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Bresler

"Everybody's enthusiastic, and there's a real buzz," said one auto dealer earlier this week.

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### Chamber busy

The Westland Chamber of Commerce will host a Coffee Connection at Tim Hortons from 8-9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21. The restaurant is on Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill in Westland. Owners Moussa Zoarob and MarieJeanne Kouchoukian will be the hosts. There's no need for a RSVP for the breakfast and no charge.

The Westland chamber will also host Winter Fest Bowling on Feb. 20. For more information, call (734) 326-7222.

### Red carpet

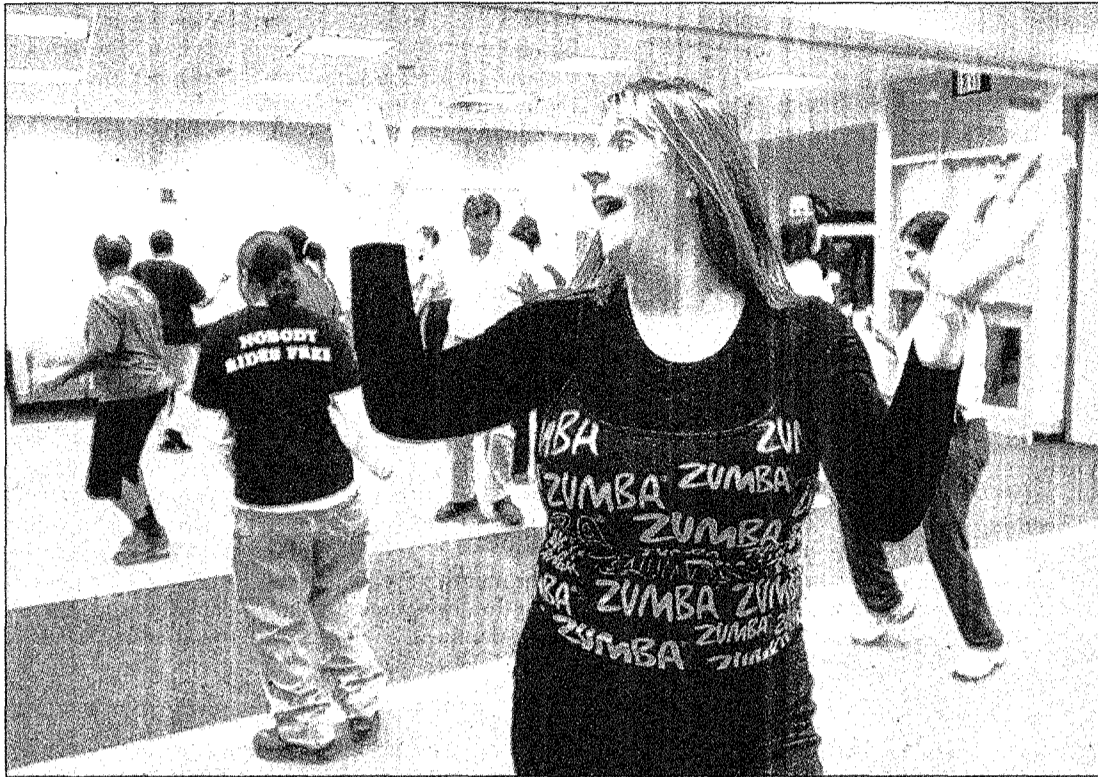
Air Force Staff Sgt. Michael Novack, a Westland native, is home on leave from Tokyo, where he has been stationed the last three years. He's in the lap of luxury thanks to FOURMIDABLE, a Bingham Farms-based national real estate management company and leasing agent for the Fort Shelby Tower Apartments in downtown Detroit. A furnished apartment is provided to Novack and his family while they are in Detroit from Jan. 12 to Feb. 5.

"FOURMIDABLE and the Fort Shelby Tower Apartments came to my rescue, when I heard Michael was coming home," said Lauren Novack. "I live in a tiny flat that would not have accommodated all of us. I'm very grateful."

Michael enlisted at 17 and entered the Air Force upon graduation from high school. In 11 years, he has been stationed in South Korea twice, Okinawa and Tokyo, Japan and in Afghanistan, where he will be deployed again in the future. It was while he was in South Korea he met his wife, Bobby. They have a son, Lance, 2 1/2.

Lauren, who has not seen her son since 2005, says this homecoming will be especially emotional as she will meet for the first time her daughter-in-law and grandson.

The sergeant hopes to meet some Detroit Lions, some of whom live in the Fort Shelby Tower Apartments.



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Zumba instructor Lisa Davis-English keeps the energy high.

## Zumba class at library boosts fitness and fun

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The name Zumba Dance Party intrigued Geoffrey Smereck of Garden City.

"Anything named like that has to be good," he said just before starting the dance class at the Westland library. "It's fun to do things with people."

Instructor Lisa Davis-English of Belleville put the 30 or so participants through their paces.

"It's a new dance fitness craze," she said. It was invented by Beto, the nickname for the Cuban man who's the inventor.

Zumba is 70 percent international and done with a variety of steps ranging from merengue to salsa. Davis-English threw in some rock and roll, noting it's up to the instructor how to change the class.

"Here you are more interested in finding the rhythm," the instructor said. Unlike programs like Jazzercise with a warmup



Connie Thomas of Westland, Tamela Monday of Garden City and Iola Harkness of Livonia dance to the Zumba beat.

and cool down time, the routine is altered.

"You have a little more liberty," said Davis-English, who took the course last summer to begin

teaching. There are now classes for kids and aqua classes, she said.

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## Anderson discusses schools, state issues at forum

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Anderson

State Sen. Glenn Anderson is sympathetic to constituents who get the run-around with state agencies in Lansing.

"I have to admit there have been a lot of reductions, just because of the budget limitations," the Westland Democrat said Monday morning at a legislative coffee hour.

about school funding at the monthly forum, including the federal Race to

the Top program. Some school districts have rejected the Race to the Top money, he said, citing administrative costs that exceed the money received.

He'd heard, "Sign on with this, and we'll tell you about it later" in regard to the school program, and voted against authorizing it at the state level due to insufficient information.

Anderson was concerned about

charter school provisions as well as "cyber schools. There was just not enough information provided on whether that was something that would benefit kids."

A Wayne-Westland mother of two young daughters had questions about the 21st Century Schools Committee and the school closings and realignment planned for next

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## W-W seeking May 4 millage renewal

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland Schools voters will be asked to approve the renewal of 18 mills levied on nonhomestead property when they go to the polls on May 4.

The current 18 mills were approved by voters for 15 years in 1995 and are set to expire after this year. If approved by voters, the renewal would be levied beginning in July 2011.

"It was part of Proposal A. This is revenue that is automatically assumed by the state aid act and allows us to receive our full revenues," said Gary Martin, deputy superintendent of administrative and business services. "This is procedural. It doesn't affect residents."

The 18 mills is levied on

**'We already pay this - we're not asking for any more money. It's just a continuation.'**

MARTHA PITSENBARGER, board member

nonhomestead property — that's primarily commercial and industrial property and personal property although it would also apply to homes that are not primary residences such as rentals. Currently, the millage generates \$19.5 million for the district's general fund.

The 18 mills is a renewal and not a increase in millage, Martin said.

"We already pay this — we're not asking for any more money. It's just a continuation," said board member Martha Pitsenbarger.

Each Michigan school district is required to levy the 18 mills on nonhomestead property, Martin said, adding that length of time for the millage varies from 15-20 years.

"The problem with running for a longer period of time is the effect of Headlee," said Martin, referring to the millage rollback provisions under state law.

When asked what would happen if voters don't approve the millage renewal, board President Skip Monit said the district would have to try a second time and keep trying until it was approved.

Without the operating millage, Superintendent Greg Baracy said the district would not be able to operate.

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# W-W board sets limit on public speaking, tweaks rules

**BY LEANNE ROGERS**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

People wanting to speak at a Wayne-Westland school board meeting will still get two opportunities on the agenda to address the board but they might need to talk a little faster. The board voted Monday to adopt a public participation policy that includes a three-minute limitation on speaking at the meeting. Previously, the board had allowed speakers five minutes.

"This is a living document. It's not intended to limit speech but to let as many people speak as

possible," said board President Skip Monit, adding he wasn't sure why the board didn't have a detailed written policy previously. "It's common to have a policy."

The board agenda includes an item early in the meeting for the public to speak on agenda items. After business items are concluded, the agenda has an item when the public can speak on general issues. Both items are limited to 30 minutes.

Along with limiting the time for speakers, the two and one-half pages spell out rules for decorum and also a pecking order for being call on to speak

at a meeting.

First priority goes to audience members with children who attend school in the district, with second priority going to those who live in the district without having students and school district employees.

Delegations who wish to speak to the board would be required to designate a speaker to present their views. If the board president finds that several audience members wish to express the same or similar views that another speaker has already presented, the president may recognize the next speaker.

Other provisions spell

out that audience members shouldn't expect the board to provide immediate answers to questions which would be referred to the superintendent.

Parent Sally Madison, who is unhappy with scheduled school closings, wasn't happy with the policy. "You are putting more restrictions on the community with this rather than better communication with residents," she said. "If you did that, we wouldn't need to ask so many questions."

Based on her concerns about the legality of the policy, board member Carol Middel said she suggested that it be reviewed

by the Michigan Association of School Boards which approved it, as did the district's legal counsel.

"I understand the reason to add to the existing policy. I was concerned over going to three minutes to five minutes," said Middel. "Since I took office, we have been very generous with our time and that will continue with smaller attendance."

Even at a heavily attended meeting on the recommendations to close schools, board member Martha Pitsenbarger said that the board didn't limit public comments to 30 minutes.

In fact, the board policy

allows some discretion including waiving it or particular provisions when judged appropriate.

"You should be focused on going in the right direction instead of finding ways to shut up the crazy Madisons," said Madison, who with her husband was one of three people to make comments on the policy. "You should educate yourselves on the right way and the wrong way to do things, then do the right thing. Then so many people wouldn't be upset."

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## AROUND WESTLAND

### Weight Watchers

The Friendship Center has a Weight Watchers program offered to members only. Meetings are 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Weight Watchers offers educational meetings to assist members in making better food choices and living a healthier lifestyle.

This program can help older adults control Type II diabetes, high cholesterol and other diseases where weight may be a factor. To participate in this program, you must be 50 years or older and a member of the Friendship Center — no exceptions.

The center also offers other programs that may help you realize your weight or lifestyle

goal. Check out exercise programs for supportive classes to healthier living.

### American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the AMVETS Post 171 on Merriman Road between Avondale and Palmer. All vet-

erans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org) or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

### Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 22. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for \$6.

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

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

## Theater holds auditions

Inspire Theatre announces auditions for *Once Upon a Trunk*, a musical comedy revue of the bygone days of vaudeville/Broadway/radio/movies. This is a lighthearted look at music and comedy bits that have shaped our culture.

IT is looking for men and women all ages who can sing, dance, or tell a good joke. Actors should come prepared to do cold readings and at least bars from a show tune. Nonsinging parts are also available.

This show will be taped for broadcast on access television. Auditions are Monday, Jan. 18, and Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m. Plan on arriving a couple minutes and staying until 9:30 p.m. Direct any questions to director Len Fisher at [inspire@inspiretheatre.com](mailto:inspire@inspiretheatre.com) or call (734) 751-7057.

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## OFFICERS

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to jump through."

Once the woman was out of her unit, the officers went to the motel office and notified the manager, who was sleeping, about the fire. The officers

were told there was another occupant in the unit directly behind the unit which had been engulfed in flames.

Wilkie and Brassfield began knocking on the door and front window of that unit with no response. Fearing the occupant had been overcome by smoke, Wilkie then kicked in the door and the officers removed a sec-

ond female to a safe location.

Wilkie, who joined the department in 2002, and Brassfield, a Westland officer since 2005, continued to provide assistance as Wayne firefighters and police arrived.

"They are not firefighters. They stepped up when it was needed. We will recognize them internally but we'd like

to give them some kudos," said Engstrom.

No cause has been determined for the fire which destroyed the woman's room, slightly damaged a second unit and caused smoke damage to other rooms, said Wayne Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Shawn Bell. The wires across the entrance to the

woman's room were for cable television but can be mistaken for electrical lines, he said.

"We appreciate the help (from the officers). We definitely commend their lifesaving actions," said Bell, adding the female tenant suffered minor injuries.

## ANDERSON

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school year. Anderson noted there's an excess of space in school buildings for Wayne-

Westland, one of six school districts in his legislative district.

"They have to answer to you," he said of local school boards. "The school board answers to you."

He said Lansing is relatively

quiet right now, leading up to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's final State of the State Address in early February. The state Senate and House will go to work on the budget after Granholm outlines her priorities.

In response to another resident, he agreed consumer protection standards in Michigan have declined in the last 12 years. The state Senate tends to limit legislation on improvements, Anderson said.

"They don't support insurance reform," he said. The resident spoke of problems with a contractor.

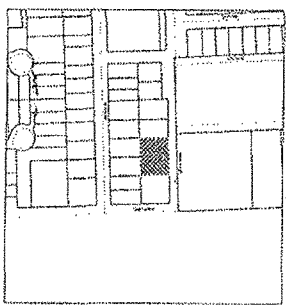
"One of the things we've got to do is tighten up the licensing requirements," Anderson said of contractors.

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #385A, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval, Proposed Independent Retail Pharmacy, 2714 S. Newburgh Road, Parcels #078-01-0031-002 and -0032-002, West Side of Newburgh Road, North of Glenwood Road, Sujai G. Patel (Harry Lansu.Sr.).



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., February 2, 2010.

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

Ken Sharp, Chairman  
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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## ZUMBA

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She went to Indiana State University as a speech and theater teaching degree student, with a dance minor. She's

using the dance more these days.

Smereck, an attorney, noted his lack of women's hips made some dance steps challenging. He was glad to come to the library on a cold winter night Tuesday.

He moved from Farmington

Hills to care for his parents in Garden City, and began to worship at St. John's Episcopal in Westland.

"I rate this as one of the great libraries in the state," said Smereck, also in the library Chess Club. "Very friendly librarians. I just love it."

He's pleased in general with Westland's many activities: "It also provides some opportunities for fun stuff," he said of his neighboring city of Westland.

Tuesday's class belied the notion of libraries as quiet places with plenty of loud Latin music. Smereck agreed the workout is health-promoting. "It's a health issue as well as a mental health issue," he said.

Nearby was Amy Liebau of Livonia, who "just wanted to try it. I'm not very good at choreography," she said. "It should be interesting."

"It's not my cup of tea, but it's fun," she added at the end of the one-hour class.

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# Library program boosts environmental knowledge

A program aimed at deepening environmental awareness through art is being hosted by the Westland library.

Five families have already signed up and another 15 are being sought to participate in the Action for Earth program, which includes two hands-on workshops run by the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.

To participate, families must have children in kindergarten through eighth grades. These families commit to: learning about environmental issues affecting Westland in two workshops presented in a

practical way by the AAHOM; bringing their creative side to the table in an art creation and collection workshop conducted by Project S.N.A.P. (Share, Nurture, Act, Preserve); and, coordinating a community-wide environmental project in conjunction with Earth Day 2010.

All of the events will happen over a four-month period, starting in late January and ending in late April. Project S.N.A.P. will create a giant mural from the artwork collected and present it to the Westland community in April.

The project will also include a community garden to be farmed on property at Cherry Hill and Merriam owned by DTE Energy. The produce will be distributed to low-income families.

Project S.N.A.P. which calls upon local libraries to serve as centers for education, art and other activities in educating and mobilizing citizens about the environment.

Westland Library Director Cheryl Napsha said she completely understands the program's reasoning in hosting the events at the library.

"More and more, people are using the library and seeing the real-life value in having a vibrant library at the center of the community. We are very happy to have been one of five libraries chosen for this program and think it will spur even more positive environmental change in the city."

The city of Westland also sees this as a great opportunity to build on recent efforts to make Westland a greener community, including the city's new curbside recycling program as well as Mayor William Wild's formation of the Mission: Green committee.

"This program is right up Mission: Green's alley. We are really excited about being involved in this innovative program," said Bruce Thompson, Westland planning director and head of Mission: Green who is the community liaison for the Action for Earth program.

Families with children in kindergarten through eighth grade who are interested in the program and can commit to the four events can sign up at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway, calling (734) 326-

6123) or by e-mailing Andy Schuck, reference librarian, at [andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org](mailto:andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org).

To learn about ways, in addition to recycling, that Westland is becoming greener and things you can do to help the effort, see the Mission: Green Web site attached to the city's Web site at: <http://cityofwestland.com/> or call the planning director at (734) 467-3219.

Other libraries participating include the public libraries in Canton, Oak Park, Romeo and Dearborn Heights.

# Crackdown aimed at motorists who ignore train signals

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After five people died last July in a car-train collision in Canton, township police Wednesday joined law-enforcement agencies from Pontiac to Ann Arbor for a crackdown aimed at catching motorists who might ignore railroad signals and crossing gates as Amtrak Train 353 rumbled through.

Sure enough, Canton police Sgt. Pat Sullivan said officers ticketed a male driver who ignored flashing railroad signals and crossing gates that had started to come down on Hannan near Michigan

Avenue — the same spot where the fatal collision happened six months ago.

"It's very incredible," Sullivan said, adding that he believes the driver had even heard of the five deaths.

The special enforcement, aimed at ticketing any violators and reminding drivers of the dangers of ignoring railroad signals, is expected to occur periodically in hopes of saving lives by convincing motorists to obey laws.

"This is a great thing we're going to start doing," Canton police Lt. Scott Hilden said.

Michigan Operation Lifesaver — part of a national effort to end vehicle-train

collisions, save lives and reduce injuries — worked with Amtrak to coordinate Wednesday's special enforcement.

"These crashes are all preventable if people would just obey the laws," said Dave Cornelius, a retired Norfolk Southern police officer of 31 years who chairs the non-profit Michigan Operation Lifesaver's enforcement committee.

All five people inside a Ford Fusion died last July 9 when a 19-year-old driver tried to beat Amtrak 353 at the Hannan crossing in Canton.

Hilden said local police planned to watch the Hannan

and Haggerty crossings in Canton after the Amtrak train, with a Fox 2 Detroit television crew on board, left Pontiac on Wednesday morning.

Railroad safety issues aside, Hilden said motorists who are ticketed for ignoring crossing signals and gates also face penalties including \$150 in fines and three points on their driving record.

"That can affect your (auto) insurance," he said.

Cornelius called it baffling that drivers will try to beat on oncoming train.

"When you start dealing with passenger trains or 6,000-ton freight trains, it's a whole different thing than

two cars hitting each other out here in an intersection," he said.

Cornelius said a freight train moving at 55 mph can take a mile or more to stop — that's at least 18 football fields — after the emergency brakes are applied. That makes it impossible for the crew to avoid motorists who believe they can beat an oncoming train.

He said railroad crews involved in fatal accidents never forget what they saw — even though they're not at fault for incidents involving law-breaking motorists.

Cornelius said police in many communities planned to join Wednesday's special

enforcement along with railroad authorities and other agencies.

According to national Operation Lifesaver statistics for 2008, there were more than 2,400 vehicle-train collisions that resulted in 286 deaths and 935 injuries — numbers that have gradually declined over the years as better railroad signals have been installed. Some other Web sites cite even higher statistics.

Regardless, Cornelius said motorists approaching railroad crossings always need to remember three tips to survive: Look. Listen. And live.

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# Free art exhibit at Madonna University has a green theme

The Madonna University Gallery will host "The Green Show," a multi-media art exhibit that aims to educate people about the effects of their actions on the planet.

The show opens Friday and runs through Feb. 22. An

evening reception, 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, offers an opportunity to meet and talk with the artists. Singer/songwriter John D. Lamb and poet John Jeffire will perform during the reception, and refreshments will

be served. Admission to the show and reception are free.

