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## Library brings storytime to preschoolers

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Most youngsters go to the library for storytime, but for 4-year-olds at the Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool, the library came to them for a morning filled with monsters and a blowhard wolf.

"We asked and they came out and have been coming ever since, and I've been here eight years," said preschool teacher Darlene Taig. "It kicks off our We Love Books Week."

Bernadette Dewyer, children's associate at the William P. Faust Public Library, had plenty of volunteers to provide the "action" for the *Three Little Pigs*, and an enthusiastic crowd of snowflake catchers as she dropped thin scarves on their heads.

"Don't they feel like a snowflake?" she asked before having them turn the "flakes" into snowballs for throwing.

Wearing a bathrobe and covered with a blanket, she pondered what the bumps were at the "foot of her bed," a query that had the youngsters telling her they were her feet.

"They're very curious at this age," said Taig. "Four-year-olds like to help, they don't miss a thing."

The youngsters scooted in close to see what Dewyer had to show them and even tried on monster puppets that she kept in a basket. They huffed and puffed like the Big Bad Wolf and got good and sticky creating their own monsters for the foot of their beds with eyes and



Willow Creek preschoolers Delaney Vesperman and Nikolas Tuttle of Westland take their turn building a monster with Bernadette Dewyer, a children's associate at the William P. Faust Public Library.

hair and feather legs. "Don't I have a well-behaved class?" said Taig. "They're so excited."

Dewyer actually visited the school three times, doing story hours for the preschool's young

3s in December and 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs this week.

"We try to introduce them to early literacy concepts," Dewyer said. "I bring activities that will interest them,

something they might not have chance to do otherwise."

In addition to Dewyer's visits, youngsters also crafted hearts that will be on display

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## W-W union, district eye settlement

A Muskegon-based school group is claiming victory in obtaining copies of e-mails sent by the president of the Westland Education Association to members. See story on **Page A3**.

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The contract dispute involving the Wayne-Westland school board and the Wayne-Westland Education Association could come to a close by next week, if both sides ratify an agreement hammered during fact-finding.

In an e-mail sent late last week, the Michigan Employment Relations Commission announced that "as the result of intense negotiations, the parties have arrived at a proposal that will be voted on shortly by the Wayne-Westland Board of Education and members of the Wayne-Westland Education Association. If ratified, it will settle the current contract dispute."

Because of a gag order imposed by an administrative law judge in October at the start of expedited fact-finding, the two sides declined to comment on the proposed settlement agreement. According to the MERC statement, "more information will be available once the proposal has been ratified by the parties."

"We are still covered under the interim agreement and no information will be available until after the (school) board ratifies," noted Evelyn Baran, Michigan Education Association UniServe director for the WWEA.

Likewise, Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy would only say that

the proposed settlement agreement "must be ratified by both sides."

"Once it's ratified by both sides, the contract will come into effect," he said.

The *Observer* has learned that union members were told about the proposed settlement agreement at a meeting Monday evening and that a ratification vote will take place later this week.

Baracy said a special school board meeting will be called for early next week for the school board to vote, if union members approve the agreement.

Approval of the proposed agreement would bring to an end a contentious negotiating process that saw schools closed for four days in October while teachers walked the picket line. The strike was the first one outside of the city of Detroit since 1994.

The illegal strike prompted the school board to vote to draw up procedures for disciplining the striking teachers, a move that angered parents sympathetic to the union's call for smaller class sizes. As a result, a recall effort, led by Wayne resident Shawn Maxwell, was launched against two board members, Martha Pitsenbarger and Skip Monit.

The district also has had to adjust the school calendar to make up the four days lost because of the strike. The mid-winter recess in February, normally one-week long, has been shortened to two days, Feb. 16-17, and two half days at the end of the school year have been changed to full days of school.

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## Trial start delayed in Laci Green case

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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A murder trial has been delayed for the former boyfriend of Westland nursing student Laci Green, who was found strangled to death last May 7 in a grassy field near her parents' home on the city's southwest side.

Robert James-the-First Howard, 25, of Dearborn Heights was supposed to stand trial Monday in Wayne County Circuit Court for first-degree murder, but defense attorney Bertram Johnson indicated he plans to file new motions that are expected to be argued on

March 13.

During a telephone interview Monday, Johnson hinted that he may file motions asking that a charge of premeditated first-degree murder be dismissed and that attempts by prosecutors to introduce any new evidence be declared irrelevant and prejudicial.

Moreover, Johnson didn't indicate that the delay in Howard's trial could be a move to buy more time to arrange a potential plea agreement with prosecutors.

"At this point, right now I would think that it will go to trial because of the nature of the (circumstantial) evi-

dence," he said.

The latest developments mean that Edward and Barbara Green will have to wait even longer to find out whether their 22-year-old daughter's accused killer will be convicted or acquitted.

Late last year, Edward Green said he and his wife have had difficulty accepting the death of a daughter who "was the joy of our life," and he said they were glad that a trial date then had been set for January.

"It's still hard to talk about it," Edward Green said. "It's the most devastating thing for a parent."

Laci Green's parents earlier

testified during a preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court that they encountered Howard outside their Dunn Court home just a few hours before their daughter was found dead around 6 a.m. last May 7.

Westland police have testified that they believe Howard took a late-night taxicab to meet and talk with Laci Green outside her home. Police Sgt. Steve Borisch said in court last summer that he believed Howard was angry that Laci Green had broken up with him and was seeing another man.

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## Man receives 2 to 15 years in prison for beating pregnant girlfriend

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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A Wayne man will spend two to 15 years in prison for beating and kicking his pregnant girlfriend in a Westland apartment and causing her to lose their baby.

Daniel Reed Jarrett II, upset after learning that 19-year-old Tara Murphy hadn't

ended her pregnancy, was accused of throwing her to the floor inside a Woodland Villa apartment, punching her, choking her and kicking her as she yelled for him to stop.

Murphy was six months pregnant at the time.

Jarrett, 24, was sentenced to prison last Friday in Wayne County Circuit

Court after he admitted his involvement in an incident that happened Jan. 3, 2008, at the apartment of Jarrett's longtime friend, Raymond Mongo.

Jarrett's sentence by Judge Amy Hathaway came after he pleaded guilty to assaulting a pregnant woman and causing a miscarriage/stillbirth, Assistant Wayne County

Prosecutor Maria Miller said.

Jarrett could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison. He and Murphy met while attending the same Christian university in Texas.

Erica Hunt, a friend of Murphy's, testified during a preliminary hearing early last year that Murphy had phoned Jarrett from Mongo's

apartment, near Warren and Central City Parkway, to tell him that she hadn't aborted the baby.

Jarrett came to the apartment, where a heated dispute erupted in violence when he attacked her, Hunt said.

"He had his hand on her neck holding her down to the floor," Hunt testified, adding that Mongo pulled Jarrett off

Murphy.

Hunt also testified that Jarrett "was kicking at Tara on her side."

Mongo, however, had testified that he didn't see Jarrett hit or threaten Murphy. He said he pulled Jarrett away from Murphy to keep the situation from escalating.

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## Senators throw support behind 2nd bridge to Canada

Two Michigan state senators have thrown their support behind plans to build a second border crossing between Michigan and Ontario which recently received approval from the U.S. Department of Transportation to move forward.

Sens. Ray Basham, D-Taylor, and Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, have been significant proponents of this proposal. Their districts are in Wayne County and they are members of various transportation committees.



Anderson

The "Record of Decision" (ROD), signed by U.S. officials, represents the Detroit River International Crossing's (DRIC) final environmental clearance to gain project approval, following four years of consultations, public hearings, traffic analyses, and environmental studies. Michigan may now begin right-of-way acquisition and construction planning for the bridge.

"While the debate on DRIC has dragged on for far too long in Lansing, this action by the U.S. Department of Transportation shows that there

are no environmental concerns with this project," said Basham, the Minority Vice Chair on the Senate Transportation Committee and a longtime advocate of the DRIC project. "And in moving forward, we can now focus on the economic concerns of the state, creating jobs and increasing commerce."

"At a time when so many headlines around the state are negative, this is great news and a prime example of how closely our infrastructure and our economy are related."

The United States and Canada share the largest bilateral trade relationship in the world and states in the Great Lakes region account for more than half of this trade—supporting 7.1 million U.S. jobs. Michigan accounts for more than half of the total U.S. trade with Canada. International trade and commerce supports more than 221,500 Michigan jobs, and almost 60 percent of Michigan goods are exported to Canada.

Activity on the new crossing on the Michigan side of the border will create 10,000 construction jobs and more than 30,000 indirect jobs during the construction period.

"Michigan's opportunities for international trade and commerce with Canada have been

stuck in traffic long enough," said Anderson, a member of the Michigan Transportation Funding Task Force. "Opening up another avenue for personal and professional transportation between our state and our neighbor to the north will result in construction jobs now, and increase the flow of economic activity for years to come."

If completed, the project - including a plaza where tolls and U.S. border inspection activities would occur, and an interchange connecting it to I-75 - would span nearly seven miles. Under current estimates, construction on the new crossing is expected to begin in 2010 and it should be open to traffic in 2013.

Environmental review for the U.S. side of the project, which concluded with ROD signing, began March 24, 2003, with the publication of a Notice of Intent in the Federal Register. A similar review of environmental impacts on the river's Canadian side conducted earlier this year by Ontario and Transport Canada is nearing completion.

The process to complete DRIC's federal environmental documentation lasted less than four years and included more than 100 meetings and public hearings.

## Convicted killer seeks new trial

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

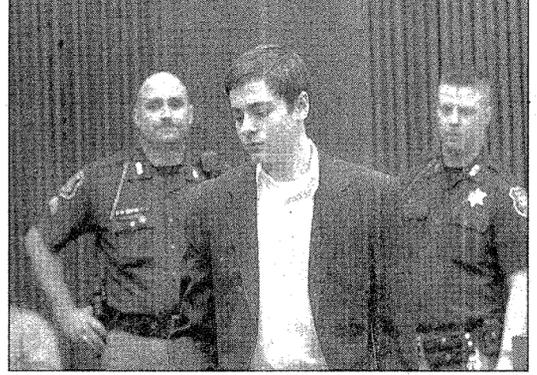
Jean Pierre Orlewicz, the 18-year-old Plymouth Township resident convicted last year of killing and beheading a River Rouge man, finds out next month whether he'll get another day in court.

Orlewicz, sentenced to life in prison without parole for killing and dismembering the body of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen, is scheduled to appear before Circuit Court Judge Bruce Morrow in a motion hearing set for Feb. 13.

The hearing, designed to seek a new trial for Orlewicz, reportedly will include testimony from a defense expert. However, Detroit attorney Elizabeth Jacobs, who is handling Orlewicz's appeal, declined to discuss the hearing in any detail, other than to confirm the date.

Likewise Maria Miller, spokeswoman for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, declined comment, citing a policy of not talking about cases on appeal.

Orlewicz was convicted in April 2008 in the November 2007 death of Sorensen,



FILE PHOTO

Jean Pierre Orlewicz was sentenced to life without parole on the first-degree and felony murder charges, plus 50 months to 10 years for mutilating a body.

who died in the garage of Orlewicz's grandfather. Orlewicz then beheaded Sorensen, burned his fingerprints in an attempt to prevent identification and dumped the body in a Northville field. The body was later identified by a fingerprint not destroyed in the burning.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy at the time labeled the killing a "thrill kill," a label thought prejudicial by Orlewicz's attorneys, who said the killing was done in self-defense. The jury

didn't buy it, instead depending largely on the testimony of Alexander Letkemann of Westland, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in exchange for his testimony. Letkemann is serving a 20- to 30-year sentence.

A third teen, Isam Ayyash, who helped Orlewicz load Sorensen's body onto a truck, was granted immunity in exchange for his testimony. No one else has been charged in the case.

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## Wayne High seeks nominations for its Distinguished Alumni

The call has been put out for nominations for the Wayne Memorial High School Distinguished Alumni Medal. The award is presented annual as part of commencement ceremonies at the Wayne high school.

"We have had many outstanding people graduate from Wayne Memorial," said Wayne Memorial Principal Valerie Orr. "Many have contributed significantly the betterment of society on a local, state, national or international level. The Distinguished Alumni

Award is our way of honoring an outstanding graduate on an annual basis."

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

"This is an opportunity for our current graduating class, to hear first hand from a former alumnus who has made his or her mark on society," Orr said.

The most difficult task is to locate the many alumni who

have distinguished themselves since their graduation. For that reason, Wayne Memorial is asking the community to help in its search. Members of the community can nominate a Wayne Memorial graduate by contacting ... Rawson, secretary to the principal, at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne, MI 48184 or by calling (734) 419-2206. Nominations are due by Feb. 27.

