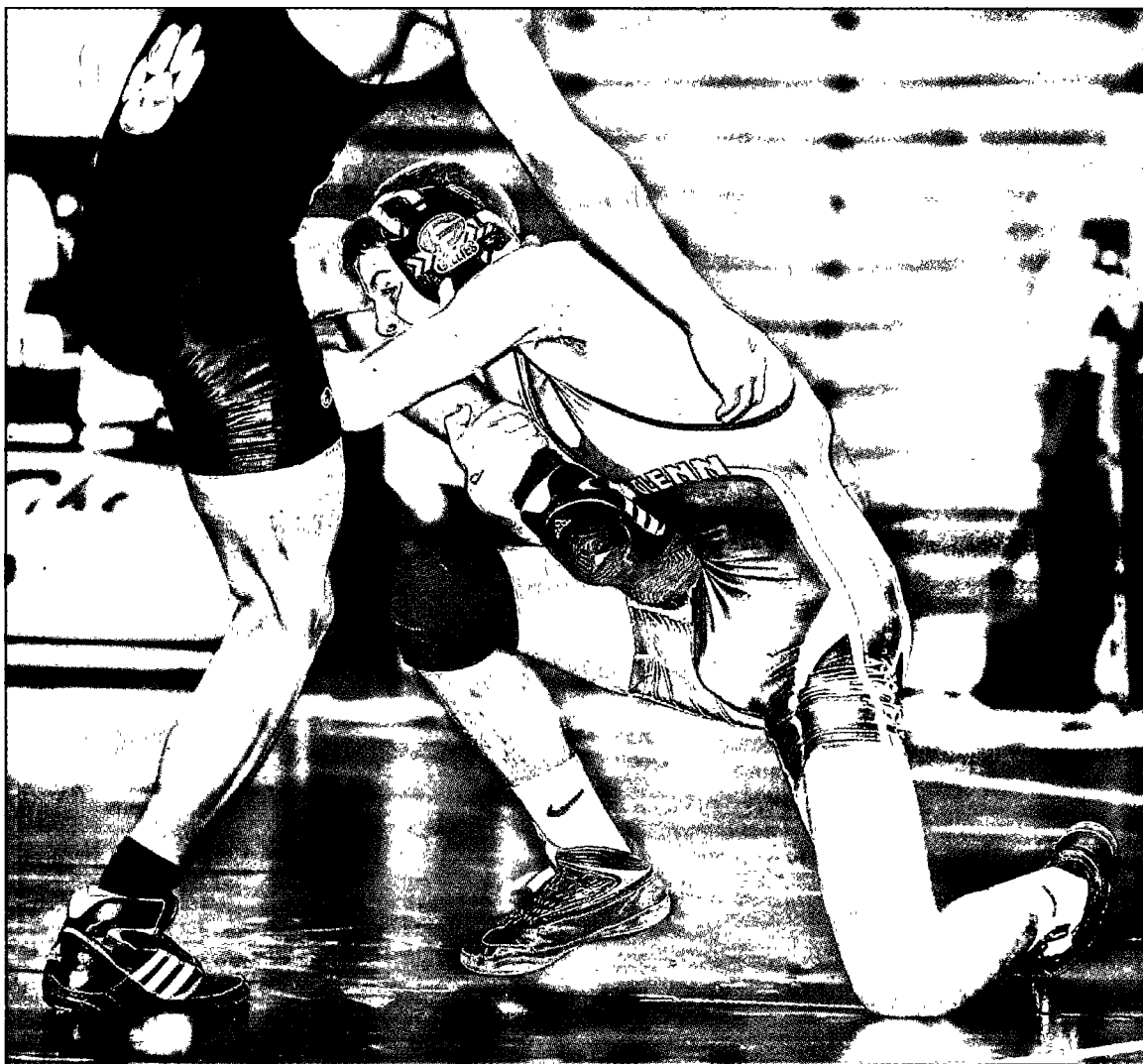


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John Glenn's Kyle Gillies (right), unbeaten on the season at 47-0, earned a Division 1 individual district title at Saline with a 7-3 win over Belleville's Austin Koehler in the finals.

## Mat survivors

Glenn qualifies 7; Pats 5 for regional

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Getting to the Palace of Auburn Hills is the ultimate goal for 19 Division 1 area wrestlers who remain alive following Saturday's first leg of the MHSAA Individual tournament.

Westland John Glenn will be sending seven to this Saturday's regional at Canton including Saline district tournament champions Kyle Gillies (112 pounds) and Travis Mann (145),

both seniors.

Gillies ran his record to a perfect 47-0 with an 11-4 decision over Belleville's Austin Koehler, while Mann improved to 23-3 with a pin against Plymouth's Hussein Youssef in 3:25.

Other Glenn regional qualifiers included Chase Spanos (103), runner-up; Kevin Huynh (119), Jordon Brandon (215) and Dylan Morantes (285), third; and Brett Quinn (119), fourth.

"We finally had a couple kids beat someone they are not suppose to beat on paper," Glenn

coach Bill Polk said. "We wrestle a very tough schedule all year to prepare for the pressures of individual districts, in a few cases it paid off. We are happy to have seven kids advancing to the regional. Hopefully we can have a good performance next weekend as well."

Wayne Memorial's Allen Parker, senior, captured the 140-pound weight class with a 3-2 decision over Plymouth's Alec

Please see WRESTLING, B2

## KLAA South title shared by Rockets

Westland John Glenn had to work — and then some — to gain a piece of the KLAA South Division boys basketball title Tuesday night as upset-minded Plymouth took the host Rockets to the limit before falling, 52-49.

Glenn, which improved to 14-2 overall, shares the South crown with Canton at 9-1.

The Rockets, however, will be the top seed entering the first round of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association playoffs based on a tiebreaker criteria.

Glenn will open up against 7-9 Novi, the KLAA's Central Division fourth-seed, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday at home.

James Pruitt, a 6-foot-6 junior, paced Glenn with 14 points, while senior point-guard Nick Daniels added 12 — all coming in the second half.

Junior Isaac Everette also tallied 12, while Dre Black added 10, including three key free throws during the final 1:05 to ice the victory.

Plymouth (6-10, 4-6), which led 31-30 after three quarters, got a game-high 20 points from Josh Priebe, who hit three 3-pointers. Jake Divens chipped in with 10 points.

Glenn connected on 11-of-18 free throws, while Plymouth made 6-of-10.

**CHURCHILL 56, WAYNE 52:** In a KLAA South game Tuesday, Livonia Churchill (6-10, 4-6) overcame a 10-point third-quarter deficit to beat host Wayne Memorial (3-13, 1-9).

Colton Robison paced the victorious Chargers with 12 points, while Jon Hovermale, Dwayne Scott and Robert Foster Jr. each added nine.

Juawn Snipes paced the Zebras with nine points, while Brian Williams and Jarrell Poole each contributed eight.

"Churchill came out with some pressure the second half and they outrebounded us significantly," said Wayne coach Mike Schuette, whose team was outscored 22-15 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Please see HOOPS, B3

## Hockey Day in Westland

Veteran broadcaster Raymond Rolak will moderate a multimedia presentation to help celebrate the sixth annual Hockey Day in Michigan beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 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.

## B.C. lacrosse signs Marzec

Birmingham Brother Rice's Greg Marzec, who attended Livonia St. Michael's Grade School, recently signed an NCAA Division I letter-of-intent to play lacrosse at Boston College of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

## Hoop clinic for shooting

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

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

Lineman school  
The Michigan Youth Athletic Association is offering a football lineman school (grades three-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).

## Future Stars for baseball

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

The first session consists of hitting, base running and infield skills, while the second includes pitching, defense and outfield approach. The cost for both sessions is \$50 (includes camp T-shirt) or \$30 per session. Bring a sack lunch between sessions from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity baseball coach Matt Fournier at [mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org).

## Spartans shine at MISCA meet

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

With the MHSAA Division I boys swim finals less than a month away in Holland (March 8-9), Saturday's Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium served as an important measuring stick.

The meet attracted the top swimmers from all three MHSAA divisions and Livonia

### BOYS SWIMMING

Stevenson solidified its stock by turning in several noteworthy performances.

It started with its 200-yard medley relay team of John Ferrara, Nick Arakelian, Bradley Bielicki and Jackson O'Dowd took second in 1:38.73.

State power Saline won the event in a blistering 1:32.58.

"It went well, we swam well," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "Our medley relay went

the fastest it's been. We ended up second, but that's behind Saline, which is going happen. They're going to go for the national (high school) record in that event."

Arakelian, a nationally ranked junior who is in his first high school season, captured the 500 freestyle in 4:43.18 and was touched out by Ann Arbor Skyline sophomore Chris Klein for first in the 200 individual medley.

Klein's time was 1:51.76, while Arakelian finished in 1:51.83.

"Nick was sick, he a little bit of a fever on Thursday, so he ended up swimming pretty average, put it that way," Shoemaker said. "But I mean pretty average is damn near really good for a lot of people."

Shoemaker said he is not sure what two individual events Arakelian will swim when he gets to Holland.

"He can swim a few different things and has a good chance of

Please see SWIMMING, B4

## Notre Dame fails to hang with Blazers

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood had first-round Catholic League foe Pontiac Notre Dame Prep in lockdown mode Saturday during the opening round of the A-B Division girls basketball

### GIRLS HOOPS

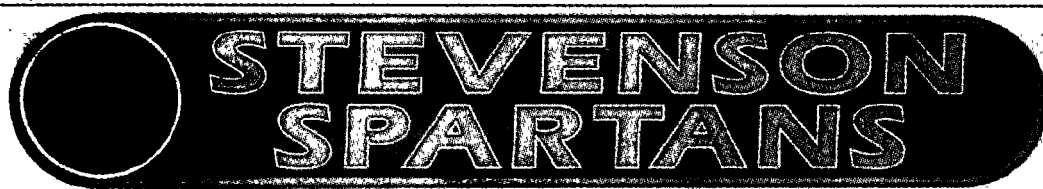
playoffs at Madonna University. The Blazers held Notre Dame Prep to one free throw during an 11-minute stretch en route to a convincing 53-29 victory.

That moved Ladywood, which improved to 11-6 overall, into Wednesday's A-B semifinals to take on Central Division champion Birmingham Marian (15-2) at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

The two teams split during the regular season with each team winning on the others' floor. The Mustangs won the last meeting at Ladywood, 49-34.

Against Notre Dame Prep, the AA Division champ, the Blazers led 15-11 after one quarter and 31-17 at halftime thanks to senior point guard Andie

Please see LADYWOOD, B4



## Titan territory

Livonia Stevenson High seniors John D'Agostino (left) and Zack Atwood (right) recently signed NCAA Division I letters-of-intent to play soccer at the University of Detroit Mercy. D'Agostino, a defender and forward, earned first-team All-Observer honors this season. Atwood plays for the Crew Academy Wolves club soccer team. U-D Mercy is coached by Stevenson grad Nick Deren.