The exhibit was inspired by an Oprah Winfrey show that focused on the environment. The work of 11 local artists in such media as photography, painting,

sculpture and Intaglio, the show features images of nature by Mandy Getschman of Northville and Marat Paransky of Oak Park, as well as dolls made from trash by Tina Carter of Redford.

Madonna alumna Nancy Paton has been curating shows at Madonna for nine years. She recently formed Other Dimensions in Art, a group that creates and organizes art exhibitions to help promote awareness

of important social issues. Past exhibits have addressed diversity, war, homelessness and poverty.

Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Madonna University is at 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

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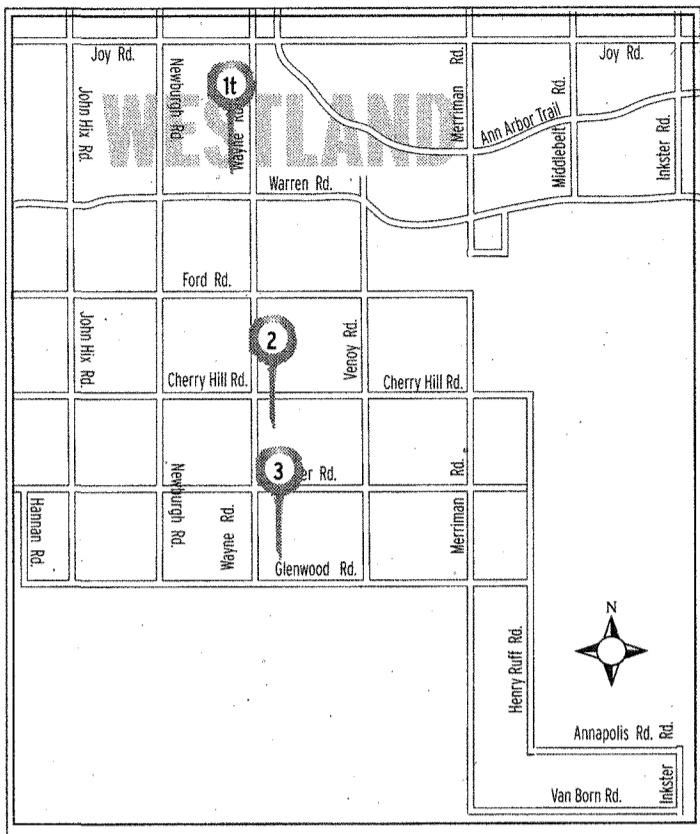
Police were called to J.C. Penney, 35000 Warren, Jan. 5 after store employees reported stopping a Livonia woman for shoplifting 22 pieces of jewelry valued at \$619. The employees told police that they began monitoring the woman via closed circuit television after being alerted that she was removing merchandise from their packaging and concealing the items. She was stopped outside the store.

The woman told the officer that she suffers from emphysema and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease which required her to use oxygen. The woman was running low on oxygen in the tank she had with her, so the officer issued an appearance ticket instead of arresting her.

### Retail fraud

On Jan. 5, a Westland man was arrested for shoplifting at Kmart, 165 S. Wayne Road. A store employee told police the man was behaving suspiciously after entering the store. The employee said he watched the man remove a cell phone valued at \$80 from the packaging, hide it under his clothing and walk out of the store.

When stopped outside, the employee said the man tried to push him and pulled out a small folding knife. During the brief scuffle, the worker said the man threw the cell phone



to the ground.

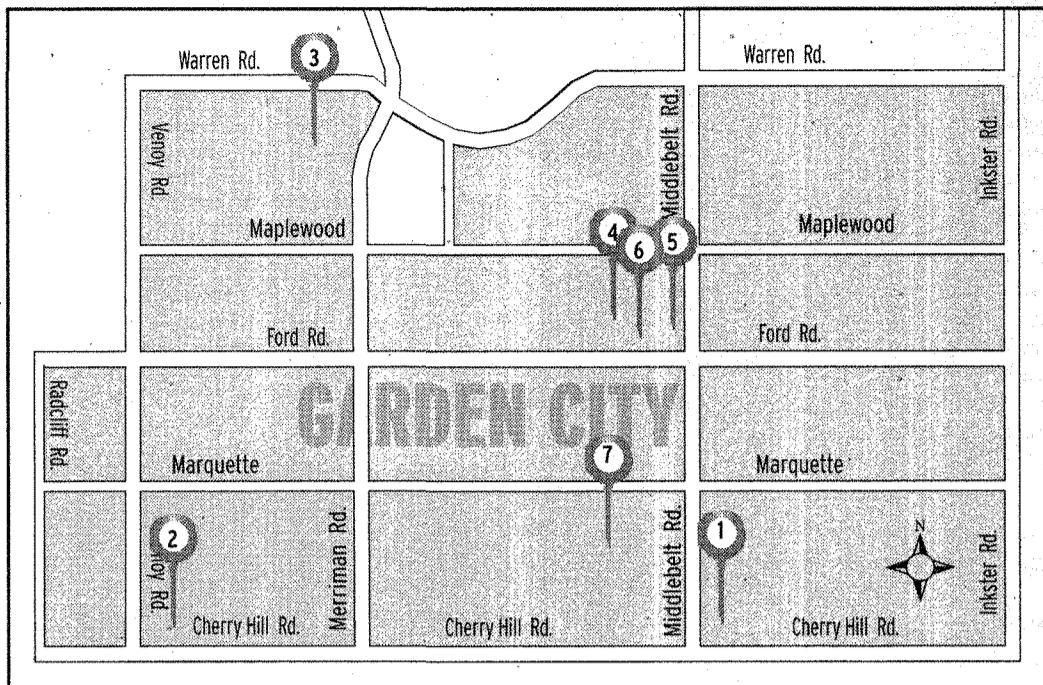
Officers reported the man had minor injuries to each knee resulting from the scuffle. Asked why he was shoplifting, the officer said the man responded that he was an IV drug user and "trying to pay the rent."

The man was held on two warrants and cited for possession of narcotics paraphernalia after police found a hypodermic syringe and a spoon concealed in his jacket.

### Fraud

A resident of an apartment at 34900 Glenwood told police Jan. 5 that between Nov. 18-23 someone had used his Best Buy account to purchase over \$6,000 worth of gift cards. The purchases had been made in Georgia and Pennsylvania. There were no suspects but the man said he needed to document the fraud.

-By LeAnne Rogers



## Man nabbed, linked to home invasions

Garden City police arrested a 23-year-old Garden City man, suspected in several home invasions, after they found him in a garage in the 29400 block of Florence about 4:30 Jan. 11.

The police found him by following his shoe prints across about six yards on Florence.

The police found jewelry and a syringe which filled with heroin on the man.

In one incident on the same block, a resident said that he returned from a doctor's appointment about noon Jan. 11 and found a bedroom door open and some golf equipment in his kitchen.

Some golf clubs and a checkbook were stolen.

At another home on Florence, the resident said that some money was stolen along with some personal papers. He discovered the theft about 4:30 p.m. Jan. 11.

### Stolen car

When a Newport, Mich., man got ready to return home about 9:30 a.m. Jan. 9, he

discovered that his 2009 Chevy TrailBlazer was stolen from the driveway in the 32500 block of Kathryn where it was parked.

He told police that he was unsure if his spare car keys were in the car at the time. The police found no shattered glass at the scene.

### Stolen car

A resident in the 31900 block of Warren, said that he left his 2007 Chrysler running for about 10 minutes about 8 a.m. Jan. 11 in his driveway and when he returned to the car it was gone. It was not repossessed.

### Burglary

Someone cut off the padlock of an outside freezer at the Arby's restaurant located at 30049 Ford Road. An employee reported the theft about 9:30 a.m. Jan. 10.

The theft totaled about \$300. Stolen were: two cases of potato cakes, 30 pounds of corned beef, two cases of potato bites, one can of jalapeno bites and six boxes of chicken.

### Retail fraud

A 17-year-old Inkster man was arrested about 4 p.m. Jan. 11 after he concealed cologne and car fuses in his clothing and didn't pay for the items at the Kmart store, 29600 Ford Road.

### Retail fraud

Though a manager at the CVS store at 29901 Ford Road tried to restrain and detain a shoplifter about 5:30 p.m. Jan. 11, the man and his accomplice got away.

The suspects, who were in their 20s, tried to steal two cans of Enfamil baby formula.

The police confiscated one of the suspect's coats which he lost during the struggle.

### Property damage

A resident in the 29700 block of Sheridan reported at 8:30 p.m. Jan. 11 that someone stole some change after they entered his 1995 Mercury Villager. He found his door partially open and became suspicious.

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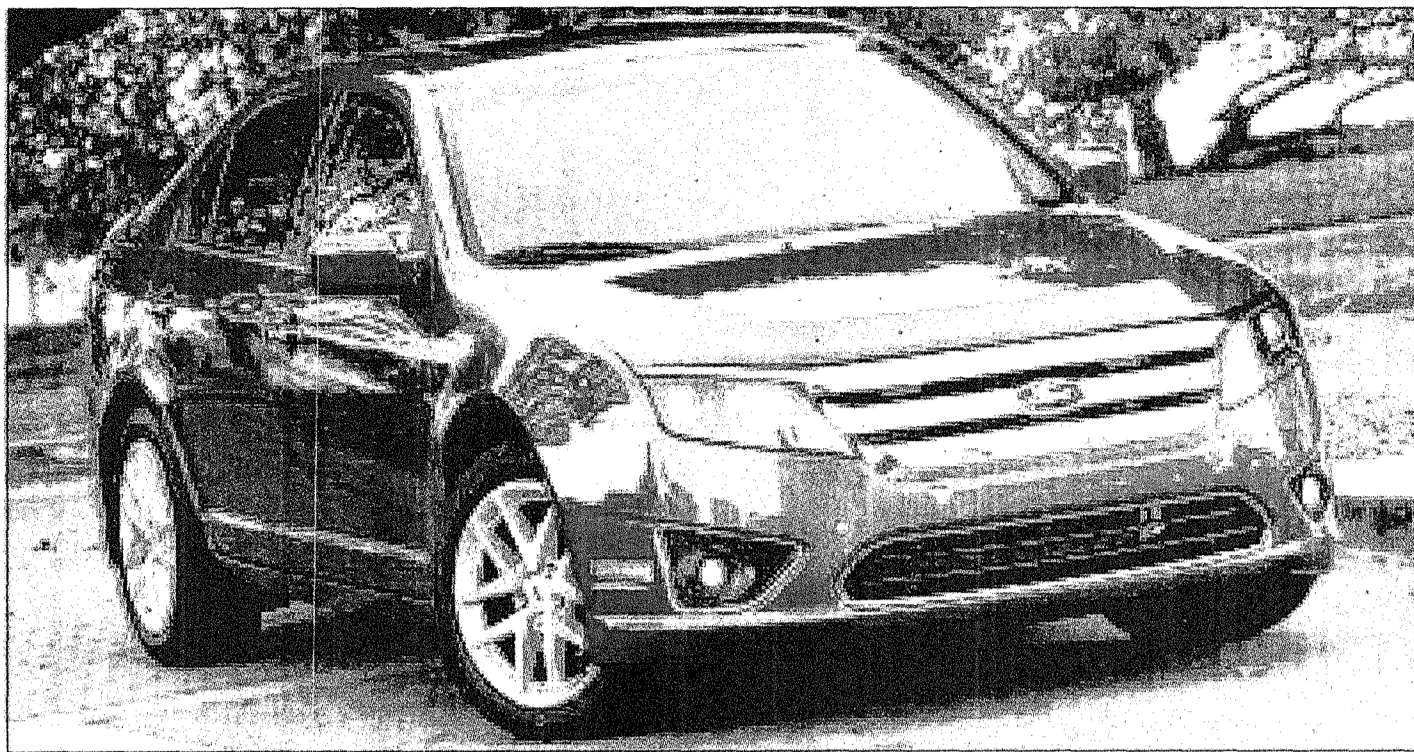
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The Ford Fusion was voted car of the year.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Pool tournament

A Broomstick Pool Tournament for Charity will be held Sunday, Jan. 31, at Joe D's Bar, 29242 Ford Road, Garden City.

Signup starts at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per player (single eliminations). There will be raffles and food with proceeds going to the Mayor's Committee for Underprivileged Children. Any questions, please call Kathy Cowan at (734) 525-7676.

## Tax preparation

As the new year starts, it's not too early to start thinking about taxes. The Friendship Center will once again host the AARP Tax Preparation program for all low- and moderate-income residents.

The program is staffed by volunteers and offered free. The Friendship Center is an

E-file site only. Appointments are required. Generally, the tax return service offered through AARP is for simple returns. Those individuals with lengthy returns, many rental properties or investments are encouraged to have a CPA or professional firm complete their returns.

There is no age or specific income requirement. The site manager has discretion over what returns they are willing and able to complete.

This year, taxes will be done on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The preparers are only on site during the day the center offers the service so any tax question regarding a return must be taken by a staff person and returned by a preparer at their convenience.

Call (734) 722-7628 for more information and appointments.

# Local Ford dealer: 'What a difference'

See related story, Strictly Business, A7

BY PAT MURPHY  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What a difference a year makes.

Opening day of the North American International Auto Show is always a time of optimism. That was never more true than this week at press briefings and auto unveiling ceremonies preceding Saturday's official opening.

The country, the auto industry and metro Detroit needed a boost, according to Douglas North, president of North Brothers Ford in Westland. "And this is it," he said after an initial visit to Cobo Hall earlier this morning.

Last year was a downer, said North. The economy nose dived, automakers were talking about layoffs and bankruptcies and massive uncertainty shrouded the auto show and much of the year.

"This year is different," he said. "Everybody's enthusiastic, and there's a real buzz."

Most definitely, agreed Rick Hodges, general manager of Victory Toyota in Canton. "Everything is fresh," he said, "and customers (as well as the industry) have a lot more optimism."

And with good reason, according to industry analysts. The industry has pumped hundreds of millions of dollars into making long lasting, high mileage cars that excite customers. They predict sales in 2010 could

top 12.5 million compared to the disastrous 2009, when fewer than 10 million cars and trucks were sold despite the Cash for Clunkers incentives.

Nobody doubts that gas guzzlers are out and the country's love affairs with the automobile is far from smoldering. And sales aren't expected to approach the bumper years of earlier in the decade.

But customers will be pleased with all the fuel-efficient vehicles, insisted North, and that will translate into sales.

Ford vehicles were voted the car and truck of the year, he noted, referring to the Ford Fusion and the Transit Connect. "And we've got a lot of other exciting vehicles

like the new Fiesta and Mustang."

Toyota won't be outdone, insisted Brian Jones-Chance, a sales representative who will represent Victory Toyota Saturday when the show opens to the public. "This will be my first auto show," said Jones-Chance, 23, who said he has been selling cars for less than a year. "But I'm excited."

The Japanese automaker is hoping the redesigned Prius and its new 2011 van will appeal to customers across the spectrum.

"I'm new to the industry," said Jones-Chance. But Toyota has some exciting vehicles from small hybrids up to the luxury Lexus, he said. "This will be an exciting year."

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# Help for Haiti

Cash the best way to help relief efforts

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salvation Army officials know when disaster strikes, people in the communities they serve want to help.

That's why they want to make sure, in the wake of a 7.0-magnitude tremor that struck Haiti late Tuesday, people know just how to provide that help.

No numbers were available at press time, but one relief worker in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, was quoted saying, "There must be thousands dead," and International Red Cross officials said as many as 3 million people may have been affected by the quake and its aftershocks.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake registered 7.0 and was centered some 10 miles from Port-au-Prince.

It's the kind of disaster that, according to local Salvation Army officials, brings out the generosity in people wanting to help. And, according to Capt. Dan Hull, the corps officer in Plymouth.

"It's cash; money donations are the best," Hull said. "This

allows those aiding Haiti to purchase what they need, where they need it and when they need it. This also helps get cash back into the local economy."

According to Hull, people's first response is to donate clothing, a generous thought but one Hull said doesn't help in the immediate aftermath of the disaster.

"It needs to be shipped and stored, sorted and distributed and during a large-scale disaster, this is next to impossible," Hull said. "It's a good thought, but unfortunately not practical. Shipping is so very costly and as you hear on the news, you can't even get to the island right now."

Those wishing to donate can designate their gift to The Salvation Army in Haiti by going to The Salvation Army's Web site at [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org) or calling (800) SAL-ARMY. Those wishing to mail their gift can send it to The Salvation Army World Service Office, International Disaster Relief Fund, PO Box 630728, Baltimore, MD 21263-0728.

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## CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-26-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, SECTIONS 46-1(48), 46-1(49)c, and 46-1(49)d OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO AMEND THE RATES FOR MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL CHARGES

### THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** That paragraph (a) of the portion of Section 46-1(48) of the Westland City Code entitled "Water consumption charges (Section 102-91)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

"(a) Per 1,000 gallons per quarter or any fraction thereof \$3.07"

**Section 2.** That paragraph (c) of the portion of Section 46-1(49)c of the Westland City Code entitled "Sewage disposal rates (Section 102-124)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

2. Industrial waste control charge (Section 102-124(b)):

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Charge
5/8	7.43
3/4	10.90
1	17.83
1/2	38.62
2	55.94
3	100.99
4	139.10
6	208.40
8	347.00
10	485.60
12	555.00
16	832.10
18	970.70
24	1,247.90
30	1,386.50
36	1,525.10
48	1,663.70

**Section 3.** That paragraph (d) of the portion of Section 46-1(49)d of the Westland City Code entitled "Minimum sewage disposal bills per quarter (Section 102-125)" shall be amended to "Minimum sewage disposal bills bimonthly (Section 102-125)" and provide as follows:

- Minimum sewage disposal bills per billing period (section 102-125):
  - Metered premises:  
Actual consumption multiplied by \$3.73 per 1,000 (no minimum)
  - Residential premises with no available water mains, bimonthly.....\$82.00
  - Residential premises not connected to available water mains, bimonthly.....\$88.00
  - Commercial premises with no available water mains, per unit bimonthly.....\$88.00
  - Commercial premises not connected to available water mains, per unit bimonthly.....\$99.00

**Section 4.** That all other provisions of Chapter 46 of the Westland City Code, except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 6. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**Section 7.** Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

Adopted: January 4, 2010  
Effective: January 14, 2010

Publish: January 14, 2010

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Jeff Petty from Embroidme, Ryan Mills from Jarrett-Mills-Schron and Associates and Ricardo Seir from Parkside Dental chat at the chamber luncheon.

## Chamber leaders confident about new year, decade

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The food was good and the company equally up to par Tuesday at the Westland Chamber of Commerce annual meeting.

"An amazing year for the chamber," said local chiropractor Amanda Apfelblat, chair for the chamber. "The sense of community" made it great, she said.

"I think it's starting to turn and I'm seeing some slow but steady growth," Apfelblat said of the economy in 2010.

She highlighted such events as the sixth annual Restaurant Rally, with over 450 participants. The 2009 Holiday Taste Fest drew 500.

Kathy Hurt of Co-op Services Credit Union, outgoing chair, was thanked for her efforts. The chamber Board of Directors, Ambassador Committee and volunteers also drew rounds of applause.

Apfelblat cited collaboration with city of Westland leaders, along with new scholarship



Bruce Thompson, Westland planning director, and Mark Swieczkowski of Choice Insurance chat at the chamber gathering.

opportunities for Wayne-Westland students. The chamber helps businesses with legislative information, including Mayor William Wild's State of the City address.

She also mentioned the

monthly networking opportunities, the chamber Web site and newsletter. "Without all of you, we could not continue to run smoothly," Apfelblat said.

Larger monetary sponsors were recognized at the lun-

cheon at Macy's Lakeshore Grill. They are: Ameriprise Financial-Antoinette Martin, Co-op Credit Union, Community Dental, Garden City Hospital, JMS and Associates, Michigan Chiropractic Specialists-Amanda Apfelblat, Men on the Move, Parkside Credit Union, Sigma Financial, TDS Metrocom, and Westland Shopping Center.

