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## W-W prepares to find superintendent

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board likely will hold a special meeting in early March to discuss the search for a new superintendent, according to board President Shawna Walker.

The idea for the meeting resulted from a board workshop last week, where Donna

Oser of the Michigan Association of School Boards discussed what board members need to know to conduct a superintendent search.

"The meeting will be to discuss what was brought up at the workshop," Walker said. "There were questions about an interim superintendent and, if we decide to go forward, how we will do it and what search firm we will pick.

We need to get the preliminaries out of the way. We as a board need to have a search." "It's important that we get started," she added.

The board has the job of replacing current School Superintendent Greg Baracy who announced his retirement in December. Baracy, the longest serving superintendent in district's history, plans to retire July 1 at the end of his

current contract.

### Delay selection

Trustee John Goci asked the board to consider delaying the selection of a superintendent until after school board elections in November, when seats held by Walker, Goci, Carol Middell and Charles "Tray" Griffin will be filled.

"I feel uncomfortable making a decision for board mem-

bers who won't be there," Goci said. "I think we would do a huge disservice. Four of us are up for reelection. We make the decision now, but the election may change the board."

Oser, who covered the fine points of hiring a district's top administrator during the workshop, agreed that Goci brought up an important point,

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# THE GIFT OF WORDS

Wayne Rotary gives dictionaries to third-graders

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Members of the Wayne Rotary Club have been busy giving the gift of words to school children in Wayne and Westland.

Continuing a tradition started nine years ago, club members have been visiting third-grade classrooms at Taft-Galloway, Hoover, St. Michael and St. Mary schools in Wayne and Schweitzer in Westland to present students with their very own dictionary, the *Macmillan Dictionary for Children*.

"It was the idea of Nate Weiser; he started it when he was 88," John VanStipdonk said. "He's 96 now and has turned it over to the younger Rotarians. We love to do this. The kids love it; they get to take the books home with them."

This is the "primary project" of the Rotary's 15-year-old literacy program, VanStipdonk said. In addition to giving students dictionaries, the club donates books to the children's section of the Wayne Public Library and members are volunteer readers in the schools.

"We're excited to be here," Rotarian Cindy Schofield told students at Taft-Galloway. "You now have your own dictionaries to look up words so you can be better readers and writers. You can pull out the dictionary, find a word and see if you've spelled it right."

"Dictionaries are very valuable; when you write a letter, you want to write it properly and not have mistakes," she added.



Anthony Rizzo browses as Lois VanStipdonk and Trish Hampton distribute dictionaries to the rest of the class. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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## Westland to revisit medical marijuana ordinance

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Now that the Michigan State Supreme Court has overturned an ordinance banning medical marijuana, Westland will have to look at its similar ordinance.

"I'm not quite sure yet how it affects us. I have started receiving phone calls (about medical marijuana businesses)," Westland Planning and Building Director Bruce Thompson said. "I can only assume we will have to change our ordinance. To what degree, I don't know yet."

Westland's ordinance banning medical marijuana was similar to those in Livonia and Wyoming in west Michigan. Wyoming was the losing party before the Michigan Supreme Court, which upheld the state's medical marijuana law.

The Wyoming ordinance was challenged by American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan on behalf of John Ter Beek, a retired attorney and medical marijuana patient who suffers from diabetes and a neurological disorder that causes neuropathy and severe pain. The Michigan Court of Appeals previously struck down the ban.

### What law requires

Those ordinances banned services and activities that are illegal under federal law, which would include cultivation and sale of marijuana. That effectively stopped medical marijuana businesses from opening within Westland and the other communities.

"Our ordinance was similar to Livonia's ordinance, and similar to Livonia we'll have to change it," Thompson said. "We've been getting phone calls and people coming in. I'll do whatever the law requires."

Thompson said he will be getting direction from City Attorney James Fausone about how to proceed.

"Thousands of sick patients will now continue to have access to the pain relief they need," said Dan Korobkin, deputy legal director of the Michigan ACLU. "These patients and their caregivers have been waiting for this day since 2008, when people across the state overwhelmingly voted to protect patients from being punished or penalized for using marijuana to treat their medical conditions."

In Wayne, the city took a different response to med-

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## Westland begins strategic planning sessions Saturday

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Westland kicks off a series of strategic planning meetings Saturday morning.

Open to the public, the meeting is being held at DDI, located in the former Sam's Club building on Central City Parkway opposite Westland Shopping Center. The doors open at 9 a.m., and the meeting is set to begin at 9:30 a.m.

"We'll pick up where we left off at our last strategic planning session and look at what we've done since," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

"We will keep it open-ended, try to be short and sweet and hope to be out of there by noon."

The session on Saturday will: address long-term issues with roads and sidewalks; have a presentation on new water meters; have a report from the assessor on new requirements; discuss the new park ranger program for Tattan Park; and discuss the conceptual plan for the Dorsey Center, which will be relocated and expanded in the former Jefferson Barns elementary school.

Originally, the session was to be preceded by a joint session with the Wayne City Council to discuss future plans for a fire authority. That meeting was tabled as Wayne requested assistance from the state Office of Fiscal Responsibility, an interim step before a community would request a state-

appointed emergency financial manager.

The next strategic planning session is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, with the location to be determined.

"We will look at unfunded pension and retiree health care costs and EVIP (Economic Vitality Incentive Program)," Wild said.

"We need to look at that as contracts move ahead."

A third session is planned but not scheduled yet. Wild said that meeting would look at long-term plans for the Ford Road property that currently is the site of City Hall, the closed Bailey Recreation Center and Fire Station 1. Those buildings are slated for demolition once the new City Hall on Warren

Road and Fire Station 1 — to be constructed on Central City Parkway at Nankin Boulevard — are completed later this year.

The city is also developing plans for reconstruction of Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford roads, a project called the Linear Park. All of the projects are being funded through bonds repaid by the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

"We should have a good idea what funds will be left in the TIFA bond," said Wild, which will impact plans for the Linear Park.

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### AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

#### Bowling benefit

Throw strikes and help the Westland Historic Village Park from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford, west of Newburgh, Westland.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. They include three games, shoe rental and two slices of pizza. There also will be raffle prizes for adults and children and more.

Tickets are available at the village on Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette from 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. For tickets or more information, call Ryan at 734-756-0769.

#### Used Book Sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will

hold its used book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 21-22, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, when it will be a Bag Day sale. Bring a medium size bag or buy a reusable Friends bag at the sale for \$2 and get a bag of books for \$4.

There will be \$1 hard covers, DVDs and CDs for 50 cents, small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and record for 25 cents and romance novels and magazines for 10 cents.

The sale features a large selection of children's and young adult non-fiction. There also will be a special hard cover sale — but two, get one free.

The Friends preview sale will be from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20. People can join Friends at the

door and shop the preview sale.

The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. For more information, call 734-326-6123. Support the book sale as funding for all of the library programs is provided by Friends of the Westland Library.

#### Library program

The Wayne Public Library will present "Stranglers of the Revolution: Detroit's Own Polar Bears" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Back in 1918, Detroit-area soldiers, nicknamed the Polar Bears, made the trek to Russia to fight the Bolsheviks during the Russian Civil War. Learn more about these remarkable warriors in a presentation by Mike Grobbel, president of

"Detroit's Own" Polar Bear Memorial Association and the grandson of one of these intrepid fighters.

To register for this free program, call the library at 734-721-7832 or visit the Adult Reference Desk. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne.

#### Tax preparation

The Westland Friendship Center at 1119 Newburgh will be assisting residents by offering free tax preparation. The program was developed for those who are low-to-middle income. They also provide the Home Heating Credit.

Participants must present photo ID at the times taxes are done. Joint returns are done in the morning, individual returns in the afternoon.

To make an appointment, call 734-722-7632.

#### Lunch and Learn

The topic for Garden City Hospital's next Lunch and Learn will be "What to Expect When You're Expecting." Join Dr. Chadi Haddad, and certified nurse midwives Kelly Summerfield and Mary Ann Abbass, as they discuss how to form a foundation for a healthy pregnancy from pre-conception through each trimester" at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15, in the East Court of Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road, Westland.

"What to Expect When You're Expecting" is a celebration of expectant moms and a perfect event for women who are currently expecting or who are considering

getting pregnant. The program is free and includes the lecture, lunch, giveaways and raffle prizes. No registration needed.

#### Pasta Night

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly pasta dinner from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert just \$6.

Next month game night will be 6 p.m. Thursday, March 6. The pasta dinner will be Friday, March 28.

The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call 734-419-2020.

### GIFT

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#### Names in books

One by one, students in teacher Amy Thorner's class took turns receiving their dictionaries from the Rotarians, who filled in their names on the book plates. Once in their seats, they began thumbing through them, looking for words and at the maps and pictures.

Zakery Garrison had made it to the Z's, where he was looking for the word zebra.

"This is going to help me do my homework better," he said.

Thorner had to stop students who had begun making room for their dictionaries in their desks, telling them to keep the books on top because they were taking them home.

Thorner likes the books because not only can students look up words, they also can find the flags of different countries and locate them on the dictionary's maps.

"It's really nice to have an updated re-

source," she said. "Now they have the proper resources at home for their homework. A lot of the students don't have the Internet at home. This is one more way they can be independent at home."

"The kids truly are excited about getting them," she added.

#### 'Great experience'

Thorner labeled the Rotarians' visit as a "great experience all the way around." Not only are her students now equipped with an important learning tool, they also were introduced to volunteering.

"When you talk about doing well, it's not just doing well for themselves and their families, it's also doing well for the community," she said.

"It's good for them to know that it is a community effort as far as education goes. It's not just Mrs. Thorner who cares; it's not just their mom who cares."

That was a point Thorner made to students after they had received their books.

"These are people from our community," she said. "They came to our school because they



Donyale Williams listens as Rotarian Cindy Schofield talks to the class about the gift of dictionaries. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

care about your education. They are leaders in our community and they care about you. They want to make sure you have an equal op-

portunity to learn."

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but noted that when something ends and the new beginning hasn't started yet, the in-between becomes a "neutral zone."

"Employees don't like living in the neutral zone, it's very stressful," she said. "It's a meaningful discussion to have. There's no sense to starting a search if you're not going to finish it."

Oser recommended the board consider a national search, saying that a school district the size of Wayne-Westland is going to attract a "more sophisticated pool of candidates."

"It never hurts to cast a wide net and see what comes in," she said.

#### Straightforward process

She recommended an interview process that is straightforward, but where board members can "still kick the tires." The board must make its decisions in public and rank candidates for purposes of interviews. The decision on who will be interviewed also

must be made at an open meeting.

She added that it is "a risky proposition for a sitting superintendent to pursue a position. To attract the best candidate pool, they must be assured of confidentiality until the interview." She also said board members should refrain from checking out candidates until they have accepted an interview.

Oser indicated that a superintendent search could take 14-15 weeks to complete.

"The board is responsible for hiring one person, the superintendent," she said. "You will be researched as much as you research."

"This isn't about seven people hiring seven superintendents, it's one board hiring one superintendent," she added. "You need to create a shared vision; be as transparent as possible, and attract involvement. The clearer the picture of the type of leader a board is seeking, the easier it is for a search firm to find him or her."

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### MARIJUANA

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ical marijuana businesses.

"We didn't zone them out. We made accommodations. You can locate in commercial districts,"

Wayne Clerk/Planning Director Matthew Miller said. "You would have to be 1,000 feet from residential, schools, churches, daycare facilities."

#### Hard to find spot

From a practical standpoint, it could be

difficult to find a location in Wayne that meets the criteria for a medical marijuana business.

"You probably couldn't go 500 feet without hitting one of those uses, except in industrial areas," Miller said. "It kind of limits that business to the southwest quadrant of the city."

The idea is that the medical marijuana businesses would likely want to be located in an area with warehouses, he said. Despite the ordinance, Miller said no medical marijuana business has opened in Wayne.

"Anyone who ever came forward (for a medical marijuana business) didn't have their stuff together," Miller said. "Over the years, we've had numerous inquiries on how to do it but no one ever followed through."

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### Two injured in accident



Two people were transported to area hospitals with non-life threatening injuries following an accident at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland on Monday afternoon. Wayne-Westland firefighters used the Jaws of Life to cut one driver from her vehicle. The accident effectively closed the intersection for an extended period of time late Monday afternoon.

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# Ficano touts accomplishments during State of County speech

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has not officially announced his intention to seek re-election this year. Unofficially, he sounded a lot like someone doing just that Tuesday night.

Ficano, who has yet to enter the fray of the 2014 campaign, extolled the virtue of the county's accomplishments in his 12th State of the County speech at the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn.

Calling the state of the county "improving," Ficano said the county's "future looks bright."

"Like the auto industry, Wayne County has had challenges, but we are roaring back," Ficano said. "We're creating new jobs and investment and leading the way to future growth."



Audience members crowded into an auditorium at the Automotive Hall of Fame applaud Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano during Tuesday's State of the County address.

In an upbeat speech that touted what Ficano believes are the county's biggest successes and passed lightly over more significant challenges like the fate of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the troubled jail project, the county executive drew the loudest cheers when he opened by congratulating Olympic champions Charlie White and Meryl Davis on their gold medal in ice dancing at the Sochi Olympics.



Ficano

streamlining of operations. Among the cuts he touted were a 10-percent reduction in salaries, including his own; a reduction in the work force by more than 1,300 positions; and reducing the number of his own at-will employees by 40 percent.

That part didn't necessarily sit well with some employees, who think Ficano is cutting from the bottom.

"He's taking from us at the bottom to pay for all his mistakes at the top," said Wendy Lukianoff of Canton, a union leader who works in the Department of Public Services Environmental Group. "Our structure at the top is broken. We've got managers managing nobody. (Ficano) needs to start at the top."

The renovation of Cobo Center and the Aerotropolis, the business enterprise zone now known as Vantage PORT.

The troubled jail project. Ficano said as soon as he was told the project was going to go over budget, "the first thing I did was stop the construction." He said he worked with the team to drive the costs back down to initial projections.

Now, the county is working toward moving the justice facility to an existing location on Mound Road, what he called "a win-win-win" because it will bring some 9,000 temporary jobs and 5,500 permanent jobs, along with some

\$380 million of economic impact to the area.

But while Ficano trumpeted it as a solution, other commissioners laid the blame for the problem at Ficano's feet. Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia, said Ficano was trying to blame the commission, at least in part.

"I don't think mismanagement of a project is necessarily adversarial," Cox said.

"The mismanagement of the jail is all (Ficano's) fault."

Ficano also breezed over the fate of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, saying only that "a regional authority solution that brings all the interested parties together and works for everyone makes the most sense."

Ficano also listed some positives, including: Completion of an \$8 million construction project that improved safety at Belleville and Ecorse roads.

A new command center at the Central Maintenance Yard in Romulus, one of the first of its kind in the country, that allows the county "to take road hazard calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Investment and jobs. According to Ficano, 38 percent of all investment in Michigan since 2009 happened in Wayne County, as well as 43 percent of all new jobs.

More than \$1.3 billion in new investments in Wayne County since 2008, including a \$550 million investment by Ford at its Flat Rock assembly plant and a \$71 million project to build

the Gateway Marketplace on 36 acres near the old State Fairgrounds.

Among his plans, Ficano said he would "continue to fight to guarantee collective bargaining rights for working men and women and to raise the minimum wage." He said he'd also sign an executive order expanding the county's non-discrimination policies to include protection for sexual orientation and gender identity.

While all of that "sounds good," Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, R-Canton, said the county's focus should be on the challenges at hand.

"In order to be on par with Macomb and Oakland (counties), we have a lot of work to do," Price said. "It starts with the deficit elimination plan. We need to remove ourselves from politically charged issues like raising the minimum wage and focus on the job at hand."

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, D-Wayne, who has announced he'll seek the county executive seat in the 2014 election, said he was encouraged to hear Ficano "finally admitting he's going to have to ruffle some feathers to finally fix the problems" the county faces.

"I know the government is broken and I also know it can be fixed," McNamara said.

"This is not a six-month fix. We need leadership."

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State Rep. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, announces his bid for the state Senate 5th District seat during a gathering Saturday at Crestwood High School.

# Knezek announces bid for Senate's 5th District

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

dent Cheryl Partin in staging a Veterans Expo.

There will be a new face in the state House's 11th District, following the announcement Saturday that David Knezek will campaign for a seat in the state Senate.

A first-term state representative, Knezek made the announcement at a gathering at his alma mater, Crestwood High School, in Dearborn Heights. He currently represents Garden City, Inkster and portions of Westland, Livonia and Dearborn Heights in the state House.

Redistricting in 2011 led to the formation of the new state Senate 5th District, which combines parts of two districts represented by term-limited Sens. Tupa Hunter and Glenn Anderson. The includes of Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Redford and a portion of northwest Detroit.

"The citizens of the 5th District deserve a fighter both at home and in the capital; someone who is accountable, accessible and willing to roll up their sleeves and work hard to represent their interests," Knezek said. "This district is comprised of three cities I already have the pleasure of serving, so they are familiar with my approach to public service: I'm always on the job and always in the community. I look forward to bringing that same tireless work ethic to Redford and Detroit."

## 'Amazing feeling'

A lifelong Dearborn Heights resident, Knezek is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served two years of duty in Iraq. He is completing his first two-year-term in the state House.

Knezek said he was approached several times last year by community leaders and residents who said they needed to talk about the 5th District Senate seat. When he asked them who they thought would be a good candidate, they said they hoped he would run.

"Knowing that your community has your back is an amazing feeling," he said. "It was a very humbling conversation."

As a state representative, Knezek has earned a reputation of being accessible and responsive. According to his campaign statement, he has maintained his commitment to being a transparent representative through the use of social media and the six coffee hours he hosts across the district every month.

Last September, he hosted a town hall meeting on education and, in November, partnered with Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, and Garden City resi-

He is also one of a few lawmakers who has had perfect attendance and has championed policies that protect students, seniors, middle-class families and veterans. He has been the author or co-author of more than 260 bills, including those to repeal the pension tax, restore the Homestead Property Tax Credit, Per-Child Deduction and Earned Income Tax Credit, provide in-state tuition for military veterans and encourage new investment and job-creating economic growth in underserved communities.