**WEEK AHEAD**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**Friday, Feb. 15**  
 Stevenson at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 S.L. East at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 Macomb Christ. at HVL, 7 p.m.  
 Greenhills at L. W'sld, 7 p.m.  
 C'ville at Cranbrook, 7:30 p.m.  
**(KLAAs Playoffs-1st round)**  
 Novi at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
 South Lyon at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Thursday, Feb. 14**  
 Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 Salem at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 South Lyon at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 Frank. Rd. at L. W'sld, 7 p.m.  
 HVL at Taylor Baptist, 7 p.m.  
**(KLAAs semifinals)**  
 Northville at Glenn, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 15**  
 Macomb at HVL, 5:30 p.m.  
 Greenhills at L. W'sld, 5:30 p.m.  
 Det. Univ. at C'ville, 7 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
**Friday, Feb. 15**  
 Churchill vs. Waterford Mott at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 16**  
 Franklin vs. Wat. Kettering at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
 Catholic League Finals at Arctic Pond, TBA.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
**MHSAA INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL TOURNEYS**  
**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**  
**Friday, Feb. 15**  
 KLAAs Association Tourney at Super Bowl, 9 a.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 16**  
 Catholic League Championship at Oak Lanes, 9 a.m.  
**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
**Friday, Feb. 15**  
 Liv. Red at Hur. Valley, 6:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER**  
**MHSAA DISTRICTS**  
**Friday, Feb. 15**  
 Div. 1 at Hartland, 6:30 p.m.  
 Div. 3 at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 16**  
 Div. 1 at Woodhaven, 3 p.m.  
 Div. 4 at S.H. Parkway, 3 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS**  
**Saturday, Feb. 16**  
 MU at Aquinas, 3 p.m.  
 S'craft at Macomb, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS**  
**Saturday, Feb. 13**  
 MU at Aquinas, 1 p.m.  
 S'craft at Macomb, 1 p.m.

**WRESTLING**

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**Breckenridge to improve to 35-2.**

**Wolfpack sends 3**  
 "We expected to have a district champ in Allen Parker," Wayne coach Steve Vasiloff said. "He qualified for 'states' last year, and has beaten great wrestlers this entire season. His only losses are coming from a state champ from last year and a state-ranked kid from Cincinnati Princeton in Ohio."  
 "He is peaking at the right time, and if he keeps this up I have no doubt that he will finish top five in the state." Parker will be joined by fellow senior Sam Ekanem, who was runner-up to Woodhaven's Derek Hillman at 171, along with Aaron Mauldin, who took fourth at 285.

"We were also very pleased with Sam Ekanem making the finals, knocking off a rival from Bedford along the way," Vasiloff said. "Sam is also peaking at the right time, and our junior heavyweight Aaron Mauldin qualifying for regionals is great as well."

**Charger champion**  
 Livonia Churchill senior Manny Haddad (285) captured a district title with a 4-3 decision over Temperance Bedford's Adam Ortman.

Haddad, now 33-6 overall and a state qualifier a year ago, will be joined at the regional by teammate Jon Locklear, a senior captain who took third at 125.

"He (Haddad) wrestled very well," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "All day he wrestled really smart matches. He was on his game definitely on Saturday doing



Stevenson's Kody Roy (top) won the 145-pound individual title Saturday in the Division 1 district at Saline.

what he needed to do. (At the regional) it's going to be tough because you're going to have four ranked kids who are going to be there. There's only four spots and unfortunately the way it works out someone one them is not going to end up coming out."

"Jon was a regional qualifier as a sophomore and wrestled really well to get out."

**Pats qualify 5**  
 Livonia Franklin boasted five Canton regional qualifiers, including three champions at the Southgate Anderson district paced by junior Jordan Atienza (152), who improved to 46-0 with a pin of Mike Babicz of Novi Detroit Catholic Central in 1:20. Seniors Jack Newa (103) and Allen Steele (189) also emerged as dis-

trict champions.

Newa improved to 40-6 with a 12-2 major decision over Novi's Dan DeNova, while Steele upped his mark to 46-1 with a 3-2 win over CC's Nick Giese.

Also headed to the regional for the Patriots is Nick Robertson (119) and Nick Frazier (145), both whom placed third. "Going in, I figured these five had a pretty good chance of making it out," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "We were hoping to get a surprise or two but it didn't happen. We pretty much won all of the matches we were supposed to, and lost a couple we probably should have won. This is a great time of year for upsets. Unfortunately we didn't get any."

Catholic Central led the Southgate district with

seven individual champs and five additional qualifiers.

"This is the lowest number we've taken to regionals since 2004," Chiola said. "We did get three champs though, and there's no doubt Danny Martinez (out for the season at 125) would have been a fourth. Even the guys that weren't champs have a solid shot at getting through."

**Roy rules 145**  
 Livonia Stevenson senior Kody Roy captured the 145-pound class with a 7-2 decision over Southgate's Josh Lockwood to improve to 41-6. "Kody has been wrestling very well over the past month," Stevenson coach Dan Vaughan said. "All year, he has put his team first by competing at whatever weight class helped the team most."

All of the tough matches have helped to prepare him for the MHSAA Individual tournament. Winning the district title was an important step in achieving his goal. He's a hard working leader and a great kid."

Roy's teammate, Marco Lytwyn (112), was runner-up to Southgate's Jarad Fernandez.

"Marco is also having a great season," Vaughan said. "It's very nice to have him gaining valuable experience in the postseason."

Action begins at 10 a.m. at Canton.

"Saturday will be a fun day," Chiola said. "It's always a whirlwind of emotions as you watch some kids make it through, while others end their season."

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**160 pounds:** Logan Marcicki (Novi Detroit Catholic Central) won by major decision over Yahya Yahya Talab (Dearborn Fordson), 9-0; **3rd place:** Matt Wisniewski (Garden City) dec. Husam Ateyia (Fordson), 4-2.  
**171:** Drew Garcia (CC) pinned Ryan Southerland (Farmington), 3:02; **3rd:** Sheehab Naour (Fordson) p. Ahmad El-Sayed (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), 0:58.  
**185:** Allen Steele (Livonia Franklin) dec. Nick Giese (CC), 3-2; **3rd:** Jimmy Russell (CC) won by void over Adam Druz (CC).  
**215:** Vincent Pizzo (Wyandotte) dec. Jay Peterson (CC), 6-3; **3rd:** Zach Roush (Novi) won by major dec. over Cody Tis (Southgate), 10-1.  
**285:** Robert Coe (CC) p. Jon Wines (Northville), 2:51; **3rd:** Blake Johnson (Lincoln Park) dec. Austin Sloan (Southgate), 6-3.  
**103:** Jack Newa (Franklin) won by major dec. over Dan DeNova (Novi), 12-2; **3rd:** Chase Walkowiak (Farm.) dec. Bobby Fisher (Southgate), 18-13.  
**112:** Jarad Fernandez (Southgate) dec. Marco Lytwyn (Livonia Stevenson), 3-1; **3rd:** Parker O'Brien (CC) p. Abe Ajami (Fordson), 2:39.  
**119:** Trevor Zdebski (CC) p. Raven Schmitt (Southgate), 3:49; **3rd:** Nick Robertson (Franklin) dec. Eric O'Neil (Farm.), 6-3.  
**125:** Evan Toth (CC) dec. Immanuel Govantes (Farm.), 7-4; **3rd:** Dylan McLeod (Lincoln Park) dec. Shunhe Wang (Northville), 3-1 (overtime).

**130:** Alex Molloy (Southgate) dec. Myles Amine (CC), 1-0; **3rd:** Seja Al-Hussaini (Crestwood) dec. Hassan Ajami (Fordson), 13-10.  
**135:** Ken Bade (CC) p. Quentin Santiago (Wyandotte), 2:42; **3rd:** Tyler Carson (Southgate) dec. Sean Wagner (Northville), 6-3.  
**140:** Malik Amine (CC) p. Logan Parks (Southgate), 1:00; **3rd:** Mohamad Salameh (Crestwood) dec. Brian Spehard (GC), 9-7 (OT).  
**145:** Kody Roy (Stevenson) dec. Josh Lockwood (Southgate), 7-2; **3rd:** Nick Frazier (Franklin) won by major dec. over Victor Lindsey (Fordson), 16-6.  
**152:** Jordan Atienza (Franklin) p. Mike Babicz (CC), 1:20; **3rd:** Alex Coe (Northville) won by major dec. over Jared Hagan (Crestwood), 9-0.

**Feb. 9 at SALINE**

**160 pounds:** Mickey Sutton (Woodhaven) decided Tyler Gross (Salem), 12-8; **3rd place:** Ben Beallas (Temperance Bedford) dec. Joey Shaver (Plymouth), 5-4.  
**171:** Derek Hillman (Woodhaven) dec. Sam Ekanem (Wayne), 7-3; **3rd:** David Lijewski (Bedford) won by default over Justin Patton (Woodhaven).  
**189:** Mitchell Gross (Salem) dec. Codie Bettencourt (Bedford), 6-4 (overtime); **3rd:** Dan Green (Monroe) dec. Chris Gutmann (Woodhaven), 8-6 (OT).  
**215:** Brandon Sunday (Bedford) dec. Jahi Hillard (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 7-4; **3rd:** Jordan Brandon (Westland John Glenn) won by major dec. over K.J. Wooley (Canton), 11-3.  
**285:** Manny Haddad (Livonia Churchill) dec. Adam Ortman (Bedford), 4-3; **3rd:** Dylan Morantes (John Glenn) dec. Aaron Mauldin (Wayne), 5-0.  
**103:** Mohamad Youssef (Plym-

outh) pinned Chase Spanos (John Glenn), 5:41; **3rd:** Tyler Rogaliner (Bedford) dec. Billy Cobb (Pioneer), 4-2 (OT).

**112:** Kyle Gillies (John Glenn) dec. Austin Koehler (Belleville), 11-4; **3rd:** Taylor Ticknor (Saline) p. Matt Horne (Woodhaven), 3:34.

**119:** Mitch Rogaliner (Bedford) won by major dec. over Richard Demarais (Canton), 11-3; **3rd:** Kevin Huynh (John Glenn) dec. Trey Berry (Plymouth), 2-1.

**125:** Mitch Pawlak (Bedford) won by default over Ben Griffin (Canton); **3rd:** Jon Locklear (Churchill) p. Keegan Pape (Pioneer), 2:05.

**130:** Jordan Markey (Ypsilanti Lincoln) dec. Jake Helmski (Bedford), 5-0; **3rd:** Chase Kallil (Plymouth) p. Brett Quinn (John Glenn), 2:56.

**135:** Nate O'Sullivan (Saline) dec. Jon Conn (Plymouth), 4-2; **3rd:** Logan Dicarilo (Monroe) dec. Robert Freter (Pioneer), 3-2.

**140:** Allen Parker (Wayne) dec. Alec Breckenridge (Plymouth), 3-2; **3rd:** Quandre Thomas (Pioneer) dec. Jake Lohr (Bedford), 4-3.

**145:** Travis Mann (John Glenn) p. Hussein Youssef (Plymouth), 3:25; **3rd:** Travis Labell (Monroe) dec. Sofus Nielson (Plymouth), 3-1.

**152:** Jordan Snyder (Bedford) dec. Alex Cornelius (Saline), 7-5; **3rd:** Connor Harmon (Monroe) dec. Jared Ammons (Woodhaven), 7-0.

**DIVISION 3**

**Feb. 9 at RICHMOND**

**160 pounds:** Aaron Bibik (Livonia Clarenceville) decided Jordan Adams (Richmond), 8-4; **3rd place:** Alex Kingsbury (Yale) dec. Jake Newton (Imlay City), 5-1.

**135:** Austin Cattera (Richmond) dec. Jacob Engle (Armada), 13-7; **3rd:** Nick Priebs (Yale) won by forfeit over Milkey Weiss (Clarenceville).