The chamber board includes: Apfelblat and Hurt; Joe Lezotte of Sigma Financial; Rebecca Kelly of Sharon's Heating and Air Conditioning; Tim Weise of Garden City Hospital; Dan Martin of NovoPrint; Gary Bulson of Men on the Move; Cindy Candela of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools; Jeff Kavanaugh of Krazy Kopz; Ryan Mills of JMS and Associates; Ricardo Seir of Parkside Dental; Bruce Smolar of Community Dental Implant Group; Mark Swieczkowski of Choice Insurance; and Mary Vellardita of C&M Printing and Imaging.

### WESTLAND ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION

These vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 19th. The auction will be at 6375 N. Hix, Westland, MI, 48185. Starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN
2000	Dodge	Ram	2B7JB21Y6YK100466
1990	Ford	Mustang	1FACP42E5LF192273
1999	Mercury	Sable	1MEFM50U0XA608974

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On January 19, 2010, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1996	Ford	E-150/SW	White	1FBHE31H6THB66947
1997	Ford	Explorer/SW	Green	1FMDU32PXVUB10549
2000	Mercury	Cougar/2 Dr	Silver	1ZWFT61L1Y5648421
1996	Mercury	Sable/4 Dr	Black	1MELM53S2TG631919
1995	Ford	Aerostar/SW	Green	2FMDA5142SBA74806
1999	Mercury	Cougar/2 Dr	Red	1ZWFT6039X5600276
1989	Honda	Accord/4 Dr	Blue	1HGCA5541KA080748
1996	Ford	Taurus/SW	Green	1FALP57U4TG137443
1999	Chevrolet	Cavalier/2 Dr	Green	1G1JC1246X7184730
1991	Cadillac	Eldorado/2 Dr	Blue	1G6EL13B3MU601646
2003	Ford	Crown Vic/4 Dr	Blue	2FAHP71W63X186746
1995	Dodge	Intrepid/4 Dr	Green	1B3HD56TXSF660778
1999	Dodge	Neon/4 Dr	Purple	3B3ES47YXXT506517

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 1 01/04/10

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Cicirelli-Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves,  
02: elected J. Godbout Council President:  
04: elected M. Kehrer Council President Pro-Tem.  
05: Appr. bid for fire hose to W.S. Darley & Co.; amt. \$12,551.00.  
-Appr. bid for purchase of GMC Hybrid Yukon through Oakland County Bid contact; amt. \$50,441.00.  
-Appr. continuing Agreement to Professional Services Contract with OHM.  
-Adopted Ordinance 109-J-3 to amend Ch. 62, Art. VI, Sec. 62-283 & 62-284 and add Sec. 62-285 to 62-291 regarding possession of dangerous weapons.  
-Adopted Ordinance 29-W-26-17 to amend Ch. 46, Sec. 46-1(49) c (2) to amend rates for Industrial Waste Control Charge.  
06: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 12/21/09.  
07: Adopt. Prepared Resolution approving designated Overlay District.  
08: Appr. City Clerk's Benefit Pkg., 1-1-10 thru 12-31-10.  
09: Appr. Deputy City Clerk's Pay/Benefit Pkg., 1-1-10 thru 12-31-10.  
10: Appr. Officials' & Mayor's Ofc. Pay Plan, 1-1-10 thru 12-31-10.  
11: Appr. Contract for Budget Director from 1/19/10 thru 6/30/10; amt. not to exceed \$43,200, with contingencies.  
12: Conf. appt of S. Durante to Planning Commission to fill unexpired term, term to expire 7/7/2010.  
13: Appr. checklist: \$748,085.50 & Prepaid: \$676,996.93, Mtg. adj. at 8:13 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

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# Westland-Garden City Strictly Business

## Local car dealers optimistic about sales in 2010

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Garden City and Westland car dealers are hopeful 2010 will be a good year for new car sales.

"We're an extremely optimistic glass half full group," said Clarity Patton, quality and business development manager for Metropolitan Lincoln-Mercury in Garden City.

She agreed the "good buzz" associated with Ford Motor Co. not taking government bailout money has boosted sales. "Lincoln and Mercury, we're a bright spot," Patton said, citing great service and products. "We're coming out of it pretty excited. We really think there is a lot of pent-up demand."

The Lincoln MKS, a full-sized luxury sedan, is doing well at Metropolitan. "The technology in that vehicle is amazing," she said. It has a V6 engine but good fuel economy.

Also doing well is the seven-passenger luxury Lincoln MKT, giving an alternative to the Navigator "which is also still a wonderful Lincoln option that is available."

"We're optimistic and excited about 2010," Patton said. Quality, safety and fuel economy are a winning combination: "That's what our customers want and we've been able to give it to them."

Joe Himmelsbach, general sales manager at Crestwood Dodge Chrysler Jeep in Garden City, agreed there is pent-up consumer demand.

"I'm certainly looking forward to a better year," Himmelsbach said. "Hopefully as the year goes on more and more improves."

He said a lot of drivers have been hanging onto cars because of job losses or no overtime pay. "People are keeping their cars



Metropolitan Lincoln-Mercury in Garden City is all set for 2010. "We're optimistic and excited about 2010," said Clarity Patton, quality and business development manager for the dealership.

longer."

At his dealership, the Dodge Journey, a crossover vehicle, is selling. The Town & Country and Caravan minivans continue to sell.

"They get pretty good fuel economy," Himmelsbach said. "They move people and stuff. You can haul all kinds of stuff."

He agreed the auto show in Detroit will spark interest in buying cars: "It always does."

He encourages potential customers to come in for an evaluation, noting some of the great deals. "With some of the deals that are out there right now we can get them in a new car."

Some are in the 36-month leases, he said, typical of the

time in which a buyer would want a new car.

Himmelsbach said, "Products are very good." His dealership added Chrysler and Jeep in 2009, and got through the bankruptcy which also hit General Motors. Those were "painful. I think that hurt sales," he said.

"I'm looking forward to a good year," he concluded. "I'm looking forward to a much better year. We did fairly well" in 2009.

At Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City, general manager Susan Ianni said, "It's going to be a better year, that's for sure." She anticipates a sales climb of 30-35 percent at the dealership.

"It's a great time to buy a car."

Chevrolet's Camaro is a big seller at Gordon Chevrolet, a "super hot vehicle. You can't keep them in stock." The Equinox, a small crossover vehicle, does well. It's a little smaller than the TrailBlazer it follows.

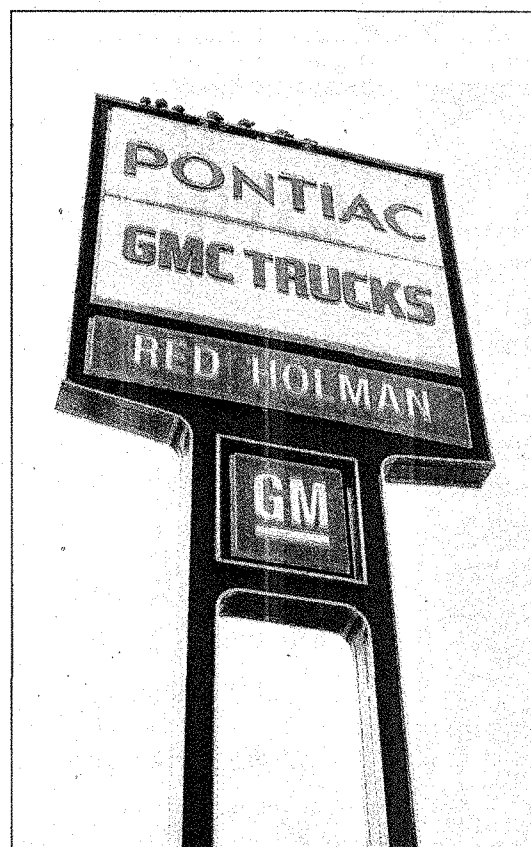
This fall, Gordon Chevrolet will get the Cruze to replace the Cobalt. "We're expecting that to be another hot seller," she said.

Ianni noted products are strong and anticipates an uptick in the economy. "I love being in a Chevrolet dealership. Chevrolet is a core vehicle. We're expecting big things."

She agreed the auto show, which will feature the Chevy Volt and others coming down



North Brothers Ford in Westland is offering deals to customers.



The Red Holman dealership at Wayne and Ford roads in Westland added Buick sales.

the line, will spark excitement. There was a credit freeze in 2009, Ianni said, along with fear on customers' part.

"That's going to subside this year." People are thinking, "I'm

going to have a job and it's going to be OK." She sees improvement coming after winter.

"We're really excited. We're also glad we're a survivor," Ianni said.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Chiropractor of Year

A Garden City doctor of chiropractic has been named Chiropractor of the Year by the Michigan Association of Chiropractors (MAC).

The award was given to Dr. R. James Gregg for demonstrating the highest level of commitment to his patients and the chiropractic profession. The award was given during the MAC Fall 2009 Convention and Exhibition at the Radisson Plaza in Kalamazoo. It was granted to Gregg for his "outstanding leadership, service and dedication."

Gregg has practiced in the city of Garden City since 1970. He is a graduate of Fordson High School in Dearborn and attended both Detroit Methods of Engineering and Henry Ford Community College before graduating from the Logan College of Chiropractic, St. Louis, Mo.

He has held numerous positions in chiropractic organizations, including president of District 1, secretary, treasurer, vice president, president and chairman of the board of the Michigan Chiropractic Council. He also has been a consultant to Medicaid, Department of Social Services, State of Michigan, chiropractic liaison for the chiropractic profession to Michigan Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and chairman of Insurance Relations committee of Michigan Chiropractic Council and as a state representative and co-chairman of hospital affairs for the International Chiropractors Association.

Gregg was appointed to the Malpractice Review Board of the American Arbitration Association and the Michigan Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Among the awards he has received during his career are the Hugh B. Logan Memorial Award for Educational and Clinical Excellence, Michigan Chiropractic Council Chiropractor of the Year, Outstanding Service Award from the Michigan Chiropractic Council, 1972-75, 1978, 1981-82, 1984-89 and the President's

Special Service Award, Michigan Chiropractic Council, 1979-80, and Michigan Chiropractic Council Hall of Fame Award for Professional Achievement, 1990.

He has written numerous articles for chiropractic publications and lectures throughout the United States of America and Canada to chiropractic associations, chiropractic colleges, laymen and professional health organizations and state government, on such subjects as chiropractic philosophy, staff motivation and training, chiropractic hospital programs, and practice management.

He is the president and CEO of Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers, serving the Detroit Metropolitan area with four locations — 1647 Inkster Road, Garden City; 33779 Five Mile, Livonia; 1079 S. Baldwin, Orion Township, and 5130 Coolidge, Royal Oak.

For more information, call the main office in Garden City at (734) 525-8422.

#### Fondant Class

Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland will hold a Fondant Class noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at the shop, 8036 N. Wayne Road, south of Joy on the east side of Wayne Road. For information, call (734) 261-3680.

Cost is \$30 and includes all materials. Space is limited and pre-registration required. You will learn how to make a fondant cake like television chefs.

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#### New president at helm

RHM Fluid Power in Westland announced that Jeff



Verona

Verona has been promoted to the position of president and chief operating officer of the corporation. Verona has been with RHM for 34 years, serving most recently as executive vice president. Bill Tulloch, who has been president for the past 14 years, will assume the title of chairman and chief

executive officer. RHM is a 52-year-old employee-owned firm that designs and builds fluid power systems and is a distributor of fluid power products.

#### Make your business known

Your business could be featured on the boards at the Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland. Contact Bob Kosowski at (734) 722-7620.

Want to welcome customers to Westland with a sign at city entrances? Contact Brian Harnos at (734) 728-1770.

Want a presence on the Web? See your business on the city of Westland Web site, CityofWestland.com. Contact Craig Welkenbach at (734) 467-3198.

Kosowski also has information on advertising at Westland's golf course, including hole sponsorship.

#### Auto Show discount

Auto show enthusiasts will find discount tickets for the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) 2010 at the customer service desk within all Michigan Kroger stores. Kroger is the exclusive location to purchase advance NAIAS tickets, with all tickets discounted \$1.

Kroger offers adult tickets for \$11 and child and senior tickets for \$5. Tickets will return to the full price of \$12 and \$6, respectively, on Jan. 16. NAIAS is one of the largest and most prestigious auto shows in the world and will be open to the public January 16-24 at Cobo Center in Detroit.

"In today's economy, everyone is interested in cutting costs," said Rick Going, president of Kroger's Michigan Division. "The savings add up quickly for families and individuals purchasing multiple NAIAS tickets."

In its 21st year as an international event, NAIAS will debut more than 50 vehicles, with over 30 of those vehicles making worldwide introductions. NAIAS will feature more than 700 vehicles representing the most innovative designs in the world, with more than 700,000 showgoers expected to attend.

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# New year is a perfect time for net worth statement

Mailboxes soon will be swamped with statements, 1099s, W-2s and other tax correspondence. It is important for taxpayers to save these documents, because they are essential for proper completion of 2009 tax returns.

Forgetting to include income from a 1099 will almost guarantee a letter from the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS is one government entity that one never wants to hear from.

One of the surest ways to draw IRS scrutiny is to fail to report income. Typically, what is on a 1099 or a W-2 is extremely important in completing an accurate tax return. In addition, documentation



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

opportune time to take stock at the beginning of the new year by doing a net worth statement. It is important to know your net worth because it can be used as a measuring stick.

Knowing your net worth, which is nothing more than

that deals with deductions is also important when it comes to filing your tax returns. All tax documentation received can be extremely important if your tax return is audited.

This is an opportune time to take stock at the beginning of the new year by doing a net worth statement. It is important to know your net worth because it can be used as a measuring stick.

Knowing your net worth, which is nothing more than

assets less liabilities, and how it changes over the years is essential to financial planning. Knowing such things as whether you can afford to retire or whether you should make gifts for estate planning purposes are directly related to net worth.

One question I'm always asked is whether a home should be included in the net worth statement. I believe, generally, it should be part of a new worth statement. After all, equity in a home can be an important factor when it comes to retirement planning.

The problem with including the home, however, is that homes are hard to value. Remember, it's not what you think your house is worth, but

what it can sell for on the open market.

If you choose to include the home in your net worth statement, be reasonable and honest when it comes to value.

Items not included in net worth statement are collectibles. My reasoning is that most collectibles are not as valuable as people think. Too many people attach sentimental value to a collectible, but in reality, if they went to sell the item, sentimental value is not a factor.

If, however, you have a collection of something that is not only easily valued but also easily sold, then it may make sense to include those items. There are many things that have value. The problem

is finding a seller who will pay that value. Although the Internet and sites like eBay have changed the landscape, selling collectibles, memorabilia or artwork at a true value is sometimes difficult.

Just as it will take some time to obtain the value of your assets, you need to spend the same time with your liabilities. Mortgages, charge cards, personal loans — know the balances as of Jan. 1. In addition to knowing the balances of your liabilities, know the terms — interest rates, how interest is calculated, penalty provisions and whether interest is tax deductible.

Determining net worth creates a base you now can use for comparison purposes. Should

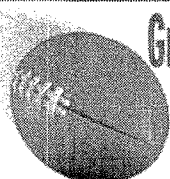
you do a net worth statement every month? No. My general recommendation is every six months.

Any type of personal financial planning has to start with a snapshot of where you are starting from. A net worth statement is exactly that.

Over the next few weeks, sit down and spend an hour or so preparing your net worth statement. The results, whether good, bad or indifferent, will help to keep your financial house in order. Good luck!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money@hometownlife.com](mailto:money@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit his Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

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Pokey, the Cha Cha Slide, the Chicken Dance and many more.

There will be refreshments served by Fairy Godmothers. If Dad can't come, bring Grandpa, older brother, uncle, or a special family friend can accompany the princesses. All ages are welcome but pre-registration at the Bailey Center by Feb. 3 is mandatory.

There are two sessions — 3-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. The cost is \$20 per couple, including entrance fee,

snacks, gifts and complimentary picture and \$7 per each additional daughter.

### Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) at the Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

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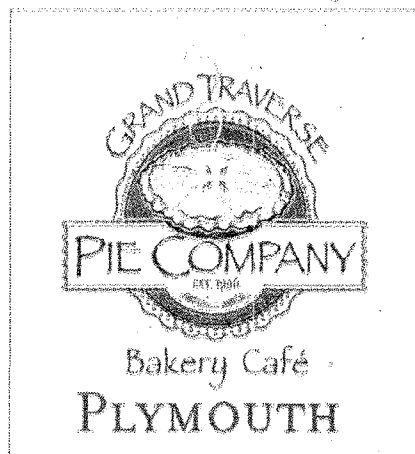
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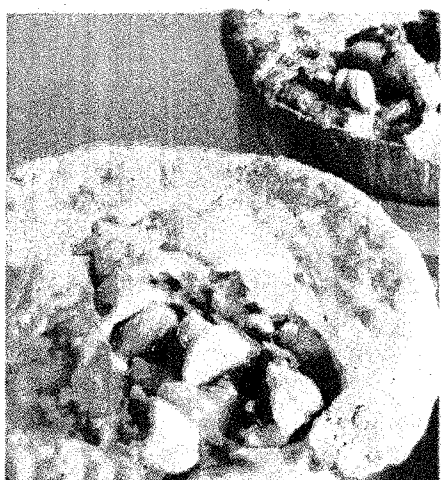
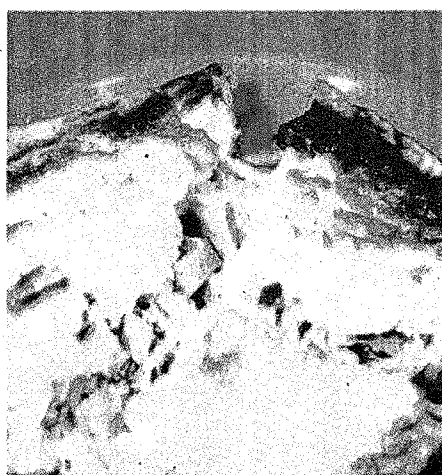
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# Hospital, H&R Block celebrate last baby of the year

It may be the first baby of the year who grabs the media headlines, but, according to H&R Block, it's the last baby of the year who yields the tax savings. Babies that were born before the stroke of midnight New Year's Eve saved their parents thousands on their 2009 returns.

The last baby of 2009 born at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township was the daughter of the lucky mother, Ashley Anger of Westland. The baby arrived at 2:34 p.m. on Dec. 31. She weighed in at 3 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 21.5 inches. The proud new parents and baby received an H&R Block baby tote bag filled with baby essentials and a certificate for a free 2009 Tax Preparation at H&R Block.

"Timing is everything," said Brian Paris, H&R Block Novi district manager. "Babies that were born on Dec. 31 provide parents with a \$3,650 tax exemption for all of 2009. To get that same tax break, parents of babies born after midnight on Jan. 1, will have to wait until they file their 2010 taxes — in 2011."

In addition to the exemption, new

parents may qualify for two credits that could reduce their tax liability even more: Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit.

New parents also can look forward to other tax benefits, such as college savings plans and the Child Care tax credit. For more information about the tax benefits of having a child, visit [www.hrblock.com/lastbaby](http://www.hrblock.com/lastbaby).



Ashley Anger, with dad Kevin close by, holds Kendall, the last baby of the year born at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township.

## CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 109-J-3

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 62-283 AND 62-284, AND TO ADD SECTIONS 62-285 TO 62-291 REGARDING THE POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS OTHER THAN FIREARMS, THE POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION OF FIREARMS AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONFISCATION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS, FIREARMS, AND FACSIMILES USED, CARRIED OR IN THE POSSESSION OF ANY PERSON CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 62-282 TO 62-290 INCLUSIVE

THE CITY OF WESTLAND HEREBY ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-283, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

### Sec. 62-283. Definitions.

- (a) "Antique firearm" means either of the following:
- (i) A firearm not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional center fire ignition with fixed ammunition and manufactured in or before 1898, including a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system or a replica of such a firearm, whether actually manufactured before or after the year 1898.
  - (ii) A firearm using fixed ammunition manufactured in or before 1898, for which ammunition is no longer manufactured in the United States and is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade.
- (b) As used in this article, the term "dangerous weapon" means:
- (1) Any knife, dirk, dagger, or stiletto with a blade which exceeds three inches in length.
  - (2) Any club or karate stick.
  - (3) Any mace or other aerosol repellant.
  - (4) Any smooth bore rifle or handgun designed and manufactured exclusively for propelling by a spring, or by gas or air, BB's not exceeding .177 caliber.
  - (5) Any slingshot.
  - (6) Any bow and arrow.
- (c) As used in this article, the term "facsimile of a firearm" means any device or object made of plastic, wood, metal or other material, which device or object is a facsimile, replica version of, or is otherwise recognizable as, a pistol, revolver, sawed-off shotgun, rifle, machine gun, rocket launcher or other firearm, including, but not limited to, toy guns, movie and stage props, hobby models (either in kit form or fully assembled), starter pistols, air guns, and inoperative firearms or other devices which might reasonably be perceived to be a real firearm.
- (d) As used in this article, the term "firearm" means a weapon, other than one specified in Sec. 62-283(b)(4), from which a dangerous projectile may be propelled by an explosive, or by any other means.
- (e) As used in this article, the term "pistol" means a loaded or unloaded firearm that is 30 inches or less in length, or a loaded or unloaded firearm that by its construction and appearance conceals itself as a firearm.
- (f) As used in this article, the term "school" means a public, private, denominational, or parochial school offering developmental kindergarten, kindergarten, or any grade from 1 through 12.
- (g) As used in this article, the term "school property" means a building, playing field, or property used for school purposes to impart instruction to children or used for functions and events sponsored by a school, except a building used primarily for adult education or college extension courses.
- (h) As used in this article, the term "Weapon free school zone" means school property and a vehicle used by a school to transport students to or from school property.

**Section 2.** That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-284, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

### Sec. 62-284. Possession of Dangerous Weapons other than Firearms.

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry any dangerous weapon, other than a firearm on or about his person.

**Section 3.** That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-285, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

### Sec. 62-285. Possession or Exhibition of Firearms or Facsimiles of Firearms.

- (a) No person shall draw or brandish a facsimile of a firearm in a threatening, rude or hostile manner with the intent to frighten, harass, vex or annoy another person.
- (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a person shall not possess a firearm on the premises of any of the following:
- (1) A depository financial institution or a subsidiary or affiliate of a depository institution.
  - (2) A church or other house of religious worship.
  - (3) A court.
  - (4) A Theatre.
  - (5) A sports arena.
  - (6) A day care center.
  - (7) A hospital.
  - (8) An establishment licensed under the Michigan liquor control act, Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of 1933, being sections 436.1 to 436.58 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (c) Subsection (b) shall not apply to any of the following:
- (1) A person who owns, or is employed by or contracted by, an entity described in subsection (b) if the possession of that firearm is to provide security services for that entity.
  - (2) A peace officer.
  - (3) A person licensed by this state or another state to carry a concealed weapon.
  - (4) A person who possesses a firearm on the premises of an entity described in subsection (b) if that possession is with the permission of the owner or an agent of the owner of that entity.

**Section 4.** That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-286, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

### Sec. 62-286. Possession of concealed firearms

prohibited on certain premises.

- (a) Subject to subsection (d), an individual licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the State of Michigan, or who is exempt from licensure under section 28.432a(1)(f) of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall not carry a concealed pistol on the premises of any of the following:
- (1) A school or school property except that a parent or legal guardian of a student of the school is not precluded from carrying a concealed pistol while in a vehicle on school property, if he or she is dropping the student off at the school or picking up the child from the school.
  - (2) A public or private child care center or day care center, public or private child caring institution, or public or private child placing agency.
  - (3) A sports arena or stadium.
  - (4) A bar or tavern licensed under the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, being sections 436.1101 to 436.2303 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, where the primary source of the business is the sale of alcoholic liquor by the glass and consumed on the premises. This subdivision does not apply to an owner or employee of the business.
  - (5) Any property or facility owned or operated by a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other place of worship, unless the presiding official or officials of the church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other place of worship permit the carrying of a concealed pistol on that property or facility.
  - (6) An entertainment facility with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more individuals that the individual knows or should know has a seating capacity of 2,500 or more individuals or that has a sign above each public entrance stating in letters not less than 1-inch high a seating capacity of 2,500 or more individuals.
  - (7) A hospital.
  - (8) A dormitory or classroom of a community college, college, or university.
- (b) An individual licensed to carry a concealed pistol in the State of Michigan, or who is exempt from licensure under section 28.432a(1)(f) of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall not carry a concealed pistol in violation of R 432.1212 or a successor rule of the Michigan administrative code promulgated under the Michigan gaming control and revenue act, 1996 IL 1, being sections 432.202 to 432.226 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (c) As used in subsection (a), "premises" does not include parking areas of the places identified under subsection (a).
- (d) Subsection (a) does not apply to any of the following:
- (1) An individual licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the state of Michigan who is a retired police officer or retired law enforcement officer.
  - (2) An individual who is licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the state of Michigan and who is employed or contracted by an entity described under subsection (a) to provide security services and is required by his or her employer or the terms of a contract to carry a concealed firearm on the premises of the employing or contracting entity.
  - (3) An individual who is licensed as a private investigator or private detective under the professional investigator licensure act, 1965 PA 285, being sections 338.821 to 338.851 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
  - (4) An individual who is licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the state of Michigan and who is a corrections officer of a county sheriff's department.
  - (5) An individual who is licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the state of Michigan and who is a motor carrier officer or capital security officer of the department of state police.
  - (6) An individual who is licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the state of Michigan and who is a member of a sheriff's posse.
  - (7) An individual who is licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the state of Michigan and who is an auxiliary officer or reserve officer of a police or sheriff's department.
  - (8) An individual who is licensed to carry a concealed firearm in the state of Michigan and who is a parole or probation officer of the department of corrections.
- (e) An individual who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction or guilty of a misdemeanor as follows:
- (1) Except as provided by subdivisions (2) and (3), the individual is responsible for a civil infraction and may be fined not more than \$500.00. The court shall order the individual's license to carry a concealed pistol suspended for 6 months.
  - (2) For a second violation, the individual is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00. The court shall order the individual's license to carry a concealed pistol revoked.
  - (3) For a third or subsequent violation, the individual is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00 or both. The court shall order the individual's license to carry a concealed pistol revoked.

**Section 5.** That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-287, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

### Sec. 62-287. Possession of firearms in a weapon free school zone.

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), an individual who possesses a firearm in a weapon free school zone is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days, a fine of not more than \$500.00 or both.
- (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to any of the following:
- (1) An individual employed by or contracted by a school if the possession of that firearm is to provide security services for the school.
  - (2) A peace officer.
  - (3) An individual licensed by this state or another state to carry a concealed weapon.
  - (4) An individual who possesses a weapon provided by a school or a school's instructor on school property for purposes of providing or receiving instruction in the use of that weapon.

- (5) An individual who possesses a firearm on school property if that possession is with the permission of the school's principal or an agent of the school designated by the school's principal or the school board.
- (6) An individual who is 18 years of age or older who is not a student at the school and who possesses a firearm on school property while transporting a student to or from the school if any of the following apply:
  - (i) The individual is carrying an antique firearm, completely unloaded, in a wrapper or container in the trunk of a vehicle while en route to or from a hunting or target shooting area or function involving the exhibition, demonstration or sale of antique firearms.
  - (ii) The individual is carrying a firearm unloaded in a wrapper or container in the trunk of the person's vehicle, while in possession of a valid Michigan hunting license or proof of valid membership in an organization having shooting range facilities, and while en route to or from a hunting or target shooting area.
  - (iii) The person is carrying a firearm unloaded in a wrapper or container in the trunk of the person's vehicle from the place of purchase to his or her home or place of business or to a place of repair or back to his or her home or place of business, or in moving goods from one place of abode or business to another place of abode or business.
  - (iv) The person is carrying an unloaded firearm in the passenger compartment of a vehicle that does not have a trunk, if the person is otherwise complying with the requirements of subparagraph (ii) or (iii) and the wrapper or container is not readily accessible to the occupants of the vehicle.

**Section 6.** That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-288, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

### Sec. 62-288. Possession of concealed firearms by an intoxicated person.

- (a) No person shall carry, have in possession or under control, or use in any manner or discharge a firearm under any of the following circumstances:
- (1) The individual is under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance.
  - (2) The individual has an alcohol content of 0.08 or more grams per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.
  - (3) Because of the consumption of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance, the individual's ability to use a firearm is visibly impaired.

**Section 7.** That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-289, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

### Sec. 62-289. Transportation of firearms.

- (a) Except as otherwise permitted by law, a person shall not transport or possess in or upon a motor vehicle or any self-propelled vehicle designed for land travel a firearm, other than a pistol, unless the firearm is unloaded and is 1 or more of the following:
- (1) Taken down.
  - (2) Enclosed in a case.
  - (3) Carried in the trunk of the vehicle.
  - (4) Inaccessible from the interior of the vehicle.
- (b) Except as otherwise permitted by law, no person shall transport or have in his possession in any motor vehicle any pistol or facsimile of a firearm unless:
- (1) It is unloaded in both the barrel and the magazine; and
  - (2) It is in a closed case designed for the storage of firearms in the trunk of the vehicle, or if the vehicle has no trunk, in a place not readily accessible to the occupants of the vehicle.

**Section 8.** That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-290, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

### Sec. 62-290. Carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent.

No person shall, with intent to use the same unlawfully against the person of another, go armed with a pistol or other firearm or dagger, dirk, razor, stiletto, or knife having a blade over 3 inches in length, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument.

**Section 9.** That Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-291, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

### Sec. 62-291. Confiscation.

All weapons, firearms, facsimiles of firearms, slingshots, bows and arrows, guns, pistols, rifles, shotguns, pellet guns, BB guns, starter pistols and any other weapon, device or object used, carried or in the possession of any person contrary to the provisions of sections 62-282 to 62-290, inclusive, shall be subject to confiscation by the police department. Such confiscated items are hereby declared to be forfeited to the city unless, within 60 days after final disposition of the original violation, a court of competent jurisdiction orders that the items so confiscated shall be returned to the rightful owner. Upon expiration of this 60-day period, the confiscated items may be destroyed in such manner as determined by the chief of police.

**Section 10.** That all other provisions of this Chapter of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 11. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 12. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**Section 13. Notice to be Published.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 14. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective on publication.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Bargaining is give and take by both sides

Like many other Michigan communities, Westland is facing the twin dilemma of decreasing revenues and increasing costs of doing business. The city administration is projecting a deficit of \$3.5 million for the fiscal year that begins July 1 — a shortfall that is projected at \$12 million for 2011-12.

That means the city needs to take look at how it does business and find ways to make up that revenue shortfall. Mayor William Wild has frozen pay for his appointees and staff along with reducing their car allowances. That sets an example for union-represented city employees, who the mayor is asking for concessions.

Last week, Wild made public comments about possible layoffs in the largest employees bargaining unit — the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which represents public services, clerical and parks and recreation employees — unless wide-ranging concessions were forthcoming.

This comes after a year of bargaining. The AFSCME contract is expired, unlike the police and fire unions who have two years remaining on their contracts including raises each year, so it was natural for the city to seek concessions there first.

We don't know the tone of the bargaining, but clearly the mayor didn't see progress being made toward his goals. Calls for concessions wouldn't be what employees want to hear.

That being said, it takes concessions by both sides to reach an agreement. Like many other workers in both the public and private sectors, city employees are likely to have to make concessions, especially those which can help maintain jobs. Conversely, the mayor and his staff need to take a hard look at city operations and start looking for other ways cut spending — employees can't be expected bear the total brunt of the budget cuts. Employees report making suggestions to cut spending, only to have those ideas ignored. Maybe some of those ideas need to be revisited and seriously considered.

Statewide, municipalities are making budget cuts and employees unions are having to accept changes that would have been unthinkable in the not so distant past. We urge the city administration and unions to put their heads together to solve Westland's looming financial problems.

## Local Red Kettle effort testament to community

In all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, you may not have thought you were doing a great deed putting a buck or two in the Salvation Army Red Kettle.

Those dollars and coins add up, however, with the Wayne-Westland corps surpassing its local fund-raising goal for the Red Kettles.

"We can't thank our communities enough," said Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander with wife Joanna. "We did really well this year."

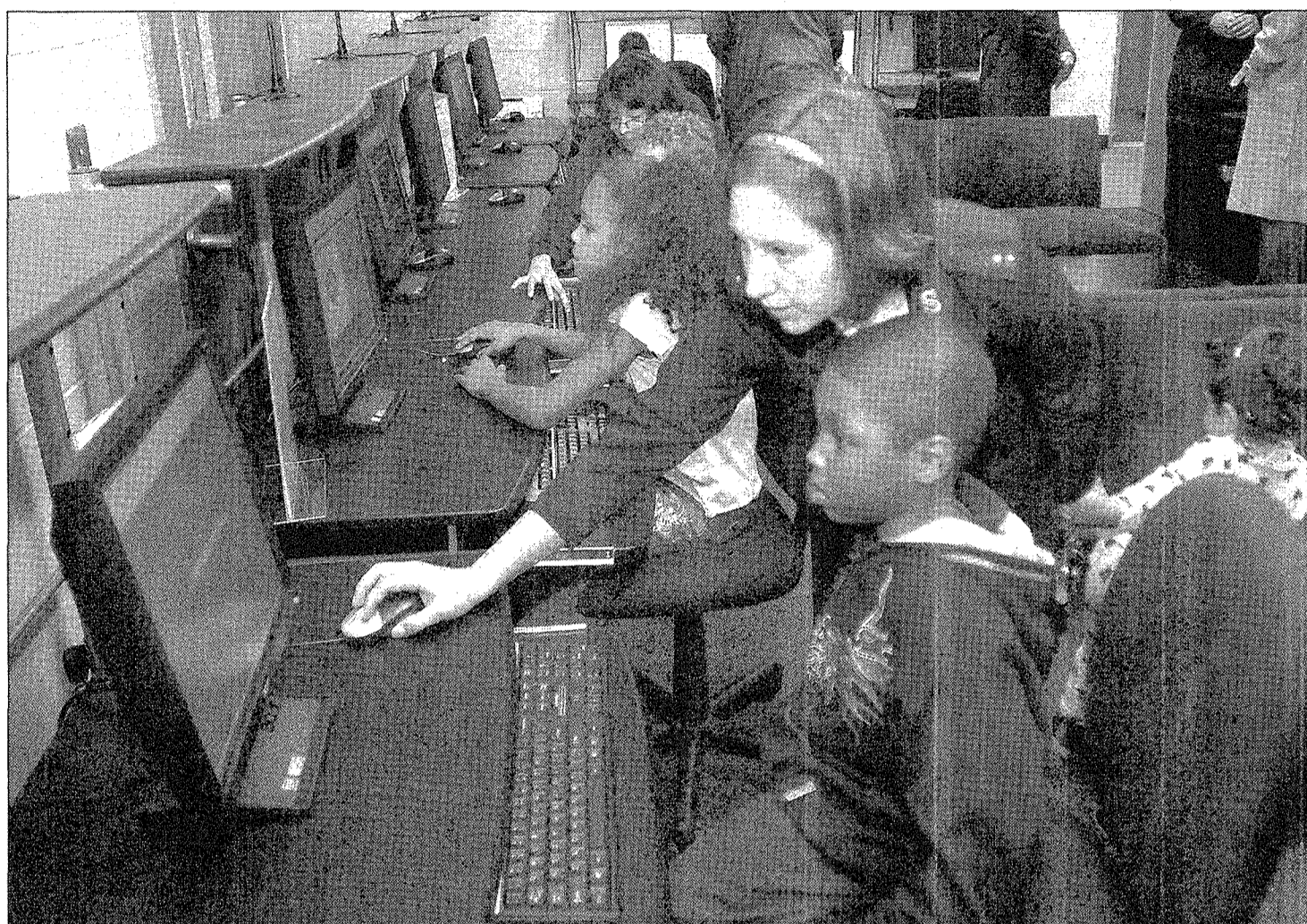
The Red Kettle campaign had a local goal of \$135,000, which was surpassed at \$146,000. The mail appeal, which continues through the end of January, stands at \$15,000 collected of the \$20,000 goal. Donations payable to the Salvation Army may be made by mail at 2300 S. Venoy, Westland, MI 48186.

"There wasn't a lot of big dollar donations this year," Rose said. "More people are donating out of what they have." He and other bell ringers didn't see a lot of \$10 and \$20 bills put in kettles, but many donors put in smaller amounts.

Rose added that people know friends and neighbors who've lost their jobs, and that they themselves are a paycheck away from such circumstances. Residents dug deeply into their pockets this year, making the Christmas season and life beyond easier for those facing tough times.

Hats off to all the hardworking staffers and volunteers who manned bell ringing sites. Kudos as well to Westland Shopping Center and all the businesses large and small that made a successful Red Kettle outcome possible.

The Salvation Army has a long and proud tradition of serving those most in need. It's wonderful that our community came together with such a show of support for this worthy endeavor.



Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Capt. Joanna Rose helps Zion Jackson in the corps' Media Center, which opened this past year. Generous people supported the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army's Red Kettle effort this Christmas, with the fund-raising goal surpassed.

## LETTERS

### Collect sales taxes

Are we the only ones outraged at the cuts in state revenues for our cities, schools, etc.? Oh, yes, there were some demonstrations regarding school cuts, cuts in some city services and/or more pay cuts. Doesn't it bother you when the powers that be are trying to replace lost revenues, such as losses due to foreclosures, cutbacks in other areas because of loss of jobs and other economic-related slump issues, namely loss of tax revenues, by adding new taxes?

And, as many people are really hurting, NO ONE is reminding us that our government at both the federal and state levels fails to collect an ongoing 6 percent of sales from purchases made online or by mail. As a result of that, we continue to lose hundreds of millions of dollars regularly.

Don't take our word for it, check with your legislators. They will explain to you all of the reasons for not doing so ... we call those excuses. And they may tell you that our income tax forms ask us to declare the sales tax on the aforementioned processes. Well and good, however, the fact still remains that we continue to lose hundreds of millions of dollars, regularly, because we fail to collect the 6-percent sales taxes.

Where is the outcry from the cities that continue to experience cutbacks in state revenues? Where is the outcry from all of the school districts that continue to lose state shared revenues and thus in some cases are forced to close schools, etc.?

Our legislators are looking for sources of revenue. Has anyone reminded them that they don't have to look very far? All they have to do is change the laws that are apparently preventing them from collecting all of the lost dollars from uncollected sales taxes.

The legislators are cutting social programs, big time. The most vulnerable people in our society are an easy target. They don't have the lobbyists or advocates to plead their case. So we allow legislation to pay our bills off the backs of the most vulnerable people. Whatever happened to everyone's moral compass?

Isn't there anyone out there who will be brave enough to address this issue regardless of political implications? Isn't there anyone out there who will stop the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars?

We just came from a Group Home of handicapped adults and were told by a staff person that they are going to get yet another cut in 2010. We are so outraged because we know of the money that is going down the drain; and when we did inquire, we were given the same list of excuses, which, we're sorry, but they are only excuses.

At this specific time in our state, we feel it is a moral issue. We pray that someone out there who will read this letter will also become outraged and deluge the offices of all the legislators and fight to bring back all of the hundreds of millions of dollars to our state of Michigan.