## Legislative work

He recently joined state Rep. Theresa Abed, D-Grand Ledge, and state Sen. Jim Ananich, D-Flint, in introducing a bill that would set up a pilot program to allow students to attend a public university or community college with the agreement that they would pay back a small percentage of future earnings into the program.

As a member of the Education Committee, Knezek has been an outspoken critic of the Education Achievement Authority in Detroit and, at the request of Inkster city officials, he sought an expedited opinion from state Attorney General Bill Schuette as to whether the arrangements to dissolve the Inkster school district violated the Michigan Constitution or any other state laws.

"It's time for Michigan to start investing in its people," Knezek said. "I remain committed to eliminating the policies that have shifted the economic burden onto our students, seniors and middle-class families. The best thing we could do for our economy is to have a thriving middle class and adequate funding for our every day essentials: good roads, good schools and police and fire protection."

"We can achieve these goals, but not by asking the middle-class families to keep tightening their belts while those at the top get all the breaks," he added.

Knezek enters the race with numerous endorsements, including Anderson, county and local officials from Garden City, Inkster and Redford and several unions.

"I'm excited for the challenge ahead," Knezek said. "I was extremely proud of my last campaign and its grassroots efforts that took my message right to voters' doorsteps. This year will be no different."

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Leonardo DiCaprio in The Wolf of Wall Street.

**Best Actress In a Leading Role:** Amy Adams in American Hustle, Judi Dench in Philomena, Cate Blanchett in Blue Jasmine, Meryl Streep in August: Osage County and Sandra Bullock in Gravity.

**Best Actor In a Supporting Role:** Barkhad Abdi in Captain Phillips, Jonah Hill in The Wolf of Wall Street, Bradley Cooper in American Hustle, Jared Leto in Dallas Buyers Club and Michael Fassbender in 12 Years a Slave.

**Best Actress In a Supporting Role:** Sally Hawkins in Blue Jasmine, Julia Roberts in August: Osage County, Jennifer Lawrence in American Hustle, Lupita Nyong'o in 12 Years a Slave and June Squibb in

Nebraska.

**Best Animated Feature Film:** The Croods, Frozen, Despicable Me 2, The Wind Rises and Ernest & Celestine.

**Best Director:** David O. Russell for American Hustle, Alfonso Cuarón for Gravity, Alexander Payne for Nebraska, Steve McQueen for 12 Years a Slave and Martin Scorsese for The Wolf of Wall Street.

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### Disorderly person

The mother of a Farmington Elementary 5/6 Campus student was arrested for allegedly causing a disturbance in the school's office and hallway areas about 1:30 p.m. Feb. 12, police said.

She didn't have contact with any students, just school personnel.

The school secretary reportedly said she heard the woman knock at the front door rather than use the buzzer, which is customary for visitors. When the mother entered the school office area, the secretary reportedly said the woman was visibly upset.

She reportedly said that she wanted to see her child's teacher. The secretary reportedly told her that the teacher was with children. The secretary also reportedly told her that she would call the dean of students for her. The woman reportedly exited from the office doors, and the secretary reportedly informed her that she didn't have the authority

to walk the hallways without an escort.

The mother reportedly began yelling something unrecognizable. Both the dean of students and the behavioral specialist were reportedly able to get her into an office.

The woman reportedly said that she felt that her son was being picked on. She reportedly began yelling and screaming obscenities.

After Garden City Police were called to the school, the mother resisted their advice, police said. She reportedly wanted to take her kids out of school. The officer suspected she was drunk and said that she would have to find other means of getting home, police said.

A preliminary breath test registered a .207 blood alcohol level, police said, which is more than twice the legal limit.

The woman began to squirm and resisted arrest, police said. She was transported to the station where she was held until sober, po-

lice said.

### Break-in

A resident in the apartments located in the 31000 block of Block reported at 3 p.m. Feb. 13 that after she heard a loud bang, she ventured down the hallway and discovered a neighboring apartment door kicked in.

The resident arrived a short time later to find her kitchen door open. Coats were thrown in the hall area. The access paneling for the furnace and plumbing were removed from the bedroom. Clothing was removed and thrown from the bedroom closet.

Despite all of damage, the owner reported nothing was missing.

### Identity theft

Both a father and son who live in the 33000 block of Henepin had a similar experience when they tried to file separate tax returns at Liberty Tax Services in Garden City. They discovered that the

forms were already fraudulently filed using personal family information.

### Fraud

A resident in the 33000 block of Rosslyn reported Feb. 13 that she believes that she was a victim of the Target security breach.

She said that without her knowledge, someone purchased three different phones. She doesn't know who would have opened up the account.

A resident in the 6700 block of Sunset Drive reported Feb. 17 that someone used her VISA debit card to make \$2,650 in fraudulent transactions and purchases.

She was contacted by Charter One Bank.

### Suspended license

A 47-year-old Detroit man was arrested Feb. 17 at Ford and Helen because he reportedly had a fail to appear warrant out of Dearborn Heights and a suspended license.

By Sue Buck

## WAYNE COP CALLS

### Vandalism

» On Feb. 10, graffiti was reportedly spray-painted on a transformer at Glenwood, the west side of the bridge between Sims and Ash and the east side of a vacant building at 35136 W. Michigan Ave.

» Similar graffiti was reportedly spray-painted Feb. 14 on two electrical utility boxes on Forest just west of Hubbard and the nearby Avondale Park sign.

» Graffiti was also reportedly spray-painted on the northeast wall of the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Town Square and the southwest corner of the First Congregational Church, 2 Town Square on Feb. 17.

### Operating under the influence

Just before 10:30 p.m. Feb. 16, police were called to the 4000 block of John Hix after a witness saw a vehicle drive off the road and into a snowbank.

The officer reportedly found the man, a Canton resident, in and out of consciousness and disoriented. After the man told the officer he was on Wayne Road, the officer reportedly noticed two bottles of Dust Off Duster, a dust and lint remover, along with a strong chemical smell. The man reportedly told the officer he huffs the solvent.

The man was found to need medical treatment and taken to an area hospital. He is facing charges of operating under the influence and driving with a suspended license. The man, who reportedly had a prior conviction while impaired, was served with vehicle forfeiture paperwork.

### Suspended license

A Detroit man was ticketed for driving with a suspended license and driving without headlights Feb. 14. The car, reportedly registered to a Wayne woman, was impounded.

By LeAnne Rogers

## WESTLAND COP CALLS

### Vandalism

» A Livonia man told police Feb. 15 that someone smashed the rear window of his 2003 Ford Explorer while it was parked overnight in front of a home in the 8000 block of Donna.

» Also overnight Feb. 15, a resident in the 8300 block of Donna reported the rear window and tail light smashed on a 2005 Hummer.

### Larceny

On Feb. 15, a resident of the Warrenwoods Apartments, 7085 E. Bonnie, told police that someone cleared out her fenced-in basement storage area. She said her belongings had been there a week earlier.

The stored items had no tremendous financial value, she said, but were mostly boxed up personal items like photos and mementos.

The resident told police that since the storage area had been entirely cleaned out, she suspected the apartment management had removed the items, either intentionally or accidentally. She said she spoke with the management but they denied removing the items and told her to file a police report. A heavy cable and padlock on the gate to the fenced storage area were intact.

### Vandalism

On Feb. 16, a resident of the Scotsdale Apartments, 37565 Scotsdale, told police that someone scratched her 2012 Ford Fusion and knocked off the front bumper. No other cars had been parked near her car, she said.

### Rat complaint

Police were called to a home in the 2700 block of

Ackley on Feb. 17 when the home property manager reported finding a dead rat placed on the steps to the porch. She said the same thing had happened Feb. 10.

The property manager told the officer she didn't know who placed the rats at the home but added that an exterminator found rats living in the rear yard of a home in the 34000 block of Glenwood.

### Vandalism

An Inkster woman told police Feb. 17 that someone scratched her 2012 Chevrolet Impala while it was parked at Target, 35401 Warren Road, on Feb. 12.

» The manager at McDonald's Restaurant, 31350 Michigan Ave., told police Feb. 11 that someone sprayed graffiti on the wall of the business. The graffiti was similar to that reported at several loca-

tions in Wayne.

### Larceny

A resident of the Brookfield Village Condominiums, 352 Brookfield, told police Feb. 11 that she was expecting delivery of a baker's rack by UPS on Feb. 3 but the item never arrived.

UPS investigated and reported that the item had been delivered to a nearby vacant unit and it had apparently been stolen. The baker's rack was valued at \$160.

### Larceny from a vehicle

Four stock chrome wheels and tires were reported stolen from a 2011 Ford Taurus parked at an apartment at 8590 N. Hix between Feb. 10-12. The car was left sitting on two landscaping bricks.

By LeAnne Rogers

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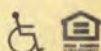
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Lois Pfeiffer (left) of Farmington Hills was among the heart transplant recipients who helped set the record. She had a transplant in 2005. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Heart transplant recipients set Guinness World Record

Valentine's Day was all about celebrating hearts – lots of them.

Late Friday afternoon, 132 heart transplant recipients cheered and tossed confetti as they set a new Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of heart transplant recipients in one place inside the showroom at Art Moran Buick GMC in Southfield.

The event was organized by the Donate Life Coalition of Michigan. Transplant recipients came from transplant centers at the University of Michigan Health System, Henry Ford Health System, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Beaumont Health System, Cleveland Clinic, the Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Stanford Hospital (part of the Stanford University Medical Center).

In total, the people on hand were celebrating 1,318 years of additional life, thanks to transplants.

Peggy Burkhard, marketing and public relations director for Donate Life Coalition of Michigan, said the event was one of the five most rewarding days of her career.

"It was the people who truly made this event special," she said. "It was so humbling."

Getting old isn't something Erik Morganroth dreads these days.

In fact, the Birmingham resident cannot wait to celebrate his birthday every year because, as a two-time heart transplant recipient, there were times when he didn't know if he would make the next one.

"I'm in a rush to get older and to see my daughter get married," he said. "Every day, you feel fortunate to have a life."

Berkley resident Mike Roman waited 15 months before he got his new heart in 2009, and five years later, he re-

mains healthy and is an active volunteer with Gift of Life.

"Our donors are the true heroes," he said. "All we did was get sick."

The event, which was highlighted by the record, also was being used to raise awareness and sign up donors.

### Business support

Tom Moran, president of Art Moran Buick GMC, in Southfield, has been promoting organ donation at his dealership for more than a year, and is offering a free car wash to anyone who signs up for the donor registry at the dealership.

Moran, a Farmington Hills resident, has supported the Donate Life campaign in part because a former employee, John Schmidt, received a heart transplant.

"We just want to get the word out and educate people on what it means to donate," said Moran.

According to Donate Life Coalition of Michigan, more than 3,200 patients in the state await organ transplants. Approximately 3.3 million individuals are registered donors in Michigan, but according to Gift of Life Michigan, the state's federally designated organ and tissue recovery organization, the supply of organs doesn't meet the demand. Its website notes that on average, 17 Michigan residents have organ transplants every week. Organ donors can save up to eight lives and tissue donors can improve life for up to 50 sick and injured persons.

"People don't realize how many lives can be saved. I think it's real important," said Sherry Johnson, a heart transplant recipient from Farmington Hills.

"It's important that people be educated about it so they can make their own choice.

Johnson received a heart



Bob Willett (left), from Waterford, joins Robert Sharon (center), from Westland, who got a new heart in 1989 and again in 2004. With them is Mike Leahy, from Fraser, who got his heart in 1996.

through the University of Michigan Health System in 2006. She had cardiomyopathy, a condition that generally leads to heart failure.

"My mother and brother had it as well. Both also had transplants. My brother lived 10 years. My mom was one of the first ones (transplant patient) and didn't live as long, but paved the way.

"I was very sick and I had two young kids. It's hard to give up your life for an illness. When I got so, so sick I went to my transplant center."

Johnson, the mother of two boys, 11 and 13, said she works at staying healthy by taking her pills on time, eating right and exercising.

### Ultimate gift

"I was given the gift of a heart and I treat it well. Without it, my kids wouldn't have their mom. It's not just a gift for me, but for everyone around me."

Johnson also "gives back" to



Asia Woerner (left), 14, from Cincinnati, and Julia Evans, 13, from Novi, do a dance in celebration of the Guinness World Record of 132 heart transplant recipients in Southfield Friday afternoon.

Donate Life Coalition and Gift of Life Michigan by volunteering for the organizations. She helped coordinate all of the paperwork needed for the

Guinness World Record attempt, as well as participating as a transplant recipient.

"Without those organizations, I might not have had a donor. I feel it's important to spread awareness," she said. "This is an exciting event."

Dr. William Devlin, who specializes in cardiovascular medicine at Beaumont Health System, said it is great for him to see people get a second chance, and encourages more people to become donors.

"It's a wonderful gift to give to someone," he said. "And you never know if you or someone you know might be a recipient."

Individuals can register to become an organ donor by calling 800-482-4881 or by visiting [giftoflifemichigan.org](http://giftoflifemichigan.org).

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A record 132 heart transplant recipients gathered Friday afternoon at the Art Moran dealership in Southfield to set a world record.

# Dads and their daughters dance away at date night

February is the month for hearts and love — and the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department's annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night. Fathers and their special dates were treated to a special evening Feb. 13 at the Wayne Community Center.

A popular event, the evening included corsages for the little lady, plenty of dancing, snacks and a keepsake photograph. While couples could have danced all night, the event ended in time for the youngsters to get to bed on time.

Sons will get their chance for an evening with their moms, grandmothers and special women next week. The recreation department is holding a Mother-Son Sports Night from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27.

On tap will be plenty of sports, games and food. Tickets are on sale now and cost \$12 per couple and \$16 for a mom and two sons for residents and \$13 and \$18 respectively for non-residents.

The sports night will be held at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, in Wayne. For more information, call the center at 734-721-7400.



Raelynn Barker didn't want to wear her corsage, so Delphine Gardner pinned it on Raelynn's daddy, Mark Barker. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Jonathan and Alivia Reynolds dance the night away.



Jason and Annabelle Offerman tear up the dance floor at the annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night event.



Scott Warner swings daughter Lillian, 4, high into the air.

Dads and daughters take the dance floor at the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department event.



## CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING February 24, 2014



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. regarding a proposed Industrial Development District.

WHEREAS, on April 21, 1986, the City Council of the City of Garden City established as an Industrial Development District pursuant to the provision of Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 to be known as Noecker Metals Industrial Development District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the Industrial Development District established was for the described parcels of land situated in the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, and State of Michigan, to wit: The easterly 50 ft. of Lot 2, Lot 3, and the westerly 34.5 feet of Lot 4 of the Garden City Industrial Park Subdivision.

and; WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garden City is desirous of expanding the Industrial Development District that was established to include the whole the Garden City Industrial Park Subdivision (Lots 1 through 24), and;

WHEREAS, written notice has been given by mail to all owners of real property within the district, and to the public by newspaper advertisement in the Garden City Observer and public posting on the proposed amendment of the district; and

WHEREAS, on \_\_\_\_\_ a public hearing was held at which all the owners of real property within the proposed Industrial Development District and all were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garden City that the described parcel of land situated in the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, and State of Michigan, to wit:

The Garden City Industrial Park Subdivision (Lots 1 through 24) continue and hereby be amended as an Industrial Development District, pursuant to the provision of Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, still to be known as Noecker Metals Industrial Development District No. 1.

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## Environmental group boasts local support

By Sandra Armbruster  
Staff Writer

The thin plastic tube threaded into Nancy Goedert's nose dropped down and disappeared into a black strap used for her oxygen.

"I suppose I won't be around for a long time," the Ferndale woman said. "But I suppose my grandchildren will, and I hope they have a long time in a friendly environment."

It was that concern about the environment that brought Goedert out to Irene's Myomassology Institute in Southfield last week for a press conference by Beyond Coal, announcing that 120 Oakland County businesses have signed on to protest DTE Energy's use of coal.

The businesses ranged from Wixom and Wayne

to Bloomfield Hills and Berkley. They largely represented the service industry, with a few small restaurants as well.

Among them was Katie Reiter, founder of Our Greentopia in Berkley. Reiter's store offers "green" or environmentally friendly products that also support the business community, she said.

Reiter told the group of Beyond Coal members — the group is an offshoot of the Sierra Club — that the cost of producing coal "is only going to continue to rise. She called the use of coal "dirty energy." She also claimed that for every \$1 invested in alternative energy sources, the economy grows by \$21.

"It's time for DTE to step up and do their part," she said.

That's something DTE says it is doing. Its website claims that the cost of producing energy is dropping for the business and its customers, due in part to decreasing cost and increasing production of its wind energy farms.

"...(DTE is) committed to evolving to continue our growth of less-emitting generation and zero-emitting generation. DTE also is committed to doing it in a way that minimizes the financial impact on our customers and supports Michigan's economy," DTE spokeswoman Randi Berris said.

Kathy Gauthier-Skubik, owner of Irene's Myomassology Institute, founded by her mother, talked about what she said is the "ramification of burning dirty coal."

She said that concern for the environment grew for her back in the 1960s with the television commercial showing a Native American with a tear in his eye as he viewed the world around him. The business, on Franklin Road south of Northwestern Highway, uses green products and has solar panels that produce energy for its operation.

Gauthier-Skubik said it "boggles my mind why DTE doesn't want to jump on the bandwagon," adding that the impact of asthma is "very serious."

As for DTE's alternative energy initiatives, "doing the bare minimum is not enough," she added.

DTE, however, disputes claims made by Beyond Coal. "We believe their



Kathy Gauthier-Skubik, owner of Irene's Myomassology Institute in Southfield, talks with candidate Rudy Serra who put in an appearance at the event hosted by Beyond Coal. SANDRA ARMBRUSTER

claims about the environment and public health concerns involving DTE facilities are inaccurate," Berris said.

That didn't convince Goedert.

"We have to take care of Mother Earth or Mother Earth won't take care of you," Goedert said.

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## Watch for warning signs when working with a financial professional

By Wayne Titus  
Guest Columnist



You expect your financial advisors to watch out for your best interests — but do they? In my 20-plus years' experience as a CPA and fee-only wealth manager for families and businesses, I've observed seven warning signs that raise red flags for me. If you see even one of them in your financial professional, get a second opinion on the issue from an objective, fiduciary advisor. And don't delay. A seemingly small issue today can balloon into a major roadblock to the financial future you want and deserve.