A "Distinguished Alumni" committee has been established at Wayne Memorial to decide on the recipient for 2009. An announcement of the winner will be made in mid-May. The recipient will be honored at commencement on June 6.

### Open House

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Westland 869 will hold an open house Monday, Feb. 23, at the Adams Senior Village Community Center, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland. For more information, call Sandy at (734) 729-5648.

### Constituent hours

The staff of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, will hold office hours in several locations in December. The time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that

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they might have.

Office hours for Tuesday, Feb. 3, are 9-10 a.m. at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 1-2 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Westland Senior Friendship Center. Thursday, Feb. 5, office hours are 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center, 11 a.m.-noon at the Northville Senior Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Van

Buren September Days Senior Center. The congressman has two offices in Livonia and Milford the district to serve constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 and the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

#### Investiture ceremony

New 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell will have his investiture 4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the Westland Senior Friendship Center on Newburgh south of Ford. McConnell, a Westland resident and University of Detroit law school graduate, began his duties on the bench this month after running unopposed for the seat. He replaces Judge C. Charles Bokos, who retired. The ceremony is open to the public, and food will be served.

**CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

The Westland Police Department will conduct an online public auction of three seized and forfeited mens watches. The auction will begin on Thursday, January 29th, 2009 and end Thursday, February 5th, 2009. Interested persons should visit:

[www.discountjewelrycenter.com](http://www.discountjewelrycenter.com) and bid through the open eBay auction process.

The following watches can be viewed and are offered for sale to the highest bidder:

**Audemars Piguet** - Royal Oak Off Shore N-8517 automatic F55602 DIAMOND covered.

**Breitling** - 1884 model 770 automatic C13356 DIAMOND face

**Rolex Geneve** - Submariner model#16613 serial#Z127784

All items are sold in as is condition. Items may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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**INVITATION TO BID**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by Wayne Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 for:

**MEDIA CENTER FURNISHINGS-  
HICKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
HOOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
P.D. GRAHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Proposals are to be submitted in accordance with contract documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. 1191 W. Square Lake Road, P.O. Box 289, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303-0289 dated January 30, 2009.

#### 1. DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A. Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on/or after January 30, 2009. Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ASSOCIATES, INC. Documents can be shipped to Bidders at their expense.

B. Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Architect's office, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.

C. Bidding documents are available for review at the following plan rooms:

McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge 36060 Industrial Road Livonia, MI 48150	Construction Association of Michigan 43636 Woodward Ave., Suite 100 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-3204
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#### 2. DUE DATE

A. Bid Proposals will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Date and Time: Friday, February 20, 2009, at 1:30 PM. EST

Place: Wayne Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185

#### 3. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of ninety (90) days after date for receipt of bids. A 5% bid bond is required in accordance with the Section 00100-F - Instructions to Bidders (See Page 00100-F-1, Paragraph 2.g.).

B. Accepted Bidder shall be required to enter into a contract with Wayne-Westland Community Schools and furnish satisfactory Performance Bond in accordance with the Section 00100-F - Instructions to Bidders. (See Page 00100-F-2, Paragraph 2.L.).

C. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein. If in the Owner's opinion it is in their best interest, the contract may be awarded to other than the lowest bidder, for reasons of establishing uniformity, delivery time, etc.

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE  
CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
Notice of Filing Deadline**

All Local School Board candidates who wish to seek office at the May 5, 2009 School Election, must file nominating petitions no later than:

**Tuesday, February 10, 2009  
before 4:00 p.m.**

Petitions must be filed with the Garden City Clerk's Office located at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135. Clerk's Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Allyson M. Bettis  
City Clerk  
City of Garden City, Michigan

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On Thursday, February 5, 2009, various items of the City Westland Police Department will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Stock	Year	Make	Model	VIN
4973587	1991	MERCURY	MARQUIS	2MECM74F4MX626522
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5040302	2000	PONTIAC	GRAND AM	1G2NF52EXYM787865

Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.

The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed by prospective buyers on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold. Registration fees apply.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES  
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Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer

13 - Appr. of 1/5/09 minutes

- Req. from Westland Fest. Cmte. to hold summer fest. 7-1 thru 7-5-09 w/ fireworks 7-5-09 on City Hall grounds & surrounding area
- Req. from Motor City Chapt. H.O.G. to hold Toy Run 9-20-09
- Bid for Off. Newspaper to Observer; am't \$4.75 per col. in.
- Intro. Budg. Amend. 2009-08; Drug Forfeiture Fund; am't \$43,400
- Waive proc. to intro. & adopt in same meeting Budg. Amend. 2009-08
- Adopt. Of Budg. Amend. 2009-08; Drug-Forfeiture Fund; am't \$43,400
- Purc. 2 GMC Envoyos thru Oakland Cnty. bid; am't \$43,400

14 - Appr. to trans. stock from Max & Erma's to G&R Acq. Inc. for 2008 Class C @ 6601 Newburgh

15 - Appr. trans. stock in 2008 Class C w/ dance permit @ 34275 Ford

16 - Appr. site plan for Fitness Cntr. @ 7420 N. Wayne

17 - Appr. Checklist: \$895,276.76 & Prepaid: \$1,013,841.53

Minutes available in the Clerk's office.

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10 am**

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11 am**

**Sunday Evening Worship  
6 pm**

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**CAVALIER PROPERTIES  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Pursuant to state law a sale will be held at: Secured Self Storage, 2460 Gully Rd., Dearborn Heights, MI. February 7, 2009 at 1:10 PM.

#621 Corey B. Redden	Units contain:
#830 Gail A. Scott	Miscellaneous household items
#1012 Mary Horn	
#1111 Tracy Evans	

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**January 24, 2008**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed text amendments to the zoning ordinance:

1. **09-001, Section 154.403, sub-sections (c) and (d):** to require trash dumpsters to be screened on three sides with a permanent masonry wall similar in materials and/or color of the main structure and to allow the Planning Commission to modify or waive the requirements of Section 154.403, Trash Dumpsters.
2. **09-002, Section 154.037, subsection (D):** to allow in a residential district a fence four feet in height from the rear line of the building, not to extend past the front wall of the building.
3. **09-003, Section 154.242, subsection (A):** to allow in the R-3 zoning district an exception from site plan review for detached single-family residential dwellings and two-family dwellings.

The proposed text amendments are available to be viewed during normal business hours and all written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

David L. Harvey  
City Manager

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# MEA: 'No story' in release of union e-mails by EAG

BY SUE MASON  
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A Muskegon-based education watchdog group is claiming a victory in defense of the state's Freedom of Information Act after securing copies of e-mails sent and received by the president of the Wayne-Westland Education Association, using a taxpayer-funded e-mail account.

The Michigan Education Association, the WWEA's parent group, however, contends that the Education Action Group Vice President Kyle Olson is just "trying to insert himself into a situation that, as a Muskegon resident, doesn't affect him."

It took two attempts under the Freedom of Information Act for Olson to obtain the e-mails from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. The first attempt was blocked when the MEA obtained a temporary injunction until the merits of the request could be heard in court. Lacking funds, EAG dropped the request, but submitted a second one, addressing the objections the union attorneys had stated in court.

"Throughout contract negotiations with the school board, and during its illegal four-day strike last October, the teachers union maintained that it was battling over several fundamental issues, including staff health insurance coverage and class sizes," Olson said. "The e-mails strongly suggest that maintaining health coverage through MESSA, an expensive insurance carrier owned and operated by the MEA itself, was far-and-away the union's highest priority, just like it is in many other districts throughout the state currently dealing with labor unrest."

### TALKING POINT

He added that the e-mails also suggested that class size may have been little more than a "talking point, or wedge issue," to gain the sympathy of parents and get the school board to budge on health insurance.

"Throughout the e-mails to and from union President Nancy Strachan, the continuation of MESSA insurance coverage is a frequent theme," he said. "That should be of particular interest to taxpayers, because cash-strapped school boards throughout Michigan, including the Wayne-Westland board, have been looking for ways to dump MESSA and replace it with less expensive insurance coverage."

The MEA spokeswoman, Rosemary Carey, said "the e-mails simply reflect the president's daily e-mails to members regarding bargaining, insurance and class size."

"Kyle Olson insists that the issue of class size was not a real issue for the WWEA, but simply a ploy to get public support, yet, the bargaining note proves that class size was a major issue of discussion at every session," Carey said. "Olson keeps asking for information to prove his biased claims. However, all of the documentation is proving his claims to be nothing more than Olson's one-man show with a biased political agenda against

MEA and MESSA."

According to Olson, one e-mail, urging Wayne-Westland teachers to contribute to the MEA's political action committee, says potential donors should consider everything the union does for them, specifically noting salary, medical coverage, worker's compensation, length of the school year, and fighting privatization efforts.

"There was no mention of battling for smaller class sizes or improved student achievement," he said, adding that class size is mentioned a few times in the e-mails, "but with less vigor or determination."

### LITTLE USE FOR TRUTH

Carey countered that Olson isn't interested in the information that compares the cost of the district's health insurance plan with the savings MESSA would bring. He also has little interest in the amount of money the district has spent on items that do not improve education like new buildings and Astroturf.

"But then that data would prove his claims to be false," she said. "He has little use for the truth."

EAG has posted most of the documents, minus duplications

and insignificant material, on its Web site at www.educationactiongroup.org "for the residents of the Wayne-Westland district, and other interested parties, to read."

The EAG's release of the e-mails comes at a time when the school district and the WWEA have reached a proposed settlement agreement. Union members are expected to vote on it this week, with the school board to meet in special session next week. The two sides have not commented on the agreement because of a gag order issued by an administrative law judge at the start of expedited fact-finding.

Carey finds it ironic that Olson FOIA'd the Wayne-Westland president's e-mails in the spirit of full disclosure, but refuses to disclose where his funding comes from.

"EAG has no credibility," she said. "It is a Republican front group. There is no story here, he is just looking to have his name in the news. He didn't find what he was looking for so now he's trying to fabricate news about bargaining. He's on a one-man campaign against MESSA and MEA."

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# Man charged with assault after domestic dispute turns violent

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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A Westland man could face trial for attempted murder following accusations he stabbed another man while intervening in a domestic dispute Saturday night on a residential street near Wayne and Cowan.

Leon Anthony Anderson, 26, was among four people who went to a house on Sandwood after a woman in her early 20s called for help when her boyfriend refused to leave during an argument, police Sgt. Michael Harhold said.

Anderson, two other men and the woman's sister had gone to Sandwood to intervene, but Harhold said the dispute only escalated and

ended with the boyfriend being stabbed multiple times. The incident happened around 8:15 p.m.

According to initial reports, the woman's boyfriend eventually decided to leave the house and was followed outside by Anderson while everyone else stayed inside, Harhold said. "They heard the victim yell from outside" as he shouted the words "you stabbed me," Harhold said.

The boyfriend apparently had to undergo surgery and was listed in stable condition in a local hospital, the detective said Monday.

The incident resulted in Anderson being arraigned Monday by 18th District Judge Mark McConnell on charges of assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do

great bodily harm and felonious assault.

According to a court clerk, Anderson was jailed with a \$250,000 cash bond, and a not-guilty plea was entered for him. McConnell ordered him back in court for a Feb. 5 preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, Anderson could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Prior to Saturday's incident, the victim and the defendant had no known encounters, according to a preliminary investigation.

"To my knowledge, there's no history between them," Harhold said.

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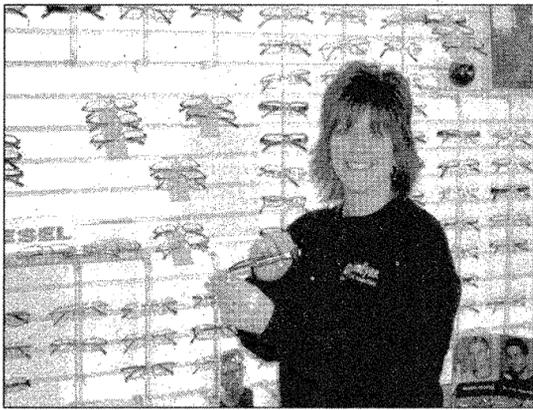
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# Today's Health

The road to a new you



## The latest trends in eyewear fashion

BY AMY SKIMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

If you're ready to try a new look for the new year, don't forget about your eyes. A new pair of glasses can offer you a quick style upgrade while improving your vision.

This year, rectangular frames are big, with designs around the temples for women and a heavier, European look for men, according to Lisa Dubuis of Henry Ford OptimaEyes in South Lyon (pictured above).