James and Mary A. Murphy  
Westland

### No private experience

The tax and spend plan the Obama administration has been on in the last year is doing exactly what the experts

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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said it would: halt the economy and send the jobless rate skyrocketing. Not one of Obama's cabinet members has ever held a real job with a private company. They have no clue on what makes the economy tick because they've always been paid by our tax dollars and have never had to tighten their belts like we do when times get tough.

Now Obama comes out with a new green-jobs program that will cost taxpayers \$2.3 billion. He predicts special tax credits for all of his faddish "energy savers" — jobs selected by EPA bureaucrats will create 17,000 new jobs. This is out of a total workforce of 153 million.

The average cost of these alleged new green jobs will be \$135,000 per job. It's sort of like the \$780 billion stimulus plan, half of which has supposedly saved 1 million jobs at roughly \$200,000 per job. Let us not forget that Obama told us that if we passed the stimulus, the unemployment rate would not exceed 8 percent; we've been at over 10 percent for months now.

Obama's EPA is now going to penalize manufacturing America, or what's left of it — with tougher standards to reduce smog. Of course, smog has already fallen 25 percent in the last three decades. This little beauty could cost us up to \$90 billion annually.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar recently announced that he is closing down federal lands for oil and gas drilling. This with the price of oil hovering around \$83 a barrel and retail gas at the pump moving in the direction of \$3 per gallon, you have to wonder if anybody in Washington has any common sense at all.

Phil Solarz  
Westland

### Lead the way, LPS employees

I left the employment of Livonia Public Schools approximately two years ago. The reason for leaving was not because I don't believe in LPS. It was simply that I could see that education was suffering financially in this state and that it wasn't going to get better in the near future.

To all of you who went into education because you wanted to make a difference in children's lives and pass on your love of knowledge and learning to others, now is the time you can truly do that. Most of us know that the majority of kids do not get up and go to school every morning because they like to. In the lower grades that might be true, but as they move along in their academic careers it's about way more than that. Yes, there are those students who truly love learning and go to school to learn. There's nothing wrong

with that; I commend those students. The majority of students are going to school as a means to an end. They need the extra-curricular in their lives. Think about the number of students who get good grades and stay out of trouble only so they can participate in sports, marching band or other after-school activities.

Secondary teachers, please think about how difficult it will be to teach students who feel that their whole reason for being there has been taken away. It might prove to be even more challenging than it is now. It is with that in mind that I propose the following: Each of the bargaining units needs to step up and renegotiate their contracts with the district that would include a 4-percent pay cut. That being said, each bargaining unit could stipulate that the reduction in pay would only occur if all bargaining units as well as central office administration followed suit. This would have the same effect financially on every employee and then it wouldn't be imposed on anyone if everyone didn't get on board. I realize that taking a pay cut of any kind is a sacrifice for everyone. Personally, we experienced a huge pay cut this past year as my husband spent eight months laid off, so I do understand what it means to take a pay cut. But isn't a pay cut better than the alternatives? Who will lead the way?

Melanie Ricketts  
Livonia

### Article was wonderful

On behalf of Timothy Lutheran Church and all of its members, I would like to give a very sincere thanks to your paper and especially to Sharon Dargay for the wonderful article in the Dec. 10 paper about our third annual cookie walk. Amazingly, we sold out of cookies in less than one hour! Unfortunately, that meant we had to turn people away at the door, and we apologize to everyone who showed up and didn't get any cookies. Next year we will definitely be baking more!

I would also like to thank everyone who put signs up in front of their houses and businesses advertising our cookie walk. Special thanks to: Community Choice Credit Union, Flower King, Lutheran High School and Wireless Toyz.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year for a bigger and better Cookie Walk!

Lori Barch  
Cookie Walk co-coordinator

### U.S. Senate disappointing

Never in my 49 years as an American am I more disappointed and frustrated with our so-called federal leadership.

The backroom deals and lobbying to get a Senate health care bill done at any cost is the most wasteful exercise I have ever witnessed. Actions of the past month have been dishonest, underhanded, immoral — and it's depressing to watch my Michigan leadership go along with all the terrible actions of Harry Reid & Co. Washington has proven beyond the shadow of a doubt there is only a desire to get a health care bill done, but no desire to get it done right. I am ashamed of the U.S. Senate as it ignores the wishes of most Americans. You work for us, not the other way around.

Tom Lang  
Livonia

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Face winter with moisturizers, new cosmetics palette

**BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK**  
CORRESPONDENT

It's a brand new year and time to sing auld lang syne to some of your cosmetics. Saks Fifth Avenue will help customers find a brand new beauty regimen during Pretty Organized, Jan. 14-18 at Somerset Collection.

According to S5A Cosmetics Manager Sandy Waterfall, deep festive lip gloss and eye shadow shades from the holidays should give way to fresh faced beauty, with a focus on staying hydrated and protected during the dry months of winter.

"It's really about paring down and making sure you have all the necessities in your cosmetic bag," said Waterfall, of Royal Oak. "It's kind of the equivalent of cleaning out your closet."

To inspire customers to make a fresh start, Saks is offering a free Pretty Organized makeup bag with any cosmetics or fragrance purchase of \$50 or more.

The white clutch has three compartments, each with a zipper in a different shade of pink. Waterfall said it's perfect for filing beauty supplies for face, lips and eyes. Here are Waterfall's picks from Cosmetics on One.

**FACE**

When it comes to skin care, moisture is the mantra in winter. Waterfall said several steps should come before foundation, all designed to hydrate.

"The key to this time of the season is to make sure you're really moisturized because it's so dry," Waterfall said. "Even women with oily skin tend to be dry this time of year, so it's important to moisturize not only in the morning but throughout the day."

Waterfall layers Estee Lauder Perfectionist Serum, which boosts collagen and gives skin a silky feel, and La Mer Moisturizing Gel Creme, made with a "miracle broth" of sea kelp harvested off the coast of California. She also recommends Cle de Peau Smoothing Base for Pores.

"It's another step, but it helps your foundation to lay really nicely on your skin, and helps keep that moisture you just put on your skin stay locked in," Waterfall said. The fact that it's SPF 24 is a bonus.

"You definitely need that when you're out and about. In winter you're getting as many rays as you are in the summer if not more because it's reflected off the snow," Waterfall said.

For foundation, Waterfall loves Trish McEvoy's Beauty-To-Go Refillable Pen. "I don't wear foundation in the summer but this time of the year it's so challenging. I don't know any women who love their skin in the winter," she said.

**LIPS**

Now that holiday parties have passed, it's time to leave those glamorous lipsticks in the drawer and focus instead on a naturally pretty pucker.

Just like skin, lips tend to be dry in winter so it's important to stock up on some serious lip products and apply liberally.

Waterfall loves Laura Mercier's Lip Treatment Kit. The two-piece set includes a Lip Polish that exfoliates, and a Lip Conditioner that infuses lips with moisture. For lip gloss, Waterfall likes Chanel Glossiers because they don't take on a tacky feel in the cold. She recommends the universal color Rose Sand, with pink and coral hues that work with every skin tone.

If you can only pick up one new product for your pout, make it a tube of Kiehl's Since 1851 Lip Balm #1. Inexpensive and indulgent, it smooths and soothes, and tastes great in flavors like mint, cranberry, mango and coconut.

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**EYES**

Waterfall, a self-professed cosmetics junkie, said the "eyes" pocket of her Pretty Organized pouch is overflowing.

"This is my favorite category," she said. Her picks include La Prairie Light Fantastic Brightening Eye Treatment, which can be used on the eyelids as a concealer and eyeshadow base, and under the eyes for highlighting.

"That too is a clicker pen. I love clicker pens," Waterfall said. "It's sheer but it does give you some luminosity. If you have redness on the tops of your lids or dark circles underneath it just remedies that and gives you an nice base."

For the ever-important moisture, Waterfall applies Hydra Seal Yeux by Yves Saint Laurent throughout the day.

She gushes over NeuLash Eyelash Enhancement Serum, an all-natural alternative to Latisse that delivers healthy and fuller lashes in 30 days.

"You put it on at nighttime, liquid liner right above each lash line before you go to bed. We sell a ton of it in the department," she said. "Everyone in our department uses it and we have these crazy long lashes."

Her favorite mascara to draw all eyes to that fringe? Lancome Definicils.

"It's an oldie but goodie," Waterfall said.



Estee Lauder Perfectionist Serum boosts collagen and gives skin a silky feel.

Make your feet go Vroom

**WHITE LAKE** — A love of classic cars and vintage travel trailers — and an extreme dislike for cold feet — sent Rhonda Gelstein on a mission to create unique, fun and warm slippers. In 2008, Vroomers opened for business in White Lake. The family-run operation makes stuffed slippers shaped like quirky camping vehicles, that retail for \$29.99.

"Vroomers has become a great passion of ours," said Rhonda Gelstein, owner of Vroomers. "Each family member plays a role, from packaging to promotion. Not only is the business itself fulfilling, but we have also been able to connect with many nonprofit organizations through our slipper donations. It's a lot of work, but we're having a blast!"

Rhonda is joined by her husband Mark and sons Logan and Tyler.

Vroomers styles include:

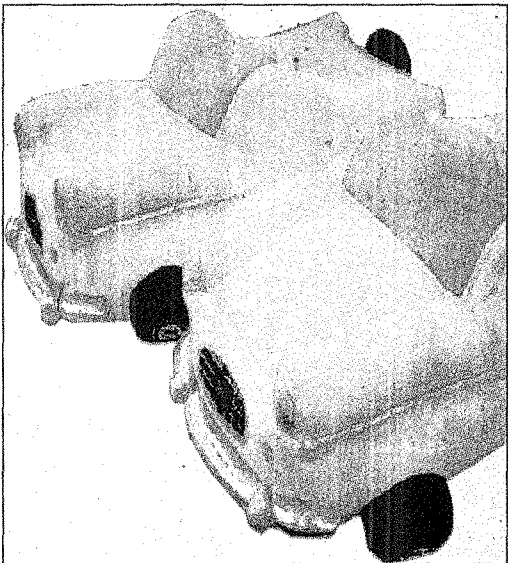
- **Classic Car:** Inspired by the iconic Nash Metropolitan of the 1950s and available in red, turquoise and yellow.
- **Woody Teardrop:** Based on beloved Teardrop trailers, which have the freedom to camp where larger trailers cannot go.
- **Silver Travel Trailer:** Vroomers best-sellers evoke Airstream, Avalair, Avion, Boles Aero and Silver Streak trailers, a.k.a. Canned Hams.

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- **Canned Ham:** Two-toned trailers in a zigzag design.
- **Bubble Car:** Modeled after micro cars, or bubble cars.
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# HOMETOWN LIFE



## Patriot girls earn hard-fought win vs. Rockets

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Maybe the two-hour JV game was a sign of things to come.

And Tuesday night's varsity girls basketball game between host Westland John Glenn and Livonia Franklin proved to be a long, drawn-out affair as well.

In a game that featured a total of 84 turnovers and 45 fouls called, it was Franklin that emerged the winner with a 57-43 triumph.

The Patriots, last year's state Class A runner-up, overcame the sterling 27-point effort of Glenn senior forward Michelle Vanover, who was one of three Rockets who fouled out in the final quarter.

Franklin countered Vanover's effort with a more balanced scoring attack as junior point-guard Chelsea Williams, who also fouled out, finished with 14.

Brittany Milican and Amanda Borioe chipped in with 11 apiece, while Senneca Scott wound up with nine.

The Patriots, who never trailed after jumping out to a 9-0 lead after just 2 minutes and 22 seconds of action,

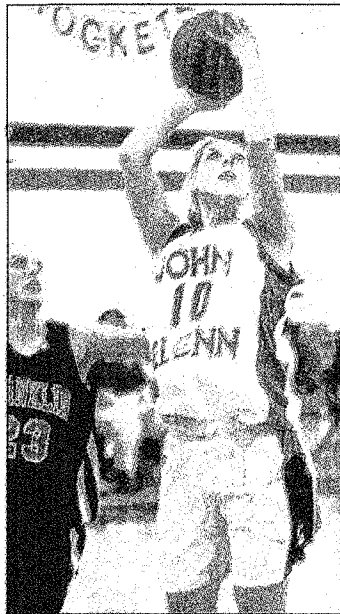
improved to 5-2 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA's South Division.

"It was a fist fight, two-hand checking on the ball, moving screens — you're going to get tons of turnovers in a game called like that," said Franklin coach Dave McCall, who drew a second-half technical. "You had to play through the inconsistencies of the officiating and our girls kept their composure. You've got to get physical right back and we held in there. They didn't let the refereeing affect them. They did what they had to do."

Glenn coach Mark Anderson agreed with McCall's comment that "it was a fistfight."

"We both had the gloves on and we should have ducked because they (Franklin) hit us with a couple of jabs," said the first-year coach, whose team is 2-5 overall and 1-1 in the KLAA South. "They (Franklin) are well coached and I'm impressed. The problem is that we sent them to the free throw line (19-of-35). We came to play, but we got careless with the fouls and they got to the line."

Franklin won despite committing 43 turnovers (to

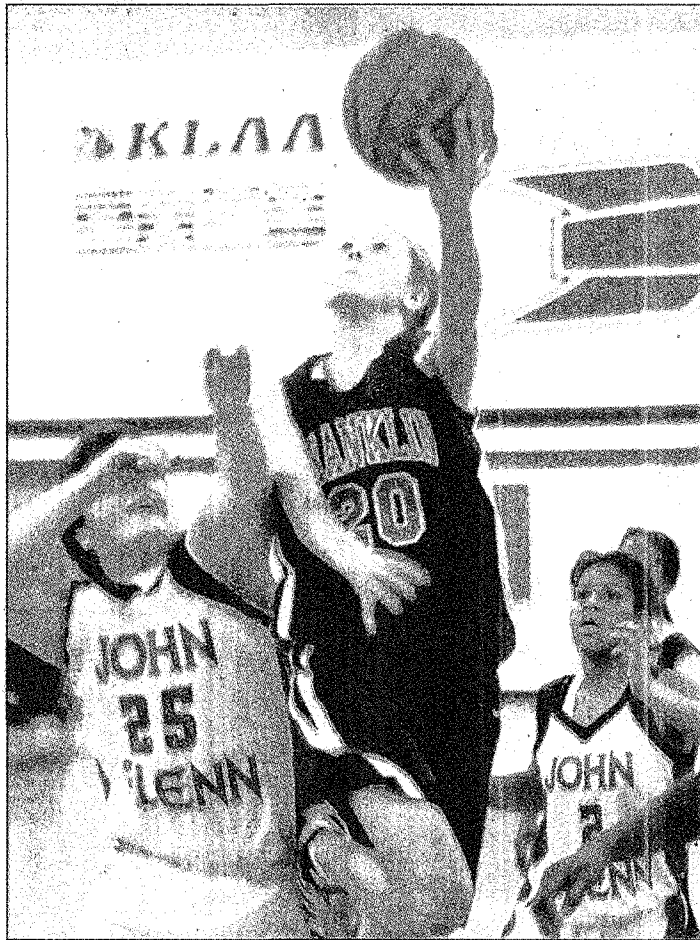


John Glenn's Michelle Vanover goes in for two of her game-high 27 points in Tuesday's 57-43 KLAA South setback to Livonia Franklin.

Glenn's 41).

The Patriots led 25-19 at halftime thanks to a short jumper by Williams in the key at the buzzer. Franklin then stretched its lead to 40-30 after three quarters by hitting

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Franklin's Chelsea Williams (20) goes up with the left hand over John Glenn's Samantha Fox (25) during Tuesday's KLAA Central Division clash.

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## SIDELINES

### Langford nominee

Westland John Glenn's Jeremy Langford, an All-Observer and All-State running back, has been nominated as an Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year.

Langford, who rushed for 1,936 yards and 23 touchdowns for the 8-2 Rockets, is among a select group of players who are eligible to be selected as a national Red Zone Player of the Year and be honored in a full-page feature in a national print publication.

For the ninth straight year, Old Spice is recognizing high school football players who go above and beyond the call of duty, particularly in the Red Zone.

The program honors athletes who are able to elevate their play and step up when the heat is really on. These athletes embody leadership, performance and desire, and serve as examples to their teammates on and off the field.

High school coaches across the country are naming one player from their team as their Player of the Year.

Langford, who recently committed to Michigan State, is also eligible to be named one of 50 national Players of the Year. The top 50 players nationwide will be named Red Zone Players of the Year and will receive a plaque and other awards.

### Brown traded

Plymouth Whalers general manager and Coach Mike Vellucci announced the acquisition of 19-year-old center Phil McRae from the Ontario Hockey League's London Knights in exchange for 18-year-old left winger Tyler J. Brown of Westland.

The Whalers also gave up their third and fourth-round round picks in 2010, along with fifth and eighth round picks in 2012.

Brown, who had six goals and eight assists, is currently in his third season in the OHL after being Plymouth's eighth-round choice in the 2007 OHL Draft.

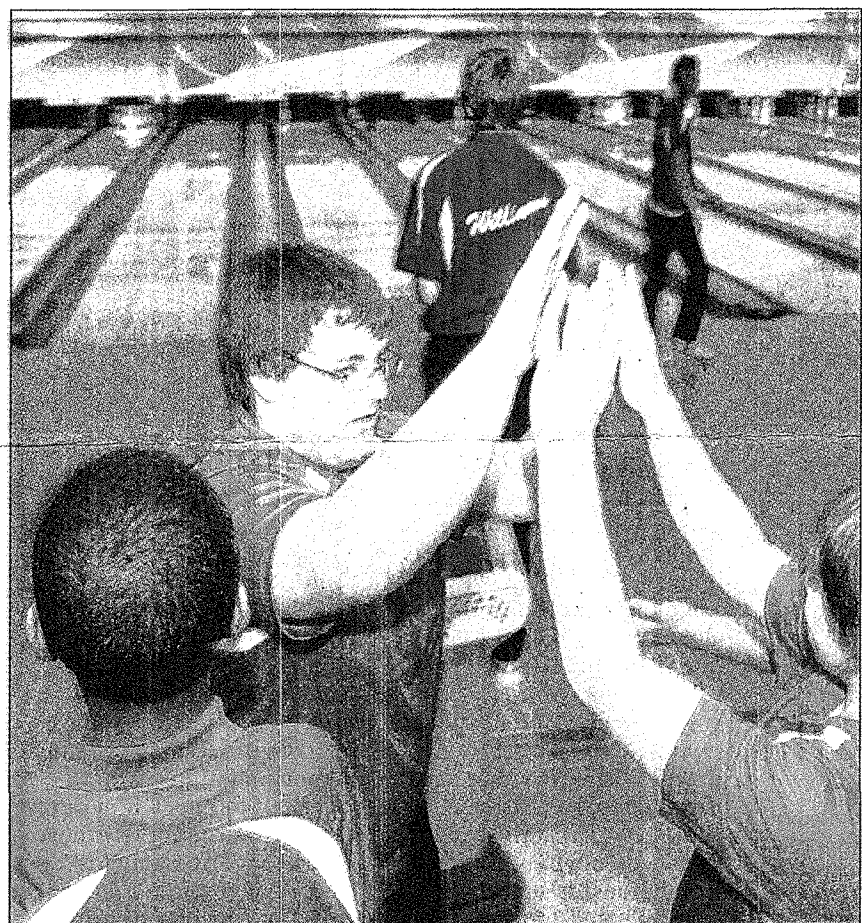
He is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and played for the Detroit Belle Tire AAA Organization.

### Free throw contest

The K of C Free Throw Championship for ages 10-14 will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at St. Michael's Gym, 11311 Hubbard (off Plymouth Road), Livonia.

The contest is sponsored by Father Daniel Lord Council No. 3959.

To obtain an entry form or for more information, call Don Campbell at (734) 953-3723 (home) or (734) 560-4738 (cell).



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John Glenn bowler John Cleavenger gets a high-five from teammates after rolling a strike in Tuesday's 20-10 dual match setback to Salem at Super Bowl in Canton.