**1. Not a fiduciary.** By definition a fiduciary advisor is obligated to act in your best interests. Unfortunately, many financial professionals do not hold themselves to this standard. If your professional is unwilling to certify in writing that he or she will act as a fiduciary on your behalf both when giving advice and recommending products, take it as a warning sign that your best interests likely will come second to the advisor's.

**2. Vague process.** Does

your financial professional follow a well-defined, consultative process to clearly understand your situation, goals, and timeframes before making recommendations? Do the recommendations integrate tax, investing, and financial strategies? Does the process include monitoring and rebalancing your plan over time? We meet at least three times with prospective clients before finalizing recommendations and implementing a plan, and we document each step in writing. Our clients have the opportunity to observe how we work before they pay us a dime. Expect the same from your professional.

**3. Tax talk avoidance.** If your professional neglects to explain the tax ramifications of a proposed action—or worse, gives incorrect tax information—watch out. Growing your wealth hinges on your professional understanding how you can pay the least amount of tax, both now

and in the future. When new tax laws went into effect last year, we met with each of our clients to review and rebalance their portfolios to take best advantage of the changes. Even if your advisor is not a CPA, he or she should discuss ways to create tax efficiency in your portfolio or coordinate planning with a tax expert to make sure that tax and investment strategies integrate fully. If you sense any reluctance to take the lead in getting the opinion of other experts, ask why the secrecy.

**4. Pressure to buy.** Be wary of a professional who will earn a commission by convincing you to change your life insurance policy or annuity. A couple with young children came to me for a second opinion after an insurance agent tried to sell them a new 20-year term life policy. I showed them that they only needed to extend their insurance another 10 years to cover their youngest child — a move that saved them hundreds of dollars to put toward their retirement fund instead. As for annuities, make sure you clearly understand the taxes,

holding periods, and penalties associated with these products before making a change. Annuities are legal contracts, not liquid investments.

**5. Unbalanced risk.** A few months ago, a middle-aged couple asked me to review their investments. They had their money in three accounts and more than a dozen different mutual funds, so they thought they were well-diversified. But a closer look revealed that all the mutual funds invested in S&P 500 companies, making their portfolios very volatile. Your financial professional should develop and document a written investment policy that demonstrates a diversified portfolio, which contains several

asset classes, reflects your risk tolerance, and is rebalanced periodically to stay in alignment with the investment policy statement. Anything less is a warning sign.

**6. Frequent trades.** This is a warning sign for several reasons. First, frequent trades usually mean your financial professional is trying to outperform the market, which much well-regarded research shows is a futile exercise. Second, frequent trades increase costs, creating a drag on your returns. Finally, if your trade sheets show trades marked "unsolicited" — but you don't recall instructing your financial professional to buy or sell — check out this red flag immediately.

**7. Unclear compensation.** Make sure you fully understand how your professional is compensated. Get a statement in writing, and if it's unclear, that's a warning sign. Finally, if you learn that part of the professional's compensation will come from sales commissions, ask yourself how confident you are that he or she will provide objective advice.

As our tagline says, "From financial wisdom, better stewardship." If you see any of these signs, get a second opinion. You won't regret it.

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### BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

#### Information session

Schoolcraft College has partnered with the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter to offer a Dementia Care Certificate for professionals working with people living with dementia.

The Dementia Care classes are designed for those wanting to enhance their skills and those new to the field. The curriculum explores topics in dementia care, new care techniques and augments students' current strengths. This semester, to better accommodate the needs of prospective students, classes and electives will be offered on Saturdays.

An information session about the program will be offered from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 22, in the Biomedical Technology Center on the college's main campus on Haggerty north of Six Mile in Livonia.

To qualify for a Dementia Care Certificate, participants must successfully complete five required classes and two elective classes. All materials are included in the course cost. Various classes are offered throughout the year with new electives frequently introduced. It's recommended that the Fundamentals of Dementia Care class be taken first.

All classes are approved for continuing education contact hours for nurses from School-

craft College, continuing education contact hours for social workers from the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative, and general CEUs for other professionals.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Asking for help

## Wayne's decision to get assistance from state is wise choice

It didn't come as a surprise when the Wayne City Council voted last week to seek state assistance in dealing with its financial crisis. It was a given that something had to be done to resolve the revenue shortfall that is now pegged at \$3 million through the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

It takes courage to admit that the problem is bigger than you and ask for help, even if it means the possibility of having the state appoint an emergency financial manager. But a confluence of declining property values and tax revenue and increasing legacy costs has left the city with no other choice.

It's not that city fathers haven't done anything about the problem. They have tried to address it. Faced with property values that have dropped 43 percent since 2008, it has reduced its workforce by more 54 percent - from 162 employees to the current 88 workers. And it faces yet another 3.99 percent drop in property values this year.

The city's tax revenue has gone from a high of \$22 million in 2008-2009 to the current \$16.9 million, and it's now projected that it will finish the current budget year with a \$1 million deficit, a number that balloons to \$3 million in fiscal 2014-2015. Current retiree health care and pensions are now 28 percent of the budget. In 2008, the retirement rate was 8.75 percent. It's now 16 percent and when retiree health care is factored in, the figure is 27.58 percent.

The city has strived to preserve essential services, but is in the position now that there is little left to cut. Asking for assistance from the state is a bitter pill to swallow, but one that is necessary. Mayor Al Haidous has continually stated that city officials didn't create the problem, and he's correct. They have done the right things, but not quite soon enough.

The visioning sessions were excellent ideas, but may have been more effective had they been conducted last year. Bringing in budget consultant Vince Pastue also was an excellent decision, but he may have been more effective had the city sought his help earlier in the budget year. He has told the council that the city needs to take "some pretty dramatic steps" to salvage this budget year, including internal transfers to the general fund, along with employee layoffs, wage and benefit reductions and other cuts. But even that may not be enough.

Wayne isn't alone in dealing with a financial crisis. Lincoln Park is under review by the state; Inkster is operating under a consent agreement; and the City of Detroit is in bankruptcy. Pontiac, Ecorse and several other cities have been there and done that.

There no longer is room for discussion; the time to act is now. The council needs to come together and, as one, make the tough decisions for the good of the city.

Sadly, this comes at a time when the city should be celebrating being picked for select level in the Michigan Main Street program. The Wayne Ripple Effect has showed its commitment to restore Wayne's downtown. Landing the select level designation is a huge step in making that happen.

The Main Street Select Level designation provides the city with five years of intensive aid to revitalize the downtown. The focus will be on revitalization strategies designed to attract new residents, business investment, economic growth and job creation to the central business district.

The Ripple Effect deserves a big thank you for what it has done. It is a volunteer group that has devoted a lot of time and energy to promote Wayne and bring people in to see what kind of community it truly is. It is that kind of effort that will help rebuild Wayne.

Hopefully, it will be able to accomplish its mission even in the midst of a financial crisis. Only time will tell.

## What do you think?



CVS Caremark Corp. last week announced that its 7,600 stores would stop selling all tobacco products by October, making the company the first U.S. drug-store chain to remove cigarettes from its shelves. It's being called a precedent-setting step that could pressure other stores to follow suit. What do you think about CVS's decision? Tell us in 400 words or fewer. Email your response to ksmith@hometownlife.com by noon Monday and it may appear as a letter to the editor. Include your name, address and phone number. (Address and phone number are for verification purposes only.)

## LETTERS

### Thanks for filling boxes

I'm writing to thank Detroit area residents for their generosity in helping thousands of suffering children worldwide this Christmas. Through their efforts, we were able to collect 9,091 shoe boxes - filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items - for Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind. These simple, gift-filled shoe boxes communicate to needy children that they are loved and not forgotten.

Although drop-off locations in Detroit are closed until November 2014, shoebox gifts can be packed any time. Gifts are received year-round at Samaritan's Purse, 801 Bamboo Road, Boone, NC 28607, or by using the project's online tool, where donors can virtually build a box. To get involved, visit samaritanspurse.org or call 937-374-0761.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in this project. A simple gift, packed with love, can communicate hope and transform the lives of children worldwide.

**Bonnie Freeman**

Regional Director | Great Lakes  
Operation Christmas Child

### Learn from Finnish schools

For decades, it has been accepted dogma in educational circles that poverty and socio-economic factors play a huge role in determining student proficiency in school. Indeed, in 2011, Sean Reardon of Stanford University released a study that concluded family income is, by far, the most significant factor in predicting student success in school. It is simply a fact that parental income and education, parental involvement in student school activities, neighborhood environment, health care, home stability and so on provide the underpinning of student school proficiency. Countless studies concur.

Indeed, according to former Assistant Secretary of Education Diane Ravitch, "... American schools, in which fewer than 10 percent of the students were poor, outperformed the schools of Finland, Japan and Korea" on the latest Program of International Student Assessment (PISA). Finland, Japan and Korea are top performers. Call it whatever you like: demographics or socio-economic circumstance. It matters, and American schools do well when demographics are considered. Generally, schools found lacking exist in the midst of poverty.

But you'd never know it when people passing as "reformers" compare American schools to countries that do well on international tests. Frantically, they howl that we're losing the race. Our schools are failing. Let's do something - anything!

Again, American schools are doing pretty darn good. Don't hear that much these days do you? Well, what do the other guys want, the "reformers"?

Neglecting that vouchers have been used in Milwaukee for near 23 years and are a dismal failure, they chant, "Give us a voucher." Ditto for corporate charter schools. All you have to do is look at the nations' report card, the NAEP report. When tested, voucher schools have never outperformed public schools in Milwaukee. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Education ranks Milwaukee as among the lowest performing urban school systems in the country. So much for choice, privatization and corporate schools.

That aside, Finland, a perennial top performer on PISA, provides a good example of what can be done to achieve educational merit. The Finns have no charters, no vouchers. They do not have a testing obsession like we do. Finnish children are exposed to high stakes testing a grand total of one time during the entirety of their school experience. They do not evaluate teachers and schools, based upon one high stakes test given annually. They do not grade their schools A-F. They have strong unions. In a word, they do nothing, absolutely nada that "reformers" in this country endorse. Nothing!

Finland's teachers are trusted to do whatever it takes to educate their kids. Teachers in Finland are treated like professionals, like doctors and lawyers. They are supported by nurses, social workers and psychologists. They spend much more of their school day planning and collaborating with other teachers than we do. Their schools are smaller than ours. They put a premium on recess time. There is much to be learned from Finnish schools.

There is much to be learned from Swedish schools as well. The Swedes have had privatization and corporate schools for 30 years. They do not do well on PISA. They are a depressing poster child for what passes as reform in this country.

Can American schools be improved? You bet! For a start, we might focus on teacher training and development. We might also focus more on thinking skills: creativity and problem solving,

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critical thinking generally. But American schools are pretty good to begin with. Yep, American schools are pretty darn good. Jefferson would be proud.

**Al Churchill**  
Livonia

## Nice timing

So Gov. Snyder now wants to give back some of the funding he cut from schools and some of the taxes he raised on seniors and low-income families. Apparently worried about voter anger, he wants to buy votes the most expensive way by sending out rebate checks instead of reducing or eliminating the tax. He claims he wants to get it in taxpayers' hands as soon as possible (like before this year's election). Does that mean he was wrong to have raised taxes to begin with?

What was the claim when he raised taxes - "shared sacrifice?" If he now feels our state is doing better and can afford to send out rebate checks, what about the huge tax cut for business, where was their sacrifice, aren't they also doing better? He could take back some of their cut and restore even more of what he took from our schools.

What about the money he wants for our roads? We don't know yet where he will get that. No doubt that will not be announced until after the election. We should all keep that in mind, especially those getting a rebate; you were thrown under the bus by Snyder once, there is no reason to think he won't do it again if re-elected.

I'm sure I will not be getting any rebate but if I did, I think I would contribute it to the Mark Schauer for Gov. Campaign.

**Chuck Tindall**  
Novi

## GUEST COLUMN

# FRIB funding major milestone for Michigan, science

At the beginning of the year, Congress passed an appropriations bill that included a big victory for Michigan, Michigan State University, our nation and science.

The legislation included full funding of \$55 million for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams at MSU. With funding in place, MSU can move forward this year on construction.

MSU won the competition to host FRIB in 2008 over some tough rivals, including federal laboratories. That victory made



**Carl Levin**

a powerful statement about America's leadership in nuclear science and about Michigan's role in maintaining that leadership. FRIB is also a major boost for Michigan's economy, creating thousands of jobs as construction begins, and hundreds of high-skill, high-paying jobs to operate the facility once it's complete.

And what a facility. FRIB will be one of the world's most important and powerful centers of research into nuclear science. FRIB will probe the secrets of the atom through the creation of rare isotopes - forms of elements that do not exist naturally on earth, and that often exist in the lab for just fractions of a second.

### Learn new lessons

FRIB will create these rare atoms using equipment that will accelerate atomic nuclei to incredible speeds - half the speed of light - and propel them into thin sheets of target material. The resulting collision will produce extraordinarily rare isotopes, some of which naturally exist only in the exploding heart of a supernova. By studying these

rare materials, scientists will be able to learn new lessons about how elements form. They will learn more about how atomic particles interact. FRIB will allow them to peer into the heart of stars and to study processes that could help develop technologies to detect and cure deadly diseases.

MSU has long been a leader in nuclear science. Thanks to facilities such as the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, East Lansing is one of the most important hubs of nuclear research on the planet. Its nuclear ranked No. 1 in the nation, ahead of prestigious schools, such as MIT and Cal Tech. MSU researchers have helped unravel the mysteries of neutron stars, explored how reac-

tions at the start of the universe created the elements that make life possible, studied ways to keep our nation's nuclear weapons secure, and helped develop treatments for rare cancers.

FRIB will be a tremendous addition to that legacy. It will draw some of the world's most accomplished scientists to Michigan and create enormous opportunities for scientific discovery.

### Hard work

That's why Michigan's delegation in Washington has worked so hard to ensure that funding was in place - not always an easy task at a time of tight federal budgets. In the Senate, Sen. Debbie Stabenow and I have worked with our colleagues on the appropriate committees to emphasize the importance

of FRIB to science and our nation. On a bipartisan basis, our colleagues in the House of Representatives have done the same. We've worked closely with officials at MSU, including university President Lou Anna Simon, and with officials at the Department of Energy, to ensure that FRIB remains on track.

The funding included in this year's appropriations bill represents a key milestone in turning FRIB's promise into reality and strengthening Michigan's role in advanced science. No longer just blueprints and artists' renderings, FRIB is about to become real - and when it does, some of the universe's biggest mysteries will become a lot less mysterious.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

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# On guard: Don't fall victim to scams



**Rick Bloom**

MONEY MATTERS

I have accepted the reality that no matter what anyone does, the number of scams will continue to grow at an epidemic rate.

The Internet has allowed lowlifes from around the world to target us. There is no one who can protect us. That is why we must always stay on guard. We are our own last

line of defense.

I can write a column every week and not be able to keep up with the number of scams that are out there. That being said, it is important to highlight scams that are affecting consumers in Michi-

gan. The first deals with your phone. Scam artists are using automatic dialers to contact cell phones. It rings once and then hangs up.

What happens is that people see the number and call back. Unfortunately, when you call the number, you are connected to some sort of premium service and then automatically charged a connection fee — typically, \$20.

In addition, you are then automatically charged another \$9 or \$10 a minute for as long as you stay on the line. Although, the area codes on these calls appear to be U.S. numbers, these calls typically originate from somewhere in the Caribbean.

The lesson to learn is if you get a call and you do not recognize the number, do not return the call. In addition, if you

fall for the scam and you are hit with these fees, contact your cell phone carrier. There is a chance that they will reverse the charges and if they won't, you can file a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission or the Federal Trade Commission.

Another scam, coming from overseas, deals with funeral notifications. Scammers are stealing the names and logos of legitimate funeral homes and sending out fake emails either notifying you of a memorial service for a loved one or friend or asking you to sign a remembrance book in someone's memory. The scam here is that once you click on to the link, malware is downloaded onto your computer, allowing the scam artist to obtain all sorts of sensitive information from your com-

puter.

Most people getting an email from a funeral home will open it. Once again the lesson to be learned is if the email doesn't reference an individual you know, don't open it. If you are not sure if the email is legit, go to the funeral home's website and check it out.

Law enforcement authorities can't stop all scams, so be smart and careful to reduce the risk of being a victim. In addition, by being aware, even if you do become a victim you can substantially minimize the effect.

Good luck.

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## Anderson seeks tax credit for student loan repayment

College graduates could get a tax credit for paying on their student loans under a bill introduced by State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland.

Anderson has introduced Senate Bill 408 which allows graduates of Michigan's community colleges and universities with bachelor's degrees to claim 50 percent of the money they pay each year in student loan payments as a tax credit, so long as they are a Michigan resident and are employed here.

The Senate majority leadership took the unusual step of referring the bill to a second committee after it was voted favorably out of the Senate Finance Committee last year, the committee usually responsible for considering tax policy matters.

"As we all know, our economy's recovery is dependent on making our state a desirable place for businesses to locate and expand," Anderson said. "One of the key tenants to making sure this happens is having a skilled, qualified workforce. With some of the finest educational institutions in the country located in Michigan, we are well suited to groom the next generation of highly educated workers."

### Lessen burden

Anderson hopes this credit will lessen the burden of student debt, and help keep money in the pockets of working Michigan graduates that will in turn be reinvested in Michigan's economy for major purchases such as cars and first homes. The bill could also have the secondary benefit of, along with other programs already in place, helping reduce the "brain drain" in Michigan.

"We have seen that too many of the graduates of our colleges and universities are choosing to leave Michigan to seek employment elsewhere," Anderson said. "While some attrition is inevitable, I believe that we can encourage our graduates to stay in the



State Sen. Glenn Anderson has testified in support of his bill that would give college graduates a tax credit for their college loans.

state and this legislation will help to do just that."

"We put millions into our higher ed institutions and encourage our young people to excel and get their degrees without doing all we can to stem this flow of graduates to other states. We have top-notch higher educational institutions in Michigan, but we're currently subsidizing other states by providing them with our well-educated young people," he said.

