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Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy (from left), Harold Kominars of Canton and school board President Kip Monit show off the check for \$66,081.34 that the retired dentist donated to set up scholarships at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn High schools.

## Dentist's donation creates scholarship for needy students

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Dentist Harold Kominars remember the 1960s, when cooperative education students would work in his office. The boys would cut the grass and shovel the walks and the girls would train to be dental assistants.

More than 40 years later, the Canton resident is continuing to help students. This time it's in the form of a scholarship for needy students at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools.

Kominars delivered a check for \$66,081.34 to school officials last week to establish a scholarship fund in his and

his wife's names.

"I feel this is a beautiful way to make a donation," Kominars said. "The scholarships will be modest, but they will be enough to help the student."

Kominars took advantage of a change in federal tax law that allows individuals to donate up to \$100,000 and not have to pay taxes. The money is from an IRA he liquidated, Kominars said.

According to Superintendent Greg Baracy, the scholarship will be given to one student at each school, most likely beginning in 2009. The scholarships, renewable for up to four years, will follow students through their under-

graduate career. Once they have completed their studies, new scholarships will be given out. Baracy estimated that the scholarship will be in the range of \$1,300-\$1,400.

"The counselors will pick out the needy students," Baracy said. "They'll fill out the application and have to show need and meet the criteria, but most of the selections will come from the counselors."

In addition to the application, students must be accepted to an accredited community college or university, maintain a 3.0 grade-point average and attend classes. They also have to be willing to report their grades and attendance to

Kominars.

"It would be more favorable to follow one student through, if they have the desire and attend school," Kominars said. "Once they get started, if they're a pretty good student, they can continue on."

"That's why this is so special," Monit added. "Some students only have enough money for one year and then have to drop out."

The scholarships aren't tied to any particular curriculum. Kominars favors the student selecting the course of study and where they want to go.

Kominars grew up in Detroit and graduated from

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## 'Terrific guy'

### Police Department names Novakowski as Officer of Year

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland top cop Richard Novakowski has earned a stellar reputation for taking drugs and guns off city streets, solving crimes and convincing suspects to confess their crimes.

"He's a terrific guy and a terrific officer," Police Chief James Ridener said.

He's also Westland's Police Officer of the Year.

Novakowski, who joined the Westland police force eight years ago, was honored earlier this month after a selection committee decided that he stood out among his fellow officers.

Novakowski came to Westland after he worked for the Detroit Police Department's Tactical Services Section.

"This experience that he brought with him made him one of the best instinctive police officers on the street," Ridener said, reading a statement during the awards ceremony.

"Richard made numerous arrests for drugs, robberies and other crimes. Also, he took a lot of guns off the streets of Westland."

Novakowski has gained the respect of his colleagues for his ability to talk with people and solve problems. Last August, police had two men in custody for the stabbing death of maintenance worker Gerald William Dean Jr. 45, outside of Country Court Apartments on Wildwood north of Ford.

Novakowski interviewed both suspects, and "within an hour Richard obtained a confession from the first suspect and shortly after obtained a state-

ment from the second suspect that cleared him," Ridener said.

The one suspect, 18-year-old Christopher Long, is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for first-degree murder.

In May of 2003, Novakowski had a close call and narrowly avoided his own shooting. He was investigating a case in which a man was accused of threatening a girlfriend with a .45-caliber pistol by putting it to her head.

The girlfriend led Novakowski to the suspect, who drew the pistol and pointed it at Novakowski before being shot.

"The man ignored the verbal commands to drop the gun, and fearing for his life and his partner's life, Richard was forced to shoot this man," Ridener said. "The man later died of that wound in surgery. After a lengthy and thorough investigation by our department and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Richard was cleared of any wrongdoing."

Novakowski has worked on the road patrol and in the Special Investigations Unit, mostly investigating drug cases.

"During his three years and four months in narcotics, Richard investigated over 1,000 cases, authored approximately 150 search warrants, helped serve another 150 search warrants and was responsible for seizing more than \$250,000 in proceeds from narcotics sales," Ridener said.

Novakowski returned to the road patrol and "continues to solve cases and problems," Ridener said.

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## Defendant faces trial in chase case

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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A Redford man will face trial amid allegations he led police officers from four agencies on a 100-mph chase from Westland to Detroit, where authorities said he slammed into a Michigan State Police car before he was captured.

Hosea Moore, who already spent time in prison for selling cocaine, fleeing from police, receiving stolen property and carrying a short-barrel shotgun, could find himself behind bars again, if he's convicted of a new round of felony charges.

Moore was ordered to stand

trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after he waived his preliminary hearing Thursday in Westland 18th District Court.

Moore, 44, is accused of stealing a 2006 Chevy Trailblazer in Livonia and going to a Westland group home on Ann Arbor Trail west of Middlebelt, where authorities said he was harassing his girlfriend. The couple already had been having problems before the Dec. 9 incident.

Westland police went to the group home after a disturbance was reported, and Moore is charged with struggling with officers before breaking free and running to the stolen vehicle. An

officer chased the suspect and tried to pull him out of the Trailblazer, but Moore is accused of pulling off, dragging the officer and then running over his foot.

The officer received minor injuries.

Moore is charged with leading officers from Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Michigan State Police on a chase that moved north on Middlebelt, east on I-96 to Davison and then to Livernois, Westland police Sgt. Chris Benson has said.

Moore is accused of driving through a residential area and ultimately ramming a state police car before fleeing on

foot. Officers used a Taser to stop him and arrest him.

Moore faces trial on charges of third-degree fleeing and eluding, driving a stolen vehicle, assaulting an officer, causing malicious destruction of the state police car, resisting arrest, being involved in a domestic violence incident and being a fourth-degree habitual offender.

A not-guilty plea has been entered for him. He remains jailed in lieu of a \$500,000 cash bond as he awaits trial. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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## Making merry and bright

Looking more like Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer, Dave Hermann of Livonia joins Mary Belcher and Celeste Williams of Westland in singing at the Maplewood Senior Center Christmas party. The music was provided by The Wrightones.

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# Conservation could save LPS \$10.8 million

BY REBECCA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

Establishing an "energy ethic" could save Livonia Public Schools \$10.8 million in utility costs over the next decade, according to a proposal the school board heard Monday.

The program requires the district to create a new role — "energy educator" — who would work with everyone in LPS to reduce consumption of electricity, water, natural gas and fuel oil.

Michael Bitar, division president of the Dallas-based energy management consulting firm Energy Education Inc., said his organization's plan would reduce the district's energy consumption by 20 to 30 percent.

It is guaranteed to save the district at least as much as it costs, or "we'll write you a check for the difference," Bitar said.

First-year costs would be about \$354,080 — for the energy educator, software and the company's consulting fee.

Bitar projected LPS would pay \$868,000 less for utilities in the first year, for a net savings of \$514,000.

LPS spent \$4.1 million on utilities last year and budgeted \$4.7 million for the current

year.

As stated on Energy Education's Web site: "Buildings don't consume energy. People do."

It's not about replacing boilers or ratcheting down the thermostat and "telling folks ... dress more warmly," Bitar said. "It's about maintaining comfort and observing how facilities are used. ... It's about keeping consumption down."

The energy educator would have a full-time job working with experts from Energy Education and communicating with people in all LPS schools departments to take steps like turning off lights and computers, turning down the heat when a building isn't in use, putting covers over pools and making sure other systems operate at maximum efficiency, Bitar said.

The system uses a software program to track energy use.

Energy Education proposed a split-fee performance contract.

The company would collect a base fee of \$262,080, but would be eligible for a performance bond of \$262,080 the next year if LPS meets the projected \$868,000 utility savings.

Bitar said the program would save the district \$955,000 in

the second year, up to \$13.8 million over 10 years, minus the district's \$2 million investment.

The company charges a fee for the first four years and could be eligible for the performance bond in the fifth, he said. After that, the company would offer its services at no cost.

Several companies offer to analyze energy service and can provide tips to reduce energy use, said Rod Hosman, director of administrative service. "(Energy Education) is one of the few that says, 'We're going to stay with you. We're going to help you.'"

With the company's money-back promise, Hosman said, "you'll be no worse off than you were when you started."

Energy Education, founded by a former school board member, has been in business for 21 years and works primarily with school districts. Sixty-seven Michigan districts have signed on, including those in Northville, Southgate, Novi, Farmington, Walled Lake and Utica.

Board members had questions about the savings and fee structure. The issue will probably be discussed at a committee meeting in January before it is put to a vote.

# Police look for suspect in smoke shop holdup

A lone bandit who implied he had a gun robbed a

**CRIME WATCH** smoke shop late Thursday morning on Wayne Road near

Glenwood, police Sgt. Michael Harhold said.

No shots were fired, and no one was injured.

The man went inside the store, demanded money and escaped with several hundred dollars, Harhold said.

"He then fled the store on foot in an unknown direction," the detective said.

A thorough description of the suspect wasn't immediately available.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to call the Westland Police

Department at (734) 722-9600 or (734) 721-6311.

## Parking space dispute

The Christmas spirit wasn't jolly when an argument over a parking space at the Somerset Collection in Troy turned into a physical altercation about 6 p.m. Dec. 15, according to Troy police.

A 29-year-old Westland man, driving a Dodge van, allegedly pulled into a parking space that a 39-year-old Southfield man, driving a Ford Taurus, was waiting for.

According to police, passengers in the two vehicles apparently became involved. There also was an allegation that the Southfield man pulled a

handgun, racked a round, and made threats.

That story changed, as did accounts of who said and did what during the altercation.

The Southfield man, who has a concealed weapons permit, denied the accusation about the gun, explaining he only pulled his coat up to show the holstered gun on his hip when he was being punched simultaneously by the two males from the van.

An independent witness confirmed the physical altercation between the parties occurred, but stated a gun was not brandished.

All parties were released. None appeared to want to pursue charges, according to police.

# DONATION

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Mackenzie High School. He had just started at Wayne State University when he was called up for World War II.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Force for 37 months before being discharged in 1946.

He used the GI Bill to attend the University of Michigan where he received undergraduate degrees in mathematics and science before attending dental school. He opened an office at Michigan Avenue and Second Street in Wayne in November 1951 and worked there until selling the practice in November 1986.

The scholarship money is a

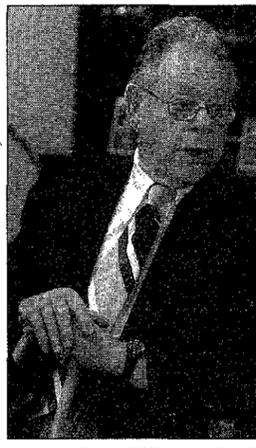
give-back to the community where he worked.

"What I was able to secure and accumulate for a retirement plan was from the fees I collected in the office from Wayne and Westland residents," he said. "This is part of that money."

According to Kominars, quite a few of the students who worked at his office stuck with dental work. One student runs a large dental office in Nevada and another works for Delta Dental.

"I had 12-15 students, they were pretty sharp kids," he said.

"Our students are still pretty sharp," Baracy said. "And they'll have more opportunities with your generous donation."



Retired dentist Harold Kominars talks about the scholarship criteria.

# Road rage case to go to trial

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Canton man involved in a traffic altercation faces trial in Wayne County Circuit Court amid allegations he wielded a baseball bat against another motorist after the two men pulled off the road Dec. 8 near Warren and Wayne roads.

Beotry McGlocklin, 48, could face penalties ranging up to two years in prison if he's convicted of attempted felonious assault.

Westland police Sgt. Chris

Benson has credited an alert, off-duty Wayne County sheriff deputy with halting the incident by pulling off the road, drawing his gun and ordering the suspect to drop the bat.

The incident unfolded around 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, in rush-hour traffic near Westland Shopping Center.

McGlocklin told police that a driver in a Jeep Cherokee was trailing his small Toyota Echo too closely. The Jeep driver gave a different version, telling authorities the Toyota driver

kept speeding up and slowing down in front of him.

In the end, the Jeep hit the rear of the Toyota, and McGlocklin is accused of getting a baseball bat out of his trunk when the two men pulled off the road at a Warren Road strip mall, Benson has said.

McGlocklin doesn't have a history of criminal activity. He has been released on a personal bond as he awaits trial. A not-guilty plea has been placed on record for him.

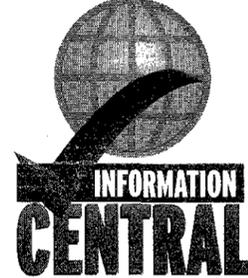
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# Snowboarding is a great winter activity

Although you can't play tennis, swim, or inline skating outside during the winter months, it's no reason for you to stay indoors watching TV. Snow and cold weather are perfect conditions for an evening out on the slopes, making the months of December and January ideal for a little snowboarding action.

Have no fear if you want to snowboard but haven't managed to venture out and actually do it - now is the time to give it a try. The library has some books to help you out though, so you won't be the sole novice standing in a group of experienced boarders while waiting to push off.

Those who wish to become familiar with the equipment necessary for the sport and the basic terminology should try Jon Lurie's "Fundamental Snowboarding." If you're ready to move beyond a very basic book and jump right into footwork and tricks, check out "The Complete Snowboarder," by Jeff Bennett and Scott Downey, to absorb some tips from the pros. In the very least, they'll show you how to safely fall,



if you aren't quite ready for more advanced techniques.

If you already have snowboarding experience but want to be ultra-impressive out there, "The Snowboard Book: A Guide for All Boarders," by Lowell Hart, is sure to not waste your time. Maybe the board design you have chosen isn't quite right for the way you would like to perform, or you need some guidelines to build your own jumps for practice. Either Hart's or Ryan's book, "The Illustrated Guide to Snowboarding," may just give you

the kinds of pointers that will clearly separate you from beginners.

Try not to let the cold become your excuse for laziness this winter. Come to the Reference Desk and we will gladly direct you to the snowboarding section, or call (724) 326-6123 and we can place a couple of books on hold for you.

**Highlighted Activities**  
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The library will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1 for the holidays. We also will be closed Jan. 2-3 for maintenance and painting and reopen Friday, Jan. 4. Happy Holiday!!!

Information Central is compiled by reference librarian Mary Beth Fixler. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

## AROUND WESTLAND

### Holiday closings

The hours at Westland city buildings will change during the holidays.

The Bailey Center will be open 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31. All city offices and the 18th District Court will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The 18th District Court also will be closed

Friday, Dec. 28.

There will be no rubbish pickup on Christmas Day, delaying pickup one day for the remainder of the week.

### New Year's Eve

Ring in the New Year at a party, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The festivities include live performances by Neil Diamond, Rod Stewart and Blues Brothers impersonators.