A popular new line of frames for men is the Randy Jackson collection, designed by the "American Idol" judge for which it was named.

"That's the latest one that we just got in," Dubuis said. The list of popular women's brands reads like an inventory of designer handbags, with names like Juicy Couture, Valentino, Bebe, BCBG and Kate Spade.

Dubuis expects the big styles now will stay popular for a while — "at least a couple of years," she said.

Of course, it's also important to take into account what will look good with your

facial shape. Dubuis said a good rule of thumb is to look at frames opposite the shape of your face. A person with a round face, for example, would best be able to pull off rectangular frames.

Also remember to take skin tone and facial size into account when selecting new glasses. You don't want to pick a frame in a color that will wash you out or in a size that will look too big or too small.

If you can't figure out what looks best on you, just ask. Dubuis and other employees are there to help.

While you're thinking about new glasses, don't forget to protect your eyes from the sun with a new pair of sunglasses. As well as looking stylish, sunglasses also shield eyes from harmful UV rays.

Exposure to UV rays from sunlight has been associated with the development of cataracts and age-related macular degeneration.

This year, bigger is definitely better when it comes to stylish frames, especially for women. Expect to see a lot of over-sized, plastic frames both in stores and out on the street.

## Revolutionary heart care

### New equipment treats heart attacks below patient reaches hospital doors

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER  
ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

Cardiovascular diseases, including stroke, are the nation's No. 1 killer, according to the American Heart Association.

Annually, more than 500,000 patients are admitted to emergency rooms suffering from heart attacks nationwide.

When the time comes for immediate treatment, Garden City Hospital's Emergency Services staff is standing by, trained in effective treatment methods that can save your life.

Current procedures involves opening up a blocked coronary artery with a balloon-tipped catheter and should be performed in 90 minutes. Today, only 32 percent of patients are treated effectively within that timeframe, the American Heart Association reports.

Garden City Hospital's emergency department acknowledged this reality and purchased a new telehealth system, CAREpoint EMS Workstation with Rosetta™ Lt 12-Lead ECG capability — high-end equipment to expedite the diagnosis and treatment of heart attacks before a patient even reaches the hospital doors. The hospital will introduce this equipment to its patients Feb. 2.

"This technology will allow us to bridge the gap from when

a patient is in the ambulance to when they enter the emergency department," said Barb Coldren, Emergency Services Director. "The pre-hospital 12-Lead ECG data sent from EMS will help the physicians within the emergency department determine the best treatment path for the patient while en route to the hospital, therefore decreasing door-to-balloon time, and ultimately mortality."

When EMS responds to an individual experiencing chest pain, they will now have the Rosetta 12-Lead ECG to transmit patient information instantly to the CAREpoint EMS workstation housed in Garden City Hospital's emergency department. While in the ambulance, patients will be hooked up with ECG leads and live, streaming ECG transmissions will be sent directly to the hospital. This

will allow physicians to confirm a heart attack diagnosis and ready the cath lab prior to the patient arriving.

"We believe that this system will change the way patients view emergency care," Coldren said. "Patients are used to receiving care when they enter the emergency room. This technology will allow emergency physicians to begin caring for them, before they even meet."

Make it a point to maintain a healthy heart, with smart nutrition choices, good fitness habits and regular medical check-ups this year and the next.

If you're in need of treatment and don't know where to begin, Garden City Hospital offers a range of non-invasive and invasive procedures, where expert staff is on-hand to assess your needs and provide you the utmost in special-

ized care.

The hospital features a state-of-the-art Cardiac Catheterization Lab for invasive procedures, including placement of pacemakers, implantable loop recorders (ILR) and implantable cardiac defibrillators (ICD) and cardioversion.

Non-invasive tests — including electrocardiogram (ECG), a variety of stress testing options, echocardiogram, transesophageal echocardiogram (TEE) and tilt table test — are performed every day on patients from across Metro Detroit.

Health education is just as important as seeking treatment for those with heart needs. The American Heart Association recently reported that heart failure patients who participated in exercise training quickly improved their quality of life.

## Community Assistance Pricing 'caps' emergency medical costs during hard times

Today, healthcare is more expensive than ever, making it more difficult to stay healthy.

But don't sacrifice your well-being because you're worried about the bills — check out the Community Assistance Pricing program at Garden City Hospital's emergency department, so you don't have to choose between your family's health and your budget.

If you pay the same day you're treated, Garden City Hospital will "cap" your

emergency department charge at \$300 — no matter what emergency services you receive or tests and procedures you have.

The result is hundreds of dollars in savings on each emergency visit.

During tough economic times, many people decide to put off procedures because they can't afford them, hurting the health of our economy.

Delaying a medical exam or screening could be dangerous — it could even cost you

your life.

Garden City Hospital invented the CAP program so you don't have to choose between your health and other necessities.

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## Update your smile

BY MIKE HOGAN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Most New Years resolutions have something to do with looking or feeling better, but it can be hard to know where to start.

Local dentists think good health starts with the mouth.

Visiting your dentist can have a great impact on both your health and your appearance.

Looking to improve your smile? Teeth whitening is now so commonplace that whitening kits of all prices and varieties can be found local supermarkets.

But for a more professional look, cosmetic dentists offer more effective ways to brighten smiles.

Dr. John Halmaghi in Southfield is fully certified in whitening techniques, like BriteSmile.

"It can last up to two years, assuming (the patient) takes care of their teeth," Halmaghi said.

Halmaghi applies a painless, light-sensitive gel to the teeth. He then uses a special BriteSmile light to activate the gel. The whole process takes just over an hour. A patient can even have the process completed on the same day as a consult. After a few follow-up processes at home, a patient can see results within a few weeks.

But how white is too white? "If your teeth are transparent, you've gone too far," said Dr. Richard S. Bernstein, Farmington Hills.

Bernstein is an expert in the business of designing smiles. Bernstein believes each smile should be as unique as the person using it.

"One size does not fit all," Bernstein said. "I follow certain principles that will bring a more pleasing nature. It's an art when you're doing this."

Bernstein is a member of the American Society for Dental Aesthetics, an organization built around the idea

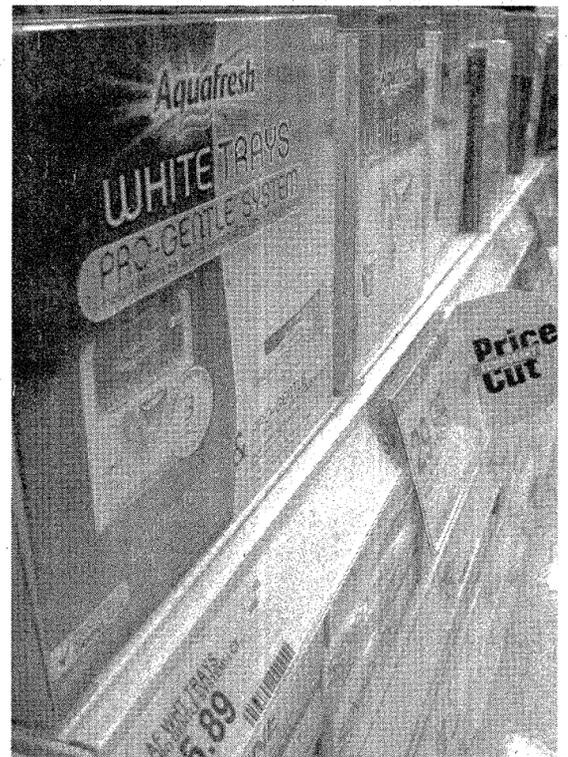


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At-home whitening kits are available at most supermarkets, but cosmetic dentistry processes are more effective.

that teeth should not only be healthy, but they should also be pleasing to the eye. He is the only member who operates in Michigan.

Designing a smile usually involves shaping the teeth to help them have a proportional nature. In addition to shaping and using veneers, Bernstein also provides Invisalign, the popular, nearly invisible alternative to braces.

Invisalign uses a series of molds that are replaced every two weeks. The molds are expertly made of acrylic and use pressure points to quickly and painlessly set teeth straight. Best of all, Invisalign molds are virtually unnoticeable.

Visiting the dentist isn't just

about how you look, as many dentists like Bernstein will say. A regular checkup can keep the whole body healthy, just by preventing the growth of gum disease. Bacteria from gum disease can easily travel into the rest of your body.

"Once you have gum disease, you never get rid of it," Bernstein warned.

"You can only maintain it." Children as early as age seven should be seen by an orthodontist to evaluate if changes in the child's skeletal (jaw) pattern are needed, the American Association of Orthodontics recommends.

Between improving your appearance and your health, a new you is just one dentist appointment away.



Having been a consulting physician for the 1996 Olympic Games and numerous professional, college and high school athletic teams, Stanley Szczeciński, D.O., or "Dr. Stan" as he is called by his patients, has demonstrated his excellence in the area of Sports Medicine. He is currently an Associate Professor at Michigan State University and Des Moines University, and a member of the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine. He is board certified in Sports Medicine, Family Practice and Pain Management.

# Reverse mortgage may help some seniors meet expenses

No one segment of society is immune to the current economic turmoil. However, one population more affected than others is senior citizens.

Seniors are always one of the most vulnerable because they typically do not have many options. For example, for seniors who are retired, it is very difficult to get back into the workforce.

One option they do have is a reverse mortgage which are generally for people 62 years and older. A reverse mortgage allows one to use the equity in his/her home during their lifetime. Reverse mortgages are not for everyone, however, they do



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

provide opportunities for seniors in certain situations. It is important to understand the terms of a reverse mortgage. In a typical case, the homeowner receives a set amount of money from the mortgage company. The money can be used to pay off a mortgage on the existing property or to cover living expenses. The bottom line is the customer (senior citizen) decides how to use the

money. The reverse mortgage has an interest factor but unlike a traditional mortgage there is no monthly payment. The reverse mortgage is due either upon death of husband and wife or upon sale. What's nice about a reverse mortgage is there is no liability for your loved one. If, upon your death the reverse mortgage balance is greater than the value of your home, the mortgage company can take the home. It cannot seek payments from your loved ones. If the reverse mortgage is worth less than the property, the house could be sold, the reverse mortgage paid off, and the balance

paid to the beneficiaries. The key to remember about a reverse mortgage is that during your lifetime you can stay in your house for as long as you want and you do not have to make any payments. During the boom in the real estate market, many people were using reverse mortgages to buy second homes, take vacations, or even pay for a grandchild's college. In today's economy, reverse mortgages are most often used to provide a cash flow for seniors so they can continue to maintain their lifestyle. In today's market of falling real estate prices, the value of a reverse

mortgage is not as great as it used to be. However, it still can be an effective vehicle to help seniors cover living expenses. Reverse mortgages have fees so it's important to shop around. Take the time to understand the terms and how it works. An informed decision will guarantee you do the right thing. Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money matters@hometownlife.com](mailto:money matters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

# Even maligned squirrels have their place in nature

Every now and then someone writes a request for a master plan on how to banish squirrels from their suburban yard. Others are more extreme, "I wish I could kill them," behaving as if squirrels that express their acrobatic antics at bird feeders have morphed into saber-toothed beasts.

Something puzzles me. The squirrels that are the subject of that disproportionate anguish and anger are not red squirrels, those energized hyperactive rodents that chew holes in roof eaves and host wild-winter, pitter-pattering, nut-gnawing chit-chattering all night attic



Nature's Way  
Jonathan Schechter

squirrels in our county: OAKLAND. And I hope you noticed the emphasis on OAK in Oakland. Oaks mean acorns. Acorns means squirrels. And

parties. The offenders are almost always black squirrels, which are actually gray squirrels. Confused? Take a breath, grab that coffee and settle back down for a winter's morning ramble on squirrel stew. My neighbor still does. Gray squirrels have a strong preference for oak forest and dense woods. The

survival instincts and learned behavior of squirrels have made them masters of their art: Raiding easy pickings at bird feeders. Darwin would look back and smile. And I could end this ramble here and simply say, "Accept squirrels!" I won't. Gray squirrels are generally a silvery gray color, and are the squirrels that the Red Coats noted in the lofty tree tops as they marched on the rebellious colonists. All sides in the Revolutionary War feasted on squirrel stew. My neighbor still does. Gray squirrels have a strong preference for oak forest and dense woods. The

"black squirrel" is simply a melanistic phase of the gray. Red squirrels are small, but larger than a chipmunk. These vocal squirrels chatter warnings of danger and have a preference for pine cones and other conifer cones. With a reddish back and a white belly and their mastery at tunneling through snow and lightning fast grab and stash feeder hits they are a pleasure to watch. Time for me to scatter sunflower seeds, nuts and apple cores. And, if birds want to visit my feeder that welcomes all, that's just fine with me. Birds have to accept the social interspecies hierarchy of

manipulated ways in our not so wild kingdom of squirrels. And fresh coyote tracks near the feeder remind me coyotes love all gluttonous feeder-addicted squirrel species as a

winter day's entree. Perhaps they taste like furry chicken. Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. Contact him at [Oaknature@aol.com](mailto:Oaknature@aol.com).