### Gets support

Anderson testified in support of this bill in front of the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee. The bill has already passed through the Senate Finance Committee with bipartisan support. Testifying in support of the bill was Meghan Mitchum, state liaison for the Associated Students of Michigan State University, the Student Government for that university. Student Associations across the state have passed

resolutions in support of SB 408.

"As of 2011, students at Michigan State University graduated with an average of \$23,725 in debt," Mitchum said. "With the cost of tuition continuously on the rise, we cannot expect this number will decrease in the near future. Universities, employers, and families are being forced to find creative ways to offset the costs of higher education. Senate Bill 408 is a positive way for the state to compensate for this financial burden as well."

"While the subcommittee chose not to vote on this bill today (Feb. 6), I am confident that through continued conversations with the subcommittee members, we can ensure this bill's passage in the near future," Anderson said. "As legislators, we are always looking for ways to grow our economy for the future. I can think of no better way than to keep our best-educated graduates here and invest in them. I look forward to helping them by passing this bill."

## Schools search for alumni nominations

Wayne-Westland's John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools are putting out a call for nominations for their respective alumni awards.

The Faculty Council at John Glenn is seeking nominations for the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award. The graduation ceremony now includes the presentation of the award to a graduate who has gone on to achieve excellence.

People can nominate a John Glenn graduate who has earned distinction in their field of endeavor following graduation by contacting Karen Duhl, counseling secretary at John Glenn High School, in writing at 36105 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 or by phone at 734-419-2332. The deadline is Feb. 21.

The Faculty Council will review all applications and select the nominee to be honored with this year's commencement ceremony May 31.

Wayne Memorial also is looking for nominations for its Distinguished Alumni Medal.

"We have had many outstanding people graduate from Wayne Memorial," Principal Kevin Weber said. "Many have contributed significantly to the betterment of society on a local, state, national or international level. The Distinguished Alumni Award is our way of honoring an outstanding graduate on an annual basis."

This award also has become a part of the annual commencement ceremony of Wayne Memorial High School. Each winner is awarded a medal inscribed with the official school seal.

"This is an opportunity for our current graduating class to hear firsthand from a former alumnus who has made his/her mark on society," Weber said.

Nominations can be sent to Pam Rawson, secretary to the principal, at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne, MI 48184 or by phone at 734-419-2206.

An announcement of the winner will be made in mid-May and the recipient will then be honored at commencement May 31.

Nominations are due by Feb. 24.

### CITY OF WESTLAND 2014 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Westland Board of Review will be conducting the 2014 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Council Chambers at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, March 4, 2014 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, March 10, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 11, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 12, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 13, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 14, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2014 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, located on the second floor of City Hall prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Friday, March 14, 2014.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by Friday, March 14, 2014 by 12:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 467-3160.

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# Programs explore Rouge River watershed

Friends of the Rouge, a non-profit dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River in southeast Michigan, is hosting monthly activities this year all over metropolitan Detroit within the Rouge River watershed.

Each event is led by a local expert affiliated with Friends of the Rouge. Additional activities include guided hikes in Southfield, Livonia and Westland, listening for frog and toad calls in West Bloomfield, bird watching and identification in Detroit, a guided bike ride through Plymouth, a narrated boat tour on the industrial Rouge from the mouth of the river upstream to the turning basin, a kayak trip from Melvindale to the mouth, a canoe trip along the Lower Branch in Wayne and

snowshoeing in Farmington Hills.

In March, Explore the Rouge will take in the Berberian Woods in Southfield. The program will be 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at Streamwood Lane, off of 12 Mile between Telegraph and Lahser. Join Gail Barber on a trek through the Berberian Woods, a surprisingly diverse floodplain forest. Barber was a critical player in the efforts to protect this piece of land. Registration preferred at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org) events page.

Events are open to anyone for \$5 per person and free for members of Friends of the Rouge with the exception of boat tours and equipment rentals.

"Our hope is that people will get to know and enjoy their local sur-

roundings" said Friends of the Rouge staff member Erin Cassidy. "As an organization, we spend a lot of time educating residents and students about Rouge River issues, and involve volunteers in restoration or water quality monitoring events. This series will give people a chance to celebrate and experience the Rouge River in fun, unique ways."

Each event focuses on a different aspect of the Rouge River Watershed — whether recreating through it, learning about its history, or searching for the wildlife that call metro Detroit home.

A watershed is a land area that drains into a body of water. There are 467 square miles of land that drains into the many branches of the Rouge River.



Seventeen people braved the cold for the first Explore the Rouge program, a snowshoe walk in January through Maybury State Park led by Friends of the Rouge board member Sue Thompson.

## LABEL

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by email at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com). They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at 313-223-3318. For more information, call 313-222-6751.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### IRISH DINNER

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Saturday, March 15.

**Location:** St. Damian Church, 30055 Joy, Westland.

**Details:** St. Damian will host its annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Dinner on Saturday, March 15, right after the 5 p.m. Mass. There will be Irish step dancing, music and song with a DJ, face painting and balloon sculpting. Dinner will include corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, vegetables, desserts and beverages. There also will be a 50/50 raffle and cash bar. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children age 5-11.

**Contact:** For more information, call Susan at 734-425-9569 or email [tswiska@comcast.net](mailto:tswiska@comcast.net).

#### TRIBUTE SHOW

**Time/Date:** 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 21-22

**Location:** Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford, Westland

**Details:** Tribute artist and impressionist Chris Ayotte will take a trip back in time with the familiar sounds of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tom Jones and Elvis Presley. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, with appetizers at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show 8-9:30 p.m. On Sunday, doors open at 1 p.m., with appetizers at 1:30 p.m., dinner at 2 p.m. and the show 3:30-5 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each and include dinner, soft drinks and show. A cash bar will be available.

**Contact:** For tickets contact Kathy at 734-216-9451. For more information, go to [www.angelos1958.com](http://www.angelos1958.com).

#### OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11.

**Location:** Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool in Kirk of Our Savior Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland.

**Details:** Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool will be enrolling for the 2014-2015 school year during its open house. The preschool offers a Tot to Toddler class, a 3-year class and 4-year

morning and afternoon.

**Contact:** For more information, visit [www.willowcreekpreschool.com](http://www.willowcreekpreschool.com) or call 734-326-0078.

#### BLOOD DRIVES

**Time/Date:** 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27.

**Location:** Garden City Hospital 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

**Details:** Garden City Hospital will hold its spring American Red Cross Blood Drive in the lower level classrooms of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building on the hospital campus. Appointments are available and walk-ins are welcome.

**Contact:** Call 734-458-4259 to schedule an appointment.

**Time/Date:** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, March 6.

**Location:** St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

**Details:** St. Mary Mercy Hospital in partnership with the American Red Cross, will hold a blood drive in the North Auditorium of the hospital. The public is invited to join St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers in donating blood at the event. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

**Contact:** To schedule an appointment, call 800-GIVE-LIFE or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Appointment sign-ups are also available in the hospital cafeteria.

#### CASINO TRIPS

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 15.

**Location:** Motor City Casino in Detroit.

**Details:** The Wayne Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Casino Bus Trip to Motor City Casino in Detroit. The bus leaves from the Wayne Community Center at 10 a.m. Saturday. Participants will be at the casino from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and return to the Wayne Community Center at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$30. The purchase of a ticket includes \$30 in free slots play.

**Contact:** Space is limited, so register by the end of February by calling 734-721-0100.

#### SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8.

**Location:** Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness, 30942 Ford Road in Garden City.

**Details:** Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness is hosting a Women's and Girls' Self-Defense course lead by martial arts and safety experts Kelly M. Perkins and Shelby R. Perkins. The seminar teaches practical, easy to use and remember self-defense for

today's world. It will cover environmental awareness education in addition to hands-on practice of self-defense applications. A take-home manual, key chain and poker are included. Advanced registration is required, including a \$10 deposit. The seminar costs \$34. Space is limited.

**Contact:** For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Kelly M. Perkins at 734-266-0565.

#### DUELING PIANOS

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 14.

**Location:** Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne.

**Details:** The Wayne Rotary Club will host a St. Patty's Dueling Piano party Friday, March 14. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle and cash bar. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$180 for a table of 10.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Gayle Rediske at [gaylerediske@gmail.com](mailto:gaylerediske@gmail.com) or call 734-502-3202. Proceeds will benefit the Wayne Rotary Holiday Parade of Lights.

#### ORGANIZATIONS

##### FRIENDS OF ELOISE

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

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

**Contact:** Pat Ibbotson at 734-331-9291 or [pibbotso@aol.com](mailto:pibbotso@aol.com) or Jo Johnson 734-522-3918.

##### WESTLAND ROTARY

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

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

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

**Contact:** Jeff at 734-261-5010.

##### WAYNE ROTARY

**Time/Date:** noon every Tuesdays.

**Location:** Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne, except the last Tuesday of the month when the meeting is at 6 p.m. At the US12 Bar and Grill on Michigan Avenue.

**Details:** Learn what Wayne Rotary is all about.

**Contact:** Call Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934.

##### WIDOWED MEN

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. Thursdays.

**Location:** Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia.

**Details:** Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men to meet with other widowed men for breakfast at 9 a.m. at Steve's Family Restaurant on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Many topics are discussed including those that may be pertinent to your situation. Also, ideas are presented to help you become involved in the activities of Widowed Friends.

**Contact:** For more information, call Dick at 313-534-0399.

##### BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

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

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

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

**Contact:** John Kusch 734-751-9765 or [kuschjt@yahoo.com](mailto:kuschjt@yahoo.com).

##### LIONS CLUB

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

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

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

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

##### TOASTMASTERS

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

**Location:** 35613 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Enter from parking lot entrance.

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

**Contact:** For more information, call Curt at 734-525-8445 or Luddie at 734-414-0034 or visit [westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org](http://westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org).

##### FISH DIAL-A-RIDE

**Details:** Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers,

using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

**Contact:** For more information, call 888-660-2007 and leave a message.

##### EARTH ANGELS

**Details:** Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9-16 is looking to fill spots. There are openings for girls ages 9-11 with at least two years of dance experience and boys ages 9-12 with no experience. The group delivers a high-energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrical and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

**Contact:** Visit [www.earthangelsonline.com](http://www.earthangelsonline.com) or email [earthangel1986@comcast.net](mailto:earthangel1986@comcast.net).

##### CITIZENS FOR PEACE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

**Location:** Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia.

**Details:** The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.

**Contact:** Colleen Mills at 734-425-0079.

##### VETERAN'S HAVEN

**Location:** Veteran Haven's Outreach Center, 4924 S. Wayne Road, two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.

**Details:** Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

**Contact:** 734-728-0527.

##### SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month.

**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City.

**Details:** Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit

a traditional music jam. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass.

**Contact:** 734-482-2902, <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>.

##### GARDEN CITY KIWANIS

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

**Location:** Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City.

**Details:** Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world, one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

##### GARDEN CITY ROTARY

**Time/Date:** noon Thursdays.

**Location:** Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City.

**Details:** Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed.

##### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**Details:** The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided.

**Contact:** 734-459-7744.

##### ANNAPOLIS RETIREES

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month.

**Location:** Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne.

**Details:** All Oakwood retirees are welcome to attend.

##### GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. third Monday of every month.

**Location:** Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile.

**Details:** Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

##### VOLUNTEERS

###### FIRST STEP

**Details:** First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

**Contact:** 734-416-1111, Ext. 223.

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KLAA BOYS BASKETBALL

## Glenn fends off late Northville comeback

Rockets hang tough, 53-52; meet Salem next

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn is still standing in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association boys basketball tournament. The Rockets survived Northville's best shot and emerged with a 53-52 semi-final win Monday night at

home. Glenn, now 13-5 overall, will travel Saturday night to face 15-3 Salem for the KLAA Kensington Conference championship. Game time is 7 p.m. at Salem. The Rockets won the first meeting between the two teams Dec. 19 by a 65-59 count. Trailing 24-18 at halftime,

Glenn rallied with a 15-7 third-quarter run to take a 33-31 lead against the Mustangs. That's when 6-foot-4 senior forward Isaac Everette, who was limited to four first-half points, came alive, scoring 14 of his team-high 18 points in the second half.

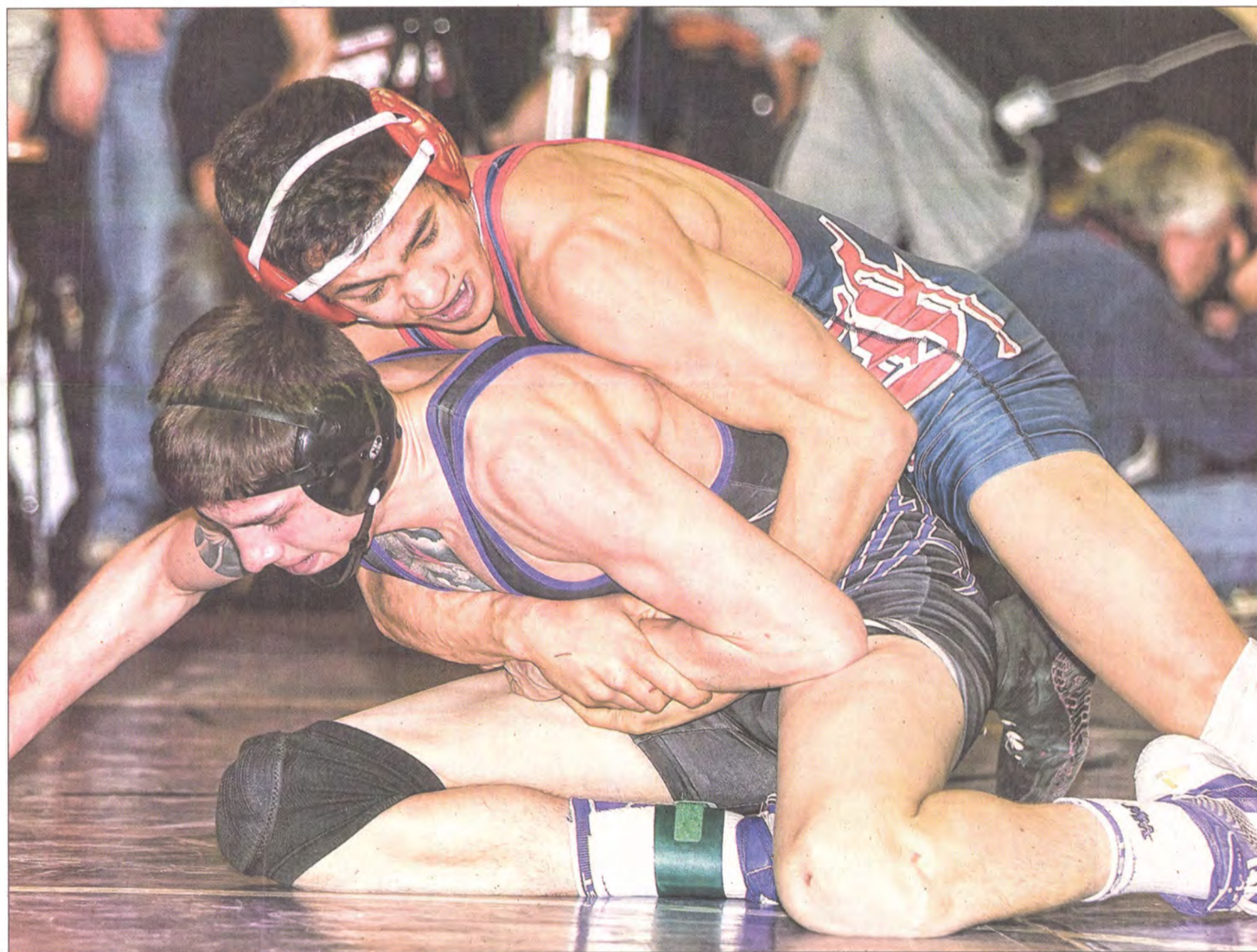
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Glenn's James Pruitt (left) slides past Northville's Andrew Meacham during Monday's semifinal.

PREP WRESTLING

## Patriots send 6 to Palace; No. 1 Davison on horizon



Franklin's Jordan Atienza (top) pinned Woodhaven's Jarod Ammons in the regional semifinals on his way to the 160-pound title. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

## Jordan Atienza regional champion at 160

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

It was arguably the best week of wrestling in school history at Livonia Franklin. On the heels of earning their first-ever trip to the MHSAA Division 1 Elite Eight

team finals in Battle Creek following Wednesday's regional championship over host Southgate Anderson (39-30), the Patriots turned in another top-notch performance Saturday at the Brownstown Woodhaven individual regional.

Franklin, led by 160-pound regional champion Jordan Atienza, will be sending six qualifiers to the state finals, Feb. 27-March 1, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. "We had such an emotional experience Wednesday night, I'll be honest," said Franklin

coach Dave Chiola, whose team will take on No. 1 seed Davison beginning at 3:15 p.m. Friday at the Kellogg Center. "Thursday's practice was one of the worst of the year. When (individual) regionals started it looked like it was going to be a long day. We looked sluggish,

and out of it. I really thought only a couple guys might get through. Then they turned it on in the blood round." Jordan Atienza, last year's state runner-up at 152, improved to 58-0 overall with his

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PREP WRESTLING

## Wayne's Mauldin can carry heavy burden

Rockets' Huynh, Brandon also take regional crowns

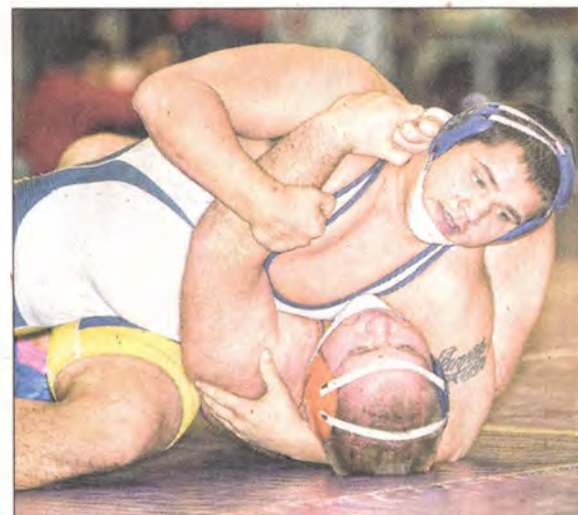
By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Just in case, Wayne Memorial wrestling coach Steve Vasiloff will have his state finals attire ready. The Wolfpack will be sending one grappler, senior heavyweight Aaron Mauldin, to MHSAA Division 1 Individual finals Feb. 27-March 1, at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Mauldin, who improved to 43-6 on Saturday by winning the 285-pound class at the Woodhaven regional, hopes to follow in the footsteps of former Wolfpack standout Dimitrus Renfro, who was the 215-pound state finals runner-up in 2012. Mauldin captured his first regional title with a 7-2 decision over Ali Wahab of Dearborn Heights Crestwood. "We expected Aaron to win districts and regionals, as he had beaten all the best wrestlers in his brackets already

this season," Vasiloff said. "Now that we are going to the Palace, it is a question of how far he will go." Mauldin will take on Hartland's Joshua Charneski (46-8) in the opening round. Charneski decided Mauldin in the finals of the KLAA Association tournament just two weeks ago, 4-0. "His first round match is going to be a tough one, but we are confident," Vasiloff said. "If he wins that first match, I

See **QUALIFIERS**, Page B4



Wayne Memorial's Aaron Mauldin (top) captured the 285-pound title in Saturday's Division 1 individual regional at Woodhaven.