Tickets are \$50 per person, \$85 per couple, or reserve a table of eight for \$320. The ticket package includes an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner, open bar with a champagne toast at midnight while watch the ball drop at Times Square in New York City. Designated drivers will be available. Contact Laurie at (734) 637-5553 or by e-mail at lbarra@comcast.net or the hall staff at (734) 728-5010 or by e-mail to vbarra@comcast.net.

A New Year's Eve party will be held Monday, Dec. 31, at AMVETS Post 171 Hall, 1217 Merriman, Westland. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner, open bar and dancing. Call (734) 721-9440.

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# Man waives hearing in foiled holdup case

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A 19-year-old Westland man will face trial for charges he tried to rob the Dunkin' Donuts shop on the southeast corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt.

Ian Kiligian faces trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after he waived his preliminary hearing Thursday in Westland 18th District Court. If convicted of assault with intent to commit robbery, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Kiligian is accused of order-

ing a 17-year-old female worker to hand over money during the Dec. 8 incident. Police Sgt. Steve Borisch has said Kiligian is accused of brandishing a drywall saw that resembled a knife.

The worker pretended she couldn't get the cash register drawer open, and she told police the suspect left the store.

Kiligian is accused of running to nearby London Townhouses, northeast of Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt, where he lived with his girlfriend. Borisch said the suspect then fled across

Middlebelt into a residential neighborhood, where he was arrested.

Kiligian is accused of hiding under a swimming pool deck on Fremont until a police dog found him.

A not-guilty plea has been entered for him as he awaits trial. He is jailed in lieu of a \$250,000 cash bond.

Police had sought Kiligian for the incident after the Dunkin' Donuts employee, with help from a friend, identified him as someone they knew in school.

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# Garden City Hospital programs focus on wellness

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**Monday, Dec. 24**

**Power Hour** at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. An intense exercise class designed to take you to the next level in fitness. Every class will be different, but we guarantee that each one will be challenging and fun, with a variety of aerobic exercises to experience. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

**Wednesday, Dec. 26**

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**CPR - Adult** at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Heart Association, the class provides hands-on CPR training to adults. Participants are prepared to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in victims, age 8 and above. This class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health & Education Center, 6701 Harrison, just north of Maplewood. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

**Eating Disorders Support Group** at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

**Thursday, Dec. 27**

**Strength and Stretch** at 11 a.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

**Get Up and Move** at 4 p.m. (Tentatively scheduled, call to confirm) This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect

compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

**Friday, Dec. 28**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive** 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Garden City Hospital will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Lower Level Classrooms of the Allan Breake Medical Office Building on the Garden City Hospital campus, 6245 Inkster Road. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (734) 458-4259. Walk-ins are always welcomed.

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**Monday, Dec. 31**

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**Daily Programs**

Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center offers daily programs Monday through Friday in Phase II and III Cardiac Rehabilitation/Cardiac Wellness, a Peripheral Vascular Disease Exercise and Strength Training Program, and a Diabetes Exercise Program. These classes are presented and monitored by certified exercise physiologists. Contact the Health Enhancement Center at (734) 458-3242 to select an exercise program specifically designed for you.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com). They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or faxed to her attention at fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wrestling Club**

Westland Bottle Rockets is a wrestling club for ages 5-14. The club meets on Monday and Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Gym 4 of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland, Michigan. The club runs from November through March and costs \$20. For questions or more information, contact Judy at [judyawl122@yahoo.com](mailto:judyawl122@yahoo.com) or calling (734) 634-4595.

**New Year's Eve parties**

Ring in the New Year at a party, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The festivities include live performances by Neil Diamond, Rod Stewart and Blues Brothers impersonators. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$85 per couple, or reserve a table of eight for just \$320. The ticket package includes an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner, open bar with a champagne toast at midnight while watch the ball drop at Times Square in New York City. Designated Drivers will be available

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■ A New Year's Eve party will be held Monday, Dec. 31, at AMVETS Post 171 Hall, 1217 Merriman, Westland. Tickets are \$25 each and include dinner, open bar and dancing. For tickets, call (734) 721-9440.

■ Ring in the New Year with Jimmy Howard & Company at a New Year's Party at the Livonia Elks, 31117 Plymouth Road in Livonia Monday, Dec. 30. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; party goes until 1 a.m. Dinner (oven-baked chicken and port tenderloin) served at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person. Due to the Christmas holiday, tickets must be purchased by Dec. 19. For more information, call Linda at (734) 507-9173 or Mary Ann at (734) 654-0115, or e-mail parties.2go2@yahoo.com

**Fife & Drum Corps**

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps is collecting alumni contact information so it can reach out to alumni members regarding future events and performances. People who are Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps alumni, can send their contact information - name, phone number, e-mail address - to alumni director Robin Leclerc at [rlclerc@wideopenwest.com](mailto:rlclerc@wideopenwest.com).



Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy, left, and police Lt. Michael Matich, right, were among the local firefighters and police officers who recently shopped with children at Meijer during the store's Shop With A Hero program. The store provided gift cards and food baskets to select children and their families for the holiday season.

**Higher Rock Cafe**

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month

at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 8 p.m. Check it out on the Web at [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com) or call (734)

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**Fish Dial-A-Ride**

One-day-a-month volunteer drivers are needed to transport seniors and

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**FOR YOUR HEALTH**

**Advocacy group**

The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. Call (734) 362-8825.

**Substance abuse support**

A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995.

**Menopause & More**

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

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# Take the long view and ignore short-term market news

**Dear Rick: I thought when the Federal Reserve cut interest rates that was good news for the stock market. Why did the market tumble when the Federal Reserve cut interest rates by a quarter point?**



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

It is nearly impossible to predict how the stock market will react over the short run. Good news is bad news and bad news is good news. I always tell investors never to make decisions based upon how the market is doing over

the short run. The stock market adversely reacted to the Federal Reserve's announcement because speculators and traders were hoping for a half-percent cut as opposed to a quarter-percent cut. It is difficult to analyze or predict the stock market over the short run. In today's world, we are flooded with economic data on a daily basis and it's impossible to attempt to determine how the market will react to certain numbers. For example, it's not unusual for a company to report record profits and have their stock decline the same day. Or the exact opposite happens where a company reports disappointing earnings and all of a sudden their stock

gains in value. The reality of the situation is when economic data comes out, it is generally historic information — what has happened over the last week or quarter. The stock market, on the other hand, is always looking forward. My advice is ignore the daily information. The economic data we are flooded with is almost all short-term information. Investors should not be making decisions on what happened over the last month or the last quarter. There is no rhyme or reason why the market reacts one way or another based upon economic data. In fact, when I talk to portfolio managers who manage billions of dollars,

they say be cautious and don't overreact to economic reports whether good or bad. The more people ignore the economic chatter, the better a portfolio will perform. **Dear Rick: I am getting ready to retire. I am lucky to have a pension. Should I take my pension as joint and survivor where my wife gets 65 percent of my benefit when I die, or just for my lifetime. My insurance agent recommends that I take the pension for my lifetime and then buy a life insurance policy to protect my wife. Which way would you go?** It is better for you and your spouse to take a joint and survivor pension versus buying life insurance.

In addition to the financial considerations, there are other issues with life insurance. The first is if for some reason you don't make the premium payments. I recognize that people say "I will not let my life insurance lapse," however, it happens. Another reason to take the joint and survivor benefit is if the company offers health care. Typically, if the spouse is not covered under the pension, there would not be any health care benefit. Unfortunately, this is something that many insurance agents who are just anxious to make a sale forget to

tell the consumer. I have seen hundreds of situations where the issue is a joint survivor pension vs. the life insurance option and I can count on one hand the number of times when the life insurance made sense economically. Those were rare cases and unusual situations. **Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

## SEMCOG releases region's final population estimates for 2007

The seven-county region of Southeast Michigan closes 2007 with an estimated population of 4,888,203, according to figures released by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

This new estimate represents a 1.1 percent increase in population since the 2000 census. "Given the Census Bureau's mid-year estimates of population from the last two years, it's clear that the region's population growth has slowed and has actually been losing people since 2005," explained Xuan Liu, SEMCOG's Data Center Manager. "This change is an indication of the region's weak economy. The region's weak economy has, in turn, impacted the residential housing market, which has also slowed considerably. Obviously, we're concerned about these downward trends."

Although the region as a whole has experienced little increase in population over the past few years, significant growth has taken place in a number of areas since the last census. Livingston County has grown nearly 25 percent, from a population of 156,951 in 2000 to a current esti-

SEMCOG Estimate			
Community	Census 2000	December 2007	Percent Growth
Livingston County	156,951	194,979	24.2
Macomb County	788,149	849,822	7.8
Monroe County	145,945	158,511	8.6
Oakland County	1,194,156	1,221,395	2.3
St. Clair County	164,235	174,957	6.5
Washtenaw County	322,770	352,061	9.1
Wayne County	2,061,162	1,936,678	-6.0
Southeast Michigan	4,833,368	4,888,203	1.1

SOURCE: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

mated population of 194,979. Macomb County has added the most residents — 61,673 — since the 2000 census. All other counties, except for Wayne, have experienced single-digit percentage growth since the 2000 census.

Among Southeast Michigan communities, Macomb Township has grown the most since the 2000 census, but is now growing at a slower

rate. Since the 2000 census, it has added more than 25,000 people (or an average of nearly 4,000 a year); however, growth over the past two years has slowed.

In 2007 Macomb Township grew by about 2,100 people, ending the year with an estimated population of 75,865.

The number of households in Southeast Michigan, while growing more than three times

as fast as population since the 2000 census (4.3 percent) has also slowed in the past three years. Households are growing at a faster rate than population primarily due to the aging population and the increasing numbers of one- and two-person households. There were 1,845,218 households counted in the 2000 census; the region closes 2007 with an estimated 1,925,324 households. During that period, the region averaged more than 11,000 new homes annually, but in 2007, households grew by just 1,889 (2,488 less than 2006).

In Southeast Michigan, there are an estimated 2.50 persons per household at the close of 2007. Livingston County has the highest persons per household at 2.70; Washtenaw County, at 2.34, is the lowest. These numbers reflect a continuing trend in the region and in the specific counties noted.

Population and household figures for all counties and communities in Southeast Michigan are updated monthly on SEMCOG's Web site — [www.semco.org](http://www.semco.org). Find Population Estimates on SEMCOG's new Web site under Data and Maps, then By Subject.

## Womencenter offers women's book group

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills is hosting an eight-session book group for women beginning Jan. 9 and meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

The Womencenter Book Group is led by center Director Arlene Frank. The cost is \$12, and is open to the public. It will meet in the campus' Womencenter, J Building, Room 309.

"Reading is an adventure for the imagination. You can enhance the journey by sharing insights," Frank said. "We will discuss literature by and about women." Participants are asked to read "The Unknown Errors of Our Lives", by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, before the Jan. 9 session. This group is sponsored by the Womencenter, a facility that provides educational and supportive resources for area women. For information on the Womencenter Book Group and other program offerings, call the Womencenter at (248) 522-3642.

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# December heralds a season of change

Whirling, swirling snow and occasional sprinkles of ice have put to bed any thoughts that old season, autumn, lingers. Winter is upon us and December brings great changes of nature's way - a new season of exploration.



Nature's Way

Jonathan Schechter

waiting for motion near road's edge. Scurrying mice make an endless supply of White Castle size meaty morsels, with the occasional squirrel or rabbit being the double whopper of furry wild

meat.

In the northern sections of the county coyotes trek under moonless nights, seeking rabbits and mice. And not far from the freezing shoreline of Orchard Lake, a few coyotes, well adapted to suburban life, make short work of geese that loitered a bit too long to feast on remnant lawn grasses. Those coyotes deserve a big thank you from lakeshore owners bothered by abundant geese, not a comment like one I received, "He acted like a citizen that owned the place."

And yes, coyotes do appear now and then on the shoulders of I-75. Abundant road kill from one end of the county to the other, mostly deer, is easily scavenged treats. Nature's way is working. If your only access to winter's way is a drive in the car, or watching from the picture window, there is still much to see. Red-tailed hawks are on their winter "spotting perches" along I-75 and M-59. They perch sentinel-still,

Hang suet on your feeder and it won't take long for a bevy of black capped chickadees and woodpeckers to respond to your offerings: Suet is a touch of paradise for all birds that want this fatty offering of energy and nutrition. Downy woodpeckers are my personal favorite when it comes to the suet watch. A few downys have also re-discovered more natural protein - the tiny curled up grub inside the swollen "galls" of last summer's golden rods.

With the phenomenal expansion of the range of wild turkey, expect these big beauties to start making appearance under feeders throughout sections of the county that are not totally encircled by homes and highways, but not



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really wild either.

Don't expect to find them on the streets of downtown Birmingham or among Southfield high-rises but hearsay says a few are already appearing just a bit west of the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve. Maybe they are heading for the strip malls of Orchard Lake Road? And turkeys are finding living to their liking in many of our Oakland County and Metro Parks.

Any doubt I held that turkeys were not curious evaporated the day after my new septic field was constructed at the edge of my meadow. First light of the new day, brought turkey tracks all over the powdery snow as they explored the top of the freshly turned, snowy earth. Their presence inspired me to throw down a mix of winter wheat and clover seed. A treat for spring.

December also brings a wintry sky treat that NASA deems a PHA. Her name is 3200 Phaethon. PHA? That's the NASA abbreviation for a potentially hazardous asteroid. She will zoom by Earth at the close range of 2 million miles.

Look to the west before dawn - or after midnight on the 13th and you may witness a good Geminid meteor shower, as fragments break off and enter our atmosphere at 100,000 m.p.h.

According to NASA astronomer Bill Cook of the Marshall Space Flight Center, "The show really heats up after midnight and by dawn on Friday, Dec. 14, there could be dozens of bright meteors per hour streaking across the sky."

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# Celebrate end-of-year holidays the fire safe way

Many people gather and enjoy family and friends during the holiday season. While decorating the house and cooking are highlighted, take a few tips to help keep an unwanted fire from visiting your home this season.



Tom Kiurski

items down onto themselves, and also keeps the danger of bumping pot handles while walking past the stove and spilling to a minimum.

Candles are part of many celebrations and decorations during this season. Candles have grown in popularity recently, and their role in unwanted fires is also on the rise. Keep candles in large, sturdy candle holders and never leave them unsupervised. Make sure they are at least one foot away from combustibles or any combustible that can be blown their way, such as drapes, curtains or shears. Keep the matches and lighters stored high out of the reach of children. Allow children to "help" with keeping an eye on the candles or fires in the fireplace, and let them know that they can take on more responsibility for friendly fires when they get older.