## Redemption

### Glenn boys bowlers rule invitational

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After forfeiting a tournament triumph due to a minor MHSAA rules violation last month at the White Lake Lakeland Invitational, Westland John Glenn bounced back Saturday to capture the Livonia Ladywood Invitational held at Canton's Super Bowl.

Sparked by the tournament high games of 258 each by senior captain Kyle Hamlin and freshman Jordon Hornes, the Rockets led all 26 schools with a pin total of 3,905, including Baker games of 190, 215, 226 and 280.

Flat Rock was a distant second with 3,761, while Hartland took third with 3,571.

Glenn's three-game match play total was 2,994, while its Baker set was a combined 911.

"Back in December all I could do was try to get the boys to accept the fact that we could take a positive out of the negative," Glenn coach Ron Brusseau said. "We wanted to take the experience of winning that tournament into the next

tournament — sort of a 'been there, done that' attitude, and boy, did they."

Glenn struggled in the first match game with a 9-44 series, but came back strong with a 1,004 and 1,046 to take a 17-pin lead going into the Baker sets (alternating shots).

"Although our Baker game has bitten us in the past, coach Steve (O'Harris) and I have given this a priority and showed today," Brusseau said. "All I kept telling them as they went on was to 'leave no doubt.'"

Glenn's 280 Baker game currently ranks third in the state and the 226-280 two-game Baker set is an MHSAA high for the season.

Among the Glenn individual scorers included: Hamlin, 258-226-178; Hornes, 258; senior co-captain Chris Harper, 159-224-216; sophomore John Cleavenger, 201-208; senior Derrick Ammons, 200; sophomore Tommy Ruark, 186; freshman Steven White, 192; and sophomore Thomas Brusseau, 163.

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## 16-0 Lady Ocelots survive tussle vs. Delta, 62-58

It was close encounters of the third kind Saturday as the top-ranked and unbeaten Schoolcraft College women's basketball team survived with a 72-69 victory at home over Delta Community College.

The Lady Ocelots, shooting a season-low 32.9 percent from the field, improved to 16-0 overall and 7-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan CC Athletic Association.

It was the lowest shot percentage since last year's

NJCAA Division II championship final against Kirkwood (Iowa) as Schoolcraft made only 3-of-18 from the three-point range (16.6 percent).

Schoolcraft held a 61-47 lead with 6:06 remaining before the Pioneers (6-8, 3-3) rallied to make it close.

Antania Shepherd, who had 14 points, nailed four free throws and Angie Burrell (12 points) added two more during the final minute to preserve the Lady Ocelots' 34th straight conference victory.

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Kimberly Bee contributed 14 points and 14 rebounds, while April Goins also had a double-double with 10 and 10. Burrell dished out five assists.

The Lady Ocelots have now won 45 straight home games, including 39 in a row in the conference. They have won 66 of their last 68 conference games.

Gracie Baumgartner led Delta and all scorers with 22

points. Kayla Knieper added 16 points and eight rebounds.

Schoolcraft outrebounded Delta by a whopping 65-42 margin.

The Lady Ocelots' other two close encounters came Nov. 29 against Owens Technical College (Ohio), 66-65; and Dec. 12 against St. Clair County, 62-58.

**AQUINAS 76, MADONNA 70:** A 25-7 run midway through the second half Saturday by host Aquinas College (12-5, 2-0) proved to be too much for the Madonna University

(4-10, 0-2) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference encounter at Ford Fieldhouse in Grand Rapids.

Junior Tabatha Wydryck led the Crusaders with 17 points to go along with nine rebounds. Senior Kim Olech (Plymouth) added 15 points and 10 rebounds for her second double-double of the season.

Sophomore Erin Bentley and freshman Shantelle Herring added 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Joslyn Narber led all players with 23 points for the Saints, who rallied from a 56-40 deficit with 13:03 remaining.

Taelor Sanders and April Feldpausch added 12 points apiece.



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# Glenn grapplers 4th at CC Invitational

Six of the state's top-10 ranked wrestling teams in Division 1 collided in Saturday's Novi-Detroit Catholic Central with the host Shamrocks coming away with the team title.

CC, rated No. 3, scored a team-high 218 points followed by No. 4 Rockford (172), No. 7 Oxford (143), No. 5 Westland John Glenn (134.5) and No. 9 Canton (134).

Tecumseh, ranked eighth in Division 2, placed sixth with 108.5, while Howell, rated 10th in Division 1, was eighth with 99.

Glenn had three grapplers reach the finals including Dustin Gajowiak (285 pounds), Josh Austin (119) and Steve Wakeford (112).

Kyle Connors of Tecumseh decided Gajowiak for the heavyweight crown, 5-2, while Austin lost to Alec Mooradian of CC by a major decision, 9-1. Meanwhile, Howell's Alex Calandrino

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won on a technical fall over Wakeford, 19-3.

"We did OK," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "It's a good measure at the halfway point, and if your not happy with your performance, it's time to make some changes."

"I don't think many of our kids we're satisfied considering we didn't have one champ. It's time to turn things up a few notches."

Anthony Pavlich (130) added a third for Glenn when he decision Chuck Joseph of CC, 8-3, in the consolation final.

Mark Thompson (135) contributed a fourth.

Meanwhile, Travis Mann (145) and Kameron Jones (171), both bounced back from first-round setbacks to earn fifths and finishing 5-1 apiece on the day.

Kyle Gillies (103) added a sixth.

## Warriors capture 5th

Lutheran High Westland, led by lower weight MVP Laith Francis, scored 122.5 points to finish fifth in Saturday's 16-team Madison Heights Bishop Foley Invitational.

Francis, the 125-pound champ, posted two pins and one technical fall en route to the title.

The Warriors also posted two other individual champions including Justin Palka (130), and Craig Kowalsky (189), each scoring three pins.

Sean Rowe (140) earned runner-up honors, while Matt Sankey (145) and Adam Seta (103) placed fifth and sixth, respectively.

## Spartans finish 1-4

Short-handed Livonia Stevenson struggled in Saturday's Macomb L'Anse Creuse Duals losing four of five matches.

Richmond, ranked No. 1 in

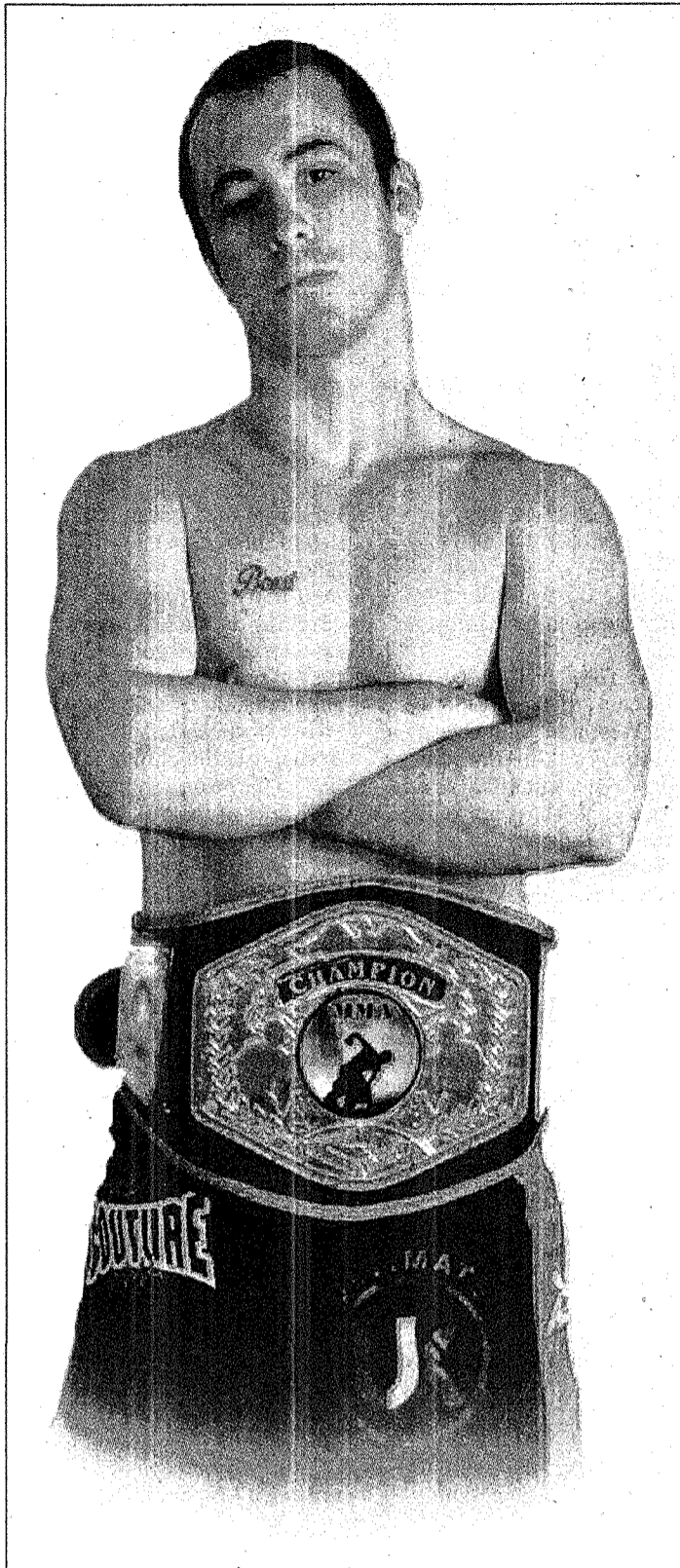
Division 3, captured the team title with the host Crusaders earning runner-up honors.

Stevenson, now 7-9 overall, got its lone win against Grosse Pointe South, 60-18. The Spartans lost to L'Anse Creuse, 45-24; Marlette, 40-27; Woodhaven, 39-30; and Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 44-28.

Andrew Schramm (189-215), Jake Burns (171), Jake Mailloux (145) and Charlie Kokenakes (140) each finished 4-1 on the day for the Spartans.

Ash Alhaj (119) went 3-2, while Danny McCarthy (189) finished 2-2.

"It was a tough weekend of wrestling," Stevenson coach Dan Vaughan said. "We went into the tournament without four starters and we had to void two more after the first round when my 152 and 160 wrestlers were removed from the tournament with injuries and no replacements. Our JV team was competing in the Southgate JV wrestling tournament."



Brandon "The Beast" Noble.

# Hollandsworth, York propel Spartans' win

The Livonia Stevenson girls basketball team made it three wins in a row Tuesday with a 72-53 KLAA Central Division victory over host South Lyon East.

Senior forward Emily Hollandsworth had her "coming out" party with a career-high 22 points and 15 rebounds as the Spartans improved to 3-4 overall and 2-0 in the division.

Sophomore guard Jorden York added 18 points, while junior center Kristen Balhorn chipped in with nine points and 13 rebounds for the victori-

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ous Spartans.

"It was a fast-paced game," said Stevenson first-year coach Jen Knoph, whose tem led 39-30 at halftime. "They (East) played full-court man-to-man the entire game and kept bringing in fresh legs."

"We did a great job of seeing the floor. It was a great overall team effort and Emily (Hollandsworth) was fantastic."

Katie Grunewald and Taylor Jones paced the Cougars (1-

6, 0-2) with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Stevenson was 16-of-29 from the foul line, while East made only 6-of-17.

**CANTON 51, CHURCHILL 16:** The state-ranked Chiefs (7-1, 2-0) pulled away in the second half Tuesday to down visiting Livonia Churchill (4-3, 0-2) in a KLAA South Division clash.

CarolAnn Sexauer led Canton with 16 points, while Yuki Krolicki and Kari Schmitt each chipped in with eight.

Canton led 8-0 after one quarter and 19-7 at the half before outscoring the Chargers 16-0 in the third period.

"It was a very competitive game

for a half," Churchill coach Chad Jenkins said. "It was one shot and done for them. We played good defense and didn't allow fast-breaks."

Churchill was 5-of-6 from the foul line, while Canton was 2-of-8.

**PLYMOUTH 56, WAYNE 38:** In a KLAA South Division matchup Tuesday, Tori Davis tallied 15 points and Stacy Klonowski added 12 to lead the Wildcats (2-5, 1-1) past host Wayne Memorial (1-5, 0-2).

Jane Thayer and Jaylyn Hammac scored 12 and 10, respectively, for the Zebras, who couldn't overcome a 30-21 halftime deficit.

Plymouth was 9-of-18 from the free throw line, while Wayne made 8-of-11.

# Inter-City Baptist girls clip Hawks, 52-42

Kerryanne Claypool's game-high 21 points carried Allen Park Inter-City Baptist to a 52-42 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division victory Tuesday night over visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

The host Chargers broke open a close game at halftime with a

14-4 third-quarter run.

"We came out solid tonight as a I saw great things in the first half," said Huron Valley coach Kris Ruth, whose team fell to 3-3 overall and 2-3 in the MIAC Red. "We did a great job beating their pressure in the first quarter and made some nice adjustments on defense. Then we came

out flat in the third quarter."

Junior Katie Nell led Huron Valley with 19 points and Claire Wood notched 10.

"We panicked in the press, which we handled well in the first quarter, and did not run an offense," Ruth said. "We need to put together four quarters of consistent basketball."

Inter-City is 3-3 overall and 3-1 in the MIAC Red.

**S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 41, LUTH. WESTLAND 27:** Senior Aneisha Bussey poured in a game-high 24 points Tuesday night to lead Southfield Christian (3-3, 2-3) to a lopsided MIAC Blue Division triumph over visiting Lutheran Westland (3-5, 1-3).

Rachel Storck topped the Warriors with 10 points and seven rebounds.

# Salem's Macari scores two goals in 5-3 division win

They might be calling him "Super Mario" following Salem's 5-3 KLAA South Division boy hockey win Tuesday over Livonia Churchill at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Mario Macari, a senior forward, recorded two goals and added one assist as the Rocks improved to 5-4-3 overall and 2-1-1 in the KLAA South.

Josh Jarvela chipped in with a goal and assist, while Garrett Berg and Wes Carr also added goals for Salem, which led 2-0 after one period and 4-2 after 34 minutes.

Mike Woynick had a goal and assist for the Chargers, who slipped to 5-6-1 overall and 2-3-1 in the KLAA South.

Churchill went only 1-for-9 in

the power play.

"We beat ourselves," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said.

Salem goaltender Steve Manser made 22 saves, while Churchill's Aaron Crouse had 25 stops.

"We played pretty well tonight," Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "We competed pretty hard for the second night in a row which is something we've been working on, just the consistency of our play."

**PLYMOUTH 8, FRANKLIN 0:** Outshooting their opponents 51-15 Saturday, the host Wildcats (10-2-1, 3-2-1) rolled to a KLAA Kensington Conference win over Livonia Franklin (0-10, 0-3) at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Taylor Currier led Plymouth with a

pair of goals, while Justin Bauer and Ryan Renault contributed a goal and two assists each. Sean Smiatacz also had two assists.

Other Plymouth goal scorers included Pat Smiatacz, Tyler Lazorka, Colin Wright and Nick Schultz.

Franklin starting goaltender Travis Ferrier started the first period and faced 14 shots before going down with the flu. Matt Slinder came on and five 37 shots.

Plymouth netminder Zach Vojcek stopped all 17 Franklin shots to earn the shutout.

"We're a young, struggling team playing teams in our conference that are mature and are very, very good teams," Franklin coach Scott Wirgau said. "I'm proud of what we're doing."

The Patriots are seeking their first win since Feb. 23, 2008. They've lost 36 in a row.

"They're trying to play a smash-

mouth form of hockey in the corners with kids that are two years older and in some cases 45 pounds heavier," the third-year coach said. "We're not supposed to beat up on those teams."

**CHURCHILL 5, CLARKSTON 2:** Mike Woynick's two goals and two assists propelled Livonia Churchill (5-5-1) to a non-league win Saturday over the host Wolves (4-6) at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.

It was 1-1 after one period as Tom Carey scored unassisted for the Chargers at 4:22 followed by Adam Frank's power-play goal for Clarkston at 16:00 from Nick Heinrich and Sean Hancock.

"The shots were 11-4 in our favor after first period, but it was a tie score because Clarkston worked hard and was very disciplined," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said.

In the second period, Churchill took a 3-1 lead on Woynick's goal from Scott Hamill at 10:07 followed by Christo Papaioannou's goal from Woynick and Yanni Kefallinos at 11:36.

Frank then sliced the deficit to 3-2 just 1:20 in the final period from Adam Bruderick, but Churchill put it away on Woynick's goal from Papaioannou and Joe Williams at 8:52 followed by Jake Otto's empty netter with 37 seconds left with Williams and Woynick drawing assists.

Churchill netminder Aaron Crouse stopped 26-of-28 shots, while Jon Williams of Clarkston had 22 saves.

**LADYWOOD 7, REGINA 4:** Julie Bushart and Emann Freij each tallied two goals Saturday as host Livonia Ladywood (4-5, 3-5) earned the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League win over Warren Regina (1-7, 1-7).

Kaitlin Gaule, Lane Kolpacke and Hannah Periera also added goals for the victorious Blazers, who led 2-1 after one period and 4-1 after two periods. Assists went to Kelsey Campbell and Rana Freij, two each; Bushart, Eman Freij, Periera, Kolpacke and Brittany Galvin, one apiece.

Danielle Morrow, Lisa Perzanowski and Brianna Gandini scored goals for the Saddelites.

Ladywood goaltender Jessica Pavela played the first 40 minutes, allowing all three goals before Marissa Ellswood finished up and gave up one. The two combined for 14 saves.

Kelsey Erne went all the way in goal for Regina, making 32 saves.

# Westland's 'Beast' eyes title defense

Westland resident Brandon "The Beast" Noble will be defending his FightXC welterweight championship in a rematch Friday night against Monroe's John "Jonny Blaze" Rennert during FightXC's Night of Champions.

Undefeated in four mixed-martial-arts contests, Noble will be making the first defense of his title on Jan. 22 at Crystal Gardens of Southgate in one of five championship matchups. Noble and Rennert, who have legitimate friction between them, had a lot to say in the buildup to their rematch.

"I pounded him in the first round pretty good the last time we fought," Noble said. "I felt like he gave up after I took him down, and I don't see that changing."

The recollection of Rennert, a two-time state champion in judo, was a little different.

"I controlled the match the whole time, except for one slipup that cost me," he said. "I'm the better fighter, and I'm not going to lose to the

same person twice."

Ironically, both fighters had similar predictions as to the way they expect their rematch to end.

"I'm going to charge him right off the bat, and I'm going to knock him out," Noble said. "I'm better than him."

Likewise, Rennert predicts a knockout of his own.

"I plan to knock him out in the first round," Rennert predicted. "He's going to sleep. I'm going to take that belt, take my pictures and call it a day."

Also defending their respective championships will be Deven Brown, Dominick Sindone, Brandon Maddox and Paul Maffesoli. FightXC middleweight champion Adam Trombley will be competing in a non-title, catch-weight fight.

Tickets for "Night of Champions" range from \$25 for general admission tickets to \$45 for cageside seating. There are also specials for VIP tables.

For more information, or to purchase tickets (734) 285-2210.

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**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**Thursday, Jan. 14**  
Luth. South at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 15**  
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Univ.-Liggett, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Friday, Jan. 15**  
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Ladywood at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 7 p.m.  
Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.  
Baptist Park at Huron Valley, 7:30 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
**Friday, Jan. 15**  
Churchill vs. Anchor Bay at McMorran Arena, 6 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. Traverse City West at Traverse City's Howe Arena, 5 p.m.  
Ladywood vs. Northville at Novi Ice Rink, 8 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 16**  
Franklin vs. Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 2:30 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. Traverse City West at Traverse City's Howe Arena, 3 p.m.  
Churchill vs. Port Huron Northern at McMorran Arena, 4 p.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
**Saturday, Jan. 16**  
Stevenson Invitational, 9 a.m.