PREP HOCKEY

# Franklin icers fend off Waterford Unified, 3-2

Sophomore goaltender Brian Hubbard stopped 20 of 22 shots Saturday as Livonia Franklin defeated Waterford Unified, 3-2, in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association boys hockey crossover at Lakeland Ice Arena.

The Patriots, who improved to 7-15 overall, got on the board first at 8:12 of the opening period on Greg Bo's goal from Corey Ferrier and Trevor Lass-

line, but Waterford tied it with 20 seconds to go in the same period on a short-handed unassisted goal by Ben Clemence.

Franklin regained the lead at 8:13 of the second period on freshman Kolby Dewhirst's goal to take a 2-1 advantage.

The Patriots then got a power play goal by Chase Wallis from Josh Dudek just 21 seconds into the third period for a 3-1 advantage.

Waterford (4-16-3) then made it a one-goal game again with just over three minutes remaining on Zach Perry's goal from Andrew Lindsey and Michael Kettenbiel.

But Hubbard stood tall to hold off a furious Waterford rally and the victory.

Waterford goalie Scott Koenigbauer made 32 saves in defeat.

## Knights edge Churchill

David Markey scored a pair of goals to lift Walled Lake Northern (10-9-3) to a 3-2 KLAAC crossover triumph Saturday over Livonia Churchill (7-14-2) at Lakeland Ice Arena.

Cale Kaczmarek also added a goal and Austin Samson contributed two assists for the Knights, who led 2-0 after one period.

Churchill tied it 2-2 after two periods on a pair of goals by Nick Misiak, with C.J. Cromie assisting on both.

Drew Puishes also picked up an assist on Misiak's first goal, while Justin O'Brien assisted on the second.

Churchill goaltender David Turel made 22 saves, while Nathan Everest had 23 stops for Northern.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Future Stars camp

The eighth annual Franklin High School Future Stars spring baseball camp will be held 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session 2) Saturday, Feb. 22, at the high school fieldhouse, 31000 Joy, Livonia.

Session 1 will consist of hitting, base running and infield work, while Session 2 will focus on pitching, outfield, defense and catching drills.

The cost is \$30 per session or \$50 for both. Campers must bring a glove, bat and athletic shoes. Each camper will bring a sack lunch for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. if attending both sessions.

For more information, call Franklin coach Matt Fournier at 734-968-0499 or email mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org.

### CHS Hall of Fame

The 12th annual Livonia Churchill Athletic Patrons Hall of Fame induction dinner will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Italian-American Hall, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia.

Dinner starts at 6:45 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m. Among the inductees will be the 2006 Churchill Division 1 state runner-up cross country team (coached by Sue Tatro), football and baseball player John Stoitsiadis (1986) and former Churchill Principal Rod Hosman.

Tickets are \$35 each if purchased by March 1 or \$40 after March 1.

For more information, contact Rob Suida at 313-617-5448 or email rsuida@cmsenergy.com.

### Girls softball camp

The Livonia Churchill Chargers fundamentals girls softball camp (grades three-10) will be from 9 a.m. until noon

Saturday, March 8, at the high school fieldhouse, 8900 Newburgh.

All participants must be preregistered. The cost is \$35. Each girl should come with a glove, gym shoes and bat.

For more information, call Churchill girls softball coach Steve Gentilia at 734-776-1716 or email Churchillsoftball@gmail.com.

### Baseball signup

The Wayne Baseball Association is staging a one-day registration 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Mark Chevrolet, 33200 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

Registration fees are: \$25, Parent Helper (ages 3-4) and Shetland (5-6); \$30 Pinto (7-8); \$55, Mustang (8-10) and Bronco (11-12); to be determined, Pony (13-14), Colt (15-16) and Palomino (17-18).

For more information, call Trish Hampton at 734-722-9100 or email trish@markchevrolet.com.

### Girls fastpitch

The Wayne Baseball Association is staging a one-day registration 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Mark Chevrolet, 33200 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

Registration fees are: \$30, Pinto Coach-Pitch (ages 7-8); \$55, Mustang (9-10) and Bronco (11-12); \$80 Upper Divisions (13-16).

For more information, call Trish Hampton at 734-722-9100 or email

trish@markchevrolet.com.

### Coach-Pitch, T-Ball

The city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage walk-in or fax-in registration for 2014 co-ed instructional T-ball (ages 5-6) and coach-pitch (ages 7-8) for those living in the Livonia or Clarenceville school attendance area through Feb. 26.

Enrollment is limited to the first 640 participants in each division. Registration forms have been sent to schools or can be picked up at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

The season runs from May through July with T-ball scrimmages Monday evenings and coach-pitch scrimmages Thursday evenings.

Late registration for Livonia or Clarenceville school district residents will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29, at the LCRC, 15000 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

Nonresident registration will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, March 31, at the LCRC's Parks and Recreation office.

Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis through April 30 or until teams are filled.

Open registration fees are \$40 per child (resident) and \$50 (nonresident). Late registration fees are \$50 (resident) and \$60 (nonresident).

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 20

Churchill at Brighton, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Milford, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Pinckney, 7 p.m.

Luth. South at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

Washtenaw at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 21

Macomb at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.

Calvary at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Luth. Westland at Luth. South, 1:30 p.m.

(Kensington Conf. Final)

John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 20

Washtenaw at Huron Valley, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 21

Calvary at Huron Valley, 5:30 p.m.

Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Milford, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Hartland, 7 p.m.

Franklin at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.

Wayne at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Luth. Westland at Luth. South, 3 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Feb. 20

Churchill vs. North-Harrison

at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 22

Franklin vs. Pinckney

at Arctic Coliseum, 5:30 p.m.

Ladywood vs. W.L. Central

at Arctic Pond, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Friday, Feb. 21

Kensington Conference Prelims

at South Lyon East, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Kensington Conference Finals

at South Lyon East, noon

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Saturday, Feb. 22

KLAAC meet at W.L. Central, 9 a.m.

PREP BOWLING

Friday, Feb. 21

(MHSSA Team Regionals)

Division 1 at Super Bowl, TBA.

Division 2 at Oak Lanes, TBA.

Division 3 at Cherry Hill Lanes, TBA.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday, Feb. 22

(MHSSA Regionals)

Division 1 at Troy Athens, 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Saturday, Feb. 22

Madonna at N'western Ohio, 3 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Saturday, Feb. 22

Madonna at N'western Ohio, 1 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 1 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

## MHSAA CHEER RESULTS

### MHSAA COMPETITIVE GIRLS CHEER RESULTS

#### DIVISION 1-DISTRICT 2

Feb. 15 at WYANDOTTE

#### TEAM STANDINGS (top four qualify for regional):

1. Southgate Anderson, 779.46; 2. Temperance Bedford, 742.88; 3. Wyandotte, 734.26; 4. Brownstown Woodhaven, 723.62; 5. Plymouth, 702.82; 6. Livonia Churchill, 697.62; 7. Canton, 685.10; 8. Wayne Memorial, 676.50; 9. Saline, 661.64; 10. Lincoln Park, 656.20; 11. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 592.90; 12. Salem, 592.22; 13. Westland John Glenn, 587.12; 14. Monroe, 563.03.

#### DIVISION 1-DISTRICT 4

Feb. 15 at Troy Athens

#### TEAM STANDINGS (top four qualify for regional):

1. Troy Athens, 780.38; 2. Rochester Stoney Creek, 778.18; 3. Rochester, 776.14; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 776.08; 5. Utica Eisenhower, 771.28; 6. Rochester Adams, 760.30; 7. Troy, 751.22; 8. Livonia Franklin, 725.72; 9. West Bloomfield, 698.20; 10. Utica, 647.89; 11. North Farmington, 618.50; 12. Oak Park, 606.94; 13. Bloomfield Hills, 596.10; 14. Royal Oak, 338.90.

### DIVISION 3-DISTRICT 14

Feb. 14 at Flat Rock

#### TEAM STANDINGS (top four qualify for regional):

1. Grosse Ile, 737.06; 2. Onsted, 719.28; 3. Brooklyn Columbia Central, 691.20; 4. Monroe Jefferson, 682.76; 5. Ida, 673.84; 6. Romulus Summit Academy, 667.86; 7. Livonia Ladywood, 649.96; 8. Livonia Clarenceville, 625.64; 9. Flat Rock, 608.70; 10. Napoleon, 603.60; 11. Harper Woods Chandler Park, 580.20; 12. Allen Park Cabrini, 525.34.

#### DIVISION 4-DISTRICT 21

Feb. 15 at Whitmore Lake

#### TEAM STANDINGS (top four qualify for regional):

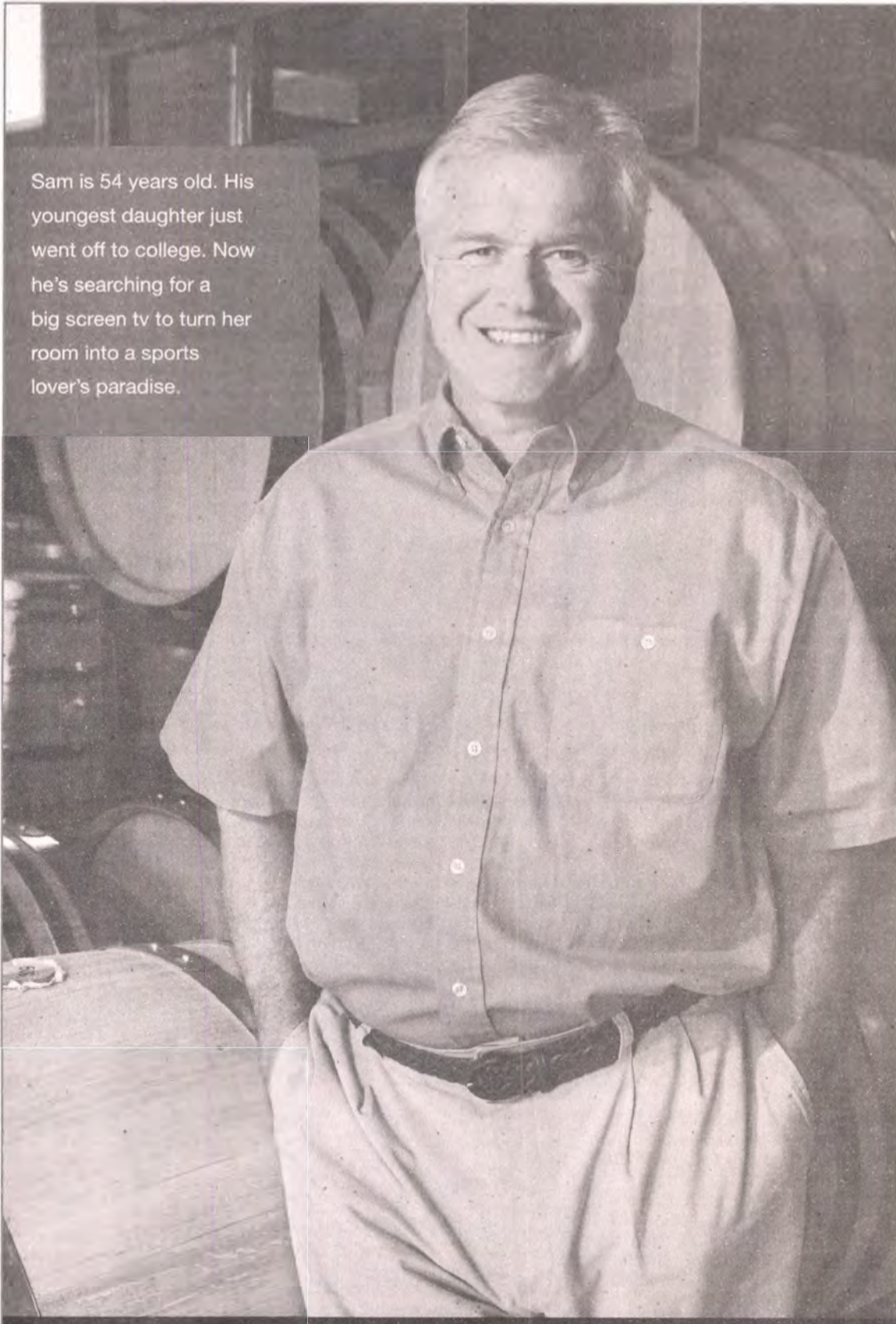
1. Whitmore Lake, 680.72; 2. St. Catherine of Siena, 644.16; 3. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 631.10; 4. Memphis, 623.62; 5. Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 616.64; 6. Lutheran High Westland, 608.90; 7. Southfield Christian, 607.38; 8. Clarkston Everest Collegiate, 590.70; 9. New Haven, 574.30; 10. Brown City, 565.00; 11. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 498.40; 12. Madison Heights Madison, 460.10.

**ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2014-04 February 11, 2014**

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 7:00p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. A moment of silence was given for James Netter. APPROVED: minutes of the regular meeting of February 4; agreement bet. the Cities of Wayne & Inkster for the sale & purch. of the Fire Dept. Ladder Truck; an agreement bet. the Cities of Inkster & Wayne for Wayne's use of an Inkster Fire Vehicle & for the Training of Inkster Firefighters; recessed to Closed Session at 7:18p.m.; reconvened in Open Session at 8:35 p.m.; contact St. Of Mich. Off. Of Financial Responsibility to look at City's financial position; allow CM to balance current budget. Adjourned at 9:12 p.m. Publish: February 20, 2014

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Saints throw wrench into Madonna Senior Day

A Senior Day celebration didn't go quite according to plan Saturday afternoon for the Madonna University men's basketball team.

The Crusaders honored their five seniors, but second-team NAIA All-America Bobby Naubert was limited to just six minutes after suffering a lower body injury and visiting Aquinas College played spoiler with a 71-64 win.

Prior to the game, Naubert was recognized along with Matt Jenkins (Plymouth/Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard), Derek Lennen (Schoolcraft), Travis Schuba (Rapid City/Kalkaska) and injured Fred Williams (Oak Park/Berkley), the latter whom was the team's third leading scorer and has been out since early December with a torn Achilles.

Schuba finished with 16 points, while Naubert's stand-

in, freshman guard Khalil Malone contributed a career-high 15 points and six assists. Lennen added 11 as MU slipped to 18-10 overall and 14-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Aquinas (14-14, 11-9), which led 26-22 at halftime, got a game-high 20 points from Austin Semple. Kolin Kazen and Anthony Williams chipped in with 17 and 10, respectively.

The Saints won it by going 24-of-29 from the free throw line (82.2 percent) while committing just five turnovers.

Madonna shot 23-of-45 from the floor (51.1 percent), but turned it over 15 times.

Naubert's status for Wednesday's WHAC game at Lawrence Tech was up in the air. He saw a doctor on Monday and is listed as day-to-day, according to MU Sports Information Director Patrick

Moore.

## Mapley lifts Ocelots

Sophomore forward Andrew Mapley scored 13 points and yanked down 18 rebounds Saturday as host Schoolcraft College (13-11, 6-8) downed Macomb Community College (11-13, 4-10) in an MCCA Eastern Conference game, 70-59.

The Ocelots, who built a 39-21 halftime advantage, also got a double-double from Redford Thurston's Terrence Coles who finished with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Joshua Campbell (Livonia Stevenson) added 13 points, while Terrell Sewell (Canton) and Michael Harvey (off the bench), chipped in with 12 and 11, respectively.