Make sure that any holiday lighting is approved for the use you have in mind. Indoor lights should stay indoors and outdoor lights should remain outside. Make sure the lights bear the mark of an inspecting agency, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), and check them every year for cracks or fraying in the wires.

Bad cords should be discarded and replaced, and use power strips with built-in circuits as a way to keep the current at acceptable levels.

Turn lights off when you leave the house or go to bed.

Cooking safety should never take a "back burner." Keep a zone near the stove or oven free from hazards and interruptions, to allow you to focus on safe cooking. Cook on back burners when possible, and keep handles turned in toward the stove. This keeps children from reaching up and pulling hot

Make sure you have plenty of smoke alarms in your home. There should be one in almost every room, and a minimum of one per floor and outside the sleeping areas in the home. Smoke alarms should be tested every month, so choose an easy day to remember, such as the first of the month when you change calendar months. Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years, as they are more likely to fail after ten years of service.

Plan and practice a home fire escape plan. This includes making a map of your home and label every room and find two ways out of every room in case on is blocked by fire and/or smoke. If children are big enough to open their bedroom windows unassisted, they may be able to get themselves out in case of fire. If they cannot, then an adult needs to be in charge or getting that child out. You may also have to make similar plans for special needs and elderly residents in your home.

While smoke alarms are excellent items to reduce your chances of dying in home fires, carbon monoxide alarms are needed to warn you of increased levels of carbon monoxide in your home. The two alarms are different, so make sure both of them are part of your safety plan.

Your Livonia firefighters want to wish you and your family a happy, and fire safe, Holiday season.

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

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## Poole cues up Franklin OT victory vs. Wildcats

BY ED WRIGHT  
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### BOYS HOOPS

Livonia Franklin's boys basketball team went mountain climbing Thursday night in the Plymouth gymnasium.

The Patriots stood at the base of a Mt. Everest-like 21-4 deficit midway through the first quarter before clawing back to post a 84-79 overtime victory over the Wildcats in a game that featured a ping-pong-like pace.

Junior forward Jeffery Poole led the expedition with a career-high 26 points - 20 of which came after the halftime break.

Four other Patriots broke the double-digit barrier including senior guard Ryan Matthey (17 points), senior forward Israel Woolfork (14), junior forward Connor Leidal (13) and senior guard Kevin Percin (11).

The Wildcats lost despite strong efforts from seniors Navraj Sandhu, who registered a near triple-double with 28 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists; and Brandon Roberts, who netted 20 points.

Franklin improved to 2-2 overall in the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division opener for both teams. Plymouth slipped to 1-4.

The Patriots benefited from several clutch shots during crunchtime, including a triple (while getting fouled) by Percin with 40.6 seconds left to put his team up 72-71; and a spinning, driving layup by Poole with 13 ticks remaining that gave the Patriots a 74-72 advantage.

Roberts hit the most significant shot of regulation for Plymouth when he banked in a slicing layup with 5.6 seconds left to knot the game at 74-all. Percin had an opportunity to win it at the other end, but his long trey rimmed out at the buzzer.

The Wildcats missed three free throws during the final 94 seconds of the fourth quarter.

"We've been working so hard on playing with poise, taking care of the ball and making good decisions when the pressure's

on," said Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault. "Tonight was a huge step for us. The biggest thing was keeping our poise while playing from behind practically the whole game."

Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said his team was done in by Franklin's frequent trips (33) to the charity stripe.

"We played well enough to win, so this is obviously a very disappointing loss," said Van Wagoner. "They went to the line 13 times in the fourth quarter and four more times in the overtime, so that was definitely a factor. Part of it was we just weren't getting good position on defense. The other part was that we weren't getting any breaks."

Leidal opened the overtime with a three from the wing, but Sandhu answered with an old-fashioned three-point play to re-deadlock the game at 77-all.

After Poole and Roberts traded driving layups, Matthey gave the Patriots a lead they would never relinquish when he swished one of two free throws with 1:27 to go.

Poole snared a missed Plymouth shot

with 1:05 to play. Franklin then erased nearly a minute off the clock with a weave before Poole deposited a missed Woolfork shot with 14.5 seconds left to put the visitors up 82-79.

Sandhu's deep triple with 8.3 ticks remaining was off the mark, Matthey secured the rebound and nailed a pair of freebies at the other end to close the scoring.

"Ryan Matthey played great under pressure tonight - he made some great decisions," said Rheault. "And Jeffery Poole did a good job of finishing. All night we recognized their defense and made good choices."

Franklin buried 24-of-33 free throws while the Wildcats connected on 14-of-22.

Senior forward David Harvey played a strong game at both ends of the court for the Wildcats, finishing with 10 points. Senior forward Garrett Reban added nine points while Mike Hanchett chipped in with seven in limited minutes.

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## Sidelines

### No ordinary Joe

University of California (Pa.) quarterback Joe Ruggiero (Livonia Franklin) led the Vulcans to a 13-1 overall record and a berth in the NCAA Division II football semifinals before losing to eventual champion Valdosta State (Ga.), 28-24, in the national semifinals.

The 6-foot-2, 195-pound senior, a three-year starter, threw for 2,365 yards (211-of-345 for 61 percent) and 25 touchdowns with only nine interceptions.

In his final game, Ruggiero threw three TD passes and was 23-of-36 for 230 yards and one interception (coming on the final drive at the Valdosta 10-yard line with 2:10 left).

The transfer from Wayne State threw for 779 yards in four games as a freshman before going down with a broken leg. He threw for 2,200 yards and 20 TDs as a sophomore and 2,118 yards and 15 TDs as a junior.

### Henry saluted

Madonna University senior guard Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball Player of the Week.

Henry helped the host Crusaders to a pair of wins in the Michigan Educational Credit Union championship recently posting 33 points during a two-game stretch, including 21 in the championship win over Albion College to capture tournament MVP honors.

For the week, Henry averaged 16.5 points and 4.5 assists while shooting 55 percent from the floor (11-of-20) and 61.5 percent (8-for-13) from three point territory.

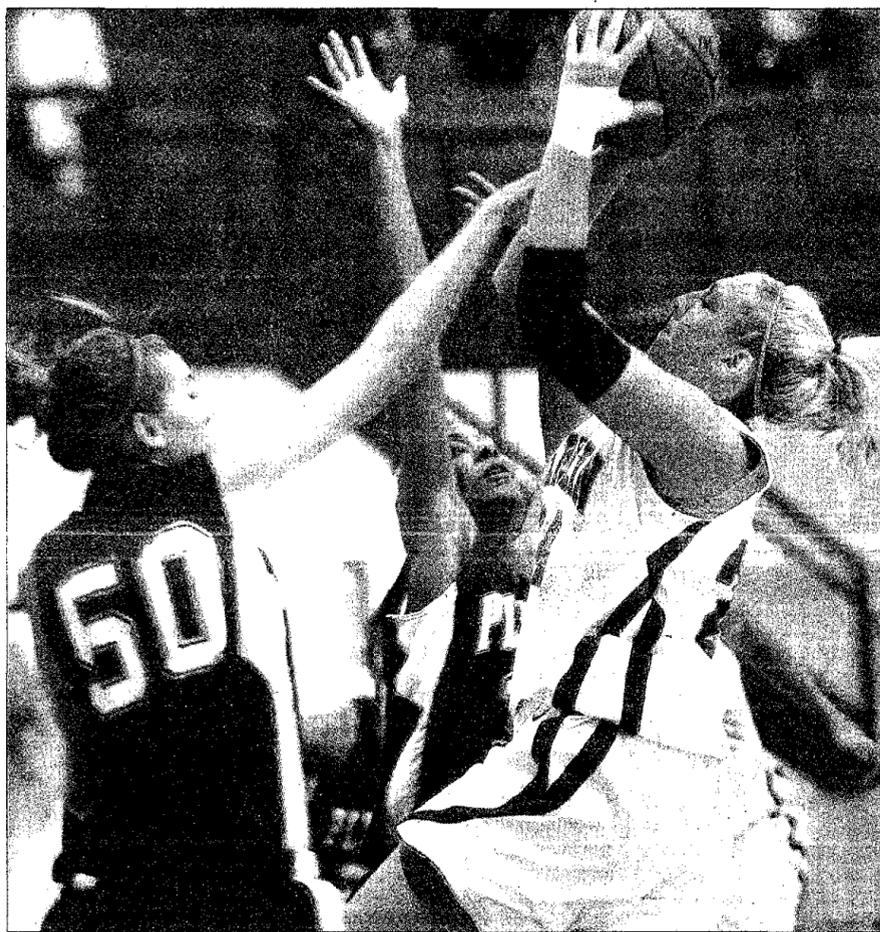
### Christenson lauded

Grand Valley State senior defender Sue Christenson (Livonia Ladywood) recently earned Daktronics NCAA Division II first-team All-America honors in women's soccer.

Christenson helped the Lakers to a 21-1-1 overall record and a berth in the NCAA Division II Final Four before losing to Tampa (Fla.) University, 2-1. Christenson sparked a defense that ranked second in Division II in goals-against average (.359) and eighth in shutout percentage (.636).

Grand Valley also outscored its opponents 88-10.

Christenson, who ranks as the all-time leader in games played for the Lakers (85) was also named to the All-Region and All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference teams.



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Franklin's Ashley Price (right) drives to the basket defended by Plymouth's Katie Moss (50) and Shaakira Haywood in Thursday's 47-46 WLAA-Western Division setback.

## Plymouth clips Patriots, 47-46 Klonowski spurs win

Plenty was at stake Thursday night when host Livonia Franklin tangled with the Plymouth girls basketball team.

Sophomore forward Stacey Klonowski scored a game-high 19 points and Troi Davis added 10, including two game-clinching free throws with only eight seconds remaining as Plymouth earned the 47-46 triumph in the Western Lakes Activities Association-Western Division opener for both teams.

Katie Moss and Shaakira Haywood each contributed eight points for the Wildcats (4-4, 1-0), who survived a 16-10 Franklin run in the final quarter.

"She (Klonowski) did a little bit of everything tonight," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly, whose team led 37-30 after three quarters.

"Before tonight she played too unselfishly at times, but tonight she did what

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we needed her to do."

Junior guard Brianna Taylor, who scored a two-point basket to end the game, along with senior center Ashley Price, each tallied 14 points for the Patriots. Junior forward Brittany Taylor contributed nine.

The trio combined for 37 points on 14-of-31 shooting.

"We made a lot of mental errors, we took a shot we did not need to take at the end and we had a turnover before that at mid-court," said Franklin first-year coach Dave McCall, whose team slipped to 6-2 overall and 0-1 in the division. "And we were cold, we didn't make a lot of shots."

Plymouth was 12-of-18 from the foul line, while Franklin was 9-of-12.

ANNAPOLIS 46, CLARENCEVILLE 42:  
Freshman Justina Williams

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## MU women's team romps to 65-31 win

Caryn Inman scored a team-high 14 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead the Madonna University women's basketball team to an easy 65-31 non-conference win Friday at home over Rochester College.

The Crusaders, who won their second straight, improved to 3-8 overall. Rochester falls to 3-13.

Tabatha Wydryck and Rebecca Ruffli each added 10 points for MU, which led 37-14 at halftime.

Sheryl Jager chipped in with nine points.

MU shot 44.4 percent from the field (24-of-54) and outscored Rochester 29-10 off the bench.

Jessica Crook scored nine for Rochester, which committed a total of 30 turnovers and shot just 21.3 percent from the floor (10-of-47).

MADONNA 62, OLIVET COLLEGE 54: A 21-point effort by forward Tabatha Wydryck sparked the Crusaders (2-8) victory Wednesday against visiting Olivet College (3-6).

Caryn Inman added 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Crusaders, while forward Christie Carrico chipped in with eight points and 11 boards.

Amy Brackenwagen tallied 12 points for the Comets. Madonna led 37-36 at halftime and shut down Olivet in the second half, allowing just 18 points.

DAYTONA BEACH (FLA.) 64, SCHOOLCRAFT 61: Schoolcraft College's trip to the Daytona (Fla.) Christmas Classic turned out to not be one to remember.

On Tuesday, the Lady Ocelots lost to host Daytona Beach CC despite a 17-point effort from Antoinette Brown, 11 points from Taylor Langham (Salem) and 10 from Shana King.

Sheray Brown led Schoolcraft (9-2) with 11 rebounds, while Brown pulled down nine.

The top scorer for Daytona Beach (13-3) was Tiffanie Stephens, with 20 points.

Schoolcraft also lost Monday to Central Florida CC in the tourney opener, 83-63.

## Rosenick spurs Chargers, 52-38

There were a lot of bright spots in Livonia Churchill's 52-38 boys basketball win Thursday night at home over Walled Lake Northern.

The Chargers improved to 4-2 overall, but more importantly earned their first Western Division win in the WLAA opener for both teams.

Senior forward Ryan Rosenick scored 19 points and hauled down 13 rebounds as the Chargers pulled away from a 24-

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23 halftime advantage.

Andrew Vagnetti chipped in with nine points, while senior forward Nick Seger finished with six points and 10 rebounds as Churchill outscored Northern 28-15 in the second half.

"The second half we rebounded the ball and played harder on defense,"

Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We were outrebounded 23-12 the first half, but in the second half we outrebounded them 20-16. We put forth a heck of an effort on the boards, especially Rosenick and Seger."

The Chargers also got a boost from senior point-guard Daran Carey, who finished with five points, four steals and

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## Stevenson grapplers win tiebreaker

See a roundup of area prep mat results on B3.

### PREP WRESTLING

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

It went to the scorebook Wednesday night as Livonia Stevenson won based on the criteria against host Salem in a Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division wrestling match after being deadlocked at 34-all.

The Spartans, now 5-1 overall and 1-0 in the Lakes, trailed 18-0 in the early going after losing their first four matches.

The comeback was sparked by senior Ziad Kharbush's 9-1 major decision over Austin Root at 171 pounds.

Emanuel Onwuemene (189), Matt

Greenman (215), Austin Micallef (285) and Michael Fobar (112) followed with pins. Andy Staub (152) and Raz Markosian (145) also notched victories for Stevenson, which was declared the winner by earning first-points in nine of the 14 matches.

"We've gone to a tiebreaker before, but never to the sixth criteria - we almost had to have a coin flip," said Stevenson coach Dan Vaughan.

whose team is 6-2 overall and 1-0 in the division. "The upperclassmen did their jobs and our young kids battled all night long. It was a good win for us because three of my starter were out. We wrestled one freshman and five sophomores tonight. The dual meet was exciting from start to finish."