**145:** Davin Skatzka (Richmond) pinned R.J. Smith (Yale), 3:34; **3rd:** Bailey Bischer (Yale) won by default over Domanick Slagle (Clarenceville).

**DIVISION 4**

**Feb. 9 at BLISSFIELD**

**171 pounds:** Brandon Gibson (New Haven) pinned Martin Kemp (Lutheran Westland), 4:15; **3rd place:** Masen Moore (Sand Creek) won by major dec. over Jake Hamilton (Adrian Madison), 17-6.

**189:** Charlie Robertson (Sand Creek) p. Thomas Jackson (Blissfield), 1:35; **3rd:** Alex Reardon (Lutheran Westland) p. Jakob Burg (Memphis), 2:07.

**285:** Garrett Miller (Sand Creek) p. Alan Taylor (Detroit Loyola), 2:47; **3rd:** Dakota Underwood (Blissfield) p. Thomas Kruger (Lutheran Westland), 0:43.

**125:** Zachary Francis (Lutheran Westland) p. Robert Standlick (Sand Creek), 0:47; **3rd:** Eric Strable (Memphis) p. Kyle Lakatos (Sand Creek), 0:43.

**135:** Blake Scroggie (Sand Creek) p. Eli Megale (Sand Creek), 3:36; **3rd:** Drake Tovamek (Adrian Madison) won by major dec. over Connor Even (Lutheran Westland), 15-4.

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# No consolation

## Novi keeps Spartans out of playoffs

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

At times it resembled a rodeo rather than basketball game — rough-and-tumble, bodies flying everywhere.

But when the dust cleared Monday night it was host Novi moving on to the Kensington Lakes Activities Playoffs as the fourth seed in the Central Division after being able to lasso Livonia Stevenson, 48-43.

The Wildcats, now 7-9 overall and 5-5 in the KLAAs Central, take on the KLAAs top seed, Westland John Glenn, in Friday's opening round.

Meanwhile, Stevenson (8-7, 4-6) will be relegated to the KLAAs consolation bracket.

"We're really happy to be in the playoffs," Novi coach Brian Tass said. "At this time of the season anything can happen. Was it crazy? Yes, it was crazy. Both teams were playing really hard, but pretty out of control at times. It was Senior Night here and our seniors — give them credit — played really well."

Three Wildcats scored in double figures — Nelson Cagle (12), Tre Cadwell (11) and Jionni Ivy (10).

Stevenson sophomore guard Jaillen Webber led all scorers with 18 and junior forward Devin Kelly added 10.

Stevenson's bugaboo all night was turnovers — 30 total.

And the team's with top scorer Josh Campbell, a senior guard, was missing in action for most of the night after picking up two quick fouls early in the first quarter.

Campbell sat the rest of the first half and eventually fouled out with 6:08 left in the game on a charging call. He finished with one point and 1-of-3 shooting from the free throw line.

"They pressured the

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ball and forced us into a lot of turnovers," Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi said. "But there's no reason for us to play with the lack of composure that we played with ... to convert 30 turnovers, that's unacceptable."

"That's not going to get you in the playoffs, that's not going to get you into districts. It's not going to get you anywhere when you turn the ball over as many times as we did. And our best player, our leading scorer, fouls out in the fourth quarter."

Despite the foul problems, Stevenson was tied at halftime 23-23.

Novi then outscored the Spartans 13-7 in the third period to open up a six-point lead and the Wildcats went up by as many as 11 in the final quarter before Stevenson pulled to within three on two different occasions on successive three-pointers by Webber, the last coming with 2:48 remaining to make it 45-42.

But the Spartans turned it over three more times during the final 2:10 and got just one more free throw the rest of the way as the Wildcats held on.

Novi also had trouble protecting the ball in the rough-and-tumble game committing a total of 22 turnovers on the night, including eight in the fourth period.

"It seemed like we turned it over every time," Tass said of the fourth quarter. "I don't know what the numbers were, but it was a lot. It's unacceptable. We've got to have more possessions to score than that. And when it's traffic like that we got to take care of it."

To compound its problems, Stevenson shot only 12-of-40 from the field (30 percent) and only 13-of-24 free throws

(54.1 percent).

"We had our chances," Sinawi said. "We missed 10 free throws, seven in the fourth quarter. And that hurts us. Our kids play hard. I can never fault them ... they always play hard, but it's a fact that the little things we haven't been able to take care of and it's the reason why we aren't in the tournament."

Webber's play was one of the lone bright spots for Stevenson.

"He's got a lot of guts for a sophomore," Sinawi said. "He plays at times like he's a senior, then he plays at times like he's a sophomore. He kept us in tonight. He hit some big 'threes' for us. He had a couple turnovers he forced and he was able to get to the basket, but we need other guys to step up and it didn't happen for us tonight."

Novi was 18-of-47 from the floor (38.2 percent) and 11-of-19 from the free throw line (57.8 percent).

The Wildcats got a big boost inside during the second half from Ivy, who scored eight of his 10 points.

"Our number 23 (Ivy) is a senior and played one of his best games of the season and I'm really proud of him," Tass said.

Novi gets a rematch in the first round of the playoffs with Glenn (13-2). The two teams met on Dec. 18, but this time it's on the Rockets' home floor.

"We lost here by four (56-52) when we played them," Tass said. "We started real slow in that game, came back and had a crack at them at the end. Are they good? Absolutely. Is it a challenge? Absolutely. But it's at this time of the season when a team like us has some confidence and can maybe do something."

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## Runnin' Rebels

The Livonia Rebels, an AAU boys basketball team, posted a 3-1 record and avenged its only setback by defeating MHE Lockhard, 57-45, in the championship game of tournament held Feb. 2 at Harper Woods H.S. The Rebels defeated the Detroit Heat, 47-33, in the opener before losing to MHE Lockhart, 52-43. They bounced back with a 67-18 win over the Michigan Titans to set up a rematch. Team members include (front row, from left): George Ferguson, Craig Jakacki, Nick Poulos, Joe Kubeshesky, Spencer Langley; (back row, from left) assistant coach Jeff Ferguson, Chris Tanderys, Spencer Eddings, Micheal Grisa, Matt Harding, Terrell Cunningham and head coach Joe Jakacki. (Not pictured is Nate Leach.)

# Tourney tough

## Glenn girls whip South Lyon East

State-ranked Westland John Glenn cruised to another double-digit win by opening the Kensington Lakes Activities Association girls basketball playoffs Tuesday night with a 58-35 triumph at South Lyon East.

The Rockets, who improved to 15-1 overall, got 16 points apiece from senior ShaKeya Graves and junior Kaira Barnes.

Raine Bankston chipped in with 11 as the Rockets led 36-18 at halftime and 47-20 after three quarters.

Glenn, the KLAAs South Division champ, now moves into the Kensington Conference semifinals beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday at home to face Northville (13-4).

Solana Gillis led the Cougars (8-8) with 10 points.

Glenn hit 14-of-20 free throws, while East made 9-of-16.

**NOVI 50, FRANKLIN 33:** Nicole Solakian scored 14 points and Jade Antolec added 10 Tuesday as the Wildcats (16-1) downed visiting Livonia Franklin (8-9) in a KLAAs first-round playoff game.

Amanda Geiger and Dina Fawaz each added eight for Novi, the KLAAs Central Division champs who led 26-13 at halftime and 40-17 after three quarters.

Julie Magdowski led the Patriots with eight points, while

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Katelynn Devers and Sarah Cramton added seven apiece. Novi made 11-of-17 foul shots, while Franklin was only 7-of-15.

**STEVENSON 58, WAYNE 21:** Rachel Wilkinson and Kyra Johnson each tallied 11 points leading Livonia Stevenson (7-10) to a KLAAs consolation bracket victory Tuesday at home over Wayne Memorial (1-15).

The Spartans, who also got 10 points from Charlesann Roy, got their running game going in the third quarter outscoring Wayne 18-4 after leading 28-17 at intermission.

Ashley Bland led the Zebras with nine points.

Stevenson was only 6-of-16 from the foul line, while Wayne was 1-of-5.

**CHURCHILL 47, SOUTH LYON 43:** Senior guard Julia Szuba scored a game-high 14 points and nailed some key free throws down the stretch to lift Livonia Churchill (6-10) to a KLAAs consolation bracket victory Tuesday over the host Lions (7-10).

"Julia was very aggressive getting to the basket and displayed great senior leadership," Churchill coach Matt McCowan said.

Szuba, who hit 6-of-10 free throws on the night, also got help from senior forward Sydney Anderson, who added 10 points, along with Kyla Smith, who contributed six points off the bench.

Churchill made 20-of-29 free throws, while South Lyon hit 7-of-14.

Jessica Mehr and Breanna Bias paced the Lions with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

**CANTON 35, FRANKLIN**

**20:** Paige Aresco tallied 15 points to lead the Chiefs (12-4, 8-2) to a KLAAs South Division win Monday night at Livonia Franklin (8-8, 4-6).

Rachel Winters and Taylor Hunley added eight and seven, respectively, for Canton, which led by only three at halftime, 14-11, before taking control with a 14-2 third-quarter run.

Katelynn Devers paced the Patriots with nine points.

"We came out flat the third quarter," Franklin coach Jim Millican said. "But our defense was really good. We tried something a little different." Canton made 14-of-27 free throws, while Franklin was 7-of-11.

**NOVI 35, STEVENSON 28:** Taylor Pavlika scored 10 points and Jade Antolec added nine Saturday as the KLAAs Central Division champion Wildcats (15-1, 10-0) held off host Livonia Stevenson (6-9, 2-8).

The Spartans trailed 23-10 at halftime and by as many as 21 in the second half before making a 14-0 run.

"I thought we played very well," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "Our goal from the beginning was to set the tone for the next couple of weeks going into districts. Although we didn't win, I thought we got a lot out of this game against a very good team."

"And even though we were way down, we did not throw in the towel."

Rachel Wilkinson led the Spartans with eight points, while Uzoma Nwanjoku and Charlesann Roy added seven and six, respectively.

Novi was 8-of-16 from the foul line, while Stevenson hit 6-of-11.

# Trojans pound Harper Woods

Livonia Clarenceville got off to a rip-roaring start Tuesday night en route to a 51-26 boys basketball win over visiting Harper Woods.

The Trojans, who jumped out to a 20-4 advantage and never looked back, improved to 3-14 overall.

Junior Kimani Doolley led a balanced scoring attack with 11 points, while Jawan Nelson and DeAnthony Price each contributed seven.

Harper Woods (4-10) got nine points from Marcini Jones and eight from K'wan Turner.

Clarenceville was only 6-of-13 from the foul line, while the Pioneers went 6-of-16.

**BAPTIST PARK 64, LUTH. WESTLAND 54:** Nick Andrzejewski's game-high 27 points went in vain Tuesday as host Taylor Baptist Park (10-5, 8-4) turned back Lutheran High Westland (7-6, 6-4) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division game.

Andrzejewski also had six rebounds, four steals and three assists, while Brandon Wyman chipped in with 10 points.

Anthony Kaminski paced the Wildcats with 21 points, while Dan Eubank added 11.

Baptist Park trailed 28-25 at halftime, but outscored the Warriors 18-11 in the third quarter and 21-15 in the fourth.

"We played well defensively in the first half," said Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft, whose team made 18-of-48 shots from the floor (38 percent). "We were able to get some of their main scorers in foul trouble, but

we were unable to extend our lead when we had the chance. Regardless, we made too many mistakes in the second half. No excuses, Baptist Park was the better team tonight."