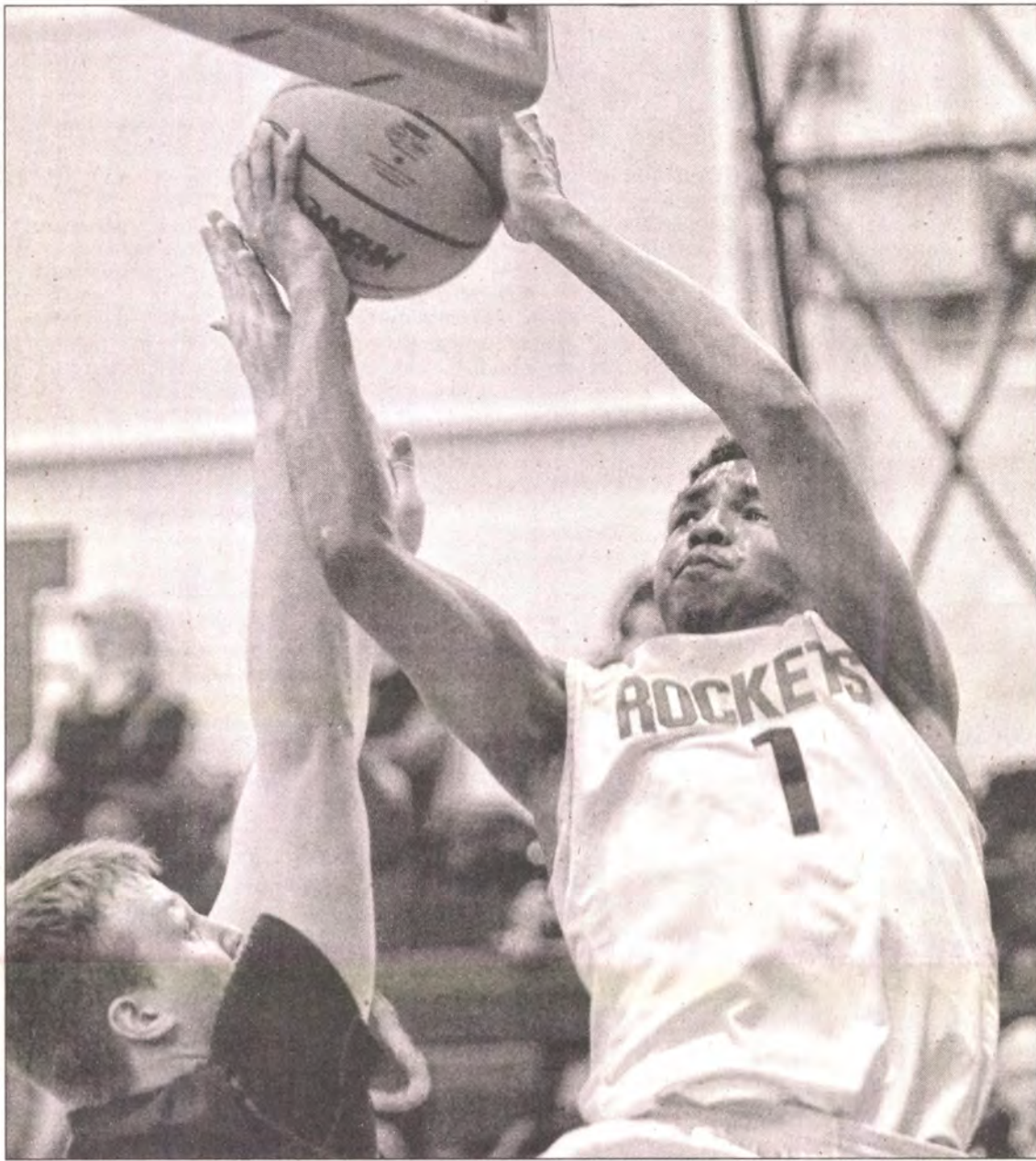
Schoolcraft won despite 28 turnovers and 37.3 percent shooting from the floor (22-of-59).



Among the Madonna University men's basketball senior players honored last Saturday were (third, from left): Matt Jenkins, Bobby Naubert, Travis Schuba, Derek Lennen and Fred Williams. The players are flanked by MU coaches Bernie Holowicki (far left) and Adam Kerfoot, along with Eoghann Stephens and Noel Emenhiser (far right). KELLY CIESLAK

The Ocelots went 24-of-37 from the foul line (64.9 percent).

Gerod Maples paced Monarchs with 14 points off the bench.



Glenn's Isaac Everette (right) goes up over Northville's 6-foot-7 center Andrew Meacham. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## ROCKETS

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"We played a great third quarter," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "We put Ike at the point, let him handle the ball and it helped our flow. We put the ball in his hands more and we were able to spread the floor. He was able to drive or dish it off to some open guys."

Glenn, although outscored 21-20 in the final quarter, built a 10-point advantage, 49-39, with only 1:37 remaining and seemingly had the game won.

But Northville (12-6) fought back behind the sharpshooting of 6-7 senior center Andrew Meacham and 6-3 senior for-

ward Malik Bazzi. The pair scored 42 of Northville's 52 points, with each scoring 21.

Meacham got hot, hitting three 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, while Bazzi also nailed a couple of late triples.

"In the second half we played better defense, we put a guard on (Bazzi)," Young said. "But they got it going again in the fourth quarter. Our guy was hanging all over him (Meacham) and he hit a tough shot from 27 feet."

Glenn, however, was able to hang on by making 3-of-4 free throws during the final eight seconds, including two by Mo Foani (after a key rebound) and another by Everette to build a 53-49 cushion.

Bazzi's triple with only one

second left cut the deficit to one, but Glenn was able to inbound the ball to end the suspense.

Senior forward James Pruitt and Foani, a senior guard, tallied 13 and 10, respectively, while junior guard Mychael Bradley, who was a catalyst on defense, contributed nine points.

Glenn connected on 11-of-21 free throws, including 9-of-15 in the final quarter. Northville, meanwhile, made 5-of-6 foul shots.

"We made enough free throws down the stretch," Young said. "It was a great win for our program."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL WRAP

# Pirates win shootout vs. Franklin

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin turned in a spirited Senior Night performance, but the Patriots couldn't keep Pinckney from going to the free throw line in an 84-56 girls basketball setback Tuesday at home.

Pinckney, getting a career-high 28 points and 16 rebounds from senior forward Simone Smith, made 39-of-52 foul shots (75 percent) to improve to 7-12 overall with the KLA A consolation round win.

Franklin (2-17) trailed 46-31 at halftime before outscoring the Pirates 19-7 in the third quarter to close within three, 53-50.

But the Patriots succumbed to the Pirates' fourth-quarter pressure and were outscored 31-6 as Pinckney connected on 23-of-31 free throws.

"I have to go home and figure out what happened in the fourth quarter," Franklin coach Jim Milican said. "Our

defense fell apart and we made way too many fouls.

"She (Smith) took the ball to hole and they had some good outside shooting, too."

Junior Shannon Dingman added 17 points, including 15 in the opening half for Pinckney. Freshman center Shay Herbert added 11.

Junior forward Sarah Crampton paced the Patriots with 19 points, while senior center Julie Magdowski added 13. Senior forward Stephanie Evans chipped in with eight.

"To come back like we did in the third quarter ... it was because our girls played hard," Milican said. "They focused on defense and ran their plays."

**JOHN GLENN 46, S.L. EAST 43:** Senior point guard Kaira Barnes tallied 15 points Tuesday as host Westland John Glenn (9-10) held off South Lyon East (10-9) in a KLA A consolation game.

R'Mani Garrard added 12, while Victoria McCloud contributed 11 for the Rockets, who were tied 25-all at halftime. Kimah Stripling added six.

Gabi Bird scored a game-high 24 points, while Payton Jones added nine.

"R'Mani got in early foul trouble and we had to go zone (defense)," said Glenn coach Derrick Jordan, whose team made 11-of-19 free throws. "They forced us out of our man (defense) and they (East) shot the ball well."

**LAKELAND 36, STEVENSON 25:** Senior guard Dominique Zigo scored a game-high 21 points Tuesday to lead host White Lake Lakeland (10-9) to a KLA A consolation round win over Livonia Stevenson (11-7).

Zigo made 12-of-14 free throws, all in the second half, and the Eagles outscored Stevenson in every quarter. Lakeland was 16-of-23 from the foul line.

Junior center Charlesann Roy scored 12 points for Stevenson.

**HARTLAND 54, CHURCHILL 31:** Amber Crouse scored 13 points and Lindsey Pajot added 11 as the Eagles (13-6) rolled to a KLA A consolation bracket win Tuesday at Livonia Churchill (7-12).

Junior guard Natalie Spala paced the Chargers with 11 points.

**HURON VALLEY 63, MACOMB 40:** Junior Julie St. John scored 14 points Tuesday to propel host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (12-4, 11-2) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win over Warren Macomb Christian.

All 10 Huron Valley players scored as freshman Sam Golchuk and junior Sam Shelton added 12 and 11, respectively. The first-place Hawks, who stayed tied with Taylor Baptist Park, hit 30-of-72 shots from the floor (42 percent).

"Our press was very effective in the first half," said HVL coach Kris Ruth, whose team led 44-18 at intermission. "We got a lot of good looks at the basket tonight."

Sophomore Shaina Rawls tallied a game-high 26 points for Crusaders (3-8 MIAC Red).

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 36, LUTHERAN SOUTH 32:** Leah Refenes scored 15 points and Julia Yancy added eight as Lutheran High Westland (7-9, 6-5) downed Newport Lutheran South in a MIAC Red battle.

The Warriors made 15-of-41 shots from the floor (36.6 percent) and 6-of-15 free throws (40 percent). Kristi Smrcka scored a game-high 21 points for the Saints (2-11 MIAC Red).

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

# Lady Ocelots upset Macomb CC, 75-72

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team scored arguably its biggest win of the season Saturday with a 75-72 overtime upset of visiting Macomb Community College.

Salem's Tabitha Mann, who finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds, scored the go-ahead layup with 13 seconds remaining in OT to put Schoolcraft ahead to stay, 73-72.

Sara Gammons then added two free throws with seven seconds left and Breanna Kidd's game-tying three-pointer at the buzzer missed the mark.

Brianna Berberet (Salem) paced Schoolcraft, which trailed 30-27 at halftime, with 22 points and 10 rebounds.

Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) and Jessica Parry (off the bench) chipped in with 14 and 13 points, respectively, while Gammons finished with 12 points and seven assists as the Lady Ocelots improved to 10-14 overall and 6-8 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference.

Kidd led Macomb (17-5, 10-4) and all scorers with 32 points. Her layup with two seconds left in regulation sent the game into OT at 61-all. She also grabbed 10 rebounds along with teammate Carly

D'Almeida.

## Crusaders downed

Carrie Kloster (Ida) scored 17 points on Senior Day, but it wasn't enough Saturday as host Madonna University (12-15, 10-10) fell to Aquinas College (20-7, 13-7) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game, 90-74.

Junior guard Rachel Melcher once again led MU with 23 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists, while Yazmeen Hamid came off the bench to score 11, including three triples.

The Saints were led by Taylor Sanders, who poured in a game-high 32 points to go along with six assists. Sanders made 9-of-13 shots from the floor and converted all 12 of her free throws.

Allison Heberlein added 16 points and 10 boards, while Carly Bardwell (off the bench) and Marisa Marx contributed 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Aquinas, which outscored MU 52-41 in the second half, made 24-of-30 free throws on the afternoon (80 percent).



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BOYS BASKETBALL WRAP

# Spartans triumph on Campbell triple

Big Grand Blanc 2nd half does in Churchill cagers

Livonia Stevenson got it right down the stretch.

The Spartans received a clutch three-pointer from junior guard Noah Campbell with only four seconds left to pull out a 52-49 Kensington Lakes Activities Association consolation bracket boys basketball win Monday night at Waterford Kettering.

The Spartans, who improved to 5-13 overall, outscored the Captains 29-20 in the second half after trailing 29-23 at intermission.

Campbell, who finished with a team-high 16 points, drove the length of the floor with the score tied at 49-all.

"He had to go the length of the court," Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi said. "He took about a 22-footer. It was a good shot and I give him credit for making it. He was due because he'd been off the last two games. Tonight he was involved and worked in well with his teammates."

Joe Hoskin added eight points for the Spartans, who went 9-of-14 from the foul line.

Kettering (9-9), which valued every offensive possession by playing a deliberate style, got a team-high 14 points from Noah Stinson.

Jon Scarber and Juan Webb chipped in with 13 and 10, respectively.

"The first half they worked 45 seconds off the clock just about every possession and they were getting layups, to their credit," Sinawi said. "The second half we

figured it out." **GRAND BLANC 65, CHURCHILL 41:** The Bobcats (16-2) pulled away in the second half Monday to post the KLA A consolation round win at Livonia Churchill (9-9).

Ezekiel Payne paced Grand Blanc with 13 points, while Brandon Brackett and Nick Randle contributed 10 apiece.

Churchill, which trailed 33-27 at halftime before being outscored 32-14 in the second half, got 17 points from sophomore guard Joan Andoni.

Senior guard Donte Jackson chipped in with seven.

**NOVI 71, FRANKLIN 51:** Eric Biberstein, a 6-foot-6 senior center, scored 23 points, while 6-foot-2 junior guard Max Yanke added 20 to lead the Wildcats (7-11) to a KLA A consolation bracket victory Monday at Livonia Franklin (4-14).

Novi, which rallied from a 33-30 halftime deficit with a 22-5 run, shot a 54 percent from the floor (31-of-57).

Seniors Adam Monroe and Nick Guest paced the Patriots with 18 and 15 points, respectively. Senior Alex Perelli added eight.

Franklin was 16-of-46 from the floor (43 percent). Both teams shot 12-of-18 from the foul stripe.

**WAYNE 57, S.L. EAST 47:** DeAndre Carter pumped in 15 points and Aaron Journey chipped in with 11 Monday as host Wayne Memorial (4-13) turned back South Lyon East (2-15) in a KLA A consolation bracket encounter.

The Zebras led 26-18 at halftime and 40-28 after three quarters. Wayne made 9-of-13 foul shots.

Jack Leckner scored 10 for the Cougars, who hit 11-of-15 free throws.

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 72, LUTHERAN SOUTH 43:** On Tuesday, host Lutheran High Westland (10-6, 7-5) jumped out to a 26-10 first quarter lead and put it away with a 27-4 third quarter run en route to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win over Newport Lutheran South (2-14, 2-10).

Jake Davenport led the Warriors with 13 points and 10 rebounds, while A.J. Seltz also contributed 13 points.

Nick Flanery and Cleveland Targ chipped in with 11 points apiece. Flanery also dished out six assists.

Connor Carr and Michael Roebke paced the Saints with 14 and 12 points, respectively.

"We came out in the second half with much better intensity on defense, which led to a more focused offense," Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoelt said. "Playing both ends of the floor consistently is something we have been lacking lately. Overall, I'm happy to get the win, but we need to stay focused and intense for 32 minutes."

**HURON VALLEY 72, MACOMB 37:** Ryan Schaffer posted a double-double with 21 points and 16 boards Tuesday as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-10, 5-6) routed Warren Macomb Christian (0-13, 0-10) in a MIAC Red Division encounter.

Milan Monk and Enit Olojo chipped in with 20 and 10 points, respectively.

Caleb Grenier led Macomb with 16.

**HAZEL PARK 77, CLARENCEVILLE 72:** Jermell Johnson and Kimani Doolley each tallied 22 points Monday, but host Livonia Clarenceville (7-11) fell to the Vikings (5-12) in a non-conference encounter.

Semajha Thompson scored 20 points for Hazel Park, which led 38-32 at halftime and 55-50 after three quarters.

BOYS SWIMMING

# Northville unseats Stevenson to win KLAA Central title

Mustangs' team depth proves to be difference

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Depth played determining factor in the outcome of Saturday's KLAA Central Division boys swim meet.

Although Livonia Stevenson captured 10 events, it was Northville that walked out of Novi's pool with a team title as the Mustangs scored a meet-best 655.55 points.

Stevenson, the Central Division dual meet champion (4-0) which defeated Northville 112-75 on Feb. 6, settled for second with 608 followed by the host Wildcats (349.5), Salem (306) and South Lyon Unified (274).

"Unfortunately, Northville's team is more conducive for winning the divisional and conference championships," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "We won 10-of-11 swimming events and still lost the meet. We simply do not have enough swimmers."

Stevenson senior Nick Arakelian, a Division 1 state champion and record holder in the 500 freestyle, figured in four firsts for the Spartans. He captured the 200-yard individual medley (1:53.24) and 100 breaststroke (1:00.72).

The Queens University (N.C.) signee also teamed up with Jackson O'Dowd, Alex Lee and Michael Chen for a first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:29.05). Arakelian also anchored the victorious 400 freestyle relay team that included Jake Goeddeke, Lee and Bradley Bielicki.

O'Dowd, a sophomore, swept the 100 and 200 freestyles with times of 47.85 and 1:46.03, respectively. Parker, a senior, was also a

double winner taking the 100 butterfly (55.46) and 100 backstroke (55.72).

Stevenson's other individual winner was Matt LaPorte in the 500 freestyle (4:46.69), while the foursome of Belmore, Grant McNamara, Bielicki and Chen contributed a first in the 200 medley relay (1:39.24).

South Lyon's Ethan Schmidt captured the 1-meter diving event (408.00 points), while Northville's lone first came from Andrew Westphal in the 50 freestyle (21.91).

"Rich Bennetts has done another excellent job coaching Northville's team," Shoemaker said. "And with his numbers, he has the advantage. We are very top-heavy this year, which will work out well for us at the state meet."

### Wildcats rule South

Plymouth captured eight events and scored 611 points Saturday to repeat as KLAA South Division champion Saturday at Westland John Glenn.

Canton (406) was runner-up followed by Livonia Churchill (374.5), Wayne Memorial (359), host Glenn (269.5) and Livonia Franklin (225).

Glenn's Cody Hodges was a double-winner, sweeping the 50 and 100 freestyles with times of 22.87 and 50.47, respectively.

Wayne's John Stover also earned a first in the 200 freestyle (1:55.76). Meanwhile, Churchill sophomore Ethan Burke set a division diving record with 400.60 points.

He shattered the point total of 357.60 previously held by Canton's Ryan Kilgore.

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## QUALIFIERS

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anticipate him wrestling in the semifinals. From there, it is a question of how bad he wants it. I've got my suit dry cleaned and ready for the finals, and if he wrestles as he has for the past few weeks, I could see myself wearing it."

Meanwhile, Westland John Glenn will be sending three to the Palace including regional champions Kevin Huynh (125) and Jordan Brandon (215), both seniors.

Huynh scored a 5-3 decision over Brad Stewart of Temperance Bedford to improve to 51-3 overall, while Brandon scored a 7-3 victory over Lavonte Perdue of Warren Mott to up his record to 50-2.

Also headed to Auburn Hills is Glenn freshman John Siemasz (51-3), who took third at 103.

"I am very happy three of the hardest workers in our room made it to the palace," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "Kevin and Jordan have been outstanding captains this year and deserve the chance to win a state title. John is one of the most talented freshmen we have ever had at Glenn and we look forward to seeing him wrestle in the big show."

"All three of these wrestlers train all year-round for this opportunity and we are excited



John Glenn's Kevin Huynh (top) was the 125-pound regional champion at Woodhaven. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

for them. I am very confident that any of these three guys can beat anyone in the state. They have worked very hard and it will pay off for them in the state tournament. I fully expect all of them to be on the medal stand."

Livonia Churchill's lone representative in Division 1 is senior captain Josh Perez (119), who garnered a third at the Woodhaven regional. He is 35-9 on the year.

At Saturday's Division 1 regional at Walled Lake Northern, Livonia Stevenson's Connor Vaughan made a strong showing to qualify in the 160-pound class with a runner-up finish.

The junior, now 41-10 overall, lost a tight 3-2 decision to Grosse Pointe North's Andrew Lock after advancing with a 1-0 semifinal win over Roseville's Kyle Minor.