### Glenn 1st at Woodhaven

On Dec. 15, senior 215-pounder James Kelly, who went 5-0 on the day, was the MVP as Westland John Glenn captured the Woodhaven Tournament with wins over Harper Woods Notre Dame (62-11), Lincoln Park (43-22), Garden City (48-27), Ann Arbor Pioneer (65-3) and Riverview in the finals (40-3).

On Wednesday, Glenn used seven sophomores in its lineup to open WLAA-Lakes Division dual meet action with a 56-19 win over visiting Walled Lake Northern to improve to 12-3 overall.

Senior Jeremiah Austin (19-0) and sophomore Anthony Pavlich (18-1) are both ranked in the top ten in their respective weight classes in Division 1.

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scored 18 points and Kelly Sapikowski added 13 Friday night as host Dearborn Heights Annapolis (8-0) stormed back in the final quarter to beat Livonia Clarenceville (3-5).

"We played a lot, lot better tonight, but it was one of the most frustrating games I've coached in a long time," said Clarenceville coach Julie Patterson, whose team relinquished an eight-point lead in the final three minutes.

Senior guard Amanda Moody led the Trojans with 16 points and six steals. Amber O'Halloran added 10 points.

Annapolis made 13-of-30 free throws, including 10-of-21 in the decisive fourth period.

Clarenceville was 4-of-7 from the line.

**SALEM 56, JOHN GLENN 39:** Alaya Mitchell poured in a game-high 20 points, while 5-foot-11 junior Chelsea Davis scored eight of her 12 points in the third quarter to lead the Rocks (6-1, 1-0) to the WLLA-Lakes Division win Thursday over visiting Westland John Glenn (3-5, 0-1).

Salem broke away from a 24-23 halftime lead with an 18-9 third-quarter run.

Brittany Brown scored nine of her 11 points in the third period for the Rockets. Brittany Holbroke and Nyah McReynolds added seven and six, respectively.

**W.L. WESTERN 74, WAYNE 43:** All 12 players scored Thursday as host Walled Lake Western (7-1, 1-0) rolled to the WLLA-Western Division victory over Wayne Memorial (3-5, 0-1).

Melanie Wilkerson scored a game-high 20 points for the victorious Warriors, who led 41-26 at halftime.

Lauren Williams contributed eight for Western.

Wayne senior guard Trena Barbee paced all scorers with 26 points, while teammate Nastassia Goines contributed 12.

"They (Western) had their game plan and they were ready for us," Wayne first-year coach Leslie Williams said. "They (Western) had a lot of breakaway layups. We didn't play transition defense and they (Western) also were able to utilize the post."

**W.L. NORTHERN 43, CHURCHILL 36:** Melissa Guiles led the way with 11 points Thursday to spark host

Walled Lake Northern (5-2, 1-0) past Livonia Churchill (2-5, 0-1) in a WLLA-Lakes Division encounter.

Churchill led 17-12 at halftime and 30-27 after three quarters before the Knights went on a 16-6 fourth-quarter run.

Northern was 17-of-33 from the foul line, while Churchill was 8-of-16.

Chelsea Manasian paced the Chargers with seven points.

**W.L. CENTRAL 53, STEVENSON 24:** Kelly Costello scored 14 points and Porsche Dudley added 13 to lead Walled Lake Central (5-3, 1-0) to the WLLA-Lakes Division triumph Thursday at Livonia Stevenson (3-5, 0-1).

Krista Hakola and Brooke Gustafson each tallied eight points for the victorious Vikings, who led 24-15 at intermission before pulling away with an 18-2 third-quarter surge.

Kaylee McGrath scored 11 to lead the Spartans, who were 8-of-16 from the foul line.

"Everything we did, they (Central) had a counter for it," Stevenson first-year coach Pat Cannon said. "They (Central) shot lights out - 48 percent - and beat us in the half-court."

# Stevenson runs mark to 10-0 with 4-1 triumph vs. Knights

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

It's been a Bo Derek kind of start to the boys hockey season for Livonia Stevenson.

The No. 1-ranked team in Division 1 is a perfect 10-0 following a 4-1 WLLA-Lakes Division triumph Friday night over visiting Walled Lake Northern at Edgar Arena.

The Spartans jumped on the Knights (2-4, 0-1) quickly by scoring three times within a span of 4 minutes and 14 seconds in the first period. Stevenson outshot the Knights 9-2 during the 15-minute period.

Brandon Mazzaco scored at 4:35 from Marc Villaire and Mike Gibbons followed by Zach Roberts' unassisted shorthanded goal at 7:11. John Vella made it 3-0 at 8:49 from Mike Voran and Sean Lerg.

Northern, outshot 21-13 for the game, got on the board at 1:19 of the second period when Greg Smith scored from Alex Taylor.

In the final period, Voran scored at the 11-minute mark from Ryan Baratonio and Vella on a power-play.

"We've been getting off to good starts, but we have to work on putting three good periods of hockey together," said Stevenson first-year coach David Mitchell, whose team is 1-0 in the Lakes. "That's what we're going to stress the second half of the

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year. We've done the necessary things to win games up to this point, but our schedule is going to get tougher and I want us to continue to improve game-in and game-out. We need to improve our consistency."

**CHURCHILL 5, SALEM 1:** State-ranked Livonia Churchill (8-1, 1-0) opened WLLA-Lakes Division play Wednesday with a victory over the visiting Rocks (3-5, 0-1) at Edgar Arena.

Churchill took a 1-0 lead at 4:15 of the first period on Christo Papaioannou's goal from Mike Woynick.

In the second period, the Chargers added three more goals for a 4-0 advantage - Garrett Miencier from Nathan Milam and Keith Yackley; Milam on a power-play from Miencier; Cody Atkins from Travis Satkowiak and Scott Sundberg.

At 1:48 of the third period, Milam notched his 21st of the season on another power-play from Nick Harakas and Cody Atkins.

Salem's Sam Ott scored with 52 seconds left from Michael Hochkins and Steve Haburn.

Churchill used two netminders as Derrick Daigneau went the first 40 minutes before giving way to Aaron Crouse.

Mark Barkoff went all the way in goal for the Rocks.

"There was not much flow to the game early on," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "We picked up the pace and played pretty well the latter half of the game. Our defensive zone coverage has improved since our loss and the offense is starting to come around."

**W.L. WESTERN 4, FRANKLIN 3:** Despite being outshot 27-12, visiting Walled Lake Western (2-8, 1-0) earned the WLLA-Western Division victory Wednesday over Livonia Franklin (3-4, 0-1) at Edgar Arena.

Western jumped out to a 2-0 first-period advantage on Chad Schram's goal from Dave Learner and Ben James at 4:26 followed by Jeff Cartwright's goal from James and Nick Doggett at 11:12.

Schram's power-play goal just 16 seconds into the second period from J.J. Pierce made it 3-0 before the Patriots answered on Ben Kubiak's goal at 4:01 from Robbie Beattie and Tyler Miller at 4:01 followed by Jordan Short's goal from Tyler Barnes and Eric Volk 43 seconds later.

In the third period, Came scored at 3:01 from Matt Welker and Alex Brantigan to make it 4-2.

The Patriots pulled to within one just 50 seconds later on an Alex Wypych goal from Dan Ostrosky and Beattie.

**ANN ARBOR 6, LADYWOOD 2:** Angie Chronis tallied two goals and added four assists to lead the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Pioneers (7-0, 5-0) to a victory Wednesday over visiting Livonia Ladywood (5-5, 1-5) at Veterans Arena.

Kristina Harter chipped in with two goals and one assist for Ann Arbor, which led 1-0 after one period and 3-1 after two periods. Kathryn Gissiner and J.J. Chronis also scored for the Pioneers.

Heather Sartorius tallied both goals for the Blazers. Abby Kienbaum assisted on the first goal, while Ashley Ballarin assisted on the second.

Ladywood goalie Michelle Wynnemko faced 26 shots, while the Blazers had a total of 17 shots.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Thursday, Dec. 27  
John Glenn vs. Detroit Denby at Detroit Renaissance, 3:30 p.m.  
(L'Anse Creuse North Invitational)  
Franklin vs. S.C. Shores South Lake, 6 p.m.  
L'Anse Creuse North vs. Pt. Huron, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 28  
L'Anse Creuse North Inv., 6 & 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 29  
John Glenn at Det. Renaissance, 7 p.m.  
(Roundball Classic at Oakland Univ.)  
Clarenceville vs. Det. Univ. Prep, 12:40 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Friday, Dec. 28  
(Kalamazoo Loy Norrix Holiday Hoops)  
Ladywood vs. Benton Harbor, 3 p.m.  
Monroe vs. Loy Norrix, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 29  
Loy Norrix Holiday Hoops, 3 & 6 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
Friday, Dec. 28  
Franklin vs. Churchill at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
Friday, Dec. 28  
Trenton Team Dual Meet, 9 a.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 29  
Salem Holiday Tournament, TBA.

**PREP BOWLING**  
Saturday, Dec. 29  
Bangor John Glenn Tourney at Monitor Lanes, 9 a.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Thursday, Dec. 27  
(Warner Southern, Fla. Tournament)  
Madonna vs. Warner Southern (Fla.), 1 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 28  
(Warner Southern, Fla. Tournament)  
Madonna vs. Ind. Wesleyan-Emmanuel, 1 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 29  
Warner Southern (Fla.) Tournament, TBA.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Thursday, Dec. 27  
Whalers vs. Saginaw Spirit at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 29  
Whalers at Saginaw Spirit, 7:11 p.m.  
**MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE**  
Monday, Dec. 31  
Ignition at Milwaukee Wave, 7:35 p.m.  
TBA-time to be announced.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### MU softball camp

Madonna University softball coach Al White is hosting softball fundamentals camp, which includes two sessions.

The first session is from 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays beginning Jan. 5 through Jan. 26; the second is set for while 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays beginning Jan. 13 through Feb. 3.

The fundamentals camp sessions will focus on all aspects of fast-pitch softball, according to White.

For more information, call White (734-432-5783).

### LHA needs Bantams

The Livonia Hockey Association is in need of Bantam-age players born 1993 or 1994 interested in playing in the LHA.

For more information, call the LHA office at (734) 422-5172.

### Baseball coaches wanted

The Capitol Park Senior Little League is seeking coaches for the boys 13-18 division.

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Livonia residents are eligible to join.

For more information, call Bill Sullivan (313) 535-8143 Michelle Saur (586) 243-9136.

## CHARGERS

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no turnovers in 30 minutes of action.

"Daran played the best game of his career," Solak said. "We needed his leadership."

Senior guard Andy Tinkey scored 10 points for the Knights (1-4, 0-1), who made 6-of-10 free throws.

Churchill connected on 12-of-19 from the foul line.

**WAYNE 56, W.L. WESTERN 51:** Wayne Memorial (4-2, 1-0) overcame a slow start Thursday to post a WLLA-Western Division win over visiting Walled Lake Western (3-3, 0-1).

Junior Robert Woodson paced a balanced Wayne scoring attack with 18 points. Jeremy Lovelady, a 6-10 senior center, added 13 points, while senior guard John Hill finished with 11.

Western senior guard Sean Armstrong paced all scorers with 23 points. Dramel Hogan and Quinton Cooper each added eight.

Wayne got down 14-4 after one quarter, but rallied with an 18-4 second-period run followed by a 26-14 third-quarter outburst before holding on.

"We came out with a diamond press, but then we went to a zone (defensive) and it changed the whole game," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said.

The Zebras led 51-33 during one point of the fourth quarter before holding on.

"We hope to learn some things from this," Woodard said.

Wayne was 11-of-15 from the foul line (73 percent), while Western was 9-of-16 (56 percent).

**JOHN GLENN 64, SALEM 43:** Earl Hardison's 18-point effort carried defending WLLA-Lakes Division champion Westland John Glenn (4-0, 1-0) to victory Thursday at home over the Rocks (1-3, 0-1).

Glenn led 29-21 at halftime and 45-33 after three quarters before going on a 20-10 fourth-quarter run.

Stefan Marken and Keshawn Martin chipped in with 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Rockets.

Dorian Prather came off the bench to score six points.

Salem senior forward Grant Stone paced all scorers with 20 points.

The Rocks made 15-of-22 free throws, while Glenn was 8-of-15.

**W.L. CENTRAL 46, STEVENSON 20:** Derek Mitchell scored a game-high 23 points as Walled Lake Central (3-3, 1-0) won its third straight game Thursday against visiting Livonia Stevenson (2-3, 0-1).

Brandon Voss added nine for the Vikings, who outscored Stevenson by 10 in the second quarter, 18-8, and led by the same at halftime, 25-15. It was 33-23 after three quarters.

"Derek did a nice job; he had seven or eight rebounds to go with his points," Central coach Denny Butcher said. "Brandon Voss did a nice job scoring in the paint. He had nine points that were big."

"We were 11-of-20 at the line. We need to focus on making free throws late. We gave them opportunities to stay in the game. We have to be able to finish off games with our free throws."

Brian Rowe scored 12 points and Jordan El-Sabeh 10 to pace the Spartans (2-3, 0-1).

"We gave up 18 points in the second quarter and that was the difference," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. "We've got to learn to play all four quarters."