Garden City Novice Tourney, 9:30 a.m.  
Brighton Invitational, 9:30 a.m.  
Luth. Westland Tournament, 10 a.m.  
**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**Thursday, Jan. 14**  
Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 15**  
Wayne Memorial Invitational, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 16**  
Wayne Memorial Invitational, noon.  
Lakeland Invitational, 1 p.m.  
**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
**Saturday, Jan. 16**  
Farmington Invitational, 9 a.m.  
**PREP BOWLING**  
**Thursday, Jan. 14**  
Ladywood vs. Warren Regina at Drakeshire Lanes, 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 16**  
Ply-Canton-Salem Tourney at Super Bowl (Canton), TBA.  
Divine Child Tournament at Cherry Hill Lanes, TBA.  
**GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER**  
**Saturday, Jan. 16**  
Wyandotte Invitational, 10 a.m.  
Ladywood Invitational, 2 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Saturday, Jan. 16**  
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 3 p.m.  
Indiana Tech at Madonna, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Saturday, Jan. 16**  
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 1 p.m.  
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Livonia's Troy Branton (left) and Robert Jiga have advanced to the Elks Hoop Shoot state finals Jan. 30 in Midland after winning the Southeast District competition, Jan. 2, in Flat Rock. Branton, a sixth-grader at St. Michael's Grade School, captured the Boys 10-11 division after making 19-of-25, including 4-of-5 in a shoot-off. Jiga, a seventh-grader at Emerson Middle School, made 22-of-25, including 5-of-5 in a shoot-off, to earn the Boys 12-13 division title. In the local competition held Dec. 5 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, Jiga advanced by making 20-of-25, while Branton hit 19-of-25.

Zebras escape Plymouth

Wayne hangs on for 48-46 KLAA South triumph

Wayne Memorial was in "survivor" mode during Tuesday's 48-46 KLAA South Division boys basketball win over host Plymouth.

"We knew it would be tough because Plymouth takes care of the ball, they box out on the boards and they took at least four-to-five charges - all in the first half," said Wayne coach Wayne Woodard, whose team improved to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA South. "Plymouth is a well coached team. We knew it would be a battle."

After Wayne missed a free throw with 20 seconds remaining, the Wildcats (4-3, 1-1) had a chance to tie it at the end of regulation, but a mid-range shot fell off.

Wayne senior center Daniel Hill and senior guard Reggie Reeves paced the Zebras, who

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led 29-23 at halftime, with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Plymouth junior forward Pat Salo led all scorers with 20 points. Junior guard Mike Nadratowski added 11.

Wayne was 13-of-19 from the foul line, while Plymouth was only 5-of-16.

**STEVENSON 53, S.L. EAST 36:** On Tuesday, senior Kyle Bambach came through with a team-high high 20 points as Livonia Stevenson (5-1, 2-0) notched its fifth straight victory by downing visiting South Lyon East (1-5, 0-2) in a KLAA Central Division encounter.

With leading scorer Bobby Naubert on the bench saddled with foul trouble throughout the game, Bambach, Jordan El-Sabeh (nine points), Frank Sopko (eight) and Jonathan Campbell (eight) all delivered key baskets.

"I thought Kyle (Bambach) was phenomenal," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. "He stepped up as a leader and led us to victory."

"And it seemed Jordan hit some timely shots when South Lyon East closed in."

Stevenson led 24-18 at halftime and 37-27 after three quarters before putting it away with a 16-9 fourth-period surge.

Blake Jones scored 20 to pace the Cougars, while Drew Mapley added 12.

Stevenson was 5-of-5 from the foul line, while East made only 6-of-15.

**JOHN GLENN 69, FRANKLIN 60:** Senior forward Jeremy Langford scored 17 points Westland John Glenn (3-4, 2-0) used a 24-11 third-quarter run Tuesday to subdue host Livonia Franklin (2-5, 0-2) in a KLAA South Division clash.

Brett Hudy and Austin Omagbayi chipped in with 13 and 12 points, respectively, for the victorious Rockets, who were tied 27-all at intermission.

Marcus Davis added eight for Glenn, which connected on 8-of-11 free throws.

Senior guards Mike Gadsby and Andy McCaffery led the Patriots with 14 and 13, respectively. Senior forward Jack Chinavare added 10.

Franklin was 13-of-18 from the foul stripe.

**CANTON 61, CHURCHILL 48:** Dietrich Lever and Kevin Weiss each tallied 17 points to propel the Chiefs (3-4, 1-1) to a KLAA South Division triumph Tuesday at Livonia Churchill (3-3, 0-2).

It was 32-22 at halftime before Canton went on to outscore the Chargers 12-6 in the third period and 17-10 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Senior center Adam Bedell led Churchill with 15 points, while Reynard Allen added nine.

"They doubled us up on rebounds and we made 12 turnovers the second half," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "They got after us. We need to find a way to get back on track."

Flanery sparks Warriors to victory

It wasn't too hard to Gage who was the difference maker in Lutheran High Westland's 77-45 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division boys basketball victory over visiting Southfield Christian.

Senior Gage Flanery poured in a team-leading 30 points Tuesday night as host Lutheran Westland scored early and often

in improving to 3-4 overall and 3-3 in the MIAC Blue.

The 6-foot guard drained 13 of his game-high total in the third period to spark a 21-8 Warriors' run.

Austin Baglow chipped in 11 points and Marc Rosin added 10 for the victorious Warriors.

Collin Cline led the Eagles (1-5, 0-4) with 16 points.

**PLY. CHRISTIAN 73, HURON VALLEY 46:**

In an MIAC Red Division game Tuesday, host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (4-2, 2-1) proved no match for Plymouth Christian Academy (3-3, 2-1).

The Hawks fell behind 13-3 after one quarter and never recovered.

Eric Jipping topped the Eagles with 18 points. Don Mullett and Mick Noel added 13 and 10, respectively. Matt St. John paced Huron

Valley with 11 points.

**KENNEDY 69, CLARENCEVILLE 33:** In a non-conference game Tuesday, host Livonia Clarenceville (0-7) was no match for unbeaten Taylor Kennedy (8-0).

Ryan White and DeAngelo Clark tallied 15 and 13 points, respectively, for the victorious Eagles.

Damien Quarles led the Trojans, who trailed 43-19 at half, with nine points.

Road woes continue for Madonna men

Losing its fifth straight road game, the Madonna University men's basketball team fell Saturday to host Aquinas College, 74-67, at Ford Fieldhouse in Grand Rapids.

Junior guard Bryan Slaughter led the Crusaders, who slipped to 3-14 overall and 0-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Freshman guard Kevin Henry and junior center

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Ryan Waidmann added 13 and 12 points, respectively. Senior center Leroy Allen grabbed a team-high eight rebounds. Matt McDonald scored 19 points to pace the Saints (11-7, 1-1), who trailed 37-33 at halftime.

John Lierman added 16 points, while Jamell Hatchett and Matt Weiss

contributed 15 and 10, respectively.

The Saints shot 26-of-50 from the floor (52 percent), including 6-of-15 from three-point range. They were 16-of-24 from the foul line (61.5 percent).

MU made 27-of-62 shots from the field (43.5 percent) and were 8-of-11 from the line (72.7 percent).

The Crusaders committed only nine turnovers.

**DELTA CC 83, SCHOOLCRAFT 50:**

Ryan Praski tallied 15 points, while Jason Knieper and Derico Sanders each added 11 Saturday as visiting Delta Community College (9-9, 1-4) defeated host Schoolcraft College (2-13, 1-5) in an MCCA Eastern Conference game.

Freshman guard Ron Pummill (Garden City) led the Ocelots, who trailed 40-24 at halftime, with 15 points. Freshman center Cameron Mitchell (Redford Thurston) added 13 as Schoolcraft suffered its seventh straight setback.

PREP BOWLING RESULTS

**LIVONIA LADYWOOD INVITATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT Jan. 9 at Super Bowl (Canton)**  
**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Westland John Glenn, 2,994 (3 games) and 911 (4-game Bakers); 3,905 (total); 2. Flat Rock, 2,977-784; 3.761; 3. Hartland, 2,818-753; 3.571; 4. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 2,780-764-3.544; 5. South Lyon, 2,859-646-3.505; 6. Marshall, 2,706-790-3.496; 7. Salem, 2,700-782-3.481; 8. Farmington-Harrison (A), 2,778-702-3.480; 9. Waterford Kettering, 2,743-727-3.470; 10. Canton, 2,708-729-3.437; 12. Livonia Clarenceville, 2,741-641-3.382; 16. Plymouth, 2,634-690-3.324; 18. Wayne Memorial, 2,652-626-3.278; 21. North Farmington, 2,538-609-3.136; 23. Farmington-Harrison (B), 2,413-659-3.072 (26 schools).

**Individual winner:** John Leroux (Flat Rock), 232-244-255-731 (3-games series totals).

**BOYS AREA INDIVIDUAL SCORERS**

**John Glenn:** 3. Kyle Hamlin, 258-226-178-662 (high game); 18. Chris Harper, 159-224-216-599; 74. John Cleavenger, 201-208-409; 122. Jordon Hornes, 258 (high game); 126. Derrick Ammons, 200; 129. Steve White, 192; 136. Tommy Ruark, 186; 145. Thomas Brusseau, 163.

**Clarenceville:** 11. Cody Kissandi, 202-170-238-610; 23. Chris Diaz, 194-212-176-582; 38. Jason Bertera, 168-212-168-548; 90. Garek Hintzman, 175-184-359; 107. Corey Coughlin, 167-160-327; 146. Kyle Kissandi, 161.

**Wayne:** 29. Mike Grandowicz, 158-229-179-566; 42. Kellen Collison, 151-198-195-544; 53. Zack Huffman, 192-175-152-519; 110. Jeremy Brown, 169-157-326; 123. Scott Franklin, 224; 147. Mike Gabriel, 160-155; Tony Love, 144.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Warren Regina, 2,532-680-3.212; 2. Waterford Kettering, 2,486-678-3.164; 3. Dearborn Divine Child, 2,388-647-3.035; 4. Canton, 2,409-616-3.025; 5. Westland John Glenn, 2,410-601-3.011; 6. Wayne Memorial, 2,323-685-3.008; 7. Marshall, 2,303-690-2.983; 8. South Lyon East, 2,332-598-2.930; 9. St. Clair Shores Lakeview, 2,253-635-2.888; 10. Flat Rock, 2,312-554-2.866; 11. Ladywood (Blue), 2,309-526-2.835; 12. Farmington Hills Mercy, 2,252-576-2.828; 15. Salem, 2,188-562-2.750; 16. Farmington-Harrison, 2,203; 507-2,710; 19. Plymouth, 1,988-548-2.546; 20. Livonia Clarenceville, 1,972-562-2,534; 21. North Farmington, 1,956-468-2.424; 24. Ladywood (White), 1,716-367-2.083 (25 schools).

**Individual winner:** Courtney Shadik (Regina), 187-210-191-588.

**GIRLS AREA INDIVIDUAL SCORERS**

**John Glenn:** 7. Natalie Brown, 175-205-159-539; 25. Julianne Ayers, 153-176-166-495; 29. Alysson Kassab, 161-164-159-484; 42. Khiry

Sparks, 137-176-145-458; 60. Alyssa Bradke, 136-162-126-424.

**Wayne:** 14. Chelsey Preiss, 184-157-175-516; 20. Stephani O'Harris, 154-196-151-501; 40. Chelsea Morneau, 166-137-179-461; 57. Brianna Everett, 115-166-157-438; 101. Tiffany Markham, 146-138-284; 130. Deanna Boston, 123.

**Ladywood (Blue):** 2. Jessica Stamper, 145-205-22-572; 35. Kerry LaValley, 158-171-146-475; 54. Katherin Bedenis, 144-155-142-441; 60. Marissa Ley, 136-141-157-434; 77. Brigitte Hutter, 154-133-100-387.

**Clarenceville:** 13. Bridget Moritz, 158-189-170-517; 48. Amber Cummins, 148-154-148-450; 80. Kaycee Chappell, 107-125-133-365; 90. Ashley Bishop, 109-120-101-330; 95. Natalie Kay, 78-95-137-310.

**Ladywood (White):** 65. Taylor Buckley, 128-136-166-430; 78. Emma McCoy, 140-110-134-384; 82. Courtney Delonis, 139-114-112-365; 102. Grace Prosniewski, 71-110-100-281; 110. Meghan Riney, 89-87-80-256.

**BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS SALEM 20**

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 10 Jan. 12 at Super Bowl (Canton)**

**Salem scorers:** Ryan Clark, 227-223-450; Shawn Schmitt, 241-163-404; Evan Ross, 202; Kevin Williams, 163; Kyle Newcomb, 155; Tyler Foley, 150. Team totals: 966-887-1,853 (16 points); Baker games: 182-192-374 (4 points).

**John Glenn scorers:** Jordon Hornes, 173-217-390; Chris Harper, 180-185-365; Kyle Hamlin, 190-147-337; Thomas Brusseau, 181; Steve White, 160; Tommy Ruark, 156; John Cleavenger, 154. Team totals: 878-865-1,743 (4 points); Baker games: 239-167-406 (6 points).

**Dual match records:** Salem, 4-2 overall, 3-0 KLAA Central Division; John Glenn, 6-1 overall, 4-1 KLAA Central.

**GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 21**

**SALEM 9 Jan. 12 at Super Bowl (Canton)**

**John Glenn scorers:** Alysson Kassab, 179-186-365; Natalie Brown, 159-183-342; Alyssa Bradke, 177-131-308; Khiry Sparks, 162-135-297; Julianne Ayers, 154; Megan Redmond, 115. Team totals: 831-750-1,581 (17 points); Baker games: 155-131-286 (4 points).

**Salem scorers:** Ashley Kretschmer, 160-176-336; Kristin Larkins, 165-149-314; Emily Simmons, 146-149-295; Rachel Amodio, 133-134-267; Kristen Peltz, 130-132-262. Team totals: 734-740-1,474 (3 points); Baker games: 134-169-303 (6 points).

**Dual match records:** John Glenn, 6-1 overall, 4-0 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 2-5 overall, 0-4 KLAA Central.

BOWLING

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Salem upsets Rockets

The Rockets' quest for an undefeated season went down the drain Tuesday as Salem earned a 20-10 KLAA Central Division win at Super Bowl in Canton.

Glenn captured the first Baker Game 239-182, but the Rocks rallied to win the second, 192-167.

"This team has prided themselves for their ability to overcome a bowler or two having a bad day on the lanes," Brusseau said. "As a bowler, you expect to have those days. But from a coach's perspective you never expect your entire team to have a bad day all at once. And that is what happened."

Glenn's top scorer was freshman Jordon Hornes with a 217.

"The Keggle Middle of the Road oil pattern is being used in all MHSAA Tournaments," Brusseau said. "This pattern has a unique transition that bowlers must be aware of the subtle changes and make the required adjustments. Tonight proved to be too much of a challenge, even to me as the coach, and for that I'll take the blame. I was just as lost as they

were for a solution."

Glenn now stands 6-1 overall and 4-1 in the division.

"Anyone who bowls knows that you have your good days and bad days," Brusseau said. "My job as a coach is to correct their problems, tonight I failed them. It's early in the season, I will use this as a learning tool. We will rebound and learn from it. That is what practice is for."

Glenn girls triumph

The Rockets fared must better than the boys scoring a 21-9 triumph over Salem.

Glenn captured the first Baker, 155-134 and the second, 169-131. The Rockets also won both match games, 831-174 and 750-740.

Notable scorers for the Rockets, now 6-1 overall and 4-0 in the KLAA Central, included Alysson Kassab (186-179), Natalie Brown (183), Alyssa Bradke (177) and Khiry Sparks (162).

"Strikes were a tough to come by for the girls today," Glenn first-year coach Jim Bowles said. "Fortunately, they brought their 'A' spare game highlighted by Natalie Brown's all spare game for a 183. It was a very tough match which finished with a nail-biting 10-pin victory."

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7-of-14 shots.

The fourth quarter became a war of attrition as both teams reached the double-bonus in free throws.

Vanover made 9-of-15 shots from the floor and 9-of-12 free throws (but Glenn was only 13-of-23 as a team).

"She's been a great player for us and we don't really run anything through her because she has such a feel for the game," Anderson said of his senior. "She plays within the

offense."

A basket by Onjalese Warren with 1:29 left in the second quarter got Glenn to within two, 21-19, but the Rockets would get no closer.

"Glenn did not quit," McCall said. "They fought to the end."

Anderson, meanwhile, would like to take back the first 2:22 of the game.

"We were prepared for their press, but we were not prepared for the quickness of their press," the Glenn coach said of Franklin. "It set us back 9-0 and it was hard to fight out of it."

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## JAN. 14-20

### St. John Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17

**Location:** Gill Road between Grand River Avenue and Freedom Road, in Farmington

**Details:** Pianist Wesley Fishwick, cellist David Levine and The Adventure Club Cello Quartet play music by Scandinavian composers; The program includes works by Grieg, Sibelius, Gade and Carlberg. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served during intermission, including Swedish meatballs, Danish pastries, and glogg.

**Contact:** (248) 474-0584

### St. Theodore Catholic Church

**Time/Date:** 8:30 am - noon, Sunday,

Jan. 17

**Location:** 8200 N. Wayne Road,

Westland

**Details:** All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, beverages. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

### St. Thomas a' Becket Parish

**Time/Date:** Mass at 2:30 p.m., Sunday,

Jan. 17

**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Fellowship and refreshments follow Mass sponsored by Widowed Friends

**Contact:** Pat at (734) 895-6246

### Way of Life Christian Church

**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday,

Jan. 16

**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Suite 100, Plymouth Township.

**Details:** "Wholeness for Matters of the Heart" Women's Fellowship. Pastor Helen Canty, author of "Eclipse of the Heart," is the guest speaker. The premise for this book and the reason for this session is to expose the danger of living a life of heart pain and never dealing with it. By no longer ignoring the pain and dealing with the reality it brings in their lives, people can move forward to live fuller and

more content.

**Contact:** (248) 552-9415

## JAN. 21-27

### Congregation B'nai Moshe

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m., Havdalah service, 7 p.m., Jan. 23, silent auction, kosher wine and cheese tasting and gold party where guests sell unwanted gold jewelry; \$10 at the door

**Location:** 6800 Drake between Maple and 14 Mile in West Bloomfield

**Contact:** (248) 408-7275

### St. John Neumann Parish

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22

**Location:** 44800 Warren Road, Canton

**Details:** Rick Cucchi, Director of Liturgical Music, will give an organ concert on the parish's Wigton Pipe Organ. The concert will feature works by Leon Boellmann, Marcel Dupre, John Bull, Alec Rowley and Richard Purvis. Several of Cucchi's organ students also will perform. One student will accompany the silent film, "One Week with Buster Keaton."

**Contact:** (734) 455-5910

## JAN. 28-FEB. 3

### First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31

**Location:** 26165 Farmington Road at 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** The deacons at the church offer a wellness seminar in response to the poor economy that is creating anxiety, depression, stress and desperation in many people. Paul Melrose, executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan, will discuss how to work through this difficult time and relieve stress. The focus will be on ways to understand emotional and physical responses and to explore coping skills, including faith.

**Contact:** (248) 474-6170

### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m., Jan. 29

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, at Haggerty, Northville

**Details:** John Tesh will perform at a celebration of Lutheran Social



John Tesh

Services of Michigan's 75th anniversary. Tickets are \$35 for general admission and \$75 for the VIP reception, starting at 6 p.m., that includes food and drink, valet parking, preferred concert seating and a silent auction.