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OUR VIEWS

## Consider running for school board

If you're considering running for the Wayne-Westland Board of Education, you don't have as long as you might think to make the decision.

And if you're not thinking about it, maybe you should. The filing deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 10. That gives prospective board members just 12 days to answer this basic question: Do I want to have a role in determining the course of our schools?

Historically, there isn't a whole lot of interest in running for the board. Traditionally, there aren't a lot of candidates. Interest in what happens on the board seems to increase when bad things happen, like last year's teachers strike.

And, judging by the annual vote totals, where the last few years' turnout has been less than 5 percent, there isn't a lot of interest in the school board ... period.

This always baffles us, because perhaps nowhere in elective government can an elected official affect more lives than on the school board. It's the one body that has control over the future of our most important asset, our children.

And in these tight economic times, the Wayne-Westland school board — along with school boards across the state — really faces huge challenges, particularly with its budget.

There's three seats up for grabs this year — those of incumbents Ed Turner and Steve Becher and the remainder of former board member Frederick Weaver's term. Shawna Walker is currently filling the position as a board appointee.

There are a lot of reasons not to run for the school board: I don't have the time; it's a big responsibility; I don't know anything about running a school district; the dog ate my filing application.

There is some truth in those reasons. Yes, it is a fact that serving on the school board is more than one meeting a month. There are committee meetings, school functions and the like that school board members attend. And, yes, there will be a learning curve for a newcomer; there is with any new job. As for the dog, let's leave Fido out it.

The truth is, not running is much easier than running. However, the one true reason for getting involved trumps all excuses for not: You can help determine the future of our children.

## Look beyond holidays to help those in need

It sounds simple enough. You need to go to the grocery store to pick up a few things. Nothing special, just some coffee, cereal for the kids, tea, maybe some canned fruit and — oh, yeah — some toilet paper.

Not a big deal, right?

Well, unfortunately, it is a very big deal for a growing number of people, many of whom live right in our hometowns. The list of people needing such basic things grows with each announcement of yet another company planning layoffs.

That list of items amounts to what is most needed in January by the Rochester Area Neighborhood House, which operates a food pantry that is housed in First Congregational Church in Rochester.

January. The holiday hoopla is over, and so are the pleas for donations of money, food and clothing to help our neighbors. But the need is as great — no, greater — than ever before.

There are plenty of ways in which you can help. Here are a few of the organizations which provide food pantries and would welcome your contributions.

Troy People Concerned acts as a referral agency, while St. Anastasia Catholic Church, also in Troy, has a food pantry.

Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City has a food bank that distributes food that serves 500 people — 200 families — each month. It relies on donations and is a partner with Gleaners.

Gleaners is one of two major agencies which battle hunger, the other being Forgotten Harvest. Forgotten Harvest, based in Oak Park, picks up food from restaurants and grocery stores for distribution to shelters and soup kitchens. It doesn't take food from the public, but it does take contributions.

The John Bolde Memorial Food Depot at the St. Mary Outreach in Wayne also relies on food and monetary donations that help purchase food from Gleaners.

The Plymouth Salvation Army has a food pantry, and it's always taking donations.

That is just a brief sampling of organizations that could use your help. Check with your town hall, service organizations or local churches for other ways to offer help.

Remember, as tight as your own budget is, there are a lot of folks out there who are really hurting.



LETTERS

### Doing the flip-flop

And the winner of the "no class" award goes to ... His Majesty ... the messiah ... President Obama.

Despite the comparisons that are being made between former President Bush and President Obama in the media where Bush is hated and Obama is the beloved, the fact is that at the outset of the Bush administration, the former president attended a Democrat retreat as a show of goodwill and to try to set the tone for bipartisanship in Washington. President Obama, on the other hand, is showing his "bipartisanship" with his own version of "it's my way or the highway" attitude.

The liberal Democrats have been Bush-bashing since his inauguration, complaining he spent too much money on his inauguration celebration while Obama has spent three times that amount and not a peep from the mainstream media about it.

In a recent Fox News story, Obama told Republican leaders at a meeting "you can't just listen to Rush Limbaugh and get things done." So what he was saying was; Republicans need to see things Obama's way. So much for tolerance of ideas!

Included in the Fox news article, in a meeting on the "stimulus" (read that as welfare programs; bailouts and more spending), Obama told Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., "I won. I will trump you on that." Cantor was objecting to Obama's "proposal to increase benefits for low-income workers who don't owe federal income taxes." In other words, Cantor was objecting to a government welfare program.

Obama's plan is sending us into a socialist-type government that we may not be able to come out of without a total collapse of the economy. Bush was no prize with his spending, but he at least made an effort to be bipartisan and stuck to his guns as to what he believed was right while Obama flip-flops on a daily basis

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### Era of change for youth

Paradoxically, in this time of almost crushing concern over the state of our nation, the inauguration of a new president ushers in, at least briefly, a period of palpable hope. Hope for a better economy, for demonstrable progress in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Middle East and for improvements in everything from climate change to education to Social Security to health care. Indeed, optimism abounds even as things seem to be falling down all around us. It's the American way.

But those aren't the only things we have to feel hopeful about. Or, for that matter, to worry about. In some very important ways, the state of our nation's youth mirrors that of our country. For example, according to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), suicide is rising rapidly, incidences of death and injury due to violence are staggering, and sexually transmitted

diseases and infections are epidemic.

The CDC reports that:

- The suicide rate for young people under the age of 20 increased by 20 percent between 2003 and 2004 and, in 2007, 14.5 percent of U.S. high school students reported that they had seriously considered attempting suicide during the 12 months preceding the survey;

- In 2005, 5,686 young people ages 10-24 were murdered, and in 2006 more than 720,000 were treated in emergency departments for injuries sustained due to violence; and

- In 2008, one in four (26 percent) young women between the ages of 14 and 19 in the United States was infected with at least one sexually transmitted disease.

No less alarming is the drug and alcohol use that often accompanies decision-making about self-injury, violence, and sexual behavior among teens.

The federal Office of Legislative Policy and Analysis says that by the time they reach eighth grade, nearly 50 percent of adolescents have had at least one alcoholic drink and more than 20 percent report having been "drunk."

In addition, SADD's Teens Today research reveals that more than one-third of young people (35 percent) report using other drugs, such as marijuana, Ecstasy, and methamphetamines.

So, where does the hope part come in? With a continued federal commitment to address those issues that most threaten the health, safety, and development of youth. It is a priority that carries with it, in President Obama's oft-repeated words of Dr. Martin Luther King, "the fierce urgency of now."

Good thing that we have a running start.

Over the past decade, our government, with the support of key partners, has mobilized to reduce "demand" for drugs and alcohol among adolescents and children. Here is a sampling of those efforts:

1988 — The U.S. Congress proclaims the first National Red Ribbon Week, drawing attention to the dangers of drug use in our society, especially among young people.

1998 — The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy launches the Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign to prevent and reduce youth drug use, delivering anti-drug messages to America's youth, their parents and other influential adults.

2003 — The National Academies publish Reducing Underage Drinking: A Collective Responsibility, exploring ways individuals and groups contribute to the problem and how they can be enlisted to boost prevention.

2005 — Congress passes the STOP (Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking) legislation, recognizing that a coordinated approach to prevention, intervention, treatment, and research of underage drinking is key to making progress.

2006 — The federal government's Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking supports Town Hall Meetings across the country, addressing the problem of

youth alcohol use.

2007 — The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issues The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking, pointing to new research indicating that the developing adolescent brain may be particularly susceptible to long-term consequences of alcohol use.

What are the results of these collaborative efforts?

A 2007 Monitoring the Future report noted that, since 2001, the overall use of drugs by young people had dropped by 24 percent (alcohol by 15 percent, marijuana by 25 percent, Ecstasy by 54 percent, and methamphetamines by 64 percent). Come 2008, the decline was 25 percent ... 900,000 fewer young people using illegal drugs than there were in 2001.

Now that's change we can believe in.

Given the enormity of the risk that remains, can our country continue to make progress in its climb up that great big hill of hope? With a fierce urgency of now and the enduring commitment of critical federal resources for youth drug and alcohol education and prevention, the answer is a resounding "Yes, We Can!"

And we must.

Stephen Wallace  
national chairman of SADD

### Unfair treatment

The following is in response to the Murphy letter of Jan. 8 concerning a "special election" being expensive. Financial burden or not, maybe the persons being recalled should have at least shown the appearance of being interested in the citizens of the Nankin Mills Village area before voting as they did. At some point, it might be any of us finding ourselves standing before council, facts in hand (as the Nankin group did), hoping actually to be heard.

There is no need for a tight economy to add guilt to unfair treatment. Waiting for a special election would be too late and would be "no recall" at all, further insulating the council from the citizens.

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Gary Martin, Wayne-Westland deputy superintendent for administrative and business services, about the school district's fund equity.

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# Michigan's 'Black Eden' focus of library exhibit

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Westland library will host a Michigan State University traveling exhibit, "Welcome to Idlewild: The Black Eden of Michigan," focusing on the northwestern Michigan resort, during February. The unveiling will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at the library, on Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren Road.

"We are going to have a speaker, Dr. Ben C. Wilson," said Marilyn Kwik, department head for adult services at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. "He's a professor emeritus from Western

Michigan University and an Idlewild historian."

The monthlong program, part of Black History Month, is presented with support of the Michigan Humanities Council and the Friends of the William P. Faust Library. Idlewild was a resort prominent from 1912 to the 1960s. Blacks could buy property there, and the resort hosted well-known entertainers like Louis Armstrong.

The library exhibit will feature panels with photos and displays on Idlewild, along with a reproduction quilt of an original on Idlewild done by Michigan's Deonna Todd Green.

MSU has other traveling exhibits on Michigan state

history for school and library use, Kwik said. She agreed it's good to highlight the diverse nature of Westland. The library's Information Central column in the *Observer* mentioned Idlewild about a year ago, which generated reader response.

"I think it's good to expose people who may not be of that particular group," Kwik said. "There's a lot of people who never heard about this. People will become more familiar with the history of Michigan."

There will be related library programs, including 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, with Dr. Deborah Smith Pollard on "When the Church Becomes Your Party." She will discuss her

recently published book on contemporary gospel music.

"There will be two gospel singers for her," said Kwik of singers Mary Wyan and Kim Williams (known professionally as KiWi).

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, Dr. Melvin Peters will discuss "Black Literature and Music of the 1960s." He's a professor of African-American literature and music at Eastern Michigan University.

The library will show two related movies. At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, *The Pact* tells of three friends who make a pact in high school to go on to college and medical school.

The film *A Lesson Before Dying* is based on the Ernest J.

Gaines novel, and is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18. It's set in a small Cajun town in the late 1940s and tells of a young man implicated through no fault of his own in a shoot-out in which three people are killed. He's sentenced to death.

The films will be moderated with discussion led by Victor Walker, a poet, playwright and actor.

At the unveiling on Sunday, Feb. 1, Wilson will sign copies of his 2002 book (co-author Lewis Walker), *Black Eden: The Idlewild Community*.

Not a part of Black History Month, the library will also host concert pianist Roy Coloma 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8. "That's going to be nice, too,"

Kwik said.

The library had a good response to a classical guitarist who performed, and according to Kwik, "We just want to build on that."

Walk-ins are welcome at the programs, although you're encouraged to let staffers know of your attendance at (734) 326-6123. The library Web site, [www.westland.lib.mi.us](http://www.westland.lib.mi.us), has a data base of information on black history, good for those researching school/college assignments.

"I think they appeal to people of all ages and backgrounds," said Kwik, who anticipates good attendance. "There's a lot of different information that's going to be shared."

## WOW seeks nominees for 2009 ATHENA Award

A bronze statue topped with a crystal and tables filled chocolate ... The latter has become synonymous with the former when it comes to the Women of Westland's ATHENA Award program.

In its fifth year, the ATHENA Award Chocolate Fantasy Ball is "an opportunity for the whole community to come together to recognize our unsung heroes," according to Mary Denning, president of Women of Westland.

"This glamorous event supports an effort to empower women who might not have the financial means to gain higher education," she said.