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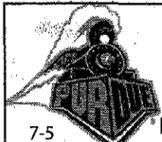


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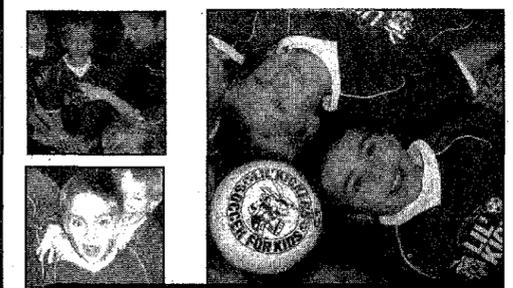
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PREP BOWLING RESULTS

**BOYS BOWLING RESULTS**  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 17.5**  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 12.5**  
**Dec. 18 at Novi Lanes**  
**Clarenceville scorers:** Christian Grates, 202-181 (383); Nick Shiller, 233-154 (387); Phillip Heidler, 225-222 (447); Jason Bertera, 184-191 (375); Chris Diaz, 193-224 (417).  
**Regular game totals:** 1,037-972-2,009 (17.5 points).  
**Baker games:** 147-132-279 (10 points).  
**Wayne scorers:** Zac Kyle (first game)-Cory Harden (second game), 147-209 (356); Tom Pattenaude (first game)-Josh Yost (second game), 150-154 (304); Mike Solarz, 181-182 (363); Eric Robertson, 187-187 (374); Lonnie Lawrence, 184-187 (371).  
**Regular game totals:** 849-919-1,768 (2.5 points).  
**Baker games:** 225-196-421 (10 points).  
**Dual meet records:** Wayne, 4-1 overall, 1-1 Wayne-Oakland Bowling Conference.  
**FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL**  
**Dec. 15 at Drakeshire Lanes**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Farmington-Harrison (A), 4.206; 2. Dearborn Divine Child, 4.109; 3. Northville, 4.085; 4. South Lyon, 4.075; 5. Wayne Memorial, 4.056; 6. Westland John Glenn, 3.964; 7. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 3.937; 8. Livonia Clarenceville, 3.814; 9. Farmington-Harrison (B), 3.745; 10. Novi, 3.692; 11. North Farmington, 3.341; 12. Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 3.222.  
**Wayne scorers:** Zac Kyle, 204-219-219 (637); Cory Harden, 199-214 (413); Mike Solarz, 171; Eric Robertson, 179-194 (373); Lonnie Lawrence, 182-216-213 (611); Nate Mosley, 225; Tom Pattenaude, 181; Josh Gonzales, 161.  
**Regular game totals:** 971-957-996 (2.924).  
**Baker games:** 174-162-200-217-209-170 (1,132).  
**Glenn scorers:** Kyle Hamlin, 191-218-152-567; Ryan Herzog, 171-211 (382); Eric Tomasson, 177; Derrick Ammons, 170-168 (338); Justin O'Hara, 217-249-279 (745-All-Tournament); Joey Blouse, 146; Gordie German, 188-193 (381).  
**Regular game totals:** 926-969-967 (2.962).  
**Baker games:** 189-157-179-190-204-183 (1,102).  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 24**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 6**  
**Dec. 14 at Westland Bowl**  
**Wayne scorers:** Zac Kyle, 159-201 (360); Cory Harden, 181-213 (394); Tom Pattenaude, 177-191 (368); Eric Robertson, 235-268 (403); Lonnie Lawrence, 205-209 (414).  
**Regular game totals:** 957-982-1,939 (18 points).  
**Baker games:** 171-179-350 (16 points).  
**Glenn scorers:** Kyle Hamlin, 150-200 (350); Joey Blouse, 166-159 (325); Gordie German, 171-129 (300); Derrick Ammons (first game)-Ryan Herzog (second game), 168-126 (294); Justin O'Hara, 214-200 (414).  
**Regular game totals:** 869-814-1,663 (2 points).  
**Baker games:** 183-159-342 (4 points).  
**Dual meet records:** Glenn, 4-1 overall, 1-1 WOB.  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 27**  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 3**  
**Dec. 13 at Drakeshire Lanes**  
**Wayne scorers:** Zac Kyle, 223-169 (392); Josh Vojtkofsky (first game)-Cory Harden (second

game), 157-192 (349); Eric Robertson (first game)-Mike Solarz (second game), 167-182 (349); Lonnie Lawrence, 185-168 (353).  
**Regular game totals:** 939-892-1,831 (17 points).  
**Baker games:** 244-203-447 (10 points).  
**Clarenceville scorers:** Phillip Heidler, 193-164 (357); Gabriel Hintzmann, 179-134 (373); Christian Grates, 183-161 (344); Chris Diaz, 199-179 (378); Jason Bertera (first game)-Heidler (second game), 199-151 (319).  
**Regular game totals:** 922-849-1,771 (3 points).  
**Baker games:** 156-185-341 (0 points).  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 22, NOVI 8**  
**Dec. 13 at Drakeshire Lanes**  
**Glenn scorers:** Kyle Hamlin, 182-182 (364); Joey Blouse (first game)-Ryan Herzog (second game), 196-180 (376); Eric Tomasson (first game)-Gordie German (second game), 145-234 (379); Derrick Ammons, 213-200 (413); Justin O'Hara, 241-220 (461).  
**Regular game totals:** 977-1016-1,993 (16 points).  
**Baker games:** 195-204-399 (6 points).  
**Novi scorers:** Brandon Ross, 163-203-366; Curt Lawrence, 194-191-385; Sean McDonald (first game)-Ben Van Zoest (second game), 130-172-302; George Riegel, 220-201-421; Bryan Bivins, 223-215-438.  
**Regular game totals:** 930-982-1,912 (4 points).  
**Baker games:** 153-234-387 (4 points).  
**GIRLS BOWLING RESULTS**  
**FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL**  
**Dec. 15 at Drakeshire Lanes**  
**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 6. Westland John Glenn, 3.093.  
**Glenn scorers:** Amanda Mirabitor, 146-145 (302); Katy Harris, 159-90-169 (418); Derika Hinkle, 170; Allyson Kassab, 170-158-201 (529-All-Tournament); Victoria Eisey, 176-188-134 (493); Amber Krzyzaniak, 105-138 (243).  
**Regular game totals:** 631-672-788 (2,291).  
**Baker games:** 145-154-147-113-122-121 (802).  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 22**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 8**  
**Dec. 14 at Westland Bowl**  
**Wayne scorers:** Rebecca Miller, 144-132 (276); Destiny Miller, 113-94 (207); Megan Neely, 122-157 (279); Amanda Filz, 162-145 (307); Ashley Odom, 149-154 (303).  
**Regular game totals:** 690-682-1,372 (16 points).  
**Baker games:** 158-129-287 (6 points).  
**Glenn scorers:** Amanda Mirabitor, 138-134 (272); Katy Harris, 83-128 (210); Derika Hinkle, 164-102 (266); Allyson Kassab, 134-113 (247); Victoria Eisey, 135-162 (297).  
**Regular game totals:** 654-639-1,293 (4 points).  
**Baker games:** 100-139-239 (4 points).  
**Glenn's dual meet record:** 3-2 overall, 0-2 WOB.  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 28**  
**NOVI 2**  
**Dec. 13 at Drakeshire Lanes**  
**Glenn scorers:** Amanda Mirabitor, 171-114 (285); Katy Harris, 147-135 (282); Derika Hinkle (first game)-Amber Krzyzaniak (second game), 121-168 (289); Allyson Kassab, 200-181 (381); Victoria Eisey, 153-172 (325).  
**Regular game totals:** 927-1017-1,944 (18 points).  
**Baker games:** 138-153-291 (10 points).

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 34, SALEM 34**  
**(Stevenson wins on criteria)**  
**Dec. 19 at Salem**  
**125 pounds:** Kevin Bennett (Salem) d. Tommy Myshock, 9-3; 130: Kevin Hayter (Salem) d. Nick DeGiglio, 3-1; 135: Alex Kemp (Salem) d. Anthony Mainella, 4-4; 140: Johannes Olind (Salem) p. Charlie Kokenave, 5-10; 145: Raz Markosian (LS) d. Justin Kane, 8-1; 152: Andy Staub (LS) d. Colin Gross, 11-6; 160: Jeremy Epley (Salem) p. Andrew Schramm, 5-47; 171: Ziad Kharbush (LS) won by major dec. over Austin Root, 9-1; 189: Emanuel Onwueme (LS) p. Sam Lepper, 4-23; 215: Matt Greenman (LS) p. A.J. Smith, 1-55; 285: Austin Micallef (LS) p. Chase Moore, 3-38; 103: Devin Stretton (Salem) p. Adam Moyer, 0-57; 112: Michael Fobar (LS) p. Karl Allen, 0-38; 119: Steve Shen (Salem) won by major dec. over Josh Ivezaj, 1-0.  
**Stevenson's dual meet record:** 6-2 overall, 1-0 Western Lakes Activities Association-Lakes Division.  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 62**  
**WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 15**  
**Dec. 19 at Franklin**  
**135 pounds:** Joran Lutran (WLW) pinned Tyler Okvovich, 3-29; 140: Devin Butler (WLW) p. Connor Osborn, 0-55; 145: Brandon Smith (LF) p. Jon Yuskovik, 1-46; 152: Evin Ferreira (LF) won by 160: Don Stratz (LF) won by major decision over Steve VanMaale, 19-6; 171: Garrett Hay (LF) p. Adam Dargo, 2-55; 189: Dan Woodall (LF) p. Antonion Campbell, 2-54; 215: Cody Hay (LF) p. Karl Hamina, 1-03; 285: Mike Modes (LF) p. Joe Alverson, 1-48; 103: Steve Tuyo (LF) p. Alex Silar, 3-05; 112: Erik Czech (LF) p. Evan Yezbick, 3-11; 119: Jared Plekniek (LF) p. Kodi Wilson, 1-48; 125: Justin Johnson (LF) won by major dec. over Brandon Connerstater, 17-5; 130: Jordan Frane (WLW) dec. Chris Shihadeh, 1-0.  
**CCCA SCHOLARSHIP INVITATIONAL**  
**(Hosted 10-15 at various sites)**  
**DOWNRIVER TEAM SCORES (At Grosse Ile) - 1.**  
 Troy Athens, 699.58; 2. Utica Eisenhower, 696.992; Utica Ford II, 670.250; 4. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 659.120; 5. Novi, 657.550; 6. Warren Mott, 555.936; North Farmington, 523.176; Romulus, 472.984; Waterford Kettering, 450.836; Southfield-Lathrup, 406.556.  
**ROUND I - 1.** Troy Athens, 211.5; 2. Wyandotte, 209.5; 3. Utica Ford, 206.5; 4. Utica Eisenhower, 203.5; 5. Novi, 200.5; 6. Warren Mott, 184.5; 7. North Farmington, 180.0; 8. Waterford Kettering, 163.0; 9. Romulus, 161.3; 10. Southfield-Lathrup, 154.5.  
**ROUND II - 1.** Troy Athens, 217.920; 2. Novi, 212.050; 3. Utica Eisenhower, 211.592; 4. Wyandotte, 202.120; 5. Utica Ford, 197.750; 6. Warren Mott, 179.936; 7. North Farmington, 158.676; 8. Romulus, 136.984; 9. Waterford Kettering, 144.336; 10. Southfield-Lathrup, 155.056.  
**ROUND III - 1.** Utica Eisenhower, 281.5; 2. Troy Athens, 271.0; 3. Utica Ford, 266.0; 4. Wyandotte, 247.5; 5. Novi, 245.0; 6. Warren Mott, 191.5; 7. North Farmington, 183.5; 8. Romulus, 175.5; 9. Waterford Kettering, 143.5; 10. Southfield-Lathrup, 97.0.

**Franklin's dual meet record:** 7-1 overall, 1-0 WLLA-Western Division.  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 63**  
**GARDEN CITY 17**  
**Dec. 19 at Franklin**  
**145:** Brandon Smith (LF) pinned Anthony Dunaruma, 3-21; 152: Evin Ferreira (LF) won by 160: Don Stratz (LF) won by 171: Garrett Hay (LF) d. Mike Nordby, 10-5; 189: Dan Woodall (LF) p. Brad Desmit, 2-11; 215: Cody Hay (LF) won by 285: Mike Modes (LF) p. Nick Habber, 4-20; 103: Steve Tuyo (LF) won by 112: Erik Czech (LF) won by 119: Jared Plekniek (LF) p. Jeremy DUBYAK, 0-54; 125: Justin Jacobsen (LF) p. Austin Smith, 0-59; Devin Ashley (GC) p. Chris Shihadeh, 1-29; Justin Johnson (GC) p. Tyler Glowacki, 3-37; 140: Tyler Twigg (GC) p. Connor Osborn, 3-00.  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 39**  
**WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 23**  
**Dec. 19 at W.L. Central**  
**103 pounds:** Smith (WL) pinned Jacob Meadows, 1-03; 112: Matt Hecksel (LC) won by major decision over Hartley, 11-2; 119: R. Kort (WL) dec. Keith Roberts, 4-0; 125: D. Kort (WL) won by major dec. over Bryan Fortney, 10-2; 130: Brett Appell (LC) p. Gazaryants, 3-5; 135: Joe Tesner (WL) won by major dec. over Zakovich, 16-4; 140: J.P. Gaffke (LC) dec. Drojewski, 6-0; 145: Kric (WL) won by major dec. over Gramos Palaska, 15-7; 152: Dan Small (LC) p. Fenn, 1-58; 160: Grant Morgan (LC) p. Newman, 3-16; 171: Curtis Castleberry (LC) dec. Smith, 6-2; 189: Decker (WL) dec. Brian Ziemba, 5-2; 215: Lall (WL) dec. John Shekell, 1-1; 285: Mark Parrish (LC) p. Lubitz, 0-20.  
**Churchill's dual meet record:** 9-2 overall, 1-0 WLLA-Lakes Division.  
**TRIANGULAR MEET RESULTS**  
**Dec. 19 at Livonia Clarenceville**

**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 52**  
**DETROIT CESAR CHAVEZ 18**  
**135 pounds:** Cody Sillanpaa (C'ville) pinned Miguel Guerra, 3-57; 140: Patrick Walker (C'ville) p. Allonte Little, 5-18; 145: double void; 152: Derek Robbins (C'ville) won by void; 160: double void; 171: Tim Sicsinski (C'ville) p. Luis Guerra, 0-57; 189: Luis Reyes (Chavez) p. Andrew Jasmer, 1-55; 215: Maumer Mesinovic (C'ville) p. Reuben Day-Lopez, 5-06; 285: Matthew Neal (C'ville) p. Javier Guerra, 0-57; 103: Daniel Garza (Chavez) p. Brent Gilman, 5-28; 112: Cody Sillanpaa (C'ville) won by void; 119: Jake Ruth (C'ville) p. Rigo Barba, 1-55; 125: George Fajarardo (Chavez) won by void; 130: Scott Convery (C'ville) won by major decision over Aidan Lucero, 15-6.  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 69**  
**SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP 0**  
**140:** Patrick Walker (C'ville) won by void; 145: double void; 152: double void; 160: Derek Robbins (C'ville) pinned Ehekwekwe Nwabokel, 1-56; 171: Tim Sicsinski (C'ville) d. DeMarco Donaldson, 14-12 (overtime); 189: Andrew Jasmer (C'ville) p. Brandon Verreen, 1-01; 215: Maumer Mesinovic (C'ville) p. Aaron Foster, 1-23; 285: Matthew Neal (C'ville) won by void; 103: Brent Gilman (C'ville) won by void; 112: Cody Sillanpaa (C'ville) won by void; 119: Jake Ruth (C'ville) won by void; 125: double void; 130: Scott Convery (C'ville) p. Darren Clara, 1-47; 135: Cody Sillanpaa (C'ville) won by void.  
**Clarenceville's dual meet record:** 7-1 overall.  
**TROJAN INVITATIONAL**  
**Dec. 8 at Livonia Clarenceville**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (B), 256.5 points; 2. Clarenceville, 167.5; 3. Grosse Ile, 109.4; 4. Inkster, 108.5; 5. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 103.6; 6. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 88.7; 7. Southfield-Lathrup, 33.

**INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**  
**103 pounds:** Brent Gilman (C'ville) pinned Ricky Sheardown (GI), 1-20; 3rd place: Charles Schneider (CC) p. Alex Kurrar (GI), 2-57.  
**112:** Alessio Vaglini (CC) d. Josh Marino (GI), 3-0; 3rd: Coy Sillanpaa (C'ville) won by void.  
**119:** Jake Ruth (C'ville) dec. Charles Joseph (CC), 6-2; 3rd: Derek Gajewski (GI) won by void.  
**125:** Jason Price (CC) won by major dec. over Quianella Willis (Ink.), 15-4; 3rd: Tim Hutchinson (IC) p. Michael Keenan (IC), 0-59.  
**130:** Gerid Gee (CC) p. Scott Convery (C'ville), 4-20; 3rd: Jeff Williams (NDP) p. Darren Clara (SL), 0-58.  
**135:** Dylan Hagan (CC) won by disqualification (illegal slam) over Cody Sillanpaa (C'ville); 3rd: Jeff Stellmach (NDP) p. Eric Rusinski (GI), 4-15.  
**140:** Matt Stellmach (NDP) p. Kevin Sullivan (CC), 5-22; 3rd: Micah Stamper (IC) dec. Patrick Walker (C'ville), 7-1.  
**145:** Andrew Foley (CC) won by major dec. over Roger Brooks (Ink.), 25-12; 3rd: Dillon Doran (IC) p. Dean DeFillippi (NDP), 0-39.  
**152:** Derek Robbins (C'ville) p. Austin Fuller (Ink.), 13-4; 3rd: Glen Malar (CC) p. Alex Chilton (GI), 2-35.  
**160:** Scott Kovak (NDP) won by major dec. over Jabara Young (Ink.), 12-3; 3rd: Andrew Ericson (CC) p. Joe Dubowson (GI), 2-15.  
**171:** Luke Hutchinson (IC) p. Tim Sicsinski (C'ville), 0-29; 3rd: Nate Singer (CC) p. Tony Santori (GI), 1-55.  
**189:** Mike Kinville (CC) p. Deon Benjamin (Ink.), 3-10; 3rd: Aaron Coker (GI) dec. Tim Slater (SL), 7-5.  
**215:** Niko Palazeti (CC) dec. Josh Libbie (GI), 5-2; 3rd: Shaun Boyd (NDP) p. Aaron Foster (SL), 0-57.  
**285:** Matthew Neal (C'ville) p. Sean Hannah (CC), 3-32; 3rd: Richard Aubry (Ink.) p. Bob Sulikowski (NDP), 0-57.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

COMPETITIVE CHEER RESULTS

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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 By Elena Lombardi

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## ADHD grown up

### Psychiatrist's book focuses on ADHD adults

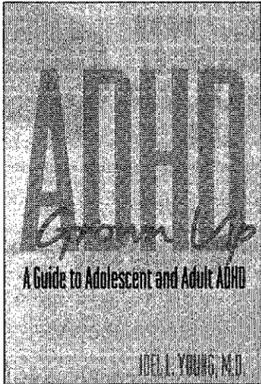
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Dr. Joel L. Young felt like he was in two different worlds as a resident at the University of Michigan Hospitals nearly 20 years ago. Child psychiatrists regularly spoke of ADHD, while adult psychiatrists did not even discuss the diagnosis of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. That started Young wondering about what happened to children with ADHD when they grew up.

The result is the Rochester Hills psychiatrist's new book, *ADHD Grown Up: A Guide to Adolescent and Adult ADHD*, published by W.W. Norton. Based on 15 years of treating adults and adolescents with ADHD, the book was written for health professionals as well as patients and covers such topics as the diagnostic screening process; reasons for misdiagnosis; ADHD treatments including medications, psychotherapy and coaching, and the possible connection between ADHD and fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue.

Young is medical director of the Rochester Center for Behavioral Medicine in Rochester Hills and a staff physician at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

"The common myth is that children outgrow ADHD. In the early 1990s, when I got interested, it was fundamentally considered to be a disorder of children," said Young, a West Bloomfield resident. "I started looking for adults with ADHD. I would treat them, I



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had very little supervision. I was a little bit of a cowboy. I didn't get a lot of guidance. I started using what was available, primitive medicines. I had an extremely gratifying experience treating these adults with ADHD, which affects about 9 percent of school age children, about 4.7 percent of the American adult population."

Young was contacted by Norton about four years ago after the psychiatrist's articles on the subject appeared in academic and medical journals. He spent the next 2½ years researching ADHD extensively and working on the

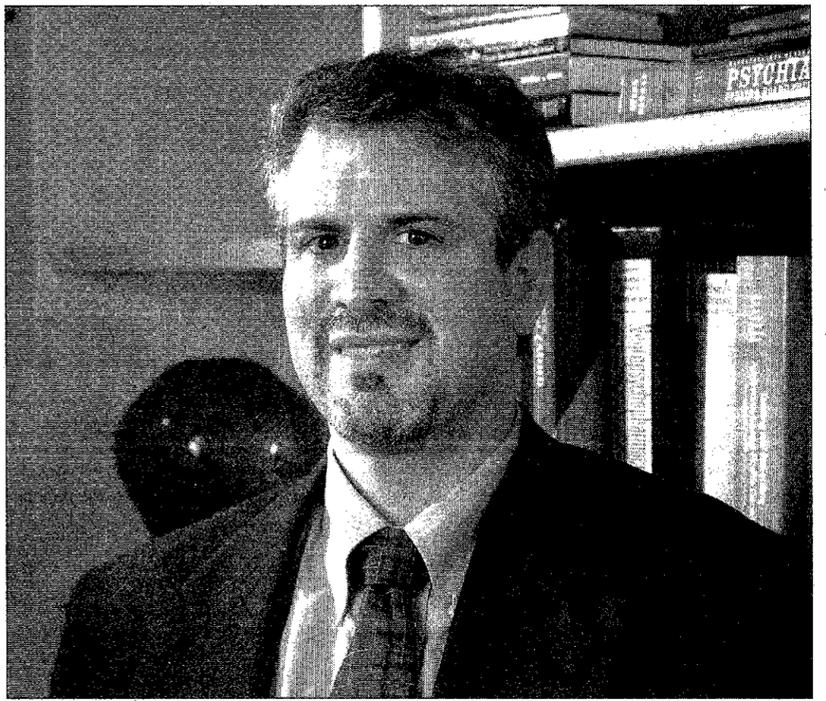
text, which includes case histories of patients whose identities have been camouflaged.

"Adult symptoms include inattention, distractibility, impulsive behavior where people sometimes act or say things before they think," Young said. "Some people with ADHD also have hyperactivity, where they have a hard time slowing down or sitting down, but that's more common in young people. Hyperactivity is less common in adults, particularly women."

Judith Redmond could sleep for long periods of time, but had no idea ADHD was causing her fatigue until she was diagnosed with the inattentive type in 1988. Once she was successfully treated with ADHD medication and cognitive behavioral therapy, Redmond went on to become a psychotherapist after graduating from Oakland University. She'll continue on ADHD medication the rest of her life.

"As a child, I had difficulty paying attention, day dreaming. Even though I knew I was smart, I had trouble achieving in school," said Redmond, 58, of Farmington Hills. "I have three children and would be exhausted. As a stay-at-home mother, it was difficult to keep track of car pools, but I would do it and it would take an enormous amount of caffeine. Since I've been treated, I can use my brain. Now I love to learn. I remember. I pay attention. In my life, it's unlocked my potential."

Young describes the three types of ADHD in the book.



Dr. Joel L. Young drew on 15 years of experience to write his book on adults and adolescents with ADHD.

"One is predominantly hyperactive and impulsive, and primarily among young boys," Young said. "The inattentive type is where they're distracted and sometimes fatigued and is predominantly women and young girls. The combined type combines symptoms of both and is the most common and affects men and women. Men and women do experience it differently. The key thing is you don't have to have hyperactivity to have ADHD. A lot of women reject it because they're not hyperactive, but underactive."

"Adults tend to underperform at work because they struggle with the same symptoms, have lower job satisfaction, are more likely to get laid off, particularly in this economy because they're con-

sidered marginal employees. ADHD also affects relationships. There's much greater conflict in homes where children or parents have ADHD, more fighting between siblings and between parent and child. Families with ADHD are more likely to have divorce. It affects all aspects of one's life."

Young said individuals with ADHD are likely to be misdiagnosed as having depression, but in fact are dealing with ADHD as well. "Only about 30 percent have just ADHD," Young said. "Seventy percent have depression, high levels of anxiety and panic, high rates of alcohol and marijuana abuse, high rates of chronic fatigue and fibromyalgia."

Frequently, patients consult Young after being on numer-

ous medications and going through psychotherapy. In the book, Young includes questions for individuals and mental health professionals to identify ADHD. Once a diagnosis is made, treatment can begin. Young discusses ADHD medications in Chapter 9 of the book. Chapter 10 includes information on psychotherapy and coaching.

"Medications have become a lot more sophisticated in the last 10 years. We now have about 10 medications that we use regularly," Young said.

For more information, visit the Rochester Center for Behavioral Medicine Web site at [www.rcbm.net](http://www.rcbm.net), or [www.wwnorton.com](http://www.wwnorton.com).

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#### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

##### December

##### Flu shot clinics

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##### UPCOMING

##### Spash classes to begin

HAP's free Senior Splash Bash & Moms in Motion classes begin in January in five southeast Michigan communities with indoor pools including Southfield and Troy. Any adult can join. Classes not limited to HAP members. Programs runs Jan. 1, to March 20, at the Troy Indoor Municipal Pool, 3179 Livernois, Tuesday and Thursday, 9-10 a.m. and 10-11 a.m., and Jan. 22 to March 20, at Southfield High School, 24675 Lahser, Tuesday and Thursday, 6-7 p.m. For more information, call (313) 664-8420.

##### CHADD meeting

Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meet Monday, Jan. 7, at Way Elementary on W. Long Lake Rd. east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Registration begins at 7 p.m. for the meeting from 7:30-9 p.m. The Parent Group will have Fran Parker Ph.D., Mary Jo Schuster and Kevin Roberts moderating a panel of college students who have been

successful in college managing their AD/HD. This session is open for parents to bring teens or pre-teens. There will be a simultaneous adult informal support group in a different room. Free to CHADD members, \$5 donation per non-member families. If school is closed due to inclement weather, the phone line at (248) 988-6716 will indicate if meeting is cancelled. The Web site is [www.chadd.net/527](http://www.chadd.net/527).

##### Fibromyalgia support

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group features speaker Dr. Michael Hsu 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Merriman Road Baptist Church on 2055 Merriman, south of Ford road. Hsu, a clinical lecturer and research fellow in the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Michigan, is part of Healing Through Affective Self-Awareness in Fibromyalgia, a randomized control trial with Providence internist Dr. Howard Schubiner. Donations are accepted. The group meets monthly on the second Thursday. For more information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

##### Joint replacement seminars

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##### Hospice benefit

Internationally renowned and award winning photographer Linda Solomon will be a special guest at A Grand Night for Hospice XX, a black tie extravaganza with An Enchanted Evening theme, Saturday, Jan. 26, at The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. The annual event hosted by The Women's Committee for Hospice Care (WCHC), a nonprofit organization that raises money and grants funds for nonprofit hospices in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties. Tickets \$300 patron, \$500 benefactor. For information, call (248) 680-7150, or visit [www.wchcinc.org](http://www.wchcinc.org). For information about corporate ticket rates and tables, call Susan Kiltie at (248) 359-1167.

##### CARE House of Oakland County

Circle of Friends holds its annual fund-raising luncheon Tuesday, Jan. 29, begins at noon, preceded by a jewelry show from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. by designer Sharon Meyer, at The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham. A portion of proceeds will be donated to CARE House. Speaker is Naomi Griffith, a consultant on child welfare issues, a storyteller and author

of Red Clay and Vinegar: Looking at Family Through the Eyes of a Southern Child. She uses humor and her own experiences to challenge and inspire audiences in business, education, juvenile justice, mental health, child abuse prevention and family violence systems. Circle of Friends patron level tickets are \$150, luncheon tickets \$75. Call (248) 332-7173.

##### Wellness seminars

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## December is a month of miracles

December might be called "miracle" month. Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of lanterns burning for eight days. It points us to a story of liberation. The Christmas miracle describes the birth of Christ, and God becoming Emmanuel, God being born into the human race. Miracles play a role in many of the world's religions. Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism speak of miracles in their faiths as well.



Chat Room

Paul Melrose

There are many definitions of miracles. A common one would describe an event or something happening that is "wonderful." It is statistically unlikely to happen; it is beneficial.

Why think of miracles in the month of December? The element of miracle, whether it derives from faith or is just used casually, is a part of the happy times of people doing good for others, thinking of a time of relationships and the possibility of life becoming better, even the gift of "new life." One of the most popular movies on TV over the December holidays, with a Christmas theme, is *It's A Wonderful Life*. George Bailey learns that he is important, that people love him, that life would not be the same for those who know him. A miracle of love, perhaps?

I have thought about the miracles I see in the work I do as a counselor. Recently a client shared that finally there is some sense of accepting and moving beyond a loved one's suicide. Another person has shared a sense of "gaining control" over this person's life. A couple decided to look more closely at their relationship to take hold of it and plan their future together.

One definition I find particularly interesting comes from the Christian saint Augustine. He said that a miracle is "whatever is hard or appears unusual beyond the expectation or comprehension of the observer." I think that is a quality of life that is there, if we are just able to see it. Sometimes our own expectations and particularly understandings and assumptions limit the possibilities that might exist.

Perhaps the real miracle is gaining the ability or taking the risk to see life differently. That is what clients in counseling and psychotherapy often have to be helped to do, in order to get beyond the conflict or issue which feels limiting and directed them to a therapist. Many of the words of our religious leaders these days challenge the believer to look beyond their own cultural and worldly experiences to see something that might not otherwise be there. Christians are challenged to see a world of peace. Muslims are challenged, though it is a staple of their faith, to give a certain percentage of their wealth to help others and thereby create "miracles" for others.