**ANDOVER 61, C'VILLE 48:** Eric Weiss scored 16 points to lead four players in double figures Monday as Bloomfield Hills Andover (9-5) turned back host Livonia Clarenceville (2-14).

The Barons, who jumped out to a 23-7 first-quarter advantage, also got 13 points from Zach Smoker and 12 apiece from Marlon Pruitt and Marcus McQueen.

Three Clarenceville players scored in double figures led by Jermell Johnson's 17. Kimani Doolley and Jawan Nelson chipped in with 14 and 12, respectively.

The Trojans trailed 44-37 after three quarters before Andover sealed it with a 17-11 fourth-period run.

# Madonna men's team notches 20th win, 75-57

Junior Travis Schuba scored 18 points and junior Tyler Stewart (Salem) added a career-high 11 off the bench to lift the Madonna University men's basketball team to a 75-57 victory Saturday night at Siena Heights.

The Crusaders, who improved to 20-8 overall and 15-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, made 10 three-pointers. They also set the MU single season record for wins eclipsing the mark of the 2007-08 team that fin-

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ished 19-13.

Madonna, which led 33-26 at halftime, also got nine points and five rebounds of the bench from Donald Owens and nine assists from Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson).

Siena Heights (7-19, 7-13) got 16 off the bench from Latwan Wesley.

MU enjoyed a 42-32 rebound advantage and held the Saints to 30.9 percent shooting from the floor (17-of-55).

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**SCHOOLCRAFT 53:** Aveon Simmons and Rodney Butler tallied 17 and 16 points, respectively, leading Henry Ford Community College (15-8, 9-4) to an MCCAAs Eastern Conference victory Saturday afternoon over visiting Schoolcraft College (4-17, 1-11).

Rodrick Butler and Darryl Moble, Jr. added 13 and 10, respectively, for the Hawks, who never looked back after taking a 40-19 halftime lead. Mathew King (Redford Thurston) and Jordan Eastman each tallied 10 for the Ocelots (4-17, 1-11) who shot only 27.7 percent from the field and committed 23 turnovers.

Joniero Bryant also grabbed 10 rebounds in the setback.

### Softball camp

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

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

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

### Girls pom clinic

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

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

### Pom team members

Included in the \$25 cost is a T-shirt.

For more information and tryouts, visit www.livoniapom@gmail.com.

### Learn to skate

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its eight-week learn to skate (session II) beginning March 11 through May 6 at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon.

Class fees are \$62 (Livonia residents) or \$76 (non-residents).

Each class is 25 minutes and will be offered for the following:

Youth (4-and-up) — 5, 5:25, 6 and 6:25 p.m. Mondays; hockey skills — 6:25 p.m. Mondays (no equipment or experience needed); tots (3 year-olds) — 5 p.m. Mondays.

### Registration will be

from 6:30-8 p.m. (Livonia residents) and 7-8 p.m. non-residents) on Wednesday, March 6 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

Private lessons are also available through I.S.I. instructors and skate rental is free. For more information, call Barb Gamber at (734) 466-2918.

### Weekly 5K runs

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

Participation is free, but you must bring your registrant barcode to earn by registering at www.parkrun.com or www.parkrun.us.

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Churchill was 16-of-30 from the foul line (53.3 percent) and 19-of-44 from the floor (43.1 percent).

"We went to some full-court pressure and were able to get some steals," said Churchill coach Jim Solak, whose team opens 7 p.m. Friday at home in the first round of the KLAAs

playoffs against KLAAs Central champion South Lyon.

Wayne, meanwhile, made just 5-of-13 free throws.

**CANTON 69, FRANKLIN 34:** Josh Mayberry and Adnan Bayz each tallied 14 points Tuesday as the host Chiefs (11-5, 9-1) gained a share of the KLAAs South crown with a win over Livonia Franklin (5-11, 3-7).

Ryan Planey and Jordan Nobles chipped in with 11 and 10 points, respectively, for Canton, which led 26-14 at halftime before blowing it

wide open with a 26-9 third-period run.

The 6-foot-8 Nobles also blocked six shots, while Greg Williams chipped in with eight points as the Chiefs shot 56 percent from the field (30-of-53).

Alex Armstrong scored a team-high 12 points for the Patriots, who connected on just 11-of-46 shots from the floor (23 percent).

Michael Gluth added seven points, while Tyrone Rayford had a team-high seven boards.

## BOYS SWIM RESULTS

**MICH. INTERSCHOLASTIC SWIM COACHES ASSOC. BOYS SWIM MEET RESULTS Feb. 9 at EMU's Jones Pool**  
**200-yard medley relay:**  
 1. Saline (David Boland, Josh Ehrman, Michael Bundas, Adam Whitener), 1:32.58; 2. Livonia Stevenson (John Ferrara, Nick Arakelian, Bradley Bielicki, Jackson O'Dowd), 1:38.73.  
**500 freestyle relay:** 1. Jonathan Zofchak (Dexter), 1:44.09; 32. Jake Goeddeke (Stevenson), 1:51.22; 46. Mike Stover (Wayne), 1:52.88; 52. Brandon Shatter (Stevenson), 1:53.64; 54. Matt Laporte (Stevenson), 1:53.89; 55. Josh Wakeford (Westland John Glenn), 1:54.22.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Chris Klein (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 1:51.76; 2. Arakelian (Stevenson), 1:51.83; 4. J. Ferrara (Stevenson), 1:58.71; 19. Parker Belmore (Stevenson), 2:05.16; 24. Bielicki (Stevenson), 2:06.12.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Ehrman (Saline), 21.11; 16. O'Dowd (Stevenson), 22.46.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Brennan LaBar (St. Johns), 434.90 points.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Boland (Saline), 49.76; 40. David Ptashnik (Stevenson), 56.63.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Tabahn Afrik (Holland West Ottawa), 47.35; 10. O'Dowd (Stevenson), 49.37;

43. Alex Lee (Stevenson), 51.19.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Arakelian (Stevenson), 4:43.18; 9. Laporte (Stevenson), 4:52.49; 26. Stover (Wayne), 5:00.27; 36. Grant McNamara (Stevenson), 5:04.16; 38. Eric Ferrara (Stevenson), 5:04.65.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Saline (Whitener, Boland, Bundas, Ehrman), 1:25.29; 23. Stevenson (Goeddeke, Lee, Shatter, Belmore), 1:32.74; 38. John Glenn (Cody Hodges, John Kukulka, Jacob Burcicki, Wakeford), 1:34.78; 58. Wayne (Devin Gibson, Michael Gibson, Zack Williams, Stover), 1:36.88.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. J. Ferrara (Stevenson), 51.87; 13. Belmore (Stevenson), 55.74; 17. Jake Goeddeke (Stevenson), 56.43.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. John Schihl (Bloomfield Hills Lahser), 59.49; 18. McNamara (Stevenson), 1:02.72; 20. Tommy O'Donohue (Stevenson), 1:02.92.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Midland Dow (Jackson Goethe, Ben Martin, Nehemiah Mork, Michael Pitkon), 3:11.90; 6. Stevenson (J. Ferrara, O'Dowd, Belmore, Arakelian), 3:16.71; 48. John Glenn (Hodges, Aaron Alholinna, Brad Alholinna, Wakeford), 3:35.12; 53. Wayne (D. Gibson, M. Gibson, Noah Karson, Stover), 3:37.26.

# Pats go 0-2 in Public Showcase

By Brad Emons  
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## BOYS HOCKEY

Livonia Franklin came up empty in both games last weekend in the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase held at the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea.

On Sunday, the Patriots slipped to 8-12-1 overall falling to Lake Orion, 8-3, following a 4-2 setback Saturday night against New Baltimore Anchor Bay.

Mark Kercher's goal gave Lake Orion a 1-0 lead and the Dragons increased their lead to 6-2 after two periods.

Connor Moesta and Noal Page each scored two goals, while Drew Casey added three assists for Lake Orion (6-12).

Franklin got goals from Tyler Morrison (from

Corey Ferrier), Alex Pace (from Alex Stavara) and Richie Wiczorek (unassisted).

The shots were 30 apiece with Sean Reeves-Carson in goal for the Patriots, while Logan Aldrich was the Dragons' netminder.

"We had way too many careless turnovers and need to understand the value of puck possession," Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon said. "It was a rough weekend for us, but hopefully we learned from the losses and will be better in the long run from them."

Anchor Bay (17-4) jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on a short-handed goal by Josh Guske and a power play

goal by Matt Carter.

Mike Diaz scored a minute into the second period from Adam Stadler and Ferrier, but Anchor Bay answered with a goal from Austin Koleski leading 3-1 going into the third.

Josh Dudek's power play goal from Diaz and Stadler at 4:48 of the third cut the deficit to 3-2, but Koleski notched his second a minute later to cap the scoring.

Matt Kaiser collected three assists for the Tars and goalie Larry Parisi made 28-of-30 saves.

Matt Monendo had 21 stops for the Patriots.

"I was very disappointed with our effort," Gagnon said. "Even though we managed to outshoot the Tars, we didn't play with the intensity and fire that we usu-

ally do, and that's why we lost. As a staff, we need to make sure that our guys are ready to go each and every period of every game."

**G.P. NORTH 4, STEVENSON 3:** Grosse Pointe North (13-8) broke a 1-1 deadlock with three unanswered goals in the second period Saturday to beat Livonia Stevenson (14-7-1) in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League's Prep Showcase at Teifer Rink in Trenton.

The Norsemen led 1-0 after one period on Brendan Nelson's goal from Jeffrey Herron at 15:54, but Stevenson's Dominic Lutz tied it just 16 seconds into the second period off an assist from Ray Chartier.

North then scored three more goals before the period ended on goals by Max Yoshida, Vince Romanelli and Nick Cusmano (power play). North goaltender Tanner Colberg stopped 22-of-23 Stevenson shots, while Connor Humitz had 25 saves for the Spartans.

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winning it," the Stevenson coach added.

Meanwhile, senior John Ferrara turned in a stellar performance with a first in the 100 backstroke (51.87) and a fourth in the 200 IM (1:58.71).

"Ferrara will definitely swim the backstroke and probably the IM," Shoemaker said. "It was a really good day for him. They were both season-best times and he was really excited, which he should be."

Stevenson junior Parker Belmore bettered his state cut time in the 100 backstroke with a season-best of 55.74, while teammate Jake Goeddeke also earned a spot at the state meet with a 17th-place time of 56.43.

Freshman Jackson O'Dowd also performed well with a 10th in the

100 freestyle (49.37) and a 16th in the 50 freestyle (22.46).

"The freshman swam pretty good," Shoemaker said. "He got back to what he was. I think we beat him up pretty good this year. We overworked him a little bit, so we're tapering him a little bit extra longer."

Stevenson's 400 freestyle relay team of Ferrara, O'Dowd, Belmore and Arakelian finished sixth in 3:16.71, while its 200 freestyle relay quartet of Goeddeke, Alex Lee, Brandon Shatter and Belmore clocked a 1:32.74 en route to a 23rd.

"Our 200 freestyle relay went pretty fast, which we needed to do," Shoemaker said. "We'd like to score three relays at the state meet. That needs to be one of them."

"We were untapered and tired, so it went pretty well for that."