The formal event will be held on Saturday, March 7, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland when the 2009 ATHENA Award winner will be publicly honored by state and local dignitaries and will receive the coveted ATHENA sculpture.

Westland Mayor William R. Wild, *The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and the Women of Westland

have teamed up to host the Chocolate Fantasy Ball. The event supports the Barbara Douglas Scholarship Program, giving financial awards to qualified women of the Westland community who want to attend college for undergraduate credit or trade school.

Helping women to achieve their goals in life continues to be the focus of the Women of Westland organization. "In these uncertain times, some women are finding themselves jobless and lacking the education skills to remain competitive in their career field," said Denning. "This void requires the building of long term community partnerships to empower the women of our community."

Nominations are being sought for the ATHENA Award which celebrates the potential of all women as valued members and leaders of the community and recognizes those who support them. An international award, the ATHENA Award is given to

an individual, female or male, who demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession. They also must contribute time and talent to help improve the quality of life for others in the community. The final qualification is helping women to realize their full leadership potential.

People interested in making a nomination can find a form on the Women of Westland Web site at [www.womenofwestland.com](http://www.womenofwestland.com). For more information, call Meghan Giersdorf at (248) 255-8241.

The Chocolate Fantasy Ball will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and the ATHENA Award presentation at 7:30 p.m. There will be an open bar and silent auction. Topping things off will be the famed dessert extravaganza.

Tickets are \$20 each and only 300 will be sold. Sponsorship opportunities also are available. For more information or to order tickets, call the Women of Westland at (734) 467-9113.

## LIBRARY

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for a month at the library.

"One child wrote one her heart that she loved Clifford because she wants to be a dog," said Taig.

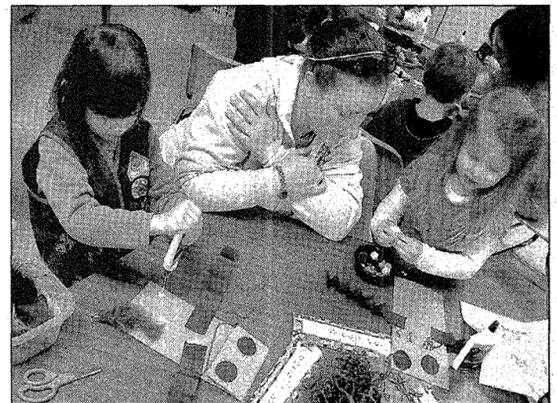
According to Dewyer, Lisa Hausman, head of Children's Services at the library "is very big on outreach. In addition to visits, like the ones at Willow Creek, the library also has started programming at the Dorsey Community Center.

"This is a wonderful school to visit," Dewyer said. "If they invite us, we're more than happy to come."

For Taig, having Dewyer visit with her students means a lot.

"The city of Westland and the library have always been supportive of the school," she said.

Willow Creek has been providing preschool programming for



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Charlotte Warner of Westland (left) and Tara Whalen of Canton (right) make monster puppets with Tara's mother Mindy Whalen at the Willow Creek Preschool.

children living in Westland, Garden City, Canton and surrounding communities since 1972 and has been based at Kirk of Our Savior Church on Cherry Hill west of Wayne Road for at least 10 years. A cooperative program, parents work in the class-

room once or twice a month. The preschool currently has 35 students and is accepting new enrollment. For more information, call (734) 326-0078.

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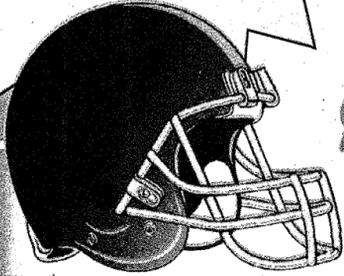
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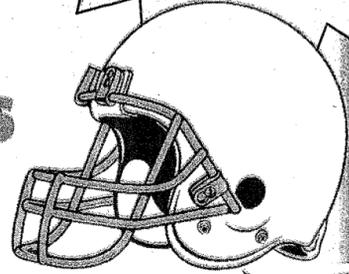




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## Coaches tab Invitational favorite: CC

BY ED WRIGHT  
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When asked which team is the one to beat at Saturday's 18th annual Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament, the same two-letter response rolled off the tongues of several area coaches: CC.

That acronym is short for Novi Detroit Catholic Central, which is long on talent this season.

The state-ranked Shamrocks' confidence will be sky-high following a recent dual-meet triumph over perennially powerful Davison.

"They probably have more depth than the other teams,"

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Salem coach Greg Woohuk said. "If

they lose a No. 1 wrestler at a weight, they can plug in another talented wrestler without losing much, if anything."

The tournament begins at 9 a.m. at Livonia Churchill High School. Admission is \$5, except for Frost Middle School students, who get in free with a student I.D.

"CC is probably the favorite going in," Westland John Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "They've been coming on strong lately. But it all comes down to matchups. There are several teams that are capable of winning."

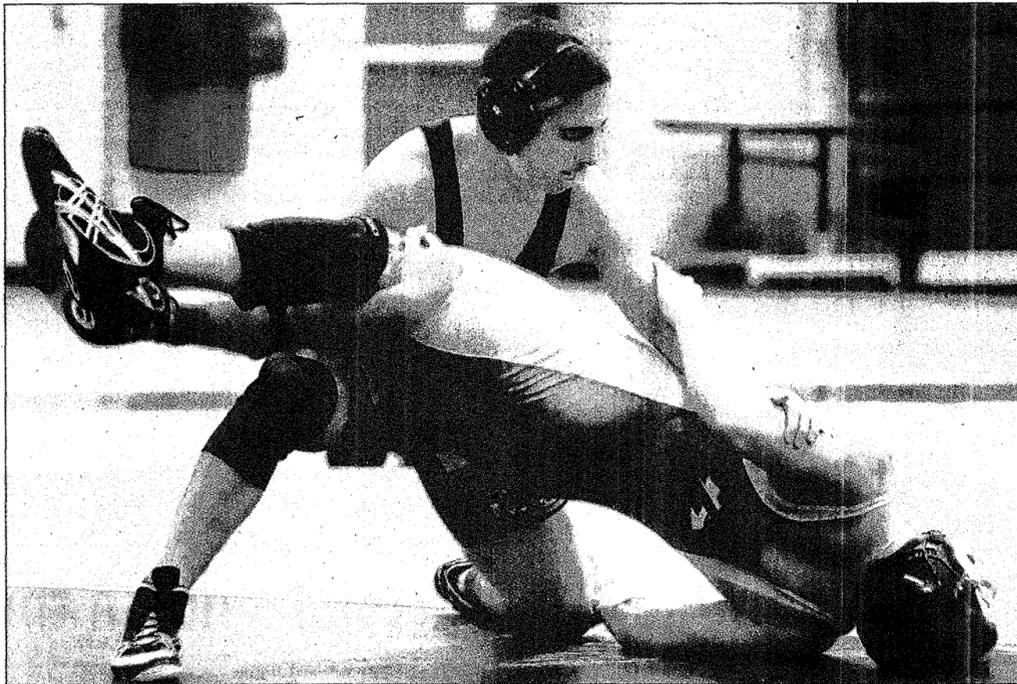
If the Shamrocks prevail, it won't be easy. Several teams — including defending champion Canton, Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn — figure to be in the mix when the event's finals roll around in the late afternoon at Churchill.

"This is a big tournament for our kids," first-year Canton coach Cory Mancuso said. "I know they want to win it all and defend their crown. Catholic Central is probably the favorite. Their lineup is stacked from top to bottom."

Franklin coach Dave Chiola knows as well as anyone what it takes to hold up the Observerland trophy at the end of the day. The Patriots won the tournament three consecutive years before placing third in 2008.

"The key is scoring points at a lot of

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John Glenn's Zaid Ammari is in control during his 160-pound match Tuesday night against Canton's Austin Mach. Ammari won on a pin in 3 minutes, 25 seconds.

## Mat gauntlet Canton survives test against Rockets

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's wrestling team didn't have much time to savor Tuesday night's emphatic 45-28 victory over Westland John Glenn.

Approximately 22 hours, to be exact. That's how much time elapsed between the Chiefs' important KLAAs South Division triumph over the Rockets and Wednesday night's equally important match against Livonia Franklin.

"I really liked how we came out and wrestled aggressively against John Glenn," first-year Canton coach Cory Mancuso said. "We won a couple matches that we knew were going to be close."

What, if anything, did Mancuso learn about his young team Tuesday night?

"I learned that we have a pretty darned good team," he said. "You have to be pretty good to beat a team as good as John Glenn at their place. Hopefully, we can keep it going."

Of the eight matches the Chiefs won, Mancuso pointed to Carl Lucke's 3-2 nail-biter over Joshua Austin at 119 pounds as possibly the most pivotal.

Five Chiefs registered pins: Jeremy Filippelli at 130 pounds, Donnie Watkins at 140, Brent Winekoff at 145, Keith Zech at 171 and Tyler Bourcier at 215.

The Rockets' most impressive victories came from Steven Wakeford at 103; Mark Thompson at 125; Jeff

Adkins, who defeated Anthony Abro, 6-4, in overtime at 152; and Zaid Ammari, who notched a pin at 160.

John Glenn's Dustin Gajowiak pinned Canton's Robert Lincoln in 1:18 in the heavyweight showdown.

For results of Wednesday's Canton-Franklin match, visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

### CANTON 45, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 28

Jan. 27 at John Glenn  
103 pounds: Steven Wakeford (WJG) decisively Daniel Filippelli, 14-5; 112: Waleed Faraj (C) won by void; 119: Carl Lucke (C) dec. Joshua Austin, 3-2; 125: Mark Thompson (WJG) dec. Mitch Wolski, 3-1; 130: Jeremy Filippelli (C) pinned D'onteono Anderson, 0-48; 135: Jared Stephens (WJG) won by void; 140: Donnie Watkins (C) p. Mikkel Tipton, 3-4; 145: Brent Winekoff (C) p. Mike Johnson, 3-19; 152: Jeff Adkins (WJG) dec. Anthony Abro, 6-4 (OT); 160: Zaid Ammari (WJG) p. Austin Mach, 3-25; 171: Keith Zech (C) p. Zach Redden, 1-12; 189: Pat Durocher (C) won by void; 215: Tyler Bourcier (C) p. Gerald Powell, 1-18; 285: Dustin Gajowiak (WJG) p. Robert Lincoln, 3-30.

## Sidelines

### Ammari honored

Second-year Westland John Glenn wrestling captain Zaid Ammari, who carries a 3.74 grade-point average and is a member of the National Society, was honored as Farmers Insurance Group and Fox Sports Detroit's monthly Student Athlete Citizen Award.

Ammari is a member of the student council, diversity math and clubs, and is on the school's quiz bowl team. He is volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital and serves as a D.A.R.E. role model.

Ammari will be featured in a 30-second video vignette running throughout February during Fox Sports Detroit programming.

### Weekend mat wrap

It was a highly productive Saturday for the Livonia Stevenson wrestling team, which finished runner-up to the host school in the Sterling Heights Stevenson Team Duals.

The Spartans, now 17-15 overall, scored wins over Romulus (65-18), Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (72-4), Grosse Pointe South (51-30) and Almont (48-33) before losing to the host Titans (37-30).

Going undefeated for the Spartans on the day included Mitch Gonzales (135 pounds), Raz Markosian (140), Dan McCarthy (152) and Jake Burns (171).

Cory Zanger (130), Andrew Schramm (189) and Nathan Keedle (285) all finished 4-1, while Ash Alhaj (103) and Omar Mostafa (112) both went 3-2.

Livonia Churchill placed fourth in Saturday's 15-team Lincoln Park Invitational as Bryan Fortney (135), Grant Morgan (152) and Curtis Castleberry (171) earned runner-up finishes.

Adding thirds for Churchill were Jacob Meadows (103), Josh Gustitus (160) and John Shekell (215). Fourths went to John Bannoura (130) and Ben Hesskamp (145).

Carleton Airport scored 170 for the team title followed by Parma Western (157) Ypsilanti (147.5) and Churchill (138).

## Chargers rebound for division victory

Livonia Churchill girls basketball coach Chad Jenkins found plenty of flaws in his team's first-half play Tuesday night against host Westland John Glenn.

"We got off to a slow start. We were kind of lethargic," said Jenkins, whose team was down 20-17 at intermission. "We weren't attacking the basket and kind of standing around."

The second half proved to be a different story, as the Chargers outscored Glenn 30-20 en route to a 47-40 victory.

"Fortunately we played good defense and rebounded the ball, then our offense started to click a bit," said Jenkins, whose team is 6-4 overall and 2-1 in the South Division of the KLAAs Kensington Conference.