"Connor is excited to be competing at the MHSAA individual state championship,"

Stevenson coach Dan Vaughan said. "He is happy to be representing Stevenson at the finals and is working hard. He is looking forward to the challenge and opportunity to wrestle against some of the guys he's had close matches with throughout the season."

Meanwhile, Novi Detroit Catholic Central finished with 10 state qualifiers including regional champions Trevor Zdebski (119), Myles Amine (140), Malik Amine (145), Nick Bennett (152), Drew Garcia (171) and Nick Giese (189).

### Curvin makes cut

Livonia Clarenceville's David Curvin took third in the 215-pound class at the Division 3 regional at Richmond.

Curvin, now 24-6 on the season, pinned his first-round opponent Kyle Dewese of Standish Sterling in 3:02 before losing to top seed and eventual re-

gional champion Kendall Betteridge of Caro in 5:13.

Curvin then scored two victories to qualify by pinning both Keegan Reimus of Freeland (in 0:51) and a Cody Brohl of Armada (in 2:36).

He will face Danny Drummond (28-9) of Grand Rapids Catholic Central in the first round of the state finals.

### Warriors qualify 3

Lutheran High Westland will be sending three to the Division 4 finals including Hudson Area regional champion Caleb Richter, a junior who captured the 135-pound title with 9-6 win over Addison's Mason Groenhou.

Meanwhile, the Warriors' Zachary Francis, a senior, finished runner-up to J.D. Waters in the 145-pound class, 6-3. Richter is now 42-4 on the year, while Francis is 17-3.

Also getting through was senior Jonah Lambert, who placed fourth at 171. He is 31-14 overall.

"It was very nice to get three state qualifiers," Luthran Westland coach Joseph Schmidt said. "Caleb had a great day on being a regional champ. Zachary had a very exciting match in the finals. He just came up a little short and Jonah avenged an earlier season loss in the blood round to get to the Palace. I'm proud of all three."

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## REGIONAL MAT RESULTS

MHSAA INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (top 4 qualify for state finals) DIVISION 1 at WOODHAVEN

**135 pounds:** Jordan Markey (Ypsilanti Lincoln) pinned Holden Baker (Saline), 3:45; **3rd place:** Jamonny Houze (Belleville) decisioned Colin Vargo (Wyandotte), 13-12.

**140:** Logan Parks (Southgate) dec. Robert Freter (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 7-4; **3rd:** Jon Conn (Plymouth) dec. Ty Jaman (Canton), 2-0.

**145:** Alec Pantaleo (Canton) p. Jacob Balogh (Southgate), 5:00; **3rd:** Adeb Alcodary (Dearborn Heights Crestwood) dec. Sofus Nielson (Plymouth), 10-5.

**152:** Blake Montrie (Temperance Bedford) dec. Quenton Santiago (Wyandotte), 7-5; **3rd:** Nick Frazier (Livonia Franklin) p. Kenneth Steele (Franklin), 2-11.

**160:** Jordan Atienza (Franklin) won by major dec. over Joey Shaver (Plymouth), 17-5; **3rd:** Jarod Ammons (Woodhaven) dec. Connor Harmon (Monroe), 5-3.

**171:** Shon Powell (Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice) p. Hussein Youssef (Plymouth), 5:50; **3rd:** Chris Salter (Saline) dec. Tyler Hammack (Monroe), 6-2.

**189:** Derek Hillman (Woodhaven) won by major dec. over Ben Beallas (Bedford), 12-3; **3rd:** Mitchell Gross (Salem) won by major dec. over Chris Pauly (Southgate), 12-2.

**215:** Jordan Brandon (Westland John Glenn) dec. Lavonte Perdue (Warren Mott), 7-3; **3rd:** Cody Tis (Southgate) won by injury default over K.J. Wooley (Canton).

**285:** Aaron Mauldin (Wayne Memorial) dec. Ali Wahab (Crestwood), 7-2; **3rd:** Adam Orman (Bedford) p. Ezekiel Baker (Southfield), 4-50.

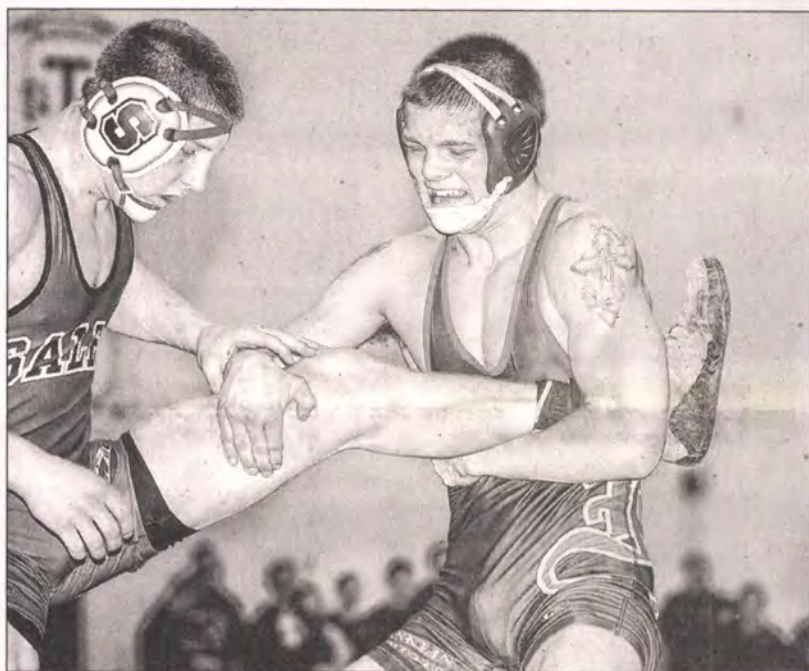
**303:** Carl Androssian (Monroe) dec. Xavier Graham (Woodhaven), 12-5; **3rd:** John Siemasz (John Glenn) won by major dec. over Kyle Boxeth (Saline), 12-3.

**312:** Brandon Harris (Plymouth) dec. Dante Rivera Garcia (Southgate), 8-2; **3rd:** Kevin Fuller (Saline) dec. Jeremy Nelson (Franklin), 11-7.

**319:** Mohamad Youssef (Plymouth) won by major dec. over Nick Robertson (Franklin), 15-3; **3rd:** Josh Perez (Livonia Churchill) dec. Abe Ajami (Dearborn Fordson), 8-4.

**325:** Kevin Huynh (John Glenn) dec. Brad Stewart (Bedford), 5-3; **3rd:** Nathan Atienza (Franklin) won by major dec. over Austin Koehler (Belleville), 11-1.

**330:** Kyle Abdellatif (Ypsilanti) dec. Ben Griffin (Canton), 5-3; **3rd:** Hassan Ajami (Fordson) won by major dec. over Keith Lee (Southfield), 15-5.



Franklin's Nick Frazier (right) edged Salem's Caleb McCabe and placed third at 152 pounds at the Woodhaven regional. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

## PATRIOTS

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17-5 major decision over Plymouth's Joey Shaver in the regional final.

Junior Nick Robertson added a runner-up finish at 119, while senior Nick Frazier and freshman Nathan Atienza contributed thirds at 125 and 152, respectively.

Robertson is now 40-14 on the year. Frazier is 42-7, while Nathan Atienza is 50-6.

"Coming in I thought four would be a good day," Chiola said. "I'm ecstatic with six. It's the most we've ever had. Jordan had his usual day. Nick Robertson really stepped it up for his first match, knowing that he had a great shot at getting to the finals."

"I'm really proud of how Nathan Atienza came back. You never know how a freshman is going to handle adversity. He was upset in his opening match and was devastated. He refocused and came back to win his next three. I was more proud of him that if he had taken first place. Frazier improved more with each match. He was up 4-0 in the blood round last year when he was pinned and that's been on his mind for a whole year. I was really happy for him."

Adding fourths for the Patriots are Jeremy Nelson (112) and Kenneth Steele (152). They will head to the Palace with overall records

of 33-23 and 32-19, respectively. "Steele, and Nelson were long shots, but they wrestled really good matches," Chiola said. "Overall it was a great day and a great week."

Now the Patriots (16-7) must try and spit in the "Eye of the Tiger" when they take on Davison (23-4) in the state quarterfinals.

Davison, which boasts 11 individual state qualifiers, owns a dual meet win over defending state champ and No. 2 seed Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Among 11 individual state qualifiers for the Cardinals include regional champs Lincoln Olson (125), 38-1; Derek Humphrey (130), 36-4; Matthew Miller (135), 30-7; Justin Oliver (140), 40-1; Dominic Russ (145), 33-8; Thomas Garty (152), 33-3; and Jordan Cooks (171), 36-2.

Cooks and Olson were state champions last year at 160 and 112, respectively, while Miller was a runner-up at 135.

"We all know we're going to have our hands full in Battle Creek on Friday," Chiola said. "We have the No. 1 team in the state, but the whole team is looking forward to it."

"We're going to go out and represent our school. I only have two kids that have even watched team 'states' before, so this is going to be a great experience, both on and off the mat."

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## BOYS SWIM RESULTS

### KLAA SOUTH DIVISION BOYS SWIM MEET

Feb. 14-15 at John Glenn  
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 611 points; 2. Canton, 406; 3. Livonia Churchill, 374.5; 4. Wayne Memorial, 359; 5. Westland John Glenn, 269.5; 6. Livonia Franklin, 225.

**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Plymouth (Ben Yang, Garrett Beapuz, Ryan Heinze, Alex Johnson), 1:44.47; 2. Plymouth (Bronson Knowles, Aniketh Visal, Michael Wischer, Matt Weiner), 1:49.83; 3. Canton (Kyle Amick, Grant Kull, Gerard Niemann, Trevis Maljara), 1:53.14; 4. Churchill, 1:54.51; 5. Canton, 1:56.1; 6. Wayne, 1:56.99; 7. Franklin, 1:59.49; 8. John Glenn, 2:06.9.

**200 freestyle:** 1. John Stover (WM), 1:55.76; 2. Niemann (Canton), 1:56.56; 3. Weiner (Ply.), 1:56.9; 4. Kevin Taylor (LC), 1:56.97; 5. Jacob Forgas (LF), 1:59.95; 6. Jose Melendez (LC), 2:00.21; 7. Zack Williams (WM), 2:01.12; 8. Visal (Ply.), 2:03.73.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Garrett Beapuz (Ply.), 2:06.05; 2. Knowles (Ply.), 2:10.95; 3. Kyle Reppenahagen (LC), 2:19.01; 4. Cole Malhoit (Canton), 2:19.66; 5. Alex Bourdeau (Canton), 2:20.27; 6. Keegan Kendall (Ply.), 2:22.3; 7. Alex Herrick (LC), 2:22.82; 8. Ryan Cossin (LF), 2:22.96.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Cody Hodges (WJG), 22.87; 2. Wischer (Ply.), 23.52; 3. Brandon Burger (Ply.), 23.74; 4. Noah Carson (WM), 23.92; 5. Majtara (Canton), 24.06; 6. Devin Gibson (WM), 24.39; 7. Andrei Manaila (WJG), 25.36; 8. Daniel Saltzman (LC), 25.36.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Ethan Burke (LC), 400.60 points (broke meet record of 357.60 held by Canton's Ryan Kilgore); 2. Justin Baker (LC), 313.90; 3. David Cunningham (WJG), 306.60; 4. Justin Wozniak (WJG), 227.60; 5. Steven Haywood (LC), 211.60; 6. Kevin Tarta (LC), 210.65; 7. James Visnaw (Ply.), 207.90; 8. Thomas Hoang (Ply.), 203.85.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Ben Yang (Ply.), 57.54; 2. John Kukulka (WJG), 58.45; 3. Alex Johnson (Ply.), 1:00.61; 4. Wischer (Ply.), 1:01.11; 5. Melendez (LC), 1:01.87; 6. Austin Klotz (LF), 1:02.72; 7. Jake Cason (Ply.), 1:03.24; 8. Michael Gibson (WM), 1:04.77.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Hodges (WJG), 50.47; 2. Ryan Heinze (Ply.), 51.30; 3. Burger (Ply.), 52.08; 4. Niemann (Canton), 53.07; 5. Karson (WM), 53.12; 6. Williams (WM), 53.75; 7. Weiner (Ply.), 54.59; 8. Majtara (Canton), 54.75.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Garrett Beapuz (Ply.), 5:06.1; 2. Taylor (LC), 5:12.69; 3. Stover (WM), 5:12.94; 4. Forgas (LF), 5:35.01; 5. Malhoit (Canton), 5:39.44; 6. Jack Boczar (Ply.), 5:46.07; 7. Ethan Nordstrom (LF), 5:50.13; 8. Grant Smith (Canton), 5:52.31.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Johnson, Wischer, Burger, Heinze), 1:34.11; 2. Wayne (O. Gibson, M. Gibson, Williams, Stover), 1:38.25; 3. Canton (Majtara, John Everitt, Noah Adams, Niemann), 1:39.99; 4. John Glenn, 1:42.61; 5. Plymouth, 1:43.26; 6. Churchill, 1:43.71; 7. Canton, 1:45.22; 8. Franklin, 1:45.4.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Yang (Ply.), 57.37; 2. Kukulka (WJG), 59.37; 3. Visal (Ply.), 1:00.3; 4. Saltzman (LC), 1:03.93; 5. Ethan Drouillard (LC), 1:04.3; 6. Amick (Canton), 1:04.85; 7. Kendall (Ply.), 1:04.91; 8. Jackson Norwood (LC), 1:09.01.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Knowles (Ply.), 1:06.56; 2. Bourdeau (Canton), 1:07.77; 3. Cossin (LF), 1:12.04; 4. Reppenahagen (LC), 1:12.11; 5. Tyler Opydnyk (LC), 1:14.06; 6. Grant Kull (Canton), 1:14.65; 7. Andrew Lasko (Ply.), 1:14.67; 8. Alec McCreedie (LF), 1:15.05.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Burger, Yang, Heinze, Chizka), 3:26.06; 2. Plymouth (Visal, Nathan Chizka, Johnson, Knowles), 3:36.65; 3. Churchill (Taylor, Melendez, Reppenahagen, Nor-

wood), 3:41.62; 4. Wayne, 3:41.89; 5. John Glenn, 3:43.57; 6. Wayne, 3:46.59; 7. Canton, 3:54.73; 8. Franklin, 3:55.94.

**FINAL DIVISION STANDINGS:** 1. Plymouth; 2. Canton; 3. Wayne; 4. Churchill; 5. (tie) Franklin and John Glenn.

**KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION BOYS SWIM MEET**  
Feb. 14-15 at Novi

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Northville, 655.5 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 608; 3. Novi, 349.5; 4. Salem, 306; 5. South Lyon Unified, 274.

**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Stevenson (Parker Belmore, Grant McNamara, Bradley Bielicki, Michael Chen), 1:39.24; 2. Novi, 1:43.60; 3. Northville, 1:43.65; 4. Stevenson, 1:45.25; 7. Salem, 1:48.08.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Jackson O'Dowd (LS), 1:46.03; 2. James K. Xue (Nville), 1:48.55; 3. Alex Lee (LS), 1:49.94; 4. Matt LaPorte (LS), 1:50.07; 5. Mark Kaminski (Nville), 1:50.75; 6. Nick Van Dyke (SL), 1:51.69; 7. Sid Karedy (Novi), 1:52.73; 8. Fred Schulz (Nville), 1:52.87.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Nick Arakelian (LS), 1:53.23; 2. Bielicki (LS), 2:04.59; 3. McNamara (LS), 2:04.82; 4. Tom O'Donohue (LS), 2:05.76; 5. Chris Geng (Nville), 2:06.56; 6. Phillip Collingwood (Salem), 2:10.51; 7. Joey Berman (Novi), 2:13.21; 8. Colin Urbaczewski (Salem), 2:13.58.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Andrew Westfall (Nville), 21.91; 2. Jake Goeddeke (LS), 22.01; 3. Tanner Vincent (Novi), 22.55; 4. Matt Paitz (Salem), 22.67; 5. Chen (LS), 23.14; 6. Daniel Brown (Nville), 23.51; 7. Alan Ruan (Nville), 23.66; 8. Yash Bajaj (Nville), 23.75.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Ethan Schmidt (SL), 408.00 points; 2. Matt Meadows (SL), 374.20; 3. Levi Oxler (SL), 338.90; 4. James Cioli (Novi), 314.90; 5. Brian Atiyeh (LS), 304.10; 6. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 297.60; 7. Anton Travis (Nville), 8. Chas Eisenhardt (LS), 238.7.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Belmore (LS), 55.46; 2. Xue (Nville), 55.60; 3. Zhang (Nville), 55.77; 4. Bielicki (LS), 56.97; 5. Wilkinson (SL), 58.28; 6. Wellman (Salem), 59.28; 7. Urbaczewski (Salem), 59.49; 8. Toraki Maehata (Novi), 59.50.

**100 freestyle:** 1. O'Dowd (LS), 48.75; 2. Goeddeke (LS), 49.17; 3. Paitz (Salem), 49.82; 4. Lee (LS), 50.08; 5. Kaminski (Nville), 50.45; 6. Chen (LS), 51.05; 7. Sharma (Nville), 52.45; 8. Larry Zhao (Nville), 52.53.

**500 freestyle:** 1. LaPorte (LS), 4:46.69; 2. Andrew Westphal (Nville), 4:50.60; 3. Matthew Schafel (Nville), 5:03.41; 4. Nick Dufresne (Nville), 5:03.60; 5. Collingwood (Salem), 5:04.01; 6. Liu (Nville), 5:09.75; 7. Eric Ferrara (LS), 5:13.00; 8. Van Dyke (SL), 5:13.66; 9. Taiyo Ichikawa (Nville), 5:13.83; 10. David Alameddine (Nville), 5:14.49.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Goeddeke, Lee, Chen, Nick Arakelian), 1:29.05; 2. Northville (1:30.93); 3. South Lyon (1:31.29); 4. Novi (1:31.50); 5. Northville (1:35.28); 6. Salem (1:35.47); 8. Stevenson, 1:38.65.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Belmore (LS), 55.72; 2. Patrick Casey (Salem), 56.39; 3. Zhao (Nville), 58.18; 4. Wellman (Salem), 58.58; 5. Karedy (Novi), 59.59; 6. Joel Bischoff (SL), 59.63; 7. Schulz (Nville), 59.89; 8. Brian Kuang (Salem), 1:00.45; 9. Matt Della Mora (LS), 1:01.26.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Arakelian (LS), 1:00.72; 2. Vincent (Novi), 1:01.48; 3. McNamara (LS), 1:01.65; 4. Liu (Nville), 1:01.79; 5. Geng (Nville), 1:01.83; 6. Ruan (Nville), 1:02.84; 7. Tom O'Donohue (LS), 1:03.01; 8. Bajaj (Nville), 1:03.87; 9. Tim O'Dowd (LS), 1:05.65.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Goeddeke, Lee, Bielicki, Arakelian), 3:15.98; 2. Northville (3:19.05); 3. South Lyon (3:26.66); 4. Stevenson (3:27.13); 5. Salem (3:29.19).

### KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Feb. 14 at Grand Blanc Lanes

**BOYS RESULTS**

**Championship final:** South Lyon (151-195) defeated Waterford Kettering (138-166).

**Semifinals:** South Lyon (178-154-181) def. Salem (175-181-173); Kettering (158-154-209) def. Westland John Glenn (136-162-182).

**Quarterfinals:** South Lyon (213-175) def. Wayne Memorial (144-125); Kettering (183-179) def. Canton (180-169); John Glenn (180-201-178) def. Walled Lake Northern (192-160-136); Salem (182-208) def. Grand Blanc (146-177).

**Playoff qualifiers:** 1. Wayne, 3,138; 2. Kettering,

3,131; 3. W.L. Northern, 3,081; 4. Salem, 3,073; 5. Grand Blanc, 3,054; 6. John Glenn, 2,965; 7. Canton, 2,959; 8. South Lyon, 2,950.





## Blend different flavors for **DELICIOUS RESULTS**

**D**essert is an indulgence, and when you delight in the taste, texture and aroma of a decadent sweet treat, you savor every bite. It is easy to get lost in the flavor and fragrance of rich chocolate or creamy caramel.

But what happens when chocolate or caramel are paired with different flavors, like salty, sour or savory? Spurred by curiosity, the food scientists in the Wilton Test Kitchen dug deeper into unusual flavor pairings to enhance the taste experience.

While the terms "taste" and "flavor" are often used interchangeably, there is a difference between the two. The taste of a food is what the taste buds perceive, while the flavor of a food is the combination of these tastes, plus the aroma and the other sensations.

There are five basic taste categories the taste buds perceive:

» Sweetness is recognized by the presence of sugar. It is very predominant in desserts, but also creates great contrast with salty and sour.

» Sourness can be added through a variety of acidic foods, such as vinegars and citrus fruits.

» Salt enhances flavor, intensifies sweetness and suppresses bitterness.

» Bitterness may be found in a variety of foods, including chocolate and coffee. When not in balance, bitter can be offensive, but in very small quantities it adds richness and depth.

» Umami is described as a savory, often mouthwatering taste perceived when eating meat, fish, cheeses like parmesan and bleu and certain vegetables such as asparagus.

Look for more taste, flavor and inspiration at <http://treatology.wilton.com>.



### COFFEE TOFFEE HEATH CUPCAKES

Makes about 24 cupcakes  
» Coffee increases the bitterness of the chocolate for richer, deeper flavor  
» Toffee adds rich buttery notes and caramelized sugar flavors

**Cupcakes:**  
1 cup water  
2 tablespoons instant coffee  
1 package (16.2 ounces) devil's food cake mix  
3 eggs  
½ cup vegetable oil  
**Ganache:**  
½ cup heavy whipping cream  
2 tablespoons instant coffee  
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1 package (8 ounces) English toffee bits

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line muffin pan with baking cups. In a small bowl, combine water and instant coffee; stir to dissolve. In a large bowl, combine cake mix, coffee, eggs and oil. Beat with electric mixer on low speed for 30 seconds, scraping bowl frequently. Then, beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Fill baking cups ¾ full with batter. Bake 16 to 18 minutes or until toothpick, inserted into the center, comes out clean. Cool cupcakes in pan 5 minutes. Remove from pan and place on cooling grid to cool completely. For ganache, combine cream and instant coffee in small saucepan; stir to dissolve. Warm over medium heat until cream begins to steam; do not boil. Remove from heat and add chocolate chips; stir until smooth. Cool slightly. Place ½ cup ganache in disposable decorating bag. Using the handle of a wooden spoon, create a small hole in the center of each cupcake; pipe in ganache. Dip tops of cupcakes in remaining ganache; lightly shake off excess. Immediately dip cupcake in toffee bits.



### SWEET AND SALTY CARAMEL CASHEW BROWNIES

Makes 15 brownies  
» Caramel gets its flavor from brown sugar, butter and cream; it adds a rich, mouth-filling flavor  
» Cashews add nutty, roasted flavor notes  
» Salt reduces sweetness and increases the bitterness of the chocolate and butter in the caramel, creating a richer flavor

6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate (squares or chips)  
12 tablespoons (1-½ sticks) butter  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
¼ cup cocoa powder  
1 teaspoon coarse sea salt  
1-½ cups granulated sugar  
3 eggs  
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
½ cup cashews, chopped plus additional for garnish  
15 soft caramel candies

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare 9-by-9-inch pan with parchment paper. In a large saucepan, melt chocolate and butter over low heat, stirring to combine. Cool slightly. In a small bowl, stir together flour, cocoa powder and salt. Add sugar, eggs and vanilla to chocolate mixture. Stir until well combined. Add flour mixture; stir until just incorporated. Stir in cashews. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 24 to 28 minutes or until toothpick inserted into the center comes out nearly clean. While brownies bake, unwrap caramel candies and roll each one out until it is ¼ inch in thickness. Cut with medium sized Leaf Cut-Outs cutter. Remove brownies from oven and immediately top with caramel cut outs, arranging in 3 rows of five. Position a cashew on each caramel. Return to oven for 1 minute. Remove from oven. Cool on cooling grid until just barely warm. Cut into 1-½-by-3-inch rectangles and serve warm or at room temperature.

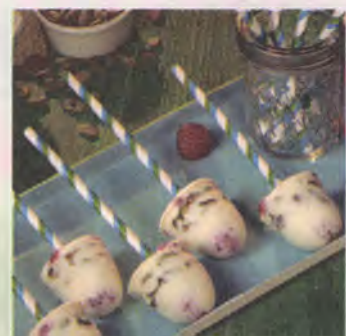


### PEAR AND BRIE HONEY TARTLETS

Makes about 2 dozen tartlets  
» Brie has creamy texture and is a soft-ripened cheese with mild flavor  
» Honey adds sweetness and balances the cheese flavor  
» Pear also adds sweetness  
» Cardamom adds a slight bitter note

1 sheet (½ of a 17.3-ounce box), puff pastry, thawed  
1 teaspoon ground cardamom  
¼ teaspoon salt  
3 tablespoons honey, divided  
1-½ cups diced, peeled firm ripe pear  
¼ 4-ounce wheel, brie, cut into ¼-inch pieces

Preheat oven to 400°F. Prepare a 24-cavity mini muffin pan with vegetable pan spray. On a lightly floured surface, unfold puff pastry; roll out to about 12-by-8-inches. Cut into 24 squares, about 2-by-2-inches. Press each square into a prepared pan cavity. In a small bowl, stir together cardamom, salt and 2 tablespoons of the honey. Add pears; toss to coat. Add 1 heaping teaspoon pear mixture to each pastry tartlet. Bake 13 to 16 minutes or until puff pastry is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Immediately top with pieces of brie. Cool in pan 5 minutes. Remove to cooling grid. Drizzle remaining honey over tartlets and serve immediately.



### FROZEN GREEK YOGURT POPS WITH PISTACHIOS AND RASPBERRIES

Makes 8 pops  
» Greek yogurt adds sour cultured notes and creamy texture  
» Sourness is balanced by the sweet honey, which contributes floral notes  
» Raspberries add fruity flavor, which is also slightly floral

1 cup plain Greek yogurt  
2 tablespoons heavy whipping cream  
¼ cup, plus 4 teaspoons honey, divided  
1 teaspoon clear imitation vanilla extract  
¼ cup raspberries  
3 tablespoons chopped pistachios, divided  
4 Wilton 8-inch Cookie Sticks, cut in half

In medium bowl, whisk together yogurt, cream, ¼ cup honey and vanilla until smooth. Place one whole raspberry in the bottom of each Wilton Round Brownie Pops Mold cavity. Cut the remaining raspberries into quarters. To assemble pops, spoon 1-½ teaspoon yogurt mixture over raspberry in mold cavity; lightly tap mold against work surface to level. Sprinkle ½ teaspoon pistachios over yogurt and then ¼ teaspoon honey over pistachios. Repeat, layering yogurt, pistachios and honey, as listed above, lightly tapping mold to level. Add a quartered piece of raspberry; top with remaining yogurt mixture and lightly tap to level. Insert sticks about ½ into pop; freeze at least 3 hours or overnight.

## CITY BITES

### Taste of California

**Livonia** — Mitchell's Fish Market will hold the first of six four-course dinner and wine pairings, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6.

A "Taste of California" costs \$54.99 plus sales tax and gratuity per person.

The menu will include Shrimp and Roasted Cauliflower Risotto; Grilled Portabella with Baby Arugula, Dried Cherry Vinaigrette and Shaved

Parmesan; Marinated Grilled Tenderloin Skewer, Smoked Salt and Pepper Ahi Tuna, Baby Potato and Asparagus Sauté; and Chilled Sabayon with Seasonal Fruit and Vanilla Tulle. Each course will be paired with a California wine. Mitchell's is located at 17600 Haggerty; 734-464-3663.

### Save the date

**Plymouth** — Learn about the 2014 Engine 2 Cooking Seminar Texas Firefighter 28

Day Save-Your-Life Plan, 2-5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at Metropolitan Adventist Junior Academy gym, 15585 N. Haggerty, one block north of Five Mile, Plymouth.

The program will include talks by doctors, dietitians, and a physical fitness trainer; a kick-off for the 28-day Save-Your-Life program; tips on integrating a plant-based diet; a tasting of plant-based recipes; and ideas for meal plans. Cost is \$35 per person or \$45

per couple.

To RSVP, leave a message or send an email with the number of individuals in your party. Registration deadline is March 25. Call 248-446-9176 or email [holidaytasting@gmail.com](mailto:holidaytasting@gmail.com). Payment will be collected at the door — cash or check only.

### Gluten-free flavors

**Statewide** — Hudsonville Ice Cream is sporting new packaging that clearly identifies its gluten-free flavors,

including Michigan Deer Traxx, Mackinac Island Fudge, Vanilla, Triple Peanut Butter Cup, Grand Traverse Bay Cherry Fudge and Toasted Coconut. The Holland-based company also recently introduced a limited edition flavor, Chocolate Craving. The chocolate ice cream is loaded with chocolate brownies, chocolate truffles and a butter fudge swirl; [hudsonvilleicecream.com](http://hudsonvilleicecream.com).

RELIGION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23
Location: Our Lady of Loretto, corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Walk-ins or appointments are welcome
Contact: 313-534-9000 or www.redcrossblood.org

JUDAICA ON DVD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Howard Lupovitch delivers a lecture, "The Soviet Archives: The Unknown World of Eastern Europe," on DVD.
Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyl-len879@att.net

PURSE AUCTION

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The auction includes purses filled with "mystery" items. Participants will get a chance to look at the purses — but not at their contents — before the bidding begins.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Feb. 26
Location: Ward Presbyterian Preschool, 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Meet staff and see the facility during this informational meeting for the 2014-15 school year.

WIDOWED FRIENDS
Time/Date: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, through March 9
Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: This weekly bereavement support series is designed to help deal with emotions, loneliness and other issues experienced after the loss of a spouse.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 5
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Details: Service marks beginning of Lent. The church holds a soup supper at 6 p.m. and service at 7 p.m. every subsequent Wednesday during Lent

AUCTION
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, March 1
Location: St. Damian Catholic School, 29891 Joy Road, Westland
Details: "Totally 80s" auction with dinner served at 7:15 p.m. and the auction at 8:45 p.m. Cash bar includes Jell-O shots and pudding shots. Tickets are \$30, available only in advance from St. Damian parish office at 734-421-6130; St. Theodore at 734-425-4421; Divine Savior at 734-455-3620; and St. Damian School at 734-427-1680

Children's Concert
Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 2
Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, just east of Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: "The Doughnut Man" Rob Evans and his sidekick Duncan will perform original Bible story-songs such as In The Beginning and The Miracle Song. Families are encouraged to sing along and dance in the aisles. Tickets are \$5 at the door; children under 2 are admitted free
Contact: the Rev. Joseph Marqui at 734-522-3166

GRIEF SUPPORT
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, beginning March 12 for five consecutive weeks
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. It is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. Register through the ministry's website or through the church
Contact: 734-261-1455; goodmourningministry.net

GRIEF SHARE
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, beginning March 16
Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This 13-week, non-denominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Includes a video seminar featuring grief experts and real-life stories; support group discussion and workbook-based personal study and reflection. Grief-related handouts available weekly. Fee is \$15 and includes the workbook
Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

GUEST SPEAKER
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6
Location: St. Linus Church, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights
Details: Al Kresta, author and host of the radio show, Kresta in the Afternoon on AM 990 WDEO, will talk about "The New Evangelization: Build the Church, Bless the Nation."
Contact: 313-274-4500

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 8
Location: Concordia Lutheran School, 9600 Levee, Redford
Details: Tour the school and

SOLANUS CASEY CENTER
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 11
Location: Trip to the center departs St. John Neumann parking lot, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Participants will carpool to the Center in Detroit. Cost is \$15 and includes tour and lunch. Deadline to pay and register is Monday, March 3, at the church; 734-455-5910
Contact: jgilbo@wowway.com; sborke@wowway.com

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY
Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and Bible scholar Gary Michuta leads the study of Acts of the Apostles.
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livonia.stmichael.org

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

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

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

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

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Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

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BROGREN, BENGTA
Age 93, February 13, 2014. Beloved husband of the late Mildred (Lofgren). Loving father of Bradley (Linda) Brogren and the late Barbara R. Humphrey.- Grandfather of Stacy (K.C.) Gutow, Ryan (Donna) Brogren, Nathan (Kristi) Humphrey, and Tanner (Tracy) Humphrey. Great-grandfather of Evan and Anna Humphrey, Hannah and Addison Gutow, Brady and Hadley Brogren and Ethan Humphrey. Dear brother of Roy (June) Brogren. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday 11:00 a.m. at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. Thirteen Mile, Farmington Hills. Visitation Thursday 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River, Farmington. Memorials may be made to Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 West Thirteen Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334, or the Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth Street, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-4298. www.thayer-rock.com



ROOSE, ELAINE MARY (KASHKIN, GINGRICH)

Jan. 15, 1937 - Feb. 3, 2014
Elaine Mary Roose (77) of Pentwater Michigan and formerly of Dearborn Heights, Livonia and Farmington Hills, Michigan, passed away on Monday evening while at home and in the arms of her husband, to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Her death is attributed to heart disease problems which have plagued her for several years. Elaine was born January 15, 1937 in the City of Detroit, daughter of her immigrant Russian parents, Peter Z. Kashkin and Anna Marie Kashkin. A child prodigy at the piano, Elaine played her first full length concert at the age of eight years, at the Baldwin Concert Auditorium in Detroit, Michigan. She continued to study with several prominent piano teachers in the Detroit area, including Gizi Santo and Misha Kotler of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. At the age of seventeen, while still attending Fordson High School in Dearborn, Michigan, Elaine received a Bachelor of Arts Degree, majoring in piano performance, from the Detroit Conservatory of Music. Prior to graduation from high school, Elaine taught privately on Saturdays and on Sundays she played piano and organ at many churches in the Detroit area. After a Magna Cum Laude Graduation from Fordson High School, Elaine attended the University of Michigan where she continued her pursuit of a second Bachelor of Arts Degree in Piano Performance. Following her degree in piano performance from the University of Michigan, she joined several professional piano groups in the Detroit area where she continued to pursue her ambition to reach the concert stage as a concert pianist. After several years, she went back to the University of Michigan to earn a Masters Degree in Music Education. Shortly after the end of the Korean War, she married her high school sweetheart, William T. Gingrich of Dearborn, Michigan. This marriage ended in divorce in 1973 and in 1978 Elaine married her present husband, Stanley V. Roose of Plymouth, Michigan.

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After the birth of her daughter, (Leslie Anne Gingrich), Elaine returned to the University of Michigan to earn a second Master's Degree that certified her to teach High School American History, Psychology and Sociology. Elaine is survived by her brother, Leon Kashkin, living in Kansas; her daughter, Leslie (Gingrich) (Housner) Wallstrom and Leslie's children, Master Sergeant Jeffery J. (Brittnee) Housner, Staff Sergeant Ryan (Melissa) Housner and Erik Wallstrom. Leslie's great grandchildren include Peyton and Hailey Housner. Elaine is also survived by Stanley's children; Joseph (Gloria) Roose and Susan (Alan) Aldworth and grandchildren: David J. (Amy) Roose, Christopher M. (Melanie) Roose; Cody (Sierra) Horstmann, Savannah Horstmann, and Scott and Kimberly Aldworth; Great Grandchildren; include Ethan Roose, Emily Roose, Lillian Horstmann and Brooklyn Roose.. As a Lifetime member of the University of Michigan Alumni Association Elaine was very active in Alumni Activities. She was also very active in the Pentwater Community through her participation in the Pentwater Library book Club, the Centenary Methodist Bible Study Group, the Pentwater Garden Club, the Pentwater Women's Club and Pentwater School Activities. Cremation has taken place and equal portions of the remains will be interred in the Pentwater Township Cemetery and the Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia, Michigan. It was Elaine's wish that Memorial Contributions be sent to the:

"ELAINE ROOSE SCHOLARSHIP FUND"
PENTWATER WOMEN'S CLUB,
P.O. Box 1104,
Pentwater, Michigan, 49449.
The family is planning for a "Celebration of Life" which will be held in the spring/summer of 2014. For further information: info@kingfuneralhome.net or svroabh@hotmail.com
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