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## Knights champs

The Livonia Midget A Knights travel hockey team captured the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District 4 Championship with a 6-3 win Saturday over the Plymouth Stingrays at Lakeland Ice Arena. The Knights (24-6-2) advance to the MAHA state final, March 8-10, in Lapeer. Team members include: Cullen Barber, Alex DeFlorio, Bobby Diegel, Jeff Flannigan, Vince Glenn, Jay Hague, Luke Justice, Max McCrory, Robert Schneider, Drake Shepard, Nick Smith, Christopher Tripi, Michael Warner, Alec Wells, Alex Williams, head coach Ken Hunt and assistant coaches Craig Justice, Bob Warner and Don Barber.

# Tennessee waltz: Crusaders go 3-1

It turned out to be a pretty successful start to the 2013 baseball season for the Madonna University.

The 24th-ranked Crusaders wound up 3-1 after posting wins Saturday in Cleveland, Tenn. over No. 3-ranked Lee University (Tenn.), 4-3, and University of Rio Grande (Ohio), 4-1.

MU got one in the first and three in the second to take a 4-1 lead before Lee (7-1) battled back to within a run with two in the bottom of the seventh.

That's when reliever Randall Stempel closed the door to get the final out and his second save of the day.

Winning pitcher Jeremy Gooding (Livonia) went the first six innings allowing one earned run on seven hits. The Dearborn Divine Child grad struck out seven and walked one before giving way to Austin Delmotte, who got two outs in the seventh but gave up two runs on two hits.

Lead-off man Shane Dokey went 3-for-3 with an RBI, while Brad Line-

## COLLEGE BASEBALL

berry (Plymouth) and Justin Cook also knocked in runs for MU.

Jordan Stewart and Karsten Streibey each went 2-for-3 with an RBI for Lee, while starter Clint Terry (1-1) took the loss.

Earlier in the day, Josh Deeg pitched a four-hitter over six innings to pick up the win and Lineberry went 4-for-4 with an RBI in a victory over Rio Grande (4-3).

Deeg allowed one earned run, while walking four and fanning three. Stempel pitched a scoreless seventh.

Victor Barron went 2-for-3 and scored a run for the Crusaders, while Jeff Cook also knocked in a run.

Michael Deitsch (1-1), who went 6.2 innings allowing two earned runs on seventh hits and three walks, took the loss.

MU returns to action Friday, March 1 in Lakeland, Fla. when they'll face Evangel (Mo.) and Trinity International (Ill.) in the RussMatt Central Florida Invitational.

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

**TRI-MEET RESULTS Feb. 11 at Walled Lk. Central**  
**TEAM SCORES:** 1. Livonia Blue, 137.125; 2. Walled Lake Central, 120.125; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 111.525.  
**Vault:** 1. Bri Road (Blue), 9.05; 2. (tie) Emily Chatterjee (Blue) and Sammi Pulgini (WLC), 8.5 each; 4. (tie) Jillian Zafarana (Blue) and Torie Fagan (WLN), 8.5 each.  
**Uneven bars:** 1. Rhoad (Blue), 9.3; 2. Zafarana (Blue), 9.25; 2. Fagan (WLN), 7.85; 3. (tie) Nicole Sokolowski (Blue) and Pulgini (WLC), 7.6 each; 5.

Madison Raske (WLN), 7.575.  
**Balance beam:** 1. Pulgini (WLC), 9.25; 2. Rhoad (Blue), 8.925; 3. Zafarana (Blue), 8.9; 4. Jamie Jasinski (Blue), 8.75; 5. Fagan (WLN), 8.475.  
**Floor exercise:** 1. (tie) Rhoad (Blue) and Pulgini (WLC), 9.35 each; 3. Chatterjee (Blue), 8.8; 4. Zafarana (Blue), 8.75; 5. Allison White (Blue), 8.6.  
**All-around:** 1. Rhoad (Blue), 36.625; 2. Pulgini (WLC), 34.70; 3. Zafarana (Blue), 33.975; 4. Sokolowski (Blue), 32.35; 5. Chatterjee (Blue), 33.175.  
**Livonia Blue's dual meet record:** 5-8 overall.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Senior softball

A newly formed team in the 65-and-over Western Wayne County Suburban Softball League is seeking slow-pitch players the summer season, which runs from May through August.

Games will be played at 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in the Livonia, Canton and Westland areas.

The league is governed by ASA senior slow-pitch rules. A nominal fee will be assessed to cover incidental team and league expenses.

For more information, call Bob Mosher (734) 502-7477 or Doug Curry at (248) 767-0828.

### Girls slow-pitch

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer open registration for its 2013 girls 10-and-under slow-pitch softball program,

which runs from May through July, by mail will be through Feb. 15.

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

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

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

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

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

### Livonia baseball

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

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

The cost is \$40 per child (resident) and \$50 (non-resident). Registration forms are available at area schools or at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

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

Non-resident registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, March 25 at the

LCRC's recreation office. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis until April 29. The fee is \$60 per child.

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

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

### Football clinic

The Livonia Stevenson Youth Football Clinic for students currently in grades 2-6 will be from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, May 18 at the high school turf field.

The camp is free. Check-in starts at 9 a.m. at the school's north cafeteria. Clinic T-shirts are available for \$8 (must be received by May 16).

For more information, e-mail Stevenson varsity football coach Matt Fielder at mfielder@livonia-publicschools.org.

## LADYWOOD

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Anastos, who scored 14 of her game-high 18 points.

"We came out and shot well the first half, but we didn't necessarily play as well as we could play defensively the first half," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said.

"And our seniors wanted to make sure we played a little better defensively in the second half and I think we really smothered them until it kind of got out of hand."

Notre Dame Prep (13-4) struggled mightily during the second half from the floor going 4-of-26 and just 12-of-55 for the game (21.8 percent).

The Irish were out-

scored 9-5 in the third period and trailed by as many as 27 in the final quarter.

"We did a pretty good job defending," Coratti said. "A couple of their kids missed shots, but overall I think our kids competed pretty well defensively."

Senior guard Shelby Walsh chipped in with 12 points, while Sarah Wojnarowski added six as the Blazers made 20-of-50 shots from the floor (40 percent) and committed just nine turnovers.

Lindsey Klei paced the Irish with 13 points. **HV 49, LUTHERAN SOUTH 29:** Junior Brooke Kuehn scored 12 points as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (6-8, 3-8) downed Newport Lutheran South (3-12, 1-8) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Red Division game.

Senior Megan Prieskorn added 10 points, while Sarah Setian, Julie St. John and Dayna Schroeder chipped in with seven each.

Senior Molly Roebke and junior Kristi Smrcka tallied 14 and nine, respectively, for the Saints, who were outscored 30-12 in second half.

"I was pleased with our team effort tonight," said HVL coach Kris Ruth, whose team was 8-of-13 from the foul line. "We had great balance in our scoring and our defense really sparked our offense tonight. We still did not play four solid quarters of basketball, but we finished well."

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 43, BAPTIST PARK 33:** Aldreanna Fikes finished with a double-double scoring 14 points and snaring 10 rebounds Tuesday to propel Lutheran High Westland (7-9, 5-3) to a victory over host Taylor Baptist Park Christian (6-7, 3-6).

Shannon Abbott and Leah Refenes chipped in with

seven and six points, respectively, for the Warriors, who broke away from a 20-17 halftime lead by outscoring the Wildcats 17-7 in the third quarter.

Brittany Williams scored 12 for Baptist Park, which connected on 4-of-8 free throws. The Warriors, meanwhile, went 11-of-23 from the line (47.8 percent) and 15-of-49 from the field (30.6 percent).

**HARPER WOODS 57, CLARENCEVILLE 24:** Ayanna Bradford scored 14 points, while Micah Miner and Tabriel Cooks each added 12 Tuesday to spark the host Pioneers (12-4) to a win over Livonia Clarenceville (7-10). Harper Woods led 24-17 at halftime before outscored the Trojans 15-4 in the third quarter.

Ayanna Buckley had eight points, 12 rebounds and four blocks for Clarenceville.

Erica Katz and Ashley Murphy also combined for 20 rebounds.

Harper Woods shot 8-of-12 free throws, while Clarenceville was 6-of-12.



# Ministry offers support, love to strip club workers

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Laura Urenda gave nearly 500 Valentine's Day gifts to strip club workers last weekend.

Women at 20 Detroit-area clubs received stickers, candy, cosmetics, scarves, headbands, Valentine's Day cards and information about counseling, mentoring and education services.

"The things we take into the clubs are purposeful. They may seem like fun girly gifts, but they are relationship starters," said Urenda, a Westland resident and founder of My Sister Song ministry at Connection Church in Canton.

Urenda, 49, and her outreach group regularly visit women in Detroit-area clubs, bringing them messages of hope and love, along

with small gifts.

"We end up going around holiday times. We try to do themes. For Valentines Day we did pretty little mesh bags ... we put in a valentine and candy and lip balm. I always put in a contact card and I also put a love note in every bag because we want to speak right to the heart of the girl.

"Our motivation is for them to know they are loved and valued and that they have a purpose for greater things."

Urenda said many of the nearly 5,000 women she and her team have met since 2009, aren't accustomed to receiving gifts with no strings attached. Urenda makes it clear to recipients that there's no hidden agenda.

"We are the eyes, ears, hands and feet of Jesus. We listen to their stories and we love on them.

"We don't cram anything down anyone's throat. The clubs know that we're just there because we care about the girls. We are there to love on them and provide them with resources. We're invited in on their turf and we love them where they are.

"We would never ask a girl to leave the industry. We believe (change) is more powerful when it comes from her. There are other ways to walk with her."

### Similar past

Urenda, who is married, founded My Sister Song on the suggestion of her minister. Harmony Star Dust, a former exotic dancer with a similar outreach in California was scheduled to speak at Connection Church and the pastor encouraged Urenda to attend the presentation.

"Little did my pastor know that I had



Members of My Sister Song outreach team, including Laura Urenda, (third from left), have made it their mission to let women in strip clubs know that they are valued and loved.

experience in the club scene. I had worked as a hostess at a club for a short time."

Urenda, who discovered that she and the speaker had both worked at the same club in California years before, began to build her own ministry. She assembled a small and reliable group of women to help her with outreach to the clubs, created a prayer team and recruited office and gift bag assembly volunteers, as well as a baker who makes gourmet cookies for each visit.

### No judging

Other members of her outreach team tell personal stories of drug abuse, domestic violence, suicide attempts and exotic dancing. They can identify with the women they visit in Detroit-area clubs.

"A lot of women expect us to hate them. But we say, hey, we get it. We've been there. God loves you and we love you too."

Urenda isn't certain how many women have left the club scene because of My Sister Song's influence. She said the group sees many new women — and young women — at every outreach event, but she is hopeful that the ministry's message of love and validation has tugged at their hearts.

"Every now and then there will be a girl who has a lot going on, but she doesn't know her value. She just needs someone to say I believe in you," Urenda said. "I've watched them take off and fly.

"We've seen girls start brand new lives. They've gotten good jobs and custody of their kids, off drugs and alcohol and they've developed a church family."

Watching their baptism into Christianity "is the most precious thing in the world," she added.

My Sister Song welcomes volunteers to help with fundraising, gift bag assembly, and other tasks. The ministry also accepts donations, which are tax-deductible through Connection Church. Visit [www.mysistersong.com](http://www.mysistersong.com) for more information.