Seniors Alysa Boldiszar and Kia Griffin led the Chargers with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Brittany Holbrook and Chanel Payne each tallied 11

for Glenn (5-6, 1-2), while Nyah McReynolds added 10.

"We got within two in the fourth quarter, but missed some easy putbacks and we did not make free throws when we needed them," said Glenn coach Mike Schuette, whose team was 7-0-13 from the foul line.

Churchill, meanwhile, was 13-0-19 at the charity stripe.

FRANKLIN 47, WAYNE 26: Brittany Milican, Chelsea Williams and Brianna Taylor each scored 10 points as KLAAs South Division leader Livonia Franklin (9-1, 3-0) rolled to a win at Wayne Memorial (2-8, 0-3).

Franklin, which also got seven points from Brittany Taylor, led 37-8 at halftime.

Freshman Holland Boertje and junior Allie Coleman tallied 11 and nine, respectively, for Wayne.

STEVENSON 44, S. LYON EAST 28: In a KLAAs Central game Tuesday, Kaylee McGrath scored 11 points as visiting Livonia Stevenson (5-6, 1-2) jumped out to a 25-7 halftime lead to best

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Churchill's Kia Griffin eyes the basket with John Glenn's T.J. Carson-Callaway attempting the block in Tuesday's KLAAs South Division game.

## Bedell stars as Churchill halts Glenn

The Livonia Churchill boys basketball team took a page out of the Chef Emeril book of recipes and got rave reviews.

Adam Bedell, a 6-foot-6 junior forward, scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as the

Chargers put together all the right ingredients Tuesday night to ambush visiting Westland John Glenn, 67-57.

Churchill evens its overall record at 4-4 and stands 1-2 in the South Division of the KLAAs Kensington Conference.

Tony Frezzell and Alex Bay chipped with 14 and 10 points, respectively, for the Chargers, who led 30-17 at halftime and 45-30 after three quarters.

"It's a big, big win," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "It's been a

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# It's academic: Wayne grapplers ahead of the curve in classroom

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne Memorial wrestling team's roster size has tripled, but what has fourth-year head coach Steve Vasiloff excited is improvement he has seen on his wrestlers' report cards.

Twenty members of the wrestling team were recently recognized by the National Honor Society and Livonia Congressman Thaddeus G. McCotter (Rep.-Mi-11th) for Outstanding Student Achievement. This recognition is for student-athletes with a 3.5 grade-point or higher.

Among those recognized for their academic efforts: Aman Brar, Jacob Montgomery, Sharif Hegazi, Dimitrus Renfro, Alex Driessche, Adam Kay, Dylan Shepard, Doug Rutan, Kyle Szalai, Matt Hansen, Dylan Korzetki, Jimmy Kassis, Max

Hershey, Cody Allen, Avery Barron, Nate Cavanaugh, Nick Wagnitz, Chris Schmidt, Micheil Hood and Chet Hershey.

"I have always been tough on the team academically, and have run study table every day we practice since Day One," Wayne fourth-year coach Steve Vasiloff said. "Yet, we have always struggled with grades, because they would start the year off wrong and have to build them up from there. I will not wrestle my kids that do not meet and exceed the districts academic standards."

Last year only five grapplers were eligible after the first card marking. Vasiloff said this year has been different.

"We have attracted a different kind of student-athlete to the program," he said. "We now have wrestlers that give 100 percent on and off the mat. This is the kind of foundation we need to build a

successful foundation for the future."

The Wolfpack has already seen their fair share of success this season winning the Blissfield Invitational, while placing third at both the Michigan Center Team Tournament and the Romulus Royal Invitational.

Wayne currently stands 11-6 overall and is 2-4 against KLAAs Kensington Conference opponents. The Wolfpack is 1-1 in the KLAAs South Division.

"Things are really turning around for us, and my staff and I couldn't be more excited," Vasiloff said. "I have given it my all and tried my best to be patient these last four years. And it's finally starting to pay off. We are building a program. We will take our lumps, but in a few years I hope to be one of those top teams in our conference."

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# Churchill, Wildcats deadlock, 2-2

Only the Strong were able to survive Tuesday in Livonia Churchill's 2-2 boys hockey draw with host Plymouth at Computware Arena.

Kody Strong tallied both Churchill goals, while Luke Merandi scored both for the Wildcats in a South Division game in the KLAAs Kensington Conference.

Churchill is now 4-5-4 overall and 4-2-4 in the South, while Plymouth is 9-4-2 and 4-3-2.

Merandi opened the scoring at 1:10 of the opening period on assists from Ryan Renault and Patrick Smiatacz.

Strong answered with an unassisted goal 40 seconds into the second period, but Plymouth's same line - Merandi, Renault and Smiatacz, hooked up again with 2:38 left in the same period.

Strong then scored the game-tying goal at 11:37

## BOYS HOCKEY

from Steven Klisz and Adam Weigand.

Plymouth netminder Mike Justus made 33 saves, while Churchill counterpart Adrian Motta had 15 stops. STEVENSON 8, W.L. WESTERN 0: John Stranch's hat trick propelled Livonia Stevenson (8-5-1, 5-3-1) to a KLAAs Central Division win Saturday over host Walled Lake Western (3-10-1, 1-8) in a game played at the Lakeland Ice Arena.

Stevenson outshot the Warriors 22-1 in the opening period, but led only 1-0. The Spartans unloaded for 50 total shots and allowed just three as Danny Sager posted the shutout. Western's Benny Jaquinta made 42 saves in game stopped with 9:53 left due to the eight-goal mercy rule.

Other point producers for the Spartans, who scored six times in the second period and once in the third, included: Justin Shureb, two goals and one assist, Cole Rochowiak and John Vella, one goal and one assist each; Tim Pruchnik, one goal; Evan Malick

and J.J. Petterson, two each. CHURCHILL 7, FRANKLIN 4: Goals were aplenty Friday as Livonia Churchill (4-5-3, 4-2-3) downed Livonia Franklin (0-12, 0-9) in a KLAAs South Division matchup at Edgar Arena.

Churchill led 2-0 after one period and 6-2 after two periods. The Chargers outshot the Patriots, 37-8.

Andrew Carlson led Churchill with a pair of goals, while Robert Louwers contributed a goal and two assists. Other Churchill goal scorers included Jim Lelekatch, Steve Klisz, Scott Hamill and Brent Mishowski.

Ken Masiarczyk, Stefan Kubus and Kody Strong each collected two assists, while Rick Stack, Jacob Otto and Dan Bostick added one helper apiece.

Tyler Barnes led Franklin with two goals and one assist. Jordan Chisholm also had three assists, while Robbie Ringe contributed a goal and assist. Pat O'Halloran also scored goal for the Patriots.

Travis Ferrier made 30 saves in goal for Franklin, while Alex Estes went the first two periods in goal for Churchill followed by Aaron Crouse.

# DC's Falcons swoop by Ladywood Trojans notch third win in a row

Dearborn Divine Child apparently has Livonia Ladywood's number so far this season in girls basketball.

Lauren Malinowski and Shelby Sheehan scored 10 points apiece Monday night as the host Falcons jumped out to a 31-14 halftime advantage on its way to a 47-33 Catholic League Central Division triumph over the Blazers. It was DC's second win this year over the Blazers.

Molly Gacioc led Ladywood with 10 points and 13 rebounds. Caitlin Szczycka added nine points and 12 boards.

"It was the tale of two halves," said Ladywood coach Pat Cannon, who lost for the second time this season to Divine Child. "We came out flat and did not play defense

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

the first half. The second half we came out with much more intensity and effort and held them to two field goals. We also outrebounded them, but couldn't make baskets."

Ladywood shot only 15 percent from the floor (11-of-73) and was 10-of-19 from the foul line. Meanwhile, the Falcons were 16-of-46 from the field (34 percent) and 13-of-20 from the foul stripe.

BAPTIST PARK 55, HURON VALLEY 28:

Junior Jamie Janiec scored 15 points Tuesday to lead Michigan Independent Athletic Conference leader Taylor Baptist Park (7-3, 5-0) to a win over visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-8, 1-4).

Sophomore Katie Nell paced the Hawks with 11 points.

CLARENCEVILLE 42, URBAN 38: In a non-conference game Monday night, Marlene Azar scored 13 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to power Livonia Clarenceville (3-8) past visiting Detroit Urban Lutheran (3-5).

Brene Draper scored 15 points for the Vikings.

LADYWOOD 35, MERCY 25: Senior forward Caitlin Szczycka and freshman guard Cara Miller dominated the backboards Saturday as Livonia Ladywood (6-6, 2-2) downed host Farmington Hills Mercy (8-4, 1-3) in a Catholic League Central Division encounter.

Szczycka led the way with 15 points and 12 rebounds, while Miller added five points and 12 rebounds for the Blazers, who led 20-15 at halftime and 27-19 after three quarters.

Abby Lovat scored seven for the Marlins, who couldn't overcome a poor afternoon of shooting from the foul line (10-of-20).

Senior forward Jamie Stewart registered 29 points and tacked on seven assists Monday night to pace host Livonia Clarenceville to a convincing 88-54 boys basketball victory over Detroit Urban Lutheran.

The non-conference victory upped the Trojans' overall season record to 4-6. Clarenceville has now won three straight. Urban

## METRO BOYS BASKETBALL

Lutheran falls to 1-9 overall.

Junior guard Ben Watts and senior guard Nathan Clark each added 12 points, while senior forward Jeremy Gainer finished with eight points along with 10 rebounds.

LUTH. NORTH 51, LUTH. WESTLAND 48: A 16-point performance by Sam Ahlersmeyer could not lift Lutheran

High Westland (7-3, 1-2) to a Metro Conference win Tuesday against visiting Macomb Lutheran North (3-7, 2-0).

North's Zechariah Bielecki tallied 24 to lead all scorers.

Eric Shoats added 10 points for the Warriors, who shot just 2-of-16 from three-point range and 14-of-40 inside the arc.

"It was one of those nights where it seemed like there was a lid on the basket," Lutheran Westland coach Brandon Bekius said.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

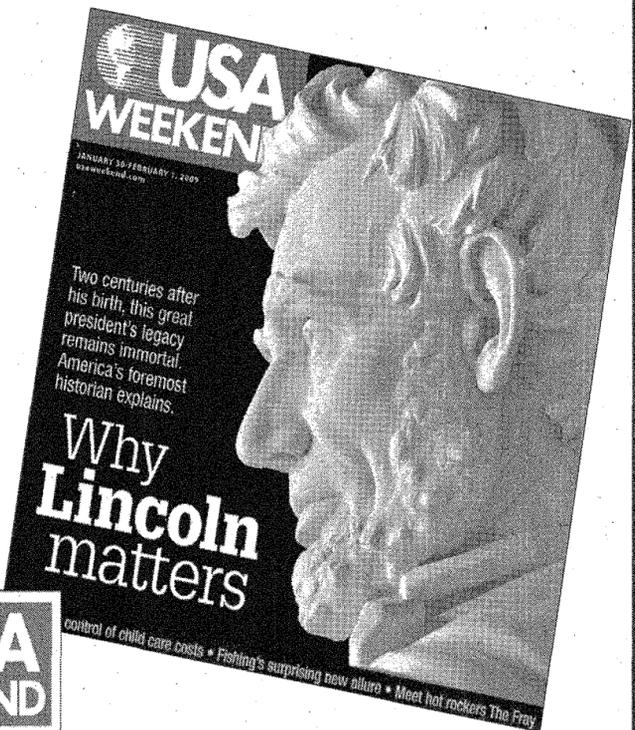
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Wayne at Northville, 7 p.m.  
A.P. Cabrini at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 30  
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 7 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Thursday, Jan. 29  
Northville at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
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Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.  
Birm. Marian at Ladywood, 7 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
Friday, Jan. 30  
Stevenson vs. W.L. Western at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
Churchill vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 31  
Franklin at Woodhaven, 6:30 p.m.  
Ladywood vs. G.P. Univ.-Liggett at Plymouth's Arctic Pond, 6:30 p.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
Saturday, Jan. 31  
Observerland Invitational at Churchill, 9 a.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
Thursday, Jan. 29  
Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.  
Franklin at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.  
Canton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m.  
**PREP BOWLING**  
Thursday, Jan. 29  
John Glenn vs. Wayne at 700 Bowl, 3:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 31  
Clarenceville Doubles Tournament at Country Lanes, 8 a.m.  
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**GIRLS SKIING**  
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# CHARGERS

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South Lyon East (1-9, 0-3).  
Kate Grunewald scored eight for the Cougars.  
**STEVENSON 55, JOHN GLENN 47:** Livonia Stevenson (4-6) made a 29-23 half-time advantage hold up in a KLAA crossover win Monday night over host Westland John Glenn (5-5).  
Senior center Kaylee McGrath led the victorious Spartans with 14 points and 15 rebounds. Tasi Newton chipped in with 10 points and six rebounds, while Sarah Smith contributed eight points.  
Chanel Payne led Glenn and all scorers with 16 points. Nyah McReynolds and Samantha Fox added 11 and eight, respectively.  
Glenn was 12-of-24 from the foul line, while Stevenson hit 13-of-20.