While the December holidays can bring as much sadness and depression, from stress, sad memories and family conflicts, those are exactly the places where miracles can occur. The miracle will be whatever happens that breaks into a person's normal experience that has qualities of surprise, beneficence, and the wonderment of how did that happen. Perhaps one of the biggest miracles we Michiganders experience this holiday season is the many ways that people are reaching out to each other with gifts, food, money and many places trying to address mental and emotional and spiritual needs. Wouldn't the real miracle if we kept this attitude and it continued in our lives all year? Happy Holidays!

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The toys of Christmas past leave strong memories with our readers.

## Special childhood memories

### Readers share stories of holidays past

Do you have fond memories about the toy train you received one Christmas as a child or the doll house your dad made with real shingles? Here are the stories our readers shared of special gifts from holidays past.

#### BABY DIMPLES

My greatest memory of Christmas rewinds to the '30s to that wonderful Christmas Eve in my hometown of Two Rivers, Wis., when I first laid eyes on Baby Dimples, the most beautiful doll I had ever seen.

The door to the living room had been closed for days while my parents decorated the live tree and on Christmas Eve they opened it.

There, in the corner, was the tree, alive with the flickering of real lit candles, secured in flower-like metal holders that clipped to the tree branches. (Nobody seemed concerned about the hazardous nature of this common practice.)

I was awestruck! By the beauty of the tree — and by what was under it. The most surprise of surprises! There she was, lying in her crib under the glowing greenery — the most beautiful smiling dimpled porcelain face (and limbs) — the soft-stuffed body. Blue eyes that opened and closed and a cherubic voice that captured your heart, saying "Mamma, Mamma" when you turned her over.

She was all in pink, pale lacy dress, matching bonnet, white button shoes and a bib embroidered with her name, Baby Dimples.

I always treasured that doll and perhaps because I was an only child who liked to give life to inanimate



Courtney Lovio (left) and sister Kristen Lovio of Farmington are caring for their grandmother Eunice Lovio's doll Baby Dimples.

objects, she became very real to me. I couldn't teach her, of course, as I did my other dolls (she was much too young). I could only embrace, to have and to hold ...

But life went on and adult reali-

ties supplanted the world of make believe (I had long since moved to Michigan) and I reluctantly relinquished her to foster care, under the supervision of my young granddaughters, Courtney and Kristen

Lovio of Farmington. When they, in turn, outgrew the doll fantasy era, she was relegated to their basement storage area where she's been lingering in limbo for years, my beloved Baby Dimples — while I've debated with myself whether to call Child Protective Services on her behalf, maybe make her a ward of the state, my Beloved Baby Dimples. Eunice Lovio, Redford

#### 4 SPECIAL GIFTS

This request for a special childhood memory began for me an influx of memories and reflections about Christmases past. I am the youngest of four widely spaced siblings. Most of my life I considered Christmas memories to be bitter-sweet, but as I enter my 50th year, the memories are more sweet than bitter. I had a very loving and caring family.

Four memories stand out most for me: The first was a treasured little chenille Santa that came on a Christmas package from my eldest brother when he lived in New York with his wife. I cannot remember what gift I received, but to this day that Santa ornament gets a special spot on my family Christmas tree, and every year my children hear

Please see **MEMORIES, C4**

## Events offer merry ways to celebrate the holidays

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The holidays are a busy time of year. Here are a few ways to slow down and enjoy the season.

#### A FINNISH CHRISTMAS

The Finnish American Singers weren't humming Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow last Sunday, Dec. 16, when they had to cancel their annual holiday concert. Ilene Yanke and the rest of the choral

group were warmed up and ready for their annual performance of Finnish carols and classical music.

Yanke, the Singers president, and several of the members had spent days baking goodies for the Bake Sale held in conjunction with the concert to raise funds. She says don't worry, the cookies will keep and the concert has been rescheduled for 3 p.m. today (Sunday, Dec. 23), at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile, between Newburgh and Gill, Farmington Hills.

Tickets are \$10. For information, call (248) 478-6939.

The Finnish Christmas tarts and ginger cookies and a variety of open-faced sandwiches will be served after the concert.

"I was big time disappointed. The annual holiday concert is so important to me," said Yanke, "so one of our members bagged the cookies. We have 57 bags of cookies."

**CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS TOURS**  
Experience Christmas by candle-

light when Greenmead Historical Park offers tours of the homes and buildings including Newburgh Church Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 26-27, in the village on Newburgh, south of Eight Mile in Livonia.

Walk along a path lit by luminaries to visit parlours from the past. Afterward, enjoy hot cocoa and cookies while listening to Christmas carols by the Livonia Civic Chorus.

Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3 students. Please see **CELEBRATE, C2**



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Members of the Finnish American Singers, from left, Maire Vint, Ilene Yanke, Diana Haefelan, Dee Aebersold, and Birgit Kuck hold a sample of the baked goods that will be available at their rescheduled holiday concert Sunday, Dec. 23. The Dec. 16 concert had to be canceled due to snow.

## CELEBRATE

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dents. For more information, call (248) 477-7375.

"Last year we had a wonderful turnout. I hope people are looking for something old fashioned to do after Christmas, looking to do something a little different," said Linda Wiacek, recreation supervisor. "It really is a pretty time."

The tours last about 90 minutes and depart the park's gift office 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Advance tickets recommended but available the evening of the tours.

"It's decorated for the traditional Christmas correct to the time period," said

Wiacek. "The 17th Michigan Civil War re-enactors will be in the Kingsley and Shaw homes, both Civil War era homes. There are no lights in the house. It's all candles and enough light to make it safe. The church is lit with candles and white lights with soloists from Stevenson High School including Aria DeGillio."

### CROSSROADS CEILI

Celebrate Christmas Irish style at the Crossroads Ceili 7:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 29-30, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$16. Call (313) 537-3489.

This year's gathering features performances by Seamus Connolly accompanied by pianist Barbara MaGone, All-Ireland champion harpist

Siobhan McKinney, Redford fiddler Mick Gavin and sons Sean and Michael. Step dancers from the Heinzman School of Irish Dance and Nick Garreiss of Mount Pleasant heat up the floor.

"We're delighted to have Nick an old style step dancer," said Mick Gavin who was recently inducted into the Irish Music Hall of Fame. "Nick's been in Ireland since September as part of the world music program at University of Limerick. Last week he performed with The Chieftains in Ireland."

According to Gavin, Connolly is one of the most respected Irish musicians in North America. He won the National Fiddle championship 10 times and is the Artist in Residence Sullivan Chair in Irish Music at Boston College.

In addition to music and dance performances, the ceili offers workshops on fiddle, piano, guitar, banjo, penny-whistle and flute noon to 4 p.m. on both days.

"We bring in internationally known guest musicians," said Gavin. "It's an opportunity for young people to learn more about technique and styles of Irish music. There are basically three styles of Celtic music - Scottish, Irish and Cape Breton. They're very, very different, different interpretations but the same structure of music. We will cover all three styles."

### CHRISTMAS WITH THE DEER

Spend Christmas with the deer and pay no admission to any of the 13 Metroparks Tuesday, Dec. 25. Although the Interpretive and Farm Learning centers will be closed, the trails, sledding hills and cross-country ski trails will be available to enjoy

nature.

The Metroparks have a number of events planned during the holidays including horse drawn sleigh rides or hayrides noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 26, to Jan. 1, at the Farm Learning Center at Kensington Metropark (Milford/Brighton area). Cost is \$3 adults, \$2 children/seniors. For information, call (800) 477-3178 or (248) 685-1561. The Farm Learning Center is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at Kensington, but closed Christmas Day.

Learn about deer through the seasons 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at Kensington's Nature Center during a short hike and by watching slides. The cost is \$2 per person. Or help with the New Year's Bird Count 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Kensington Nature Center. To register, call (800) 477-3178.

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### NEW YEAR'S EVE MAGIC

The Wonder Merchants performance troupe rings in the New Year with a variety show which includes plenty of magic 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31 (doors open at 8:30 p.m., Afterglow until 12:30 a.m.), at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill at Ridge, Canton.

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## Grantland Street Players hold auditions for 'Oliver'

The Grantland Street Players are looking for adults and children to fill more than 30 roles in their production of the musical *Oliver*.

Auditions for adults (and ages 15 and up) take place 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11 or 18; children ages 5-10 at noon Saturday, Jan. 12 or 19, and children ages 11-14 at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12 or 19, at the Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, one half block west of Inkster Rd., one half mile south of I-96, Livonia.

Please be prepared to sing a portion of a song of your choice from *Oliver*. You may be asked to read from the script

(English and Cockney accent is preferred). If you are inexperienced and would like to be a part of the chorus (vendors, bar singers, adults, orphans, children) you are welcome to join us. Don't be afraid!

Rehearsals will be held on Saturdays and Sundays. Actors will rehearse in groups rather than full cast.

Production dates are May 23-25, and May 30 to June 1.

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For more information, send e-mail to [nf10@aol.com](mailto:nf10@aol.com) or call (313) 535-8962.

## Area arena hosts national skating event Jan. 5

The Farmington Hills Ice Arena will host a special free clinic 10-11:20 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, as part of U.S. Figure Skating's National Skating Month. It's Great To Skate welcomes new skaters to a fun-filled event with free skating instruction, demonstrations of different ice sports, and raffle prizes.

Every year, U.S. Figure Skating Member Clubs reach out to the community through It's Great To Skate activities at local rinks. The goal of National Skating Month is to increase awareness and participation in the sport, which has enjoyed consistent growth. National Skating Month activities offer people of all ages the opportunity to learn the basics of ice skating from professionally trained instructors across the United States. This year, U.S. Figure Skating is joining forces with USA Hockey and US Speedskating to promote all aspects of skating.

U.S. Figure Skating, the national governing body for the sport, is comprised of approximately 1,425 member clubs representing nearly 184,000 members. For information about the free It's Great To Skate clinic or any other programs at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, call Michelle Sibley at (248) 478-8800.

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**ANNIVERSARY**

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**ENGAGEMENT**

**Gasser-Stoller**

Sue and Randy Gasser of Livonia join LeAnn and Rod Stoller of Van Wert, Ohio, in announcing the engagement and upcoming marriage of Alexis Suzanne Gasser and Jonathan Todd Stoller.

Alexis is a 2004 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is currently a senior at Illinois State University in Bloomington, Ill., and is student teaching at Bloomington Junior High School. Alexis plans to graduate in May 2008.

Jon is a 2000 graduate of Van Wert High School. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Ohio State University in 2004. Jon is currently working as a certified public accountant at Arend, Laukhuf & Stoller Inc. in Van Wert, Ohio. The wedding will be in June 2008



at the Livonia Apostolic Christian Church with a reception at Livonia's Italian American Center. After a honeymoon in Sarasota, Fla., the couple plans to make their home in Van Wert.

**NEW VOICES**

**Shelby Alexis Bolish**

Ashley and Robert Bolish III of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Shelby Alexis Bolish, on Dec. 5, 2007.

Grandparents are Jessica and Michael Cardwell of Pinckney, Robert and Donna Bolish of Ohio and Marsha and Steven Sand of Westland. Great-grandparents are Joseph and Merlene Kittka of Westland.



**Tessa Marie Selke Adkins**

Keith and Linzi Adkins of Ann Arbor proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Tessa Marie Selke Adkins. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth, on Oct. 16, 2007, at the University of Michigan Birth Center in Ann Arbor. Proud grandparents are Douglas and Shelia Selke of Rochester Hills and Kennel and Janice Adkins of Garden City. Tessa Marie's great-grandparents are Leonard and Dorothy Selke of Utica, Bill and Marie Brazel of Pontiac and Willia B. Adkins of Pikeville, Ky.

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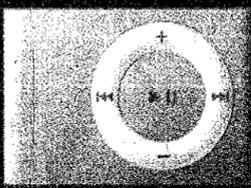
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# MEMORIES

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the story of how and when I received it. My second favorite memory is of a card that my second brother made for me the first year he was married and away from home. This card was made on a folded piece of white paper that was painted over with black ink. In the ink they sketched a simple winter scene, on the inside of the card was a verse written by my brother. The verse was simple and in every line there was the knowledge that this person knew everything about who and what I was. I treasured that card for the longest time. As an adult, I looked high and low for that card, I was certain it had been saved in my mother's Bible; the sacred place where she stored all those very special works of art we made, but sadly it was not there, so it remains a memory in my mind and heart alone.

My third memory is of a gift my sister gave me. In the '60s it was everything to own a Barbie doll. I yearned for a Barbie. My sister saved cereal box tops and the small amount of cash required to send away for a Calico Lassie doll. I loved my sister for trying so hard to make my wishes come true. My fourth memory is of another doll I received as a little girl. This doll came from my grandmother in Pennsylvania. The doll's name was Leena Cleana, a wrinkled faced, knobby handed doll with an apron full of pockets with cleaning supplies in it. I did not find Leena as welcoming as my sister's new full sized dancing doll with elastic straps on her feet, but I did play with Leena and to this day I think she has had an impact on who and what I am. I love to clean, much to my children's dismay, and I realize that it is not what the gift is, but rather the love behind the gift that is most important.

Rita Magdowski, Garden City

## MATCHING OUTFITS

My mom was working two jobs to care for my brother and me. She saved S&H Green Stamps and sewed all of my clothes. One year, when things were really tight, she spent all of her green stamps on a fire engine for my brother that had a ladder that went six feet high. While we were out playing or napping, she took the scraps from all of my clothes and made matching outfits for one of my favorite dolls. She had a neighbor build a little closet, and make little hangers for my doll's clothes. Every time I wore a favorite outfit, I took my doll to school, dressed just like me!

Sandi Kyle, Livonia

## MAGIC SCISSORS

Get nice and comfy and let me tell you about the time

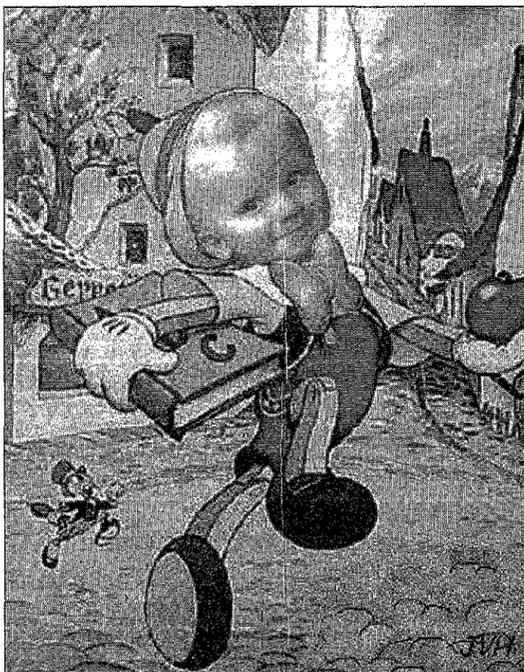
little Jimmy VanHollebeke (me) received his first important gift — The Scissors! Jimmy was 5 years old in 1950 and he already had a hero — Pinocchio. He had two books about Pinocchio. One was a comic book and the other was a Little Golden Book, both loving Christmas gifts from his Aunt Lorine.