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### DEGRAFF, PHOEBE CAMPBELL

Age 90, of Bloomfield Township. At home on February 8, 2013, from heart failure. Preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Daniel C. DeGraff. Survived by daughters Drieka DeGraff and Gretchen (Frank) Newman and granddaughters Anna (fiancé Denis Griffis) and Grace Newman. Phoebe taught piano for over 50 years, directed the handbell choirs at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, and was an adjudicator for numerous music festivals. Service at Great Lakes National Cemetery will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Birmingham Musicale Philanthropic Fund, 18301 W. 13 Mile Rd., B2, Southfield, MI 48076.



### OLIVER, WILLIAM

Age 71 of Northville, passed away at his home on Weds., Feb. 6th, surrounded by his loving family. Bill was born in Detroit to parents Lawrence and Grace Oliver. A 1959 graduate of Cody High School, he later attended the Center for Creative Studies. Although he made his living as the owner of "Bill Oliver's Wallpaper & Painting", his passion for art, in various media, remained his lifelong passion. Bill was a founding member of Detroit Focus (Cass Corridor Artists) in the 1970's, a past member of the Visual Arts Association of Livonia, and a current, contributing member of the Northville Art House. Bill is remembered as an outstanding talent and accomplished artist whose works were exhibited in many local and national art shows. He was an avid gardener and collector of art, glass and pottery. He also gave of his personal time to deliver meals on wheels in the Northville and Livonia areas for many years. In addition to his loving wife, Elizabeth, Bill is survived by his mother Grace, sister Susan Threet (Larry), son Adam, Oliver, daughter Amy Gallico (Mike), son Andy Oliver (Debby), step-sons Matt Unsworth (Jennifer) and Don Unsworth (Amy). He is also survived by eight grandchildren, two nieces, and beloved dog Trixie. A memorial service celebrating Bill's life and beautiful art is planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Northville Art House, Angela Hospice, the Animal Rescue Shelter of your choice, or Promise Village Home for Children.

Arrangements were entrusted to Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Directors, 19091 Northville Rd., Northville.



### OLSON, ALTA L.

February 8, 2013, age 86 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of David (Therese), Jon (Colleen), Mark (the late Nancy) and Kurt (Paty). Adored Grandma of Markus, Kevin, Nicholas, Ryan, Lauren, Elodie and Alice. Funeral Service Friday 11 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (Between Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Visitation Thursday 6-9 PM. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army. To share a memory, visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



### SCHWANTES, THANE N.

Age 34, died suddenly February 8, 2013. Beloved husband of Michele. Loving father of Elin. Dearest son of Ken and Judy. Dear brother of Erica. Son-in-law of Charles and Suzanne Krisher. Also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of family and friends. Funeral Service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Saturday at 11 a.m. Visitation Friday from 1-9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Thane Schwantes Family Trust C/O Chase Bank. Please share a memory at: [www.rgharris.com](http://www.rgharris.com)



### GRZYCH, JESSICA ROSE

Lost her brave 5 year battle with leukemia on February 10, 2013 at age 23. Loving daughter of Pamela (Bert) Parsons and Walter (Lori Cicirelli) Grzych. Dear sister of Victor Parsons. Beloved granddaughter of Walter Grzych and Rose Schaffer. Dear niece of Aunt Shawn, Uncle Mike, Uncle Eric, Aunt Wendy, Aunt Kathy and Uncle Brian. Beloved cousin of Amanda, Dale, Hailey, Hannah and Sheldon. She was deeply loved and will be dearly missed by her beloved cats, Chloe, Kylie and Libby. Funeral service Thursday 10am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill), Garden City. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jessica Rose Grzych Memorial Fund at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. This fund will support research in the area of Leukemia and Graft Versus Host Disease. Checks may be made to "University of Michigan" and sent to Medical Development, Attn: Kim Schuster, 1000 Oakbrook, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. You may also call 734-998-6893 or visit [www.mcancer.org/tribute](http://www.mcancer.org/tribute) to make your gift. In Jessica's honor please wear pink, purple, red or Red Wings attire. [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)

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## Local band releases first CD at Redford tavern

By Sharon Dargay  
 Staff Writer

The Clatter, a three-man band with a huge repertoire of Motown and classic rock tunes, got a thumbs up from listeners at a CD release party of original songs in Clinton Township last weekend.

"As my sons would say, it was off the hook," said Kim Madeleine, guitarist from Livonia. He figures that most of the party-goers that night were friends, family and eastside fans, eager to hear the original songs on "Name in Lights," the band's debut CD.

"I'm looking forward to reactions on this side of town," he added. "I think people will like it. I'm proud of what we did."

He and band members, bass player Lou Wysocki of Detroit, and drummer Dennis Zavis of Farmington Hills, are looking for a repeat of last weekend's enthusiastic crowd when they perform "Name in Lights" Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Timberwolf Tavern, 25641 Plymouth Road, Redford Township.

The Timberwolf is among the band's usual haunts that draws an audience eager to hear — and dance to — familiar Motown and classic rock songs.

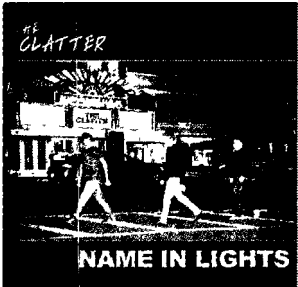
"We're not a typical band that plays 50 songs. We have 150 songs we can draw from. We play stuff that others don't, but it's all danceable. People come to dance and hear their favorite songs"



The Clatter performs class rock and Motown hits, as well as original tunes.

all the time. It (recording) took a while to do, but we never lost sight of the fact that we'd get it done."

Band members all have day jobs in addition to their weekend music gigs and weekly rehearsal sessions. Madeleine owns a public relations firm and teaches in the journalism department at Oakland University. Zavis owns a manufacturing company in Madison Heights and Wysocki works with computer systems. Both Madeleine and Wysocki also have children. Madeleine's two sons have graduated from college and Wysocki has children both in high school and out of college.



The cover of The Clatter's new CD

Madeleine noted. "It was a passion for us to get this on a CD. It's a labor of love for us because we like the songs we've written and we think people will, too."

### Two-year project

Although individually, Madeleine, Wysocki and Zavis played in various bands for years, they came together as The Clatter in 2008 and began recording their debut CD in 2011, completing it nearly two years later.

"When I was 19, you could spend a week recording in the studio. You didn't leave the studio. You ate pizza and slept on couches," Madeleine said. "We all have busy personal schedules and a busy schedule with the band, because we're playing

Madeleine said the group's followers likely didn't expect the band would record a CD of original songs. The work represents a conglomeration of writing styles. The music recalls '70s and '80s classic rock, and varies from short tunes to longer songs that tell a story.

"We've got a lot of harmonies, because that is what we do,"



The Clatter is Kim Madeleine (seated) of Livonia, Lou Wysocki of Detroit (left) and Dennis Zavis of Farmington Hills.

### All ages

Although The Clatter draws an audience of mostly 40- to 50-year-olds, younger listeners recognize and appreciate their repertoire.

"We play Tom Petty for my one son and another kid likes the Rolling Stones. They grew up with us listening to it," Madeleine said. "We have 20-some things come up and request songs. We have a good following for our regular stuff."

He hopes the Timberwolf audience will enjoy the original songs, too.

"This is fun for us. We love doing this"

He said the band plans to start recording a second CD this summer.

For more information about The Clatter, visit [www.theclatter.net](http://www.theclatter.net). Call the Timberwolf Tavern at (313) 937-1218.

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"Stairway," is part of the adult writing contest.



Adults who enter the "Short on Words" contest may find inspiration in this photo.



Youngsters may find inspiration in this photo of a dog, for the "Short on Words" contest.

## Photos inspire contest entries

Preservation Dental is accepting entries for Northville's Arts & Acts Festival's literature contest, "Short on Words."

Entrants in two age categories — 18 years or over and 17 years and younger — write a short story or poetry based on one of the contest's selected photographs. The criteria are the same for both age groups, however, the photo selection is different and the featured photos are clearly marked for the appropriate age category. Submissions that do not address one of the designated photos will be disqualified.

The Arts & Acts celebration will be held June 28-30 in downtown Northville.

Here's the criteria for all "Short on Words" submissions:

- All entries must speak to one of the featured photos. See them at [preservationdental.com](http://preservationdental.com).
- Entries can be a poem or a short story that are no more than 1,500 words.
- Each entry must have a title and be typed, double-spaced, and single-sided only.
- Pages must be numbered, but no other identifying marks may appear.
- A cover page must be included and must list the title of the sub-



"Joan of Arc" is designed to inspire adult writers.



This photo of a tree is part of both the adult and youth writing competitions.



This photo is designed to inspire young writers who enter the "Short on Words" competition.

mission, the name of the author, the photo that inspires the piece, an e-mail address and/or contact phone number.

- Author biographies are optional.
- Entries will not be

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# CONTEST

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returned.

- One submission form, three copies of the entry, and one \$10 entry fee should be mailed to Preservation Dental, Attention: Denise Jenkins, 371 E. Main St., Northville MI 48167.
- All entry fees are non-refundable.
- All entries must be postmarked no later than April 12.

Make checks or money orders payable to Northville Art House.

The cash award for this year's 1st Place Adult contest winner is \$100; 1st Place Young Adult contest winner is \$100; other awards are \$50 and \$25 in both age categories.

A reception to honor all authors will be held Friday, June 28. Winners will be announced at the reception.

# Arts Crafts

## DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

**Time/Dates:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

**Family Sundays:** 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

**Exhibits:** Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, through March 3; Motor City Muse: Detroit Photographs: Then and Now, through June 16; Shirin Neshat, includes eight video installations and two series of photos, April 7-July 7

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

## GALLERY@VT

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, Feb. 1-24

**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** Mixed media by Sabrina Nelson

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

## LIBERTY STREET BREW PUB

**Time/Date:** Exhibit through March 30; pub hours are 3 p.m.-midnight, Monday-Thursday; 3 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Saturday; and noon-midnight, Sunday

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

**Details:** Second annual group show by Art Circle Six. This year's show features the artist challenge "Icons, Myths and Legends"

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

## NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

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

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

**Details:** 7th Annual Member Exhibition is an all-media, non-juried show.

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

## PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and during public events, through February

**Location:** Plymouth Commu-

nity Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Rock music poster graphic design from Gary Grimshaw, former artist at the Grande Ballroom, is on display along with poster works by artists for the San Francisco Band, Moonalice.

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

## Film

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

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

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

**Contact:** ccbucc.org

### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Feb. 15-16 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17

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

**Details:** "Hitchcock," \$3

**Coming up:** 7 p.m. Thursday-Fri-

day, Feb. 21-22 and 28, and 3:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 23-24, "Lincoln." "Parental Guidance" will run 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 1-2 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 3

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

### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Feb. 22, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 23

**Location:** 17350 Lahser, Detroit

**Details:** "The Letter," starring Bette Davis; \$4

**Contact:** (313) 537-2560; www.redfordtheatre.com

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## Light, lenses and La Marzocco

### It's all about the people

By Dan Dean  
Staff Columnist

There is something about great coffee and great photographs.

The parallels are almost too numerous to mention. From the beauty of the landscapes where coffee is grown



Coffee Preacher

Dan Dean

and the people who grow it, to sitting in a comfortable chair with a perfect cup checking out a great

"coffee table" book, there is some sort of creative and similar emotion evoked by both.

When I realized that working in newspapers was likely to go the way of silver 35mm film, I decided to get in front of the situation and open a coffee shop. It seemed a natural extension from my days behind the lens.