# CHURCHILL

FROM PAGE B1

long time since Churchill beat John Glenn in basketball. We were executing our offense, changed up our defenses. The kids played hard, rebounded well and took care of the basketball."  
Churchill overcame a game-high 32 points from senior Austin Anderson, who scored 22 in the final quarter. The 6-0 point guard was coming off a 31-point effort in Friday's 73-67 setback to rival Wayne Memorial.  
Glenn was 15-of-19 from the

foul line, while Glenn was 15-of-19.  
**WAYNE 81, FRANKLIN 64:** Senior guard Robert Woodson poured in a game-high 27 points to propel KLAA South Division co-leader Wayne Memorial (5-3, 3-0) past host Livonia Franklin (2-6, 0-3).  
Wayne jumped out to a 34-24 halftime led before Franklin cut the deficit to six in the third quarter. The Patriots couldn't get any closer.  
Daniel Hill, a junior forward, added 18 points for the victorious Zebras. Reggie Reeves and Delorean Holland added 10 apiece.  
Seniors Jeff Poole and Connor Leidal paced Franklin with 20 and 19, respectively. Junior Mike Gadsby chipped in with 13.  
"I like the way the guys played, but Wayne was better," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said.

"Woodson hit some big threes and did a great job scoring at the rim. Hill was also tough around the rim."  
**STEVENSON 50, S. LYON EAST 49:** In a KLAA Central clash Tuesday, host Livonia Stevenson (6-2, 2-1) needed a 26-16 fourth-quarter run to avert upset-minded South Lyon East (0-8, 0-3).  
Three Spartans scored in double figures: Brian Rowe (14), Bobby Naubert (12) and Ricky Chrzasz (10). Stevenson was 8-of-15 from the foul line.  
Andrew Mapley led the Cougars with 18 points. Colin Wedeskey added 11. East was 10-of-16 at the free throw stripe.  
"Give all the credit to the (South Lyon) East coaching staff," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. "They prepared their team very well. Their team came out and played very well."

# FAVORITE

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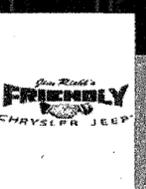
weights, which is what we did when we won it," Chiola said. "This year, we've been strong in the lower and upper weights, but we've struggled a little in the middle. We seem to be a different team week to week this year. Some weeks we look really strong; the next week we'll look like we've never wrestled."  
Last year, the Chiefs racked up 212.5 points to edge runner-up CC by 18 points. Franklin was third

with 178.5.  
Canton placed first in just two weight classes at the 2008 tournament, but the Chiefs conquered the 18-team field by advancing five grapplers to the finals.  
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JANUARY

New worship schedule

Sunday worship at 8 a.m., Faith Forum at 9 a.m., worship and Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday worship at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

Time change

Worship is 9:30 a.m. Sunday, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. Learning hour is at 8:15 a.m. for all ages. For more information, visit www.livoniafaith.org.

Church moves

Westwood Community Church has moved to 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Service time is 10-11:15 a.m. Come as you are. Coffee and doughnuts every Sunday. Children's church.

ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different courses of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths.

Course VI, called "Salvifici Doloris" addresses the Christian meaning of suffering. Based on the writing of Pope John Paul II, this is a new addition to the ENDOW curriculum and available 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, in the convent meeting room. The class began Jan. 13.

Based on Pope John Paul II's "Mulieris Dignitatem" (On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), the Course II group, meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays (begin Jan. 22), in the convent meeting room behind the rectory, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Women of all ages and faiths are welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or online at www.endowonline.com.

St. Aidan Catholic Church also offers ENDOW. The eight-session course focuses on the ideas about human beings and God that St. Thomas Aquinas explores in his work Summa Theologiae, 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, through March 5, in the parish office conference room at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com.

com or call (734) 425-5950. Facilitator is Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

Couples prayer series

7-9 p.m. Wednesday, through Feb. 18, at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia. Cost is \$55 per couple. Those unable to pay because of financial difficulty may register and join the group. To register, visit www.coupleprayer.org or send e-mail to davidjconrad@staidanlivonia.org. The six-week Couples Prayer Series is for married or engaged couples, and designed to nurture a life-long pattern of sharing daily prayer together.

UPCOMING

Healing training

Learn how to receive and offer the healing of one's body, heart, mind and spirit in Christian training sessions 6-10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. For information or to RSVP, call (734) 427-3660. Steve and Beverly Bubb, directors of the Community Healing Rooms of Southeast Michigan lead the two sessions.

Special needs dance

Emmanuel Lutheran Church and its Open Arms Ministry hosts a valentine's dance for adults with special needs, developmental disabilities, and their caregivers 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at the church 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. Snacks will be served. Reservations required as space is limited. Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz no later than Friday, Feb. 6. If Livonia schools are closed due to inclement weather, this event will be canceled.

Bethany singles

Dance, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 7, in Redford. Cost is \$10, includes refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call Diane for information at (734) 261-5716.

Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's) in Garden City, 48135. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy at (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry. Bethany provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Sunday night lights

Riverside Park Church of God presents the non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses, every second

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Special needs Bible class

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class Monday, Feb. 9, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

Kids against hunger

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth hosts a benefit for Kids Against Hunger, 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall on the corner of North Territorial and Beck in Plymouth. Tickets are \$35 and available by contacting Jeanne Baldwin at (734) 414-8900, by e-mail at jagonyer@ameritech.net, or Dan Herriman at (734) 459-5440 or dherriman@herriman.net. The event will feature a Las Vegas-style wedding chapel, silent auction, the new Liberty Street Microbrewery-beer, strolling buffet dinner with cash bar and dancing. Attendees will have the opportunity to renew their vows at the chapel to help raise money for Kids Against Hunger, an international food relief campaign that began in 1999. It has operations in metro-Detroit and distributes a specially formulated dry rice-soy casserole to starving children and their families in Detroit, elsewhere in Michigan, the U.S. and more than 40 other countries. Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth regularly organizes food packaging activities by partnering with other local organizations that provide both funding and volunteers for their packaging events. Proceeds from the event go to assist in defraying the cost for the food that is packaged.

Hunger workshop

Bread For The World, a Christian non-partisan hunger legislation organization, holds a Hunger Offering Of Letters workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 North Campbell, Royal Oak. Registration and continental breakfast start at 8:30 a.m. For information, contact Bob Krzewinski at (734) 487-9058, e-mail wolverbob@gmail.com or visit www.breadmichigan.org. During an Offering of Letters, individuals and congregations are asked to write to Congress on specific hunger-fighting legislation. This hunger advocacy event is free and open to the public.

Valentine's Day dance

7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman, north of Ford Road. Music by Solitaire. Tickets \$8. For information, call Kay at (734) 522-8868 or Sally (734) 421-0699.

VBS preview

Presented by International Christian Education Association 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Ward Church, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville. At a meeting of Christian publishers to view their curriculum. Sit in on four of 20 workshops. This is a nondenominational event. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org. Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25. Lenten Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

Music at St. John's

Collegium Musicum performs cantatas and instrumental works, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, and The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts are free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7 and available in advance or at door). Call (734) 453-0190.

All-you-can-eat pancakes

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its more than 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices: \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 4-11, free for children under age 3, \$15 a family (2 adults and all children). Everyone is welcome.

Clothing bank

Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of each month, at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley. For information, call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org.

ONGOING

Church schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday School followed by 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion each Sunday. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

Caregiver's support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Worship

Sundays 8 a.m. worship; 9 a.m. Adult Faith Forum, 10 a.m. worship service, Sunday School and Nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

Sunday school

Takes place at 9:30 a.m. with worship service and communion at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City. Bible study 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Call (734) 427-3660.

Hall rental

Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia. And 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call Wendy first at (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous Information visit www.oa.org or call (248) 559-7722.

Mid-week Service

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church offers a Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. in the church at 9600 Leverne, Redford. Communion is offered on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m.

New worship schedule

Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Bible study

St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

Wednesday activities

Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebrew Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www.gcfellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.

Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church is open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

Worship schedule

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia.

The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www.hischurch.us.

Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczyński, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

Tai Chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia.

All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Day of service

A Day of Service and Spirituality is available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, meet and have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchin.org.

To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, lots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

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ALLAN RICHARD WISELEY

A good man has left us. He was a member of the "Greatest Generation", the likes of which we will not see again. Allan Richard Wiseley, age 83, soldier, farmer and businessman, passed away January 23, 2009, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after a valiant struggle, surrounded by his family who loved him dearly. Richard was born in Ypsilanti, MI, on June 7, 1925, the son of Marcus Willoughby and Dorothy (McClumpha) Wiseley, the eldest of seven children. Raised in the Plymouth area, he graduated from Plymouth HS in 1942 and attended MSU. He was a sergeant in the US Army during WWII, serving in England, France, Belgium, Germany and Italy. He married Dilys Elizabeth Richards on June 15, 1957 in Franklin, Michigan and remained devoted to her until his dying day. After they were married, they moved to the farm near Dexter. He owned Huron Farm Supply, a John Deere dealership in Dexter for 30 years. Richard enjoyed his grandchildren and spending time at his cabin on Lk Huron (and Lucky Strikes). A recent highlight was visiting the WWII memorial in Washington with Pride and Honor Flights. Mr. Wiseley is survived by his wife, children Mark (Sonja), Lisa (Jeff) Kuebler, Brett (Tina), and Derek (Kathleen), all of the Dexter area, 7 grandchildren, Nicholas and Cody (both US Army), Marcus, Tyler, Dylan, Elise, and step-granddaughter Kristin (Russ) Girbach; his brothers Jack (Faye) and Dan (Red), sister Donna Palmer, and sister-in-law Megan Winter. He was preceded in death by his brothers Dale (Anne), Robert, sister Mary Devlin, and brothers-in-law Dick Palmer and Vic Devlin. Services were held at the Dexter United Methodist Church on Wednesday, January 28. Memorial contributions may be made to Pride and Honor Flights (www.rc.net/org/prideandhonorflight) or Crystal Cathedral Ministries (www.crystalcathedral.org). Arrangements completed by the Nie Family Funeral Home, Liberty Road Chapel, Ann Arbor.

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

EDWARD C. HOLDSWORTH

Passed away December 13th, 2008. Loving husband of Mary, father of Tom (June), Barb (Al) Tyndall, Beth (Randall) Clark, grandfather to six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mesa, AZ. He served in the Coast Guard in World War II and was named honorable mention as a VFW All American Commander, which he was very proud of. Ed had a great sense of humor and touched so many people in his lifetime from long time friends to volunteering with Hospice for many years. He will be missed by all that loved him.

ANNE LOUISE POTTER BRADEN

Passed away peacefully in Wailuku, Hawaii, on January 23, 2009, after a long, happy and productive life. Anne Louise was born May 24, 1918, in Reno, Nevada, the granddaughter of early California pioneers, Comstock Lode miners and Indiana homesteaders. She spent her school years in the Midwest and received a bachelors degree in business from the University of Illinois in 1939. In 1941, she married Joseph David Braden of Granite City, Illinois, also a graduate of the University of Illinois. In 1951, the couple and their two children settled in Birmingham, Michigan, where Anne Louise was an active member of the Birmingham Christian Science Church, the Girl Scouts, the Beverly Hills Garden Club and the Oakland County Republican Women's Club. She played the piano beautifully, hit a wicked softball and beat everyone at Scrabble. Her husband of 54 years, Joe Braden, passed away in 1995 and Anne Louise moved to Hawaii in 2000. Anne Louise's contributions are cherished by her daughter Katherine Braden McCoy of Buena Vista, CO, and her son Richard Braden of Wailuku, HI; by four grandchildren, Annie McCoy Hylok of Santa Fe, NM, and Shane, Joseph Paul, and Jenna Jean Braden of Wailuku, HI; and by her daughter-in-law Chris Brogden Braden and son-in-law Michael McCoy.