Mom gave Jimmy gifts too but not as lovingly chosen. She gave her son a practical gift ... a pair of scissors. Not adult scissors of course — little shiny red plastic scissors for kids, nice and safe with blunt ends and rather dull cutting edges. They were more of a learning aid than a real tool, but they were beautiful and they really cut paper. Jimmy was as happy as he could be with this gift. He drew pictures and snipped them out. He cut Howdy Doody out of the newspaper. Such fun. And so it came to pass that the little boy had nothing left to cut up. Mama, by now, had put some callous reality in his head with regard to rules. You don't cut up anything that belongs to others. You don't trim your hair, don't cut the tablecloth. Many, many things had to be left unassaulted.

Eventually boredom set in. The child wanted to cut some things out but couldn't think of anything then it struck him like a bolt of lightning. He would cut out his favorite Pinocchio pictures. His first choice was the treasured Little Golden Book with the breath-taking picture of Monstro the whale. It was the neatest picture he had ever seen. Snip snip ... captured! And look here at the beginning ... Geppeto carving the unpainted Pinocchio. Snip snip ... liberated. Jimmy grabbed his comic book. There were tons of pictures in there. The young editor was no longer bored. He was doing real work, work with a purpose, and creative too. He had accomplished something to really be proud of. The tyke took his new collection of priceless pictures to show Mama.

"JIMMY! These pictures were in the Pinocchio books that Aunt Lorine gave you for Christmas," she exclaimed. "I thought you loved those books!"

Mama did instill some guilt in the young slasher and he decided not to further pillage his cherished books. He set the scissors aside and like all little boys moved on to other interests. Some weeks passed but Pinocchio was always there, lurking in his subconscious and it wasn't long before the magic puppet resurfaced in our little hero's thoughts. He had created that collection of pictures from his enchanted Pinocchio books. Let's go look at them now. The lad searched and searched but was unable to locate the valuable cache. He asked his Mother who immediately claimed ignorance of any knowledge. Jimmy was distressed. He



Jim VanHollebeke made use of a pair of scissors to put himself into Pinocchio.

needed a "Pinocchio fix." Then another brainstorm. He would gather the two books and look at the superb pictures remaining in them but the books were nowhere to be found. He asked his Mama, "Where's my Pinocchio books?" but Mom had no answer.

Jimmy never gave up the search. Years came and went and occasionally he'd recheck with Mom if she had yet found his lost treasures. It was many years later when he finally realized it was his own mother who was responsible for all his grief. She had done what she always did with junk — discreetly thrown the stuff away. Come to think of it, those beautiful red plastic scissors were gone too.

Jim VanHollebeke, Redford

## A WARTIME MEMORY

I could write you about the Christmas when I was 6 years old and one of my aunts gave me a beautiful doll, whose eyes opened and shut. This was in 1931. My two younger brothers were fascinated by these eyes, and within a week took a hammer and broke the doll's head to see how these eyes worked.

Several years later (about 1941) we were living in a suburb of W. London, England. We noticed a group of men in cocoa-colored uniforms, walking about in the main street area. We found out that these men were Italian prisoners of war and that they were billeted at Osterley Manor (a large beautiful home and grounds) in Norwood Green. As we went to schools in Norwood and Heston we would see these men and when summer arrived we would watch them playing soccer (football) with no shoes on. We would cheer them on and try to talk to them.

That Christmas was

bad, Goering, the chief of the German Air Force had bombed and burned London and its suburbs trying to defeat us and so we were not thinking of Christmas gifts or dinners, but just keeping warm and staying alive. A few days before school closed for Christmas, these Italian prisoners of war had made from pieces of wood (carved nicely) small gifts such as airplane gliders, yo-yos etc. I received a small carved bird which I had until just before we moved to Canada in August 1946. I am sure these Italian prisoners of war on their return to Italy after WWII remembered the school children and the warm feelings that Christmas and its present giving can bring no matter how small the gift.

Helen Ann Ermete, Livonia

## GOODFELLOWS GIFTS NOT FORGOTTEN

This takes place during the Depression.

Under a small Christmas tree there was a single unwrapped plain white box. It contained long winter underwear, mittens, socks, hard candy and a toy tin windup police car with a siren.

All Christmas Day I played with that toy car and went to bed with it, a happy little boy. Thanks to the Goodfellows for that great Christmas.

Every year I remember that Christmas with my check to the Goodfellows.

Gerald C. Majeske Sr., Livonia

## A BEARY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

I grew up in a small Southern town in the late 1960s. My mother, brother and I lived with our grandparents. My mom worked as a cook at the local hospital so we did not have much money. I was at the age where I wanted to believe in Santa Claus but something told me he was not real. My brother, who was older by two years, knew the truth but went along with it for my sake. All I wanted for Christmas was a black and white panda teddy bear that I had seen in the window of Woolworth's Five and Dime store downtown but my mother was not sure

that Santa could fit the bear in his sleigh with all of the other toys. He was a large bear and I could just picture him sitting on my bed with all of my other bears. I realize now that the bear was probably more than my mom could afford on a cook's salary.

My brother and I went to bed early in anticipation of the toys that we would get. It had snowed all day and the roads were bad. We just knew that Santa would somehow leave presents at our house even though the coal fireplace was used for heating at all times. I remember waking up to the sound of the back door opening and closing and of packages rustling. I got up and went to the kitchen and there was the black and white panda bear sitting in the chair. My aunt came in the kitchen carrying other presents and I asked her if the bear was mine and why was his nose so cold and wet. She said that she had found him shivering on the back porch and that Santa must have dropped him from his sleigh. She said that I needed to take him to bed to warm him up.

My brother got the bicycle and army men that he wished for. I got an Easy Bake Oven and the bear. I named him "Tommy" and he sat on my bed until I went away to college.

Debra Fowlkes, Westland

## A HOUSE FOR IMAGINATION

As a girl growing up in Livonia in the '70s I loved Louisa May Alcott's books, *The Borrowers*, *Anne of Green Gables* and *Little House in the Prairie*. I dreamt of owning a real doll house complete with miniatures of the 19th century. I wanted something like the Wagonschuts house on Six Mile Road that I looked at longingly every day on the school bus to Dickenson Junior High. My 14th Christmas I was surprised by an immense half-finished Victorian doll house of my own. My dad had ordered a kit and when it arrived he found it was a large doll house, but it came in very small pieces down to the individual shingles. He put it in the basement furnace room and told me not to go in there. I imagined some dangerous project or even a surprise, but not a doll house. He enlisted the help of my brother for parts of it, and by Christmas morning it looked enough like the finished product to elicit a gasp of awe and delight. He had spent hours of patience gluing real wood veneer strips on the floor and added a stone chimney.

I immediately began planning ways to make it my own. We bought the light blue paint and white trim for the exterior. I wore out the route to the doll house store in Plymouth choosing wallpaper for each room and spending my savings on pieces of replica furniture. I sewed a tiny quilt and pillows for one of the beds. My brother printed a tiny portrait of me directly from a negative. I built some of the furniture from kits and some came from the house my mom had as a child. I especially love the curtains my mom sewed for each room.

My childhood dream house came to life nurtured by the care and detail of my family. It stands as a symbol of my girlhood and my imaginings in times gone by. Now 30 years

later, I enjoy many time periods, including the present and the future.

Cathy Dyer, Livonia

## A BIBLE GIFT

My special childhood memory was when I was young I received a gift. I ever so carefully, unwrapped the gift. It was a small rectangular, white box. Nothing on the outside to give away what was inside. I carefully opened the box. Inside was a Bible! I read and cherished this Bible.

My father and sister were killed by a drunk driver when I was young. This left my mother and I. My memories are beautiful memories of my entire family together on Christmas. I miss them both dearly. I am very fortunate to have the good mother that I have.

Dr. Gregory Zotos, Ph.D., Livonia

## A SACRIFICE FOR ROLLER SKATES

I will be 70 years old in February '08 and I remember as a young child, my father sold his blood to the Red Cross for \$25 so he could buy Christmas presents for me, my brother (at the time) and my Mom. I remember he bought me a pair of roller skates with a key and leather straps to hold them on my shoes to skate on the sidewalk. They had metal wheels. I felt so special and how I loved my Dad for that present.

Sandy Servalish, Westland

## WARM AND COZY PJS

My favorite Christmas memory is about the most ordinary of gifts: pajamas. Each year of my early childhood, my Grandparents sent us a box of goodies from Florida the week before Christmas. We saved the box to open on Christmas Eve as part of my mom's birthday celebration. So much excitement built up for our Christmas Eve festivities. We had special food, Christmas music, secret gifts for mom and the Christmas box.

Inside the box were always two presents for each child. One present was an extravagant toy like the year we received a working telephone set. Two cute, pink princess phones with 100-feet of cable let us talk for hours all over the house. Since our home had only one stationary phone in the kitchen, like the homes of most of my friends in 1971, the luxury of a phone in your room was exciting.

But it was the second, simpler present that stays with me all these years. Each child also received a special pair of pajamas to wear on Christmas Eve as we waited for Santa to arrive. Those soft furry PJs kicked off the holiday with a predictable sense of comfort and gratitude. As we put out milk, cookies and a letter to Santa, we felt warm, safe and loved.

My mother and my grandfather both passed away too young, and by 1980 our special Christmas Eve birthday parties drifted into memories. But I can still bring them back as I tuck my daughter into bed on Christmas Eve wearing soft new Christmas pajamas and a contented smile.

Janet Gallo, Redford

# Puppets bring original story to life

BY SHARON DARGAY  
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Thomas Lange will trade his clerical garb for a green monster hand puppet at the 5 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.

He won't do much sermonizing, but will use a "fun voice" — a little gruff and befitting a green monster — when he addresses the congregation at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

"Every year we've done something a little different for our children's Christmas program," said Lange, who has written each production for the past six years.

"This one that we do on Christmas Eve gets adult and youth actors together. We put on a program that's not done by the kids, but it's intended to be for the kids."

Two years ago, he wrote a twist on the *Chronicles of Narnia*.

"This year our director said we should be a little less intense. We

wanted to do something really appealing to the kids."

The result is "Home for Christmas," an original story about an orphan who wants to be adopted into a family for Christmas and a toy that wants to be loved by a child.

The story is set in a toy store, with actors playing customers, storekeeper and supplying the puppet voices. In the end, the orphan "adopts" the toy and she, in turn, is adopted by a new family.

Lange had just seen the animated film, *Meet the Robinsons*, which includes a character that's adopted, when he started writing the Christmas Eve drama. Galatians Chapter 4, Verse 5 — "To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." — also inspired him.

"The whole idea is that we are adopted by God," he explained.

The church's puppet ministry appeals to the youngest members of the congregation and seemed a perfect fit for a Christmas Eve

drama.

"My philosophy with little children is that I don't expect them to grasp the theme. What I'm going for is simple ideas, like God is their father and he loves them, so they feel they have a home at church, too."

Lange said adults may enjoy the production, but that the story, dialogue and humor is aimed at 5- to 12-year-old youngsters. The family-oriented service also will include caroling, candlelight and a gift for children. Church members must remove the props and set after the performance to make way for the traditional candlelight service held at 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

The church, located at 28000 New Market, north of 12 Mile, east of Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills, also offers a service at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day.

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# MAKING DECEMBER MEANINGFUL



**WORKWISE**  
by  
**Mildred L. Culp**

Questions about meaningfulness often arise in our private lives at this time of year. Robbie Blinkoff, consumer anthropologist and managing director of Context-Based Research Group L.L.C., in Baltimore,

form of renewal for the employee, creating team spirit, whether or not you celebrate. "This month she's beginning something new in her work with a battered-women's shelter. She's inviting others in her office of about 37 employees to join her in preparing, delivering and serving food.

Calgary, Alberta, observes that for many people, December brings time to reflect upon their work, "looking forward, analyzing what they've done, where they've been and where they're going, re-dedicating themselves where they've fallen short. It's an ideal time to look to the future and find a new course, a new dimension to what they can do." He's not talking about busy-ness in the workplace but the development and enhancement of substance, or character.



Credit: Valencia Brown

Photo (l to r): Some companies build teams through community work. At Global Lead L.L.C., in Cincinnati, Angela Durhum, Jason Harris, Karen Coburn, Kimberly DiStefano and Gustavo Gisbert enjoy volunteering and team-building at the same time.

says that "December is the one month where very clearly work and life intersect. The meaning you attribute to yourself outside of the workplace comes into the workplace a little bit. Everything, including a mitten-drive, brings a little of your personal self into the workplace in a very specific way." He remarks that, on the one hand, contentiousness may arise; on the other, open sharing of world views. What can you do to increase an awareness of meaningfulness in the workplace?

Shawn Krahrmer, associate professor of Historical Theology at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, also views the season as "an opportunity to build community in the workplace. We're all thinking about what has value for us and what will make this season meaningful. Why not take that opportunity to talk to others about that? How do we recognize our common humanity? Holidays (bring) a desire to get back to something more basic, less complicated. How do we use our impulse to get back to the basics (rather than get lost in the details in our work)?"

Vermeeren suggests asking these questions:  
-- Were my actions this year the best ones?  
-- Do I need not so much to think outside of the box but find a different one?  
-- Was I so focused upon perfectionism that I was "stopped by question marks?"  
-- Did I forget to improvise?  
-- Did I fail to ask others for help?

Blinkoff, the anthropologist, further states that "the month of December has taken the idea of giving and pulled it enough outside of religion that the month, regardless of your religious feeling, is just a time to connect and to give. It's not about religion or Christmas per se. People just want to connect. Just do something. That something may mean reaching out to different colleagues or potential customers, internal or external, to bring more meaning to your work. Krahrmer, the theologian, says that if you're in a

position to make working easier for others, the spirit of December may inspire you to invite others to bring a family's special food to share or to be flexible and patient with others. "This is not a time to push someone hard on something," she comments. "It may be so that the extra things" get done.

"It's about community at the end of the day," Blinkoff notes, what Krahrmer calls "basic values, which can draw people together."  
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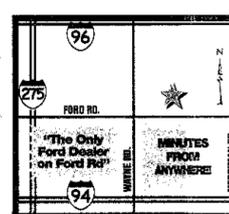
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