**Contact:** Order tickets online at [www.lssm.org](http://www.lssm.org) or by phone at (313) 823-7983, or mail orders with checks, payable to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, to 8131 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214, Attention Development

## ONGOING

### AWANA

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

**Contact:** (248) 426-0096.

### Classes/study

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday

**Location:** Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

**Details:** Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5

**Contact:** (248) 348-7600

### Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun

**Contact:** Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to [jcook59@att.net](mailto:jcook59@att.net).

### Livonia Unity

**Time/Date:** Monday movement

Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Oigong

meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday

Therapeutic Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Learn Oigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine

— a safe and effective way to rid the

body of toxic pathogens and years of

painful emotions

**Contact:** (810) 813-4073 or [gary@energeticarts.org](mailto:gary@energeticarts.org).

### Men's Bible study

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and

study at 8 p.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200

Haggerty, Northville Township

**Contact:** John Shulenberger at (734)

464-9491

### Merriman Road Baptist Church

**Details:** Adult and English as a Second

Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve

reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over.

Trained tutors available for day or

evening.

**Contact:** (734) 421-0472; leave your

name and phone number and some-

one will contact you

### New Life Community Church

**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m.,

Fridays; reading program for students

in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville

**Contact:** (734) 846-4615

### Our Lady of Loretto

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly,

Redford

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** (313) 534-9000

### St. Andrew's Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Wednesday

and 10:30 a.m. Thursday

**Location:** 26701 Joy

**Details:** Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey

**Contact:** (313) 274-3820.

### Seeds of Mercy Mission Home

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., every Friday

**Location:** 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington

Hills

**Details:** Bible study

**Contact:** Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

### United Methodist Church of Wayne

**Time/Date:** noon and 7 p.m.

Wednesday

**Location:** 3 Townsquare, Wayne

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery Bible

Study is a Christ-centered and Bible-

based 12 Step Recovery Program

**Contact:** (734) 721-4801

### Ward Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Mondays

**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six

Mile, Northville

**Details:** Learner's Bible study

**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

### Clothing bank

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth

Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second

Wednesday

**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and

Haggerty

**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship

Clothing Bank offers free clothing

(men, women and children) for those

in need

**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit [www.CantonCF.org](http://www.CantonCF.org) or send e-mail to [info@cantoncf.org](mailto:info@cantoncf.org)

### Fellowship dinner

#### St. James Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., the first Thursday

of the month

**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Details:** Cost is \$8 and includes dinner,

beverage and dessert. The Cookie

Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the

meals

**Contact:** (313) 268-7780. The church

phone number is (313) 534-7730

### Films

#### Kenwood Church of Christ

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Wednesday Kids

Matinees and 4 p.m., Saturday family

movie

**Location:** 20200 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Guitar Praise game precedes

the film on Saturday. Children in second

grade or younger can play prior to

the film; those in third grade and

up can play after the movie. Pizza will

also be served following the movie. All

events are free

**Contact:** (248) 476-8222

### Moms

#### Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second

Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road,

Livonia

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers.

Aimed at mothers of infants through

kindergartners

**Contact:** Angie at (248) 427-1020

### Dunning Park Bible Chapel

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and

third Tuesdays

**Location:** 24800 West Chicago Road,

Redford

**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms

can build friendships, receive mother-

ing support, practical help and spiritual

hope

**Contact:** Amy at (313) 937-3084 or

Kristen at (734) 542-0767

### Prayer

#### Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Tuesday

**Location:** 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden

City

**Details:** Prayer, spiritual healing and

outreach

**Contact:** (734) 427-3660

### Nardin Park United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington

Hills

**Details:** Participate in an open time

of praying silently and aloud together

as well as responding to personal

requests

**Contact:** (248) 476-8860

### St. Edith Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.

Enter through the back of the church

**Details:** Music, singing, prayer

**Contact:** Grace at (734) 464-1896,

Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at

(734) 464-8906

### St. Michael's Church of Livonia

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third

Wednesday

**Location:** Corner of Plymouth and

Hubbard roads, Livonia

**Details:** Parish prayer and Eucharistic

Adoration. Benediction service follows

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455

### Singles

#### First Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m.

for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9

p.m. program

**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville

**Details:** Single Place Ministry meets;

cost is \$5

**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org)

### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

# Church honors Livonia couple for commitment to service

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

In his 36 years as a church elder, Hayward Burton chaired a missions committee, performed 13 weddings and a dozen funerals, and taught numerous Bible classes.

Meanwhile his wife, Sandra, created a neighborhood Bible study program, taught Sunday school for 40 years and started a weekly chicken soup ministry for hospice patients.

Together they visited missions overseas, welcomed missionaries into their home and cared for foster children in addition to their own five youngsters.

"It takes a love of God and his people, not just church people, but people in our community," said the Rev. Larry Stephens, pastor of Livonia Church of Christ, describing the couple's commitment to service and the church. "I've known them for 34 years myself, but they have been very special people to a lot of people. They had been involved 36 years and we felt that kind of longevity needed to be honored."

### PAYING TRIBUTE

The congregation will celebrate the couple at a dinner and program at 6 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17, at the church, 15431 Merriman. The presentation will include a video with messages from members of the church and singing.

"I'm flattered. That's the result in a nutshell," said Hayward, who announced his retirement as an elder two months ago.

Sandra said she felt a bit embarrassed by the attention.

"We're only doing what we should do as servants of the Lord," she said.

Hayward and Sandra grew up in the Church of Christ and joined the Livonia con-

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THE REV. LARRY STEPHENS,  
pastor of Livonia Church of Christ

gregation in 1955. They've been married 57 years.

Their interest in supporting overseas missions grew after Hayward graduated from Michigan Technological University in 1951.

"I graduated into the U.S. Army — that was during the Korean War — and spent a year in training and was commissioned. Instead of being sent to Korea, I was sent to Germany," Hayward said. "Our church, the Church of Christ, was active in mission work in Germany at the time. I was stationed (with Sandra) in Frankfurt, the center of missionary activity. I believe that's where my interest grew."

"We didn't intend to be missionaries, but we intended to support it. We were just really impressed with that phase of service to the Lord," Sandra added.

### INCLUDING WIVES

Hayward, who served as a deacon for 10 years before becoming an elder, volunteered to chair the Livonia church's mission committee, a position he held for 26 years. When Hayward visited church missions in Kenya, he made sure that Sandra accompanied him. He wanted to make sure the missionaries' wives overseas weren't "ignored."

"I felt that the missionary wife ought to be ministered to as well. She had as much responsibility for the success of the mission as the missionary had," Hayward explained.

Pastor Stephens and his wife, Diane, served the church in Kenya for 23 years before joining the Livonia



Hayward and Sandra Burton will be honored by the Livonia Church of Christ on Sunday, Jan. 17.

congregation. Diane said the Burtons' visits were a "huge encouragement."

"Sometimes an elder or minister would come to visit, but we thought it was special that Sandra came, too. I could talk with her. It was very sweet," Diane recalled. "Our children look at them (the Burtons) as their third set of grandparents."

When the Stephens occasionally returned home on furlough from Kenya, they'd often stay with the Burtons.

"They were always so gracious, the essence of hospitality," Pastor Stephens noted.

Hayward, who also served on the board of Rochester College and Oak Hills Home for unwed mothers, said his service to the church never seemed like a sacrifice.

"I felt as a member of the

church I needed to do what I could do. And the thing I was best suited to do was to be an elder, teacher and in charge of mission activities."

A manufacturer's representative, Hayward, 80, continues to work at the business he founded in 1959, the H.V. Burton Company. Sandra takes homemade chicken soup to Angela Hospice residents every Monday.

She started the ministry 10 years ago, after her mother received in-home hospice care.

She went through eight weeks of hospice volunteer training and also worked directly with patients.

"It's been such a blessing for me," she said.

For more information about the tribute dinner call (734) 427-8743.

## CALENDAR

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### WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., week days  
**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

**Contact:** (248) 851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

**Contact:** (734) 522-6830

Due Season Christian Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m., Tuesday Bible study  
**Location:** Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

**Details:** Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services  
**Contact:** (248) 960-8063 or visit [www.DueSeason.org](http://www.DueSeason.org).

Faith Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday, learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages. Starting Sept. 13, Sunday service time changes to 10 a.m.

**Location:** 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia

**Contact:** Visit [www.livoniafaith.org](http://www.livoniafaith.org)

Garden City Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music; 10 a.m., youth Sunday school and nursery care; 8:30 a.m. adult Sunday school; 6 p.m., informal gathering with scriptures and discussion every Sunday  
**Location:** Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road

**Contact:** (734) 421-7620

Good Hope Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesdays  
**Location:** 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

**Contact:** (734) 427-3660

Grace Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service, and 10:30 a.m., contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.

**Location:** 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township  
**Contact:** (734) 637-8160

His Church Anglican

**Time/Date:** 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m., at Madonna  
**Location:** Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University Campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia  
**Contact:** [www.HisChurchAnglican.org](http://www.HisChurchAnglican.org); (248) 442-0HCA

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 9 a.m., Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday worship in the chapel

**Location:** 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

**Contact:** (734) 427-1414

New Beginnings United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Sunday  
**Location:** 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford  
**Contact:** (313) 255-6330

New Life Community Church

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m., Sunday  
**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** (734) 846-4615 or [www.newlifecommunitychurch4u.com](http://www.newlifecommunitychurch4u.com)

Plymouth Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday  
**Location:** 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty

**Details:** Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs available at both services  
**Contact:** (734) 453-5534

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows each service

**Location:** 37775 Palmer, Westland

**Contact:** (734) 722-1735

Riverside Park Church of God

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m., every second and fourth Sunday

**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music in a casual atmosphere  
**Contact:** (734) 464-0990

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29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220  
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MASS: Tues. 7 p. Wed., Thurs. 9 a.  
Sat. 4 p. Sun 11a  
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30450 Farmington Road • Farmington Hills  
[www.orchardumc.org](http://www.orchardumc.org)  
**248-626-3620**  
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Pastors: Carol J. Johns, Jim Braid, Margo Dexter CE08683025

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## PRESBYTERIAN

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Adult Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
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Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire  
Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia • South of Six Mile Road  
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The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Malboth, Assistant Pastor CE08682976

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## CONGREGATIONAL

**North Congregational Church**  
36520 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills (bet. Drake & Halsted)  
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# Try these simple swaps, recipes

Taken from the book, *The Biggest Loser Simple Swaps*, these five swaps are easy changes that will help you start living a healthier lifestyle.

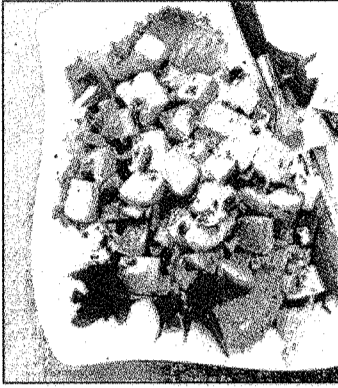
- Swap white pasta for spaghetti squash: A cup of cooked spaghetti squash has 40 calories and 2 grams of fiber.
- Swap sandwich spread for avocado: A few thin slices of avocado add rich flavor and creamy texture along with good fats and fewer calories.
- Swap traditional fat-free yogurt for fat-free Greek-style yogurt: It has the same number of calories as regular yogurt, but has twice the protein and half the carbs.
- Swap pizza crust for portobello mushrooms: With a hearty texture and rich flavor, the average portobello (3 ounces) has only 27 calories.
- Swap traditional dressings for flavorful oils: Premade dressings have trans fats. Get more flavor and nutrition with a splash of sesame oil, extra virgin olive oil or walnut oil.

## AVOCADO AND APPLE CHICKEN SALAD

- 2 cups cooked skinless chicken or turkey cut in 1-inch pieces (about 12 ounces)
- 1 cup diced sweet red apple
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced celery
- 1/4 cup lightly toasted pecans, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup roughly chopped flat leaf (Italian) parsley
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- 1/2 tablespoons chopped mint (about 10 leaves)
- 1/2 tablespoons chopped jalapeño pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 fully ripened avocado, halved, pitted, peeled and diced
- 4 cups mixed baby salad greens

In large bowl, combine chicken, apple, celery, pecans, parsley, onion, mint, jalapeño, salt, lemon juice and olive oil; toss gently. Add avocado; toss gently until all ingredients are combined, leaving some diced avocado visible while mashing some. Serve over mixed greens garnished with more avocado, parsley and grapes, if desired. Yield 8 servings (about 6 cups)

Courtesy of [www.theamazingavocado.com](http://www.theamazingavocado.com)



## SUCED AVOCADO AND ORANGES WITH TAHINI YOGURT SAUCE

- 1 medium (8 ounces) avocado, peeled and sliced
  - 2 medium (7 ounces) seedless navel oranges, peeled and segmented
  - 4 tablespoons Tahini Yogurt Sauce
  - 1 tablespoon chopped parsley or fresh cilantro for garnish
  - 1 teaspoon lightly toasted sesame seeds, for garnish
- Arrange avocado slices alternately with orange segments on four salad plates. Drizzle 1 tablespoon Tahini Yogurt Sauce over each salad. Garnish with parsley or cilantro and sesame seeds and serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

Courtesy of "Positively Ageless" by Cheryl Forberg, R.D. (Rodale, 2008)



## TAHINI YOGURT SAUCE

- 1/2 cup fat-free plain yogurt (preferably Greek-style)
  - 1/2 cup tahini (sesame paste)
  - 1/2 cup Dijon mustard
  - 2 tablespoons water
  - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
  - 1 teaspoon lemon juice
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- Combine all ingredients in food processor or blender. Process or blend until smooth. Sauce should be the consistency of thick cream. Makes 1 cup.

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## SPAGHETTI SQUASH WITH AVOCADO PESTO

- 1 medium spaghetti squash (1 1/2 to 2 pounds) washed, halved lengthwise and seeded
- 1 ripe avocado (4 ounces), pitted and diced
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves or Italian parsley
- 1 tablespoon chopped chives
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil or parsley (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Lightly coat a baking sheet with olive oil cooking spray. Pierce outside of each half of squash a few times with a fork. Place squash cut side down on baking sheet and bake for about 45 minutes, or until very tender when tested with a fork. Cool slightly.

Meanwhile, place avocado, basil or parsley, chives, Parmesan, garlic, salt, black pepper and hot water in blender and process until smooth, turning blender off and on occasionally and adding a tablespoon or two of additional hot water if needed. There will be between 1/2 and 3/4 cup of pesto. When squash has cooled, use fork to rake the spaghetti-like threads of squash into a serving bowl. Discard skin. Drizzle pesto over squash and garnish with fresh basil or parsley if desired. Makes 6 servings.

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## Steps to follow for a healthier you

Whether you're looking to shed a few pounds, lose a significant amount of weight, or just maintain a healthy weight, you have to make some changes in your eating habits and lifestyle. But those changes don't have to be overwhelming.

Cheryl Forberg, R.D., is the nutritionist for the TV show *The Biggest Loser*, and co-author of *The Biggest Loser Simple Swaps*. Forberg says that "A lot of people are afraid that creating a healthier lifestyle will be too hard or too expensive, or that it will require too much time and effort."

But swapping one unhealthy food or habit for a better one is where it can all begin.

"You don't have to change everything at once — it begins with small, manageable steps,"

Forberg says. You might swap a daily glass of fruit juice for a piece of whole fruit, she adds, or swap sandwich spreads for avocados.

"Avocados have many nutrients," Forberg says. One fifth of an avocado — about three slices — is a typical serving and has only 50 calories and contributes nearly 20 vitamins, minerals and beneficial plant compounds to your diet. With their good fats that support health, avocados serve as a great substitute for foods high in saturated fat.

These mouthwatering recipes are a great way to make one simple swap — and get one step closer — to a healthier you.

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### ACROSS

- 1 Do jack-o'-lanterns
- 6 Brief upturn
- 10 Pageant wear
- 14 A second time
- 15 Tomb Raider — Croft
- 16 Singing voice
- 17 Noted impressionist
- 18 Like limes
- 19 Perfume bottle
- 20 Meringue makings (2 wds.)
- 22 Short tale used to teach a moral
- 23 — as it is
- 24 Submarines
- 26 Fruit cooler
- 29 Distort data
- 31 Iron source
- 32 Hearty laugh
- 33 Bronte governess
- 34 Dirigible filler
- 38 Dueler's weapon
- 40 Close kin
- 42 Long ago
- 43 Most taxi cabs
- 46 Tail flower
- 49 Modicum
- 50 Narrow inlet
- 51 Day fraction
- 52 Gore and Capone
- 53 Wavy seashell
- 57 Paycheck interval
- 59 Line of bushes
- 60 Mountain hazard
- 65 Fragrance
- 66 Understood
- 67 Mrs. Schwarzenegger order
- 69 Goat cheese
- 70 Jellybean shapes
- 71 Deuce taker
- 72 Safe
- 73 "Gunsmoke" deputy O'Brien

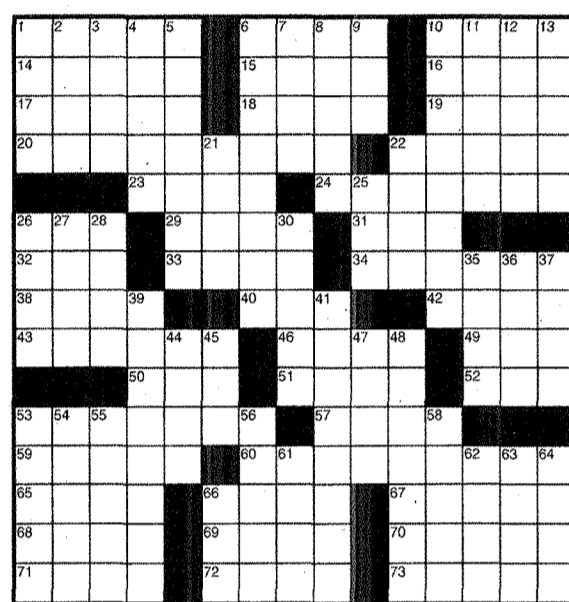
### DOWN

- 1 Arrived
- 2 Eager
- 3 Gave a buzz
- 4 Outlooks
- 5 Psych up
- 6 Talks foolishly
- 7 Add brandy
- 8 Kind of stew
- 9 Cushion
- 10 With great ferocity
- 11 Suspect's need
- 12 Not fresh
- 13 Pits
- 21 Goody
- 22 Ticket price
- 25 Gasp of delight
- 26 Nay opposites
- 27 One who is easily deceived
- 28 Just scraped by (2 wds.)
- 30 Tip the scales
- 35 Whit
- 36 Eurasian range
- 37 Some T-shirts (2 wds.)
- 41 Astonish (2 wds.)
- 44 Longest river
- 45 — Paulo
- 47 "The Valley of Horses" author
- 48 "You wish!" (2 wds.)
- 53 Electrical problem
- 54 Closet liner
- 55 Light incense to
- 56 Committee
- 58 Rogue
- 61 Kill a bill
- 62 Bird's crop
- 63 Mound
- 64 Simple
- 66 Fast-food chain

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## SUDOKU

		5			4	3		9
	4				7	6		2
3	8			2	9			
5		8				4		6
				1	8	3		
2	7		6		1			
	6		1	7				3
4				3	6			
	3					2	1	

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A C A B L Z B L Q F W D Y K D  
X F B C M A L R S J O K Y J M  
R K N V W I E T S E B D I N Q  
F W P J N C O M Y A I J X D S  
D M F G T Z A H C E K K O T T  
C H O L E S T E R O L F O Q H  
T C G L B L M Z J C R V A O E  
R E Y R A C E Q X K E G B S C  
E R H E A W A R M T H N B H T  
S E H V H I L T N A T S N I T  
S A M T J J N R E B I F G S A  
E L E T T I B S Y R K Q C E H  
D Y N X O F Q B T B G W L O A

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

4	1	2	9	8	9	2	8	6
2	8	9	6	2	1	9	7	
8	9	6	2	4	1	2	9	8
9	6	1	8	9	7	8	2	2
2	8	8	1	9	2	7	6	9
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