Back in the day, I got to

wear Chuck Taylor high-tops (different pair for each day), blue jeans, a Banana Republic Photojournalist Vest (or a T-shirt and sport coat), keep the beard I grew in high school in anticipation of working someday as a photojournalist and I carried around a bag of equipment that was worth well more than the car I drove. Let's face it — I had a very, very cool gig. The Man never made me wear any stinkin' necktie.

And while my days behind the counter of my own coffee shop came a bit later in life — today I see another set of cool, albeit probably as poor as we were, kids. For many the beard is still there, but add the requisite arm tats, dark-rimmed glasses, replace the 36-pocket shooter's vest for a three-piece suit vest picked up at the local Salvation Army store, maybe keep the high-tops and add a knit hat and or a scarf. Let me introduce the hipster barista standing behind an espresso machine

worth far more than the bicycle they rode into work on.

Ah — the parallels are endless.

There are the contests, debates about Nikon or Canon cameras, La Marzocco or Nuova Simonelli espresso machines, intense discussions about technique, ISO, beans, pixels, grinders, light and countless other variables about what makes a great photograph or the perfect cup of coffee. Yet the best thing about both professions goes well beyond how well a V60 is poured or a peak moment captured, because the best thing about both jobs is the people. And the best pros in both fields have an innate sense in how to interact and make others feel at home.

The great photojournalists will capture the essence of a Fortune 500 company CEO at 10 a.m. and then make a soulful portrait of a guy selling hubcaps for a living at noon. Think of some of the great photojournalism moments over the



JEFF TAYLOR | PT'S COFFEE ROASTING CO.

This soulful portrait is a great example of how coffee and photojournalism are all about the people. In this case a coffee farmer from Burundi captured by coffee professional and former photojournalist, Jeff Taylor, while on a coffee buying trip.

years, and what comes to mind is the incredible access the best photographers have gained to put themselves in position to capture those moments.

Leading a newbie customer by the hand through myriad coffee terminology, taste profiles, affects of altitude, processing and roasting, not to mention brew method, can be a lot like explaining the wiring diagram for a new car to a kindergartner.

The best baristas deliver just the right amount of information to put a new customer at ease. They explain the benefits of properly steamed milk and recognize and acknowledge the regular who just walked in the door as they hand the new customer her first latte with a perfectly poured Rosetta.

I miss shooting and I miss pouring lattes, but most of all, as I sit at my desk going on 10

years behind-the-scenes, I miss the people. But hey, I still do not have to wear a tie, I could wear my Chucks — but my feet will not allow it — and I believe the iPhone camera is still worth more than the car I drive.

Dan Dean is AME of presentation for O&E Media. The former staff photographer and coffee shop owner can be reached by e-mail at ddean@hometownlife.com.

## Get creative at meal time

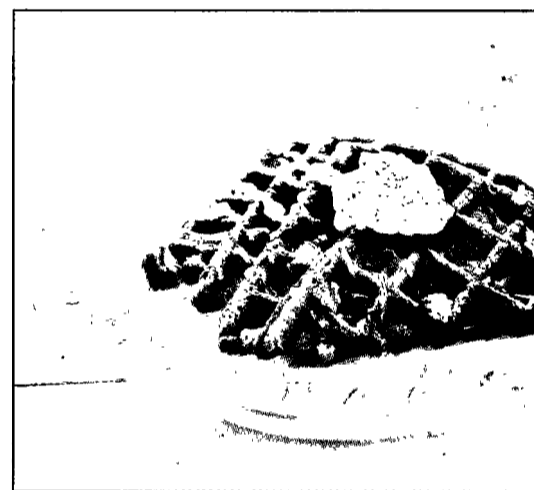
When it comes to adding flavor and variety to your family meals, sometimes a little creativity is necessary. Here are some easy ideas to get you going.

- Make it a family affair. Get the whole family involved in planning and making dinner. Depending on their ages, each family member can help in some way. Some can mix and stir, others can chop and sauté. Take turns being the chef and, along with a parent, each child can plan, make and serve everything based on their own culinary inspiration. It may not be a conventional dinner, but it will be a fun learning experience for the whole family.
- Look to the pantry for Inspiration. You may

already have what you need to put a delicious twist on an old favorite. Look for ways to use familiar ingredients in new ways. Syrup can be turned into a savory glaze for meats, and pancake mix can be turned into savory dumplings in a flash.

- Make breakfast for dinner. There are so many things to love about breakfast, so don't be held back by the time of day. Use breakfast for dinner as an opportunity to give morning favorites a dinner twist. Set out tasty garnish options like fresh herbs, nuts, fruits and syrups, so everyone can customize their special dinner.

For more creative recipes and meal ideas, check out [www.Facebook.com/HungryJack](http://www.Facebook.com/HungryJack).



### Chocolate Waffles with Caramel Syrup and Bacon

Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Cook Time: 15 minutes  
Makes: 5 servings

Waffles:  
½ cup water  
½ cup vegetable oil  
1 large egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 packet (7 ounces) Hungry Jack Easy Pack Chocolate Chip Pancake Mix or 1 packet (7 ounces) Hungry Jack Easy Pack Pillsbury Funfetti Buttermilk Pancake Mix  
¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
3 tablespoons sugar  
No-stick cooking spray  
Caramel Syrup:  
½ cup Hungry Jack Original Syrup  
¼ cup caramel-flavored sundae syrup  
Whipped cream  
Ground cinnamon to taste  
¼ cup diced cooked bacon

#### For Waffles:

Heat waffle iron according to manufacturer's directions. Whisk water, oil, egg and vanilla in large bowl. Stir in pancake mix, cocoa and sugar until evenly moistened. Allow to stand 1 minute.

Coat waffle iron with no-stick cooking spray. Pour ¼ cup batter for each waffle into waffle iron. Bake 4 to 5 minutes or until done. Repeat to make a total of 10 4-inch waffles.

#### For Caramel Syrup:

Whisk together original syrup and caramel flavored syrup in small bowl. Drizzle 1 tablespoon on serving plates. Cut 2 waffles in half diagonally to make 4 triangles. Arrange on top of syrup.

Top with additional caramel flavored syrup, whipped cream, a sprinkle of cinnamon and bacon pieces. Repeat to make additional servings.



### Family-Time Pizza

Yield: 8 slices  
Prep Time: 15 min  
Cook Time: 24 min

Olive oil no-stick cooking spray  
3 cups Hungry Jack Complete Buttermilk Pancake & Waffle Mix (Just Add Water)

¾ cup water  
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
1 (14 ounce) jar prepared pizza sauce (1½ cups)  
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Heat oven to 425°F. Coat 12-inch pizza pan or 15- by 10-inch baking pan with no-stick cooking spray.

Combine pancake mix, water and olive oil in large bowl. Stir until dough pulls away from sides of bowl. Knead 2 minutes on surface lightly dusted with additional pancake mix.

Pat evenly into prepared pan. Flute edge if desired.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until starting to brown lightly. Spread with pizza sauce. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake an additional 12 to 14 minutes or until cheese is bubbly and light golden brown.

#### Variations:

1. Italian Sausage: Layer ½ pound Italian sweet sausage, cooked, drained and crumbled on top of cheese.
2. Pepperoni: Layer ¼ pound sliced pepperoni on top of cheese.
3. Vegetable: Layer ¾ cup diced green pepper, sliced mushrooms or chopped onions on top of cheese.

Courtesy of Family Features

## CITY BITES

### Pepper sauce

LIVONIA — Westborn Market has added 313 Foodie Sauce by Street Eatzz to its Made in Michigan product shelves. Chef Tom Keshishian created the vegan, gluten-free sauce in 1989 when he was working as an executive chef at Italian Cucina in Plymouth. Over the years he perfected his "Flavor over Heat" recipe that calls for habanero peppers, Michigan cherries and other "secret" ingredients. The sauce is meant to "enhance flavors in all your favorite dishes," according to Chef Tom. It's designed to "go with everything." Look for it at Westborn Market at 14925 Middlebelt, as well as 27659 Woodward Ave., Berkley and 21755

Michigan Ave., Dearborn. A 5.4-ounce bottle retails for \$5. [www.streeteatzz.com](http://www.streeteatzz.com)

### Anniversary

FARMINGTON HILLS — Jaws Jumbo Burgers is celebrating six years in Farmington Hills by giving customers 1/3 pound ground sirloin burger, along with 1/2 pound of fries

and a 24 ounces of soda for \$6.49 from Sunday-Thursday, Feb. 24-28. The restaurant is located at 29216 Orchard Lake Road near 13 Mile. Visit [www.jawsjumboburgers.net](http://www.jawsjumboburgers.net) or call (248) 855-2228. Jaws Jumbo Burgers accepts cash only.

### Fish Fry time

LIVONIA — American

Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh, offers a Lenten fish fry with "all you can eat" cod that includes a choice of French fries or mac & cheese, along with cole slaw. Price is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Dinner is served 5-8 p.m. Fridays through March 29. No fish fry will be offered on Feb. 22. (734) 427-5630.



## Real estate association executive announces his retirement

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Dale E. Smith, CEO of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, recently announced his upcoming retirement. The West Bloomfield resident, at the helm 12 years, will stay on for a transition time.

He oversaw the merger of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, where he'd worked from the Farmington office, with the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors to form GMAR.

The 2010 merger is a point of pride for Smith, who previously worked in a similar capacity at a larger association in New Orleans, La. He's a native of the Chicago area, and is married, with the couple's daughter making her home near Chicago.

The Michigan Association of Realtors and National Association of Realtors will assist with a national search. "That's kind of how they got me when I came," said Smith, who wanted to return to the Midwest. That'll be a seven- to nine-month process.

"You always look at the things you did most recently," he said. The merger brought more resources and better communication through tough times in the housing industry, he said.

"The number of days on the market is better," he said of metro Detroit real estate now. Financing remains an issue, he said.

"There is such a lack of housing now. The inventory is very low at this point."

The CEO position usually takes a business degree with a finance background, Smith said. He's one of some five executives in Michigan with associations who have real estate backgrounds.

"That really helped," he said. He saw the position as being more about member services and helping the public. Smith has certifications, and taught industry certification courses to other executives.

"Every association is unique," he said. He was just



Dale E. Smith

giving GMAR volunteers direction, "kind of like writing your own obituary."

Smith has adapted to new technology. "The business has changed so much and you need to keep your eyes open," he said. "Education is just primary. The business is changing so quickly."

He relies on a network of dozens.

Smith said an executive without real estate experience needs trusted advisors. He's proud of GMAR educational programming.

"You had to be a step ahead of what the market is." The skill set is changing quickly, he said. "It is still a person-to-person business."

In the 1980s, Smith wrote a manual sold to NAR that he's now rewriting as one of his pre-retirement projects.

"I really haven't given a lot of thought to that," he said of other retirement plans.

He agreed some good real estate professionals couldn't make it in the tough industry of the past five years. It "has driven a lot of people out of the business that had to support their families."

The Michigan field is almost 40 percent of those licensed today as were three years ago: "That's unfortunate for the public," Smith added.

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## ADA, pool use issue complex issue

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: How do we know when the use of our pool constitutes a public accommodation under the ADA when we have guests at the pool?

A: That is sometimes a very difficult issue to resolve, particularly, because it is fact intensive. However, it is fair to say that cases



Robert Meisner

have held that and occasional use of an exempt commercial or private facility by the general public is not sufficient to convert

that facility into a public accommodation under the ADA. Under this rationale, where a clubhouse may be rented to an owner and guests from outside the community an argument can be made that it is not the general public, but only invited guests that are permitted to attend on an occasional basis, and therefore, such use does not convert the clubhouse into a place of public accommodation. As always, you should get an opinion from your legal counsel.