DOROTHY A. "DOTTIE" KIDWELL

Age 69. Of Guilford Township, Hendricks County. Passed away on January 24, 2009 in St. Francis Hospital, Mooresville. Born May 28, 1939 in Lansing, MI, she was the daughter of Albert H. and Isabel M. Evans Green. Dottie lived in Huntington Wood, MI, Summit, NJ and Birmingham, MI. She attended the University of Michigan and graduated from Western Michigan University in 1961. Dorothy married Thomas "Joe" Kidwell on June 23, 1962 in Birmingham, MI, he survives. Mrs. Kidwell taught elementary school in Warren Fitzgerald and Kalamazoo School Systems. She moved to Indiana in 1988. She was an avid reader, member of Friends of the Troy Library, MI, treasurer of the Friends of Plainfield-Guilford Township Library and member of several local reading groups. Dottie loved her family, was proud of her sons and enjoyed her many friends. Survivors include her husband, sons: Thomas W. of NCY and William J. of Clarkston, MI, brother: Donald F. Green of Santa Rosa, CA. Visitation was held from 4:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 in Hall-Baker Funeral Home, Plainfield, with the service at 8:00 pm. Burial will be 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 29, 2009 in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkeley, MI. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Friends of the Library 1120 Stafford Rd Plainfield, IN 46168. Online condolences may be made at www.bakerfuneralservice.com

GIOVANNI "JOHN" DESANTIS

Age 69. January 25, 2009. Beloved husband of Kathleen. Dear father of Tina, Mark (Dawn) and Sean. Loving grandfather of Jack. Memorial Gathering Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 Five Mile Road (One Mile West of Farmington Road) Thursday 1 p.m. until time of service 7 p.m. Memorials to Angela Hospice preferred.

GREGORY T. HUBBARD

Jan. 26, 2009. Loving son of the late Gabrielle and G. Barry. Dearest brother of Kathleen Kurko, Marie (Gene) Eicher, Dave (Carolyn) and Paul (Mary). Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends Friday 2-8 p.m. with a rosary at 6:30 p.m. at Stanley Turowski Funeral Home, 25509 West Warren (three blocks east of Beech Daly), Dearborn Heights. In state Saturday 10:30 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Church until time of mass at 11 a.m. Memorial donations to St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center.

JOHN PHILLIP MACUNOVICH

Age 92. First spark & biggest heart of a great family spread across the continent, died 12/31/08. He routed mail countrywide for 42 and traveled the world for 30 years. Survived by wife Marya, seven children & eight grandchildren. Private memorial service 1/31/09. Donations to Visiting Nurses Ass'n of the Inland Counties, CA. More info at 248-569-7201 or rickmacgameon@netzero.net

LEONA MAE McINTYRE

Age 89. Of Canton, MI. Jan. 24, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

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Worship services
Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

Worship services
Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

Celebrate Recovery
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Sunday service
All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Worship service
At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. Call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes
Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472.

Personal ministry
Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Scripture studies
From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

TOPS
Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Learner's Bible study
At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service
Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne

Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093 for information.

Eucharistic adoration
The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Unity of Livonia
Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services
The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim
Services open to all in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 or visit www.betchaverim.com.

Detroit World Outreach
A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, high-tech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month). Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner, child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks
A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org.

English classes
Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Sunday school
Congregation Beit Kodesh, at 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Services
St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, invites the community to a new worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584.

Single Point Ministries
For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults at 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

Bible talks
4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

The Gap
A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult

Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

Qigong
The ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine. A safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions. Learn the art of natural movement and breath to cultivate vital life energy. Classes at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org.

Worship services
At 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

SIMPLY SELF STORAGE
Notice is hereby given that on February, 17, 2009 on or after 9:30 a.m. that Simply Self Storage will be offering for sale under the judicial lien Process by Public Auction the following units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. Terms of the sale are cash only. Simply Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: 34333 E. Michigan Ave. Wayne MI. 48184. 734-728-8204.

Your Invitation to Worship

Grid of church advertisements including: CATHOLIC, EVANGELICAL COVENANT, UNITED METHODIST, LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD, ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, FAITH COVENANT CHURCH, Clarenceville United Methodist, Redford Aldersgate United Methodist, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, St. Genevieve Roman Catholic Church, SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST, Cherry Hill Seventh-Day Adventist Church, "More than Sunday Services", NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD, HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL, Immanuel Lutheran Church, CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE, PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, Timothy Lutheran Church, NON DENOMINATIONAL, BELL CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH, Casual, Contemporary, Excellent Children's Program, ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA), WE WELCOME YOU TO A FULL SERVICE CHURCH, St. James Presbyterian Church, USA, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth, Fellowship Presbyterian Church, WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Risen Christ Lutheran, ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL.

For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 734-582-8342 or e-mail: dhart@dnp.com

# Westland-Garden City Strictly Business

## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Sweet Retreat

Treat your Valentine to a day of pampering at Premier Salon & Spa in Macy's at Westland Shopping Center. Let her enjoy a manicure, mini Pedicure, classic facial, 25-minute massage and shampoo and blow-dry, all for just \$114. Purchase a gift certificate at the salon now through Feb. 14. For more information, call the salon at (734) 458-5577.

#### Super Event

Get up close and personal with Sunday's Super Bowl XLIII Sunday, Feb. 1, by watching it on a 10-foot screen at Ashley's Restaurant and Pub in Westland. Ashley's is offering "yards of food and drink specials," including their new Cheddar Ale dip and potato chips free and Happy Hour prices all day long. You'll find it at 7525 Wayne Road in front of the Westland Shopping Center.

#### 5 Star Event

Business can share information and enjoy lunch when five local chambers revive their 5 Star Business Expo and Luncheon Tuesday, Feb. 17. Sponsored by the Garden City, Westland, Redford, Wayne and Dearborn Heights cham-

bers, the event will be held at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born Road, Wayne. Registration and networking starts at 11 a.m. with lunch served at 12:15 p.m. A limited number of tables are available for \$5 for each for the expo cost \$5 and lunch is \$15. To reserve a spot, call the Garden City Chamber at (734) 422-4464 or the Westland Chamber at (734) 326-7222.

#### Classic Time

Looking for something different to do with your Saturday Valentine? Why not stop enjoy a reprise of Ryan O'Neal and Ali MacGraw as Harvard Law student/hockey jock Oliver Barrett IV and Radcliffe music student Jennifer Cavalleri in the Oscar winning "Love Story" at the State Wayne Theater Saturday, Feb. 14. The film will be shown at 1, 3:20 and 5:40 p.m., leaving plenty of time for dinner afterwards. And the price - \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children age 11 under - also is easy on the pocketbook. The State Wayne Theater is at 35310 Michigan Ave., west of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 326-4600.

#### 'Friendly Films'

Autism Society of America and AMC Entertainment are hosting "Sensory Friendly Films", to bring families

affected by autism and other disabilities a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis. "Sensory Friendly Films" will begin this month in the Detroit area, with a special showing of the new film "Hotel for Dogs" 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 at the AMC Taylor 10, 22265 Eureka, Taylor. In order to provide a more accepting and comfortable setting for this unique audience, the movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up and the sound turned down, families will be able to bring in their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and no previews or advertisements will be shown before the movie. Additionally, audience members are welcome to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing. In other words, AMC's "Silence is Golden®" policy will not be enforced unless the safety of the audience is questioned. Tickets are only \$4.75 and can be purchased on the day of the event.

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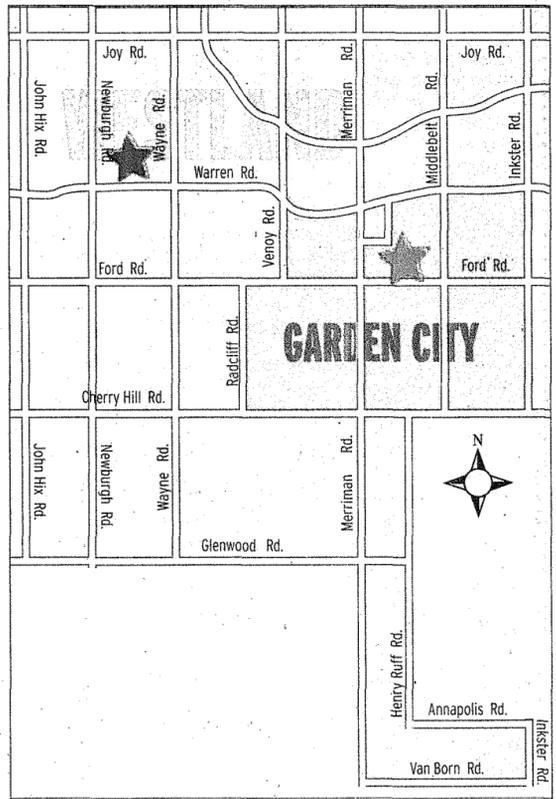
#### Stick 'em up

The Garden City Chamber of Commerce has started a window decal program. The decals will be mailed out to each member and given

to new members as they renew their memberships. The chamber, a not-for-profit organization, has been the voice of the business community for more than 50 years and is recognizing its membership through the decal program. These static window decal signifies the businesses pride in their chamber membership investment as well as their commitment to continuing the tradition of fair and honest business dealings in Garden City. It is two colors, blue and black, offers the chamber logo along with the annual renewal date. The decal will be distributed yearly when members renew their commitment to the chamber.

### SEND IT

Get in on the Strictly Business Page of the Westland and Garden City Observer by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones. It's simple. Just e-mail all of the details to Sue Mason, editor, at smason@hometownlife.com and she'll take care of the rest. Our new local business page runs each Thursday in your Westland and Garden City Observer. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We look forward to hearing from you.



## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



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Mary Beth Dunn of SendOutCards.com shows off some of the cards she's created including her family Christmas card which won first prize in the company's monthly card contest.

# Home business keeps its clients in cards

**Observer:** Tell us about your business, including the types of service and/or products you feature.

Life is full of moments where we are "prompted" - either by an inner voice or a thought that pops into our head. But who has the time to go buy a card, write a note, and go to the post office to buy a stamp and drop it off. Technology has allowed us to instantly communicate our words via e-mail or text messages, but there is something about receiving a heartfelt card in the mail that says so much. I work with busy business owners and individual consumers using our automated, yet personalized card system to create customer follow-up, thank-you's, birthday, holiday cards, product or event announcements.

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

Personalized notes and cards stand out because they are rare in today's age of electronic communications. SendOutCards enables you to send personalized cards through the mail using our unique Web site technology in under 60 seconds while sitting

### SENDOUTCARDS.COM

**Business name:** SendOutCards.com  
**Address:** 34203 Rosslyn St., Westland  
**Name and Title:** Mary Beth Dunn, independent distributor  
**Business Opened:** June 2006  
**Business specialty:** Help busy business owners, keep in touch with their customers and clients. Also offering a simply way to those who just like to send cards.  
**Business phone and Web site:** (734) 748-9048, mdunn10@wow-way.com or log onto <http://www.sendoutcards.com/12051> to send out your free card today.

at your computer. You can send 5 or 500 cards in minutes, choose from more than 13,000 cards, even upload a picture, and create your own card with your own handwriting.

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

I have always been a big "homemade" cards sender. With our growing family it was hard to find the time. SendOutCards allowed me to use my other hobby - scrap-

booking, with our family pictures. I'm able to create cards with a twist. Learning the power of sending a HUG (Heartfelt Unexpected Greeting) card in my personal life. I want to introduce the system to others, teaching the POWER of an unexpected GREETING CARD.

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

Our family lives in Westland, and I'm able to work out of my home.

**Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business?**

SendOutCards was created when the founder, ignored a "promoting" to get out of his car and say goodbye to his brother, instead he just honked and waved as he and his family were leaving to relocate. A couple months later, his brother was killed in an industrial accident. After that he never ignored another "promoting" and teaches others this lesson.

Also, I'm especially proud of our family's Christmas card this year, as it won first prize in our company's monthly card contest.

## CHAMBER CHAT

Greetings!

The Westland Chamber of Commerce has been busy planning out an exciting year for all of you from new benefits for being a chamber member to new events open to all in the community.

We have placed all of our events online. You can get a list of them at [www.westlandchamber.com](http://www.westlandchamber.com). There are two events that I am very excited about. The first one being, Winterfest

Bowling on Feb. 21. It's a fun way to spend an afternoon bowling, having fun, and enjoying a buffet dinner at Marvaso's Italian Grille. Not to mention this event helps benefits our Joseph F. Benyo Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is given out each year to a Wayne-Westland student furthering their education beyond high school.

Second, is a Dueling Piano event with the Westland

Jaycees on March 13. This new event should be thrilling! It is a great night out with a very pocketbook-friendly price.

For more information on attending these events, please visit our Web site or call us at (734) 326-7222.

**Brookellen Swope** is president and CEO of the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Its offices are at 36900 Ford, between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

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