Q: Our association has an issue with the placement of safety devices like carbon monoxide alarms, fire extinguishers, etc. Please let me know who I should contact since we have initially contacted our lawyer.

A: I don't think your lawyer should be telling the association where to place its safety devices, but rather he or she should be referring you to literature and suggest a safety expert. Nor do we think the association should get into any unit common element distinction. If a fire or CO can kill your neighbor, it is a board safety problem. Obviously, treating the problem at the association level assures competent installation and economies of scale. As counsel, I emphasize that the association should disregard the distinction between common elements and units noting that smoke, fire, smell, mold, water, insects, etc. do not respect borders and a remedy using borders is complicated, if not futile. A single building should have a single solution for everyone's benefit.

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

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 15-19, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
45458 Augusta Dr	\$321,000
47013 Bing Dr	\$313,000
40561 Bluesprings Ct	\$243,000
1218 Centennial Dr	\$349,000
4041 Cornerstone Dr	\$75,000
44710 Crestmont Dr	\$195,000
6856 Devonshire Dr	\$150,000
1174 Dundee Dr	\$200,000
2067 Fairway Cir	\$129,000
7162 Fox Woods Dr	\$250,000
1584 Flungarry Blvd	\$260,000
46016 Hanford Rd	\$229,000
1125 Heatherlea Ct	\$335,000
4237 Hunters Cir E	\$69,000
43464 Lipka Ct	\$145,000
2770 N Woods Blvd	\$226,000
44444 Newburyport Dr	\$46,000

2011 Pincroft Dr	\$80,000
45659 Radnor Rd	\$270,000
44439 Savery Dr	\$29,000
48671 Stonebriar Dr	\$202,000
480 Sylvan Dr	\$425,000
41366 Westfield Cir	\$160,000
GARDEN CITY	
31024 Birchlawn St	\$107,000
28628 Bridge St	\$42,000
1560 Gilman St	\$125,000
LIVONIA	
34909 Six Mile Rd	\$147,000
18870 Aspen Dr	\$420,000
34581 Bretton Dr	\$268,000
18682 Canterbury Dr	\$180,000
17115 Cross Winds Rd	\$260,000
17170 Deering St	\$118,000
31015 Dorais St	\$70,000
15100 Gary Ln	\$120,000
9333 Gillman St	\$95,000
18984 Gillman St	\$30,000
15178 Golfview Dr	\$195,000
30157 Grandon St	\$85,000
31311 Grandon St	\$80,000
20201 Melvin St	\$48,000
9919 Merriman Rd	\$51,000
31720 Middleboro St	\$112,000

29680 Minton St	\$105,000
34916 Perth St	\$128,000
31117 Robert Dr	\$146,000
33945 Roycroft St	\$125,000
18789 Southampton St	\$175,000
32470 Wisconsin St	\$113,000
NORTHVILLE	
19081 Angell Blvd	\$584,000
19340 Clement Rd	\$100,000
17248 Crestbrook Dr	\$624,000
19533 Dartmouth Pl	\$80,000
43619 Prestwick Cir S	\$475,000
46798 Red Oak Dr	\$520,000
39702 Rockcrest Ln	\$137,000
39436 Springwater Dr	\$144,000
17644 Stonebrook Dr	\$510,000
45790 Tournament Dr	\$785,000
PLYMOUTH	
500 Ford St	\$49,000
742 Kellogg St	\$65,000
9230 Marlowe Ave	\$100,000
932 Penniman Ave	\$700,000
48940 Pinehill Dr	\$367,000
49409 Plymouth Way	\$130,000
1101 S Harvey St	\$251,000
REDFORD	
13949 Beech Daly Rd	\$31,000

17657 Beech Daly Rd	\$40,000
15108 Delaware Ave	\$163,000
18450 Denby	\$35,000
25275 E Deborah	\$61,000
19245 Garfield	\$24,000
19317 Garfield	\$20,000
17711 Glenmore	\$35,000
9971 Grayfield	\$30,000
26320 Kenneth	\$66,000
18644 Kinloch	\$24,000
13570 Marlon	\$55,000
14282 Marshall Dr	\$132,000
12943 Sarasota	\$43,000
12731 Tecumseh	\$71,000
WESTLAND	
1631 Ackley Ave	\$61,000
1649 Berkshire St	\$75,000
8281 Bristol St	\$15,000
33835 Cowan Rd	\$108,000
8619 Donna St	\$73,000
8325 Flamingo St	\$65,000
38367 Greenwood St	\$24,000
32549 Hazelwood St	\$64,000
31024 Merritt Dr	\$95,000
39216 Nottingham St	\$90,000
38530 Warren Rd	\$189,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 1-5, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
17135 Buckingham Ave	\$168,000
18540 Hillcrest St	\$217,000
18580 Hillcrest St	\$418,000
16309 Kirkshire Ave	\$105,000
16925 Madoline St	\$245,000
19933 Old Pond Ct	\$420,000
31255 W Chelton Dr	\$350,000
BIRMINGHAM	
2280 Attard	\$240,000
647 Bannville Ave	\$143,000
1700 Cole St	\$154,000
847 Davis Ave	\$486,000
1655 Hazel St	\$170,000
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
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1293 Ashover Dr	\$195,000

1293 Ashover Dr	\$175,000
2003 Eagle Pointe	\$170,000
433 Fox Hills Dr S # 7	\$49,000
565 Kendry	\$70,000
1319 Knollcrest Cir	\$225,000
2640 Roxie Rd	\$206,000
6947 Sandalwood Dr	\$180,000
6947 Sandalwood Dr	\$120,000
1834 W Bend Dr	\$313,000
6880 White Pine Dr	\$209,000
180 Woodwind Dr	\$510,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1294 Ashover Dr	\$161,000
54 Hillsdale Rd	\$120,000
5621 Meadow Wood Ln	\$250,000
5615 Pebbleshire Rd	\$336,000
6124 Thorncrest Dr	\$275,000
26000 W 14 Mile Rd	\$163,000
7091 Woodbank Dr	\$228,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
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8925 Cynthia Ct	\$195,000
85 E Beechdale St	\$171,000
1655 Huron River Dr	\$156,000
6030 Strawberry Cir	\$290,000
1270 Vanstone Dr	\$133,000
8960 Wise Rd	\$135,000
FARMINGTON	
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23133 Lilac St	\$104,000
22686 Maple Ave	\$115,000
32380 Marblehead Rd	\$116,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
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25434 Bridlepath Ln	\$245,000
31010 Club House Ln	\$125,000
36170 Congress Rd	\$225,000
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23062 Glenmoor Hts	\$100,000
29697 Harrow Dr	\$320,000
35150 Hillside Dr	\$126,000
35160 Hillside Dr	\$133,000
33983 Kirby St	\$166,000
37656 Lancaster Dr	\$180,000
28839 Lincolnview Dr	\$135,000
25345 Lyncastle St	\$170,000
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28457 Westerleigh Rd	\$175,000
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FRANKLIN	
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Lathrup Village	
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1738 Millford Hts	\$135,000
NOVI	
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24926 Acorn Trl	\$485,000
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30161 Brightwood Dr	\$265,000
39546 Burton Dr	\$115,000
41429 Chattman St	\$140,000
50833 Chesapeake Dr	\$572,000
50931 Chesapeake Dr	\$611,000
24686 Christina Ln	\$189,000
39429 Country Ln	\$85,000

50254 Drakes Bay Dr	\$1,225,000
21785 Greendale Dr	\$323,000
27909 Hopkins Dr	\$133,000
25810 Island Lake Dr	\$475,000
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31144 Lagoon Dr	\$345,000
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26978 Maxwell Ct	\$45,000
27002 Maxwell Ct	\$45,000
47674 Mocking Bird Ct	\$333,000
22066 Picadilly Cir	\$398,000
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23253 Russell St	\$100,000
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# Challenging fun for ALL ages Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

1 Bar mem.  
4 Upscale cook  
8 Renown  
12 Pigeon talk  
13 Soothe  
14 Wished undone  
15 Court evidence, maybe  
16 Sticky-tongued critter  
18 Halloween quaff  
20 Sums up  
21 Topeka loc.  
23 Masseuse employer  
24 Dell  
27 Kind of trip  
29 Once around the sun  
33 Yoko —  
34 Lib. section  
35 Strong soap  
36 Keenan or Ed  
38 Part of a Web address  
39 Metallic sound  
40 Cousins of "um"

**DOWN**

42 Tie up the phone  
44 Perry's penner  
46 Game of chance  
50 Towed away (2 wds.)  
54 Give it the gas  
55 Um homophone  
56 Limp-watch painter  
57 Pay dirt  
58 Implored  
59 Bona fide  
60 — and yang

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

RAY	ERAT	RHUM
EPA	LARA	EASE
NEW	UNFLEDGED	
OGLED	CAT	
	EELS	RABBI
DOMO	UTA	GOLD
UKE	NAG	DUE
ALAI	GNU	TERM
LATCH	DATA	
	IAN	ROLEX
GRANDIOSE	URE	
MING	GLEE	TON
CONS	HEAD	ESA

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7 Gator Bowl site  
8 Crusoe's helper  
9 Midnight song word  
10 Alice's diner

11 Tokyo, to shoguns  
17 Skip stones  
19 Use sparingly  
22 Dweeb  
23 Kindhearted soul  
24 Pledge  
25 — day now  
26 Wolf Man portrayer  
28 Earth, in combs  
30 Pharmacist — Lilly  
31 "Atlas Shrugged" name  
32 Not decaf.  
37 Canceled  
39 Marciano stat  
41 Laugh syllable  
43 Michael Caine role  
44 "Fatha" Hines  
45 Viking letter  
47 Where Priam ruled  
48 Hatcher or Garr  
49 Bakery fixture  
50 Wise to  
51 Banned bug spray  
52 Galley mover  
53 Virus infection

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12			13						14		
15			16						17		
18			19						20		
			21			22			23		
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5	8	7			9		6		
				6	7				5
	9	1				2	4		
				7	2				4
			4						9
		5	9				2	1	3
9	3	2			6	7			
		6	3					5	1
7									

Level: Beginner

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ARROW · LOVING  
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CANDY · PIERCE  
CHOCOLATE · POSTAGE  
CUPID · PRESENT  
DATE · RESTAURANT  
DESIRE · ROMANCE  
DESSERT · SAINT  
DINE · SNUGGLE  
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9	2	3	6	1	4	8	5	7
1	5	7	8	3	9	2	4	6
4	8	7	9	5	2	3	1	6
3	6	4	2	1	3	7	5	8
2	7	4	8	1	3	5	7	9
1	3	9	7	2	6	3	1	8
4	1	3	9	7	2	6	3	1
6	9	1	5	3	2	4	8	7
3	4	2	6	7	8	1	9	5
5	8	7	4	9	1	6	3	2

**Word Search**



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Perform veterinarian services; preventative, diagnostic services and treatment of healthy, diseased and injured pets; perform surgeries, including soft tissue and orthopedics; common dental procedures, including advice on periodontal disease; educate and advise clients on pet health. DVM degree; Michigan veterinarian license; 4 years experience. Any suitable combination of education, training and experience is acceptable. Written apps to: Animal Care Hospital, 28438 Michigan Ave., Inkster, MI 48